

The Arcadian

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President's Message

Rest assured folks, at some point in time we will be celebrating the New Year with our Ball Fall event. Covid and weather events have been the perfect storm lately that have put the brakes on this party. For the newbies in the neighborhood former resident but lifelong Arcadian, Gene Nuth, was the founding father of the Ball Fall extravaganza. I've lost track of the exact number of years back, must be at least fifteen, that Gene presented the idea to a handful of us. Now it was hot on the heels of that upcoming New Year, so we didn't have a lot of time to think this out. Certainly, no sailing mast sitting around in someone's yard. I don't know why we thought a few 10' sections of 2" PVC pipe would suffice because when we glued it together and attempted to stand it up it become the proverbial wet noodle. We most certainly were not going to be tangling and dropping a ball from this thing. I think we threw a makeshift flag on it and pretended.

Gene did his homework and tracked down a 30' mast in Pasadena. We strapped that thing down on my van's ladder rack with a couple of red rags tied off on either end. A nerve-wracking return trip to say the least. Gene was my "oversize load" trailing escort and as we finished crossing the Key Bridge (I refused to drag that thing through the tunnel) I breathed a sigh of relief. We successfully got it and us back here in one piece.

We've had two successful fund-raising events for the 2023 Centennial Celebration and we'll be focusing on some additional events this year. One idea discussed at the last Board meeting was a Whiskey Tasting Night. Saffer Plumbing, an Arcadia located business, also operates a distillery on their premises so they may possibly be a perfect presenting partner.

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~~ We have a few board members stepping down and could use some replacement candidates. By-laws require a minimum of nine and maximum of thirteen. We have one name in the hopper already but could use up to three more. Elections will be held at the March General meeting. If you're interested, please contact me at [teamroger@aol.com](mailto:teamroger@aol.com).

Promise no heavy lifting here.

*Roger Trageser*



[president@arcadia-baltimore.org](mailto:president@arcadia-baltimore.org)

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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).

Keeping storm drains clear prevents flooding of intersections and basements and lets water flow freely away. Please help if you can.

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## Reaching Out for Help

Keep these phone numbers handy

**911**--Fire, ambulance, police assistance

**311**-- city services such as pot holes, water related overflows, street clean-up requests, unknown or abandoned parked cars that have been present for several days, missed trash or recycling collections, home sewage overflows, or sudden stop of water from your faucet.

**3rd District** city council person--

**Ryan Dorsey 410-396-4812**

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## Mark Your Calendars

The next general  
meeting of the  
Arcadia  
Improvement  
Assoc., Inc.  
**Thursday,  
March 9th  
7:00 pm**

This will again be  
a ZOOM meeting

The link will be in  
our Mar/Apr issue

\*This is our first  
of two general  
meetings a year.  
Please consider  
getting involved.  
There are many  
committees that  
could use your  
help.



## Community Events

### ARCADIA Parks Committee

#### INVASIVE REMOVAL

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 10:00-12:00**

Meet at the intersection of Chesterfield and Crossland Aves. (on street parking)

Once again Arcadia will be partnering with Baltimore Weed Warriors to remove invasive vines that are damaging trees in the park. The area we are working on is on the Mayfield side of the park. There is a lot of english ivy and oriental bittersweet in this area that needs to be removed to improve the health of the woods. No experience is necessary to help out with this! Tools and training on invasive removal will be provided. Maybe you have ivy climbing up a tree in your yard? Weed Warriors has a great tutorial on how to safely remove it:

<https://www.treebaltimore.org/weed-warriors-1>

Some good news! I was in the park the other day and saw many bluebirds. The bluebird houses that Joe & the Mayes boys installed in the park a few years ago must be encouraging these birds to make the park their home! I also was talking to some young fishermen and they said they have caught several eels in Herring Run. A great sign that the water quality is improving.

**Lisa Kopf - AIA Park Committee**

[munga3102@gmail.com](mailto:munga3102@gmail.com)

\*\*Watch for more info in our next newsletter about the "spring tree giveaway"

#### SFA School "Open House"

St. Francis of Assisi School will hold an "Open House" for prospective parents and students on **Sunday, January 29th** from 11am to 1 pm.

For more information, call **410-467-1683**.

#### Herring Run Park

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Parks*

Want to know about what's going on in our park? Checkout our website at

<https://www.friendsofherringrun.org>

or find us on our Facebook site at:

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofherringrunparks>

## Let's Revisit Good Information A Neighbor's Helpful Note

**Please do not bag your recyclables.** No plastic bags at all should go into recycling. The benefit of using the blue bin is that they are fitted to the trucks. This means a lot, not only because the collectors won't have to do all the bending and lifting. It also means that there will be less "fly away" debris during that transfer. The idea is that these bins will reduce the amount of recycling waste running from our open recycling containers into our gutters and streams. So, if you can, please use the blue bins.

And NO plastic bags or wraps--ever.

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### Christmas Tree Mulching, or Curbside Tree Pick-up



Baltimore City residents will be able to recycle their natural Christmas trees by turning it into mulch to take home. DPW will offer tree mulching services Monday through Saturday through Feb.5 (except for City holidays). Mulching services will be offered from 9 a.m. to 5 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 ongoing** through Feb 4th.

Need more information ? Call 311 or search

<https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/>

### 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. Large city trucks will not take the chance of sliding into a parked car to service our streets.



### Recycling Trash Schedule

#### TUESDAY= RECYCLING

**Jan. 17, 31**

**Feb. 14, 28**

**Mar. 14, 28**

#### THURSDAY= TRASH

**If a holiday  
falls on our  
trash or re-  
cycle day --  
then Sat. is the  
make-up day**

#### • Bulk Trash pick-up

Curbside pick-up has resumed but you must call **311** to set a date for your pick-up. It is a once monthly schedule and slots do fill 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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### Deadline for News Items

for March/April issue

**February 23rd**

**Send items for  
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The Arcadia website  
is listed on the front  
page. Check it out

## On Another Note

If you're looking for a great way to beat the winter blues, **come and sing** with the Dan Meyer Choir in 2023! We are preparing for "The Love Songs of the Presidents" at the Creative Alliance on Presidents Day.

We rehearse Sundays 4-6pm in Bolton Hill. There is no cost to participate and you will be provided with sheet music and practice recordings. For more information, send an email to :

**danmeyerchoir@yahoo.com**

## Welcome New Neighbors



### **Cafe Compli 443-869-2861**

This business opened late Fall in the space at the Northeast corner of Southern Av. & Harford Rd. Entrance is on the Southern Ave side. They feature a traditional Italian menu with lunch from 11 to 3pm. Try something new and flavorful with a welcoming atmosphere. Check-out the website for menus & more info on their hours.

**<https://www.cafecamplici.com/>**

## Prevent "Porch Pirates"

Don't expect the UPS, USPS, Amazon, or the Fed-Ex driver to tuck your delivery in an out of site area. Their job is to get it done quickly, take a photo and onto the next delivery. Please ask a neighbor to take your package or move it off the top step. You can also request that it be delivered to one of the convenient pick-up sites in our area.

## "Look on the back page"

These are the advertisers that help support our newsletter. Please let them know that we/you are happy they support our community if you happen into their business or use their services.



## Kudos & Thanks to our ARCADIA Centennial Committee

Want to be a part of the plans or a volunteer for  
**ARCADIA'S Centennial Committee ?**

We need you to contact

**Cat catkusch@gmail.com**

or **Liz lizzybug2z@aol.com**

Thus far we've had two successful fundraisers for our big event to be held on September 9, 2023 1-5 pm. Are you willing to chair or be the co-chair of other attempts to raise funds/solicit donations? We are turning 100 this year and very much an active community association. Come be part of the plans with your helping hands.

## 2023 Arcadia Dues

**P**ayment 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!

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$**

Name(s) of adults in household:

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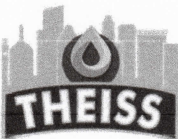
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