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President's Message

Happy 2019, Arcadia! I hope your holidays were joyful and you ushered in the New Year safely. We were disappointed that Mother Nature cheated us out of our Arcadia Ball Fall for the second year running, but don't give up on it. Tell your new neighbors how special it is to have this gathering of friends and neighbors celebrate in true Arcadia style. Hopefully December 31, 2019 will find us all counting down together on the corner of Juneau and Harcourt. Speaking of getting together, please remember that Arcadia's first of only two general meetings in 2019 will be at 7 pm on Thursday, March 14th. I know everyone has a busy schedule, so please mark your calendars today. This will be an important meeting, as we will hold elections. We need as many Arcadians as possible for this meeting. Thanks in advance for your participation.

I do need to talk about these elections for just a moment. We have several vacancies to fill this year and we need you!! I know you agree with me that one of the best things about this neighborhood is the sense of community. Neighbors know each other. We have wonderful traditions like the block parties, the yard sale and the ball drop. Our t-shirts are rockin'! Please consider offering a small amount of your time and energy to the upkeep of these activities. We are currently recruiting for the following positions: President, 2nd Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer. Though these positions are term-limited at two years, a commitment of even a year will make a mighty difference. Many of you will receive a direct request from our nominating committee, but you don't have to wait for us to come to you. Give me a call or send me an email and I'll be glad to answer any questions you have.

That aside, let's talk about the bridge. Prior to closing, there was significant concern about what the redirection of traffic would mean for our local roads

I've started to touch base with many of you individually, but I'm interested in hearing what your post-closure experience has been. Have your concerns been realized or are you happily surprised? I work from home so I've had the opportunity to observe, and my section of Harcourt has been quiet...I haven't noted increased traffic. How about your area? Please email me at president@arcadia-baltimore.org and let me know.

One more request. Keeping in touch and aware of what's going on in our neighborhood is important. So important, in fact, that we have myriad ways to do it! You may subscribe to Arcadia's Facebook Page and/or the Eastwood Facebook Page, Arcadia Next Door, and/or our Google chat group. Maybe you even check out the Arcadia website for updates. All these tools have their purpose and place, but wouldn't it be nice if you could depend on getting important updates in one (or maybe two) places? To that end, I urge all of you to please enroll in the Arcadia Google Group. Please go to <https://groups.google.com/group/arcadia-chat> and apply for membership. This group is open to Arcadians only, so you can be sure that any emails you receive are from your neighbors. The Arcadia Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ArcadiaImprovementAssociation/> is another great resource, so if you are still on Facebook, please friend us.

Again, Happy New Year, Arcadia. I hope to see you all on March 14th. Until then, take good care.

Lisa Frank 

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Mark Your Calendars

The next general meeting of the Arcadia Improvement Assoc., Inc.
Thursday, March 14th 7:00 pm
Ray of Hope Baptist Church
Parkside Dr. & Harford Rd.

***This is our first of two general meetings a year. Please consider getting involved. We will be recruiting some new board members and officers. Call or email newsletter editor to inquire. See page 3.**

Community Events

The Dan Meyer Choir is Welcoming New Members

Start the New Year with New Friends & New Music



In January 2019 the Dan Meyer Choir will begin rehearsing for our annual Presidents Day show at the Creative Alliance. This year it is called "Love Songs of the Presidents" No matter your level of experience, we would love to have you join the fun! There is no cost to join and we rehearse on Sundays, 4-6 pm in Charles Village. Make new friends and new music with us this year! Write to danmeyerchoir@yahoo.com for more information or check out our website www.danmeyerchoir.com.

SFA School "Open House"

St. Francis of Assisi School will hold an Open House on Sunday, January 27 from 11am to 1pm. Meet the teachers, talk with students and see first-hand what makes St. Francis a wonderful community school. Parents can also "see the school in action" and visit classes later in the week. For more information or to schedule your visit, call 410-467-1683.

Founded in 1954 and situated in historic Mayfield, St. Francis of Assisi offers a comprehensive school curriculum for Pre-K through grade 8 in a nurturing environment.

Check our website for more information:
<http://www.sfa-school.org/>



Snow



Trash



Recycling

How do these things impact ARCADIA?

1. If it snows, **you** are responsible for clearing your sidewalks. Please be considerate of neighbors who use public transit and walk to the bus stop. Also consider clearing the driving side of your street in front of your house.
2. Trash and recycling collection will **not** happen if the street is impassible from the top or bottom because of snow or ice. City trucks will not take the chance of sliding into a parked car to service our streets.

Christmas Tree Mulching, Curbside Tree Pick-up

Beginning Jan. 7, Baltimore City residents will be able to recycle their Christmas tree by turning it into mulch. DPW will offer tree mulching services Monday through Saturday through Jan. 31 (except for City holidays). Mulching services will be offered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Northwest Citizens' Convenience Center located at 2840 Sisson Street in west Baltimore.

For residents who cannot bring their trees in for mulching, DPW will offer curbside tree collection beginning Wednesday, January 2 through Jan 31. Additional information available: <https://public-works.baltimorecity.gov/> or call 311

* Reminder to residents living across from Herring Run Park—it is not okay to dump your tree, decorative greens, or other yard waste in the park. Chemicals from these elements do not co-exist with the eco-structure of our park trees.

Winter Weather Tips

DPW reminds citizens to clear snow from fire hydrants and storm drains in your neighborhood (melting snow and thawing ice need clear channels to storm drains).

1. Keeping storm drains clear prevents flooding of intersections and basements and lets water flow freely away.
2. Let a thin stream of cold water run from a basement faucet when outside temperatures are extremely low. The stream should be a continuous flow, about the thickness of a pencil lead. This water can be caught in a bucket to be recycled later as laundry or dish water.
3. If your pipe is frozen, gently warm it with hot air from a blow dryer at the point where it enters your house.
4. Be sure you know the location of the water shutoff valve in your home. Check it periodically to ensure it works properly.

For water emergencies please call 311.

Herring Run Park



Want to know about what's going on in our park? Check out our website at <https://www.friendsofherringrun.org> or find us on our Facebook site at: <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofherringrunparks>



Recycling Trash Schedule

TUESDAY = RECYCLING

THURSDAY = TRASH

● Bulk Trash pick-up

2nd Friday of each month up to 3 large items
Friday, Jan. 11
Friday, Feb. 8
Friday March 8

* remember to call 311 the Monday before the scheduled date-trucks fill up fast

311 "It works"

Report potholes and get them repaired within 48 hours. Other concerns such as slippery side streets in need of salting, salt boxes that need to be refilled, unpermitted construction projects, etc. may also be reported, but do get a tracking # so you can check back if the problem has not been resolved.

"Thank You!"

Thanks to the faithful group of newsletter deliverers that help us get this publication out to all neighbors. If you can't continue to deliver, please contact the editor to find a replacement for your block. We really appreciate your service to our community.

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website is listed on
the front page. Check
it out

Help Wanted

Coming up at our next meeting on March 14th is the election of new officers and board members. Can YOU step forward and take a turn to serve on the board or as an officer.

The help wanted plea refers to the need for more community residents to be a part of Arcadia's Executive board. Our by-laws limit a two year term for officers - board members are allowed to serve until replacements step forward and are willing to help with issues that arise. We also need persons to participate in the active committees of our organization. Thanks to those who have continued to be involved. If you have expressed interest in being more involved please email our president or the newsletter editor to submit your name and how you can help in our community. Please give this plea your thoughtful consideration.

Arcadia Improvement Association "Paul Preziosi" 2019 Scholarship

\$250 toward tuition, books, or supplies

Eligibility Requirements

1. Be a resident of Arcadia ;
2. Be a high school Senior;
3. Reside in a household with a current membership in the Arcadia Improvement Association; and
4. Complete and submit the application by May 31. Application materials can be obtained from: Sarah Sette

3500 Parkside Drive, 410-444-9393,
ssette@miemss.org

Crime Takes A Winter Break!

Let's not fool ourselves with this statement. It takes a watchful community presence to be the eyes and ears for neighbors who may be at work, doing errands, or out picking up children from school. In addition to calling 911 we can help by taking the tag number of vehicles that seem out of place and knowing how to contact a neighbor at work if things are moving out of that neighbors house. Be vigilant and be the concerned person who alerts the police and neighbors when things just don't seem right.

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Payment of your dues will be greatly appreciated. We ask each family for \$10 per year to help defray the cost of publishing our newsletter, support of community activities such as our block parties and yearly donations to the non-profit organizations that directly impact our community. ●

- Here's my/our \$10.00 membership dues!
- I/We'd like to give more because Arcadia is a great place to live!

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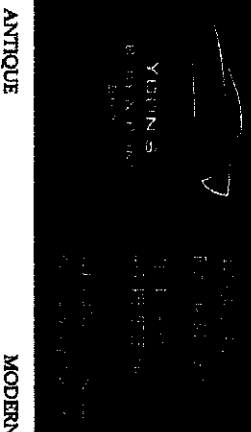
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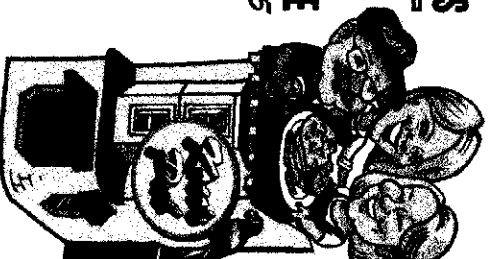
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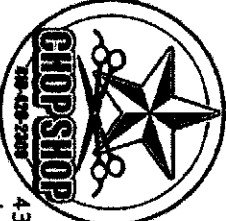


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