



May Newsletter

The Maryland GACC Continues to Grow!

We Need You!

At the GACC, we believe in preserving the German-American cultural past, influencing the current cultural scene in Baltimore and beyond, and dedicating the future of the GACC to the next generation of German Marylanders. Whether you are a native German who moved to Maryland recently or have lived here for decades, a Marylander with German heritage, a German student, a lover of all things German through stories, film, travel, or the military, the GACC will have something for you!

As we build the German American Culture Center, we welcome everyone interested in recognizing, maintaining, and exploring German American culture. We anticipate developing a variety of events and activities that consider the varied interests as it relates to our mission. Your thoughts, ideas, and support is welcome! Attend our events or become a volunteer. We are open to your ideas and value your input as we establish the German American Cultural Center together

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The Relationship of the GACC to Zion Lutheran Church

The Parrish House, built in 1913, was developed for the purpose of creating a gathering place for German Americans and has a long history of hosting both civic and religious gatherings. Zion has continued the tradition of bringing people together in the Adlersaal. The Sour Beef Dinner, Christmas Market, and Brats and Beer are well known throughout the area.

The small storefront on Zion's campus facing Gay Street, known as the Sexton House, is the last remaining storefront on a street once lined by shops. The Sexton House



Restoration of the Sexton House became the focal point for a group of citizens of German American ancestry to house a center to promote, collect, and preserve the thoughts and ideas of German Americans, both past and present.

and located in the B-3935 historic district, is the last remaining original store. Now surrounded by large concrete office buildings, the Sexton House has sat empty for years and has deteriorated with time. The leadership of the Zion Lutheran Church Campus have debated how best The Sexton House could be utilized and bemoaned the cost of restoring or raising the historic building.

Around this time, there was a broader conversation happening about a unified German American Cultural Center. One that would respect the past, embrace the present, and help build an inclusive cultural future for anyone interested in German culture and its longstanding ties to Maryland.

The Zion Lutheran Church Campus, listed on the National Register for Historic Places, has remained the cultural home for German Americans in the area.

The rehabilitation of the building will allow the 'Cultural Center' to become the hub for discussions about what it means to be a German American through lectures, exhibits, and events.

The GACC was formed, understanding the historic value of the Sexton House, but also in its value in serving contemporary, 21st century audiences to bridge the heritage of the German American community with the German Americans of today.

Zion and the GACC have entered into a 15 year lease of the building formerly referred to as the Sexton's House with the GACC committed to renovating the presently vacant property. The building is over one hundred years old and is in desperate need of repair.

Once complete, we hope the Sexton House, housing the GACC, will be a new German cultural beacon in Maryland.



Danke sehr!

Thank you, Pastor Otto!

The Board of Directors salutes Siegfried Otto for his years of service to the German Community! He has decided to step away from the GACC Board of Directors. A native of Germany, he has served the German community for many years as pastor of Zion Church and has been an active member of the German Society of Maryland. His input and guidance as we labored to build the GACC has always been constructive, valuable, and greatly appreciated. Thank you and best wishes!

Welcome, Emma Gebhart!

Meet Emma Gebhart, a UMBC senior studying German, and the newest addition to the Board of Directors. She not only advises the Board but is also working on an experiential project establishing a format for collecting oral histories of those



individuals with German descent. Currently she is focusing on 1st generation arrivals, their experiences, integration processes, and what they miss about Germany. After conducting interviews in German, they will be transcribed and highlighted on our webpage. Under the direction of her professor, Ms. Susanne Sutton, Emma has developed a format that will hopefully be continued by other students. We will continue working collaboratively with Professor Sutton, her UMBC students, and faculty as we build the organization.

Upcoming Events



Maienfels Biergarten

May 6, 2023

Season Opener
319 N. Paca Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

4:00pm - 9:00pm



Maifest

May 6, 2023

Zion Church Garden
400 E. Lexington Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

11:30am - 2:30pm



Brats & Beer

May 26, 2023

Zion Church Garden
400 E. Lexington Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

4:00pm - 8:00pm



Harbor Wine Village

May 12, 2023



Welcome Reception

May 13, 2023



Elijah

May 21, 2023

West Shore Park
401 Light Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Mondays - Thursday
3:00pm - 10:00pm

Friday - Sunday
1:00pm - 10:00pm

Zion Church Garden
400 E. Lexington Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

4:00pm - 6:00pm

***Registration Required**

Morgan State University
Murphy Fine Arts Center
2201 Argonne Drive
Baltimore, MD 21218

3:00pm

[Wine Village Website](#)

[Register Here](#)

[For More Info](#)



Stammtisch

May 24, 2023

Zion Church Adlersaal
400 E. Lexington Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

6:30pm - 9:30pm

Happy Hour

June 22, 2023

Guilford Hall
1611 Guilford Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

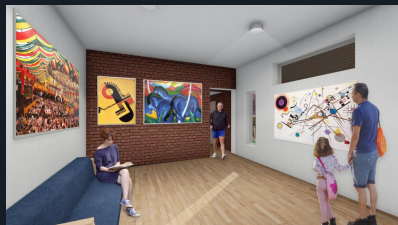
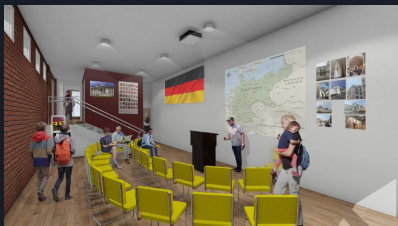
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Brats & Beer

June 30, 2023

Zion Church Garden
400 E. Lexington Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

4:00pm - 8:00pm



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