

# The Arcadian

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## Mark Your Calendars

The next general  
meeting of the  
Arcadia  
Improvement  
Assoc., Inc.  
Thursday,  
March 14, 2024  
7:00 pm  
in person at  
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 elect-  
ing some new  
board members  
and officers.  
Call or email  
our president or  
newsletter editor  
to inquire how  
you can get more  
involved.**

November/December 2023

## President's Message

After a three-year hiatus we have finally returned to in person meetings at the Ray of Hope church. September's meeting was well attended by both guest speakers and community members. Unfortunately, I found myself pushing the envelope on time, having three speakers left and only a half hour in which to present. My apologies to Councilman Dorsey for leaving you with such little time to speak. I promise you a front of the line position in March.

Herring Run concerns are front and center what with the damage we witnessed after the torrential storm we had in the beginning of September and the proposed stream restoration project that frankly doesn't look anything like stream restoration to me. I personally need to dig into this issue deeper, knowing what little I do know about the cause and effects of creating more and more impervious surfaces and what the options are for meeting the challenges of offsetting these conditions. Here's the simple solution, stop creating so much impervious surface. Wishful thinking.

The proposed Royal Farms project in the 5900 block of Harford Road is, unfortunately, back in the news. There was a preliminary zoning meeting with the city back in September which the city tabled and has rescheduled for December 5th. My opinion only, in a dense residential environment with traffic concerns already an issue, a large commercial footprint like this seems way out of place. Support to oppose is our call to action. We can do so in person by showing up at the **December 5th** meeting which will be held at **10:00am at the Phoebe B Stanton Boardroom Benton Building, 417 E. Fayette Street, 8th floor.** The board will also be preparing a letter of opposition \*\*\*

\*\*\* which we will then be handing off to the appropriate representative(s).

Speaking of the Board we are currently three members short of our desired number. If you think you may be even remotely interested in serving but have some questions, please feel free to call me and I can provide you with a little more information. I can be reached at 443-324-6100 or emailed at [teamroger@aol.com](mailto:teamroger@aol.com).

Roger Trageser   
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## Neighborhood Alert

Recently a vacant property at 3116 Tyndale Ave was targeted in a rental scam. People tried to move into the vacant property and they claimed that they signed a lease through a Craigslist rental advertisement. Scammers often target vacant properties and create fake rental listings. **This property is a bank owned foreclosure** and is currently listed for sale. Unfortunately it has been vacant for a few years now. Luckily a neighbor noticed the people trying to move in and contacted the listing agent. The listing agent is now working with the police to resolve the issue.

If you have questions about a property listed for sale, feel free to contact me and I can let you know the status of the property as well as any listing details.

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## In the Neighborhood ARCADIA BALL FALL for 2023

We will try again ! Last year's event had to be cancelled due to weather and a COVID resurrection. Arcadia's Ball Fall is a neighborhood effort to recognize the exit of this year and the entry of next year. It will hopefully occur on New Year's Eve, Sunday 12/31. Neighbors and friends will gather at Harcourt and Juneau to welcome the New Year and wish each other a Happy and fulfilling new year. Key to the celebration is the erection and testing of a 35' pole that will hold the famous Arcadia Ball aloft til midnight. A show of muscle and strength will be needed. We need some volunteers (1 dozen +) to come to Harcourt and Juneau at NOON on Sunday, Dec.31st to erect the pole. This is a commitment of an hour and a half.

NOTE: takedown of the mast will be on Tuesday, Jan.2 @ 10 am. Email me by the Wednesday before New Year's Eve to offer your help for this great event. Neighbors, friends gather at 11:30 pm to share the welcoming in of 2024. Everyone is asked to bring some snacks or a beverage to share with neighbors to welcome in the New Year. Please come and share in our unique celebration and make this a fun event for family and friends. [teamroger@aol.com](mailto:teamroger@aol.com)

## AIA PARK COMMITTEE NEWS

Now is a good time to look around your yard and see if it could benefit from a new tree or two. Louie Carlat will be the organizer for the AIA spring tree giveaway. Usually we get a list of the native tree species available from TreeBaltimore around the end of December. This will be posted on arcadia-chat for those who want to preorder trees.

This winter we will be working on invasive vine removals with tools and training provided by Weed Warriors. It's a great time to get out in the woods to learn how to identify these plants and there are no stinging bees to worry about! We will also probably host a trash removal or two. Hope you can join us for one of these events! Please email me below with any questions or thoughts and thanks for taking care of our park!

*Lisa Kopf* [munga3102@gmail.com](mailto:munga3102@gmail.com)

## "FOUND"-- ISO from last newsletter 3 longest residents of ARCADIA

#1 Moved here in 1955

**Ruth Aranow** on Eastwood Dr.

#2 Moved here in 1960

**Tony Prisco** on Iona Terrace

#3 Moved here in 1964

**Sandy Kwiatkowski** on Harcourt

## Baltimore City DPW Press Release

Autumn has arrived and so have the falling leaves in Baltimore City. Leaf collection season has begun and will continue through Monday, January 29, 2024 During these dates residents can **call 311 for special Monday pickup of up to 20 bags** of leaves. Please have leaves in brown paper bags or clear plastic bags. Residents can make multiple appointments until all the bags are gone. **Residents must call before 6 p.m. on Friday** to schedule a collection for the following Monday. The Bureau of Solid Waste will also collect bagged leaves on regularly scheduled trash collection days **up to 5 bags from each address every week with trash collection**. Residents should NOT let leaves collect on the curbs and gutters and **please** do not sweep or blow leaves into the street or storm drains. **Please do** rake and bag leaves from your curbs, sidewalks, alleys and off of storm drain grates. Additional options for dealing with leaves include composting and mulching. These options promote healthy lawns and gardens.

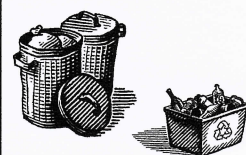


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## Trash Recycling Schedule

**THURSDAY= TRASH**

**TUESDAY= RECYCLING**  
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we are Cycle A  
every other  
Tuesday--mark  
your calendar  
for the next  
dates starting--  
Nov.7, 21,  
Dec 5, 19,  
Jan 2, 16  
\*If a Holiday  
falls on our-  
Tuesday or  
Thursday the  
make-up day is  
Saturday

• **Bulk Trash  
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to schedule  
your date.  
There is a wait  
list.

**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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*We welcome articles of community interest.*

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The "New" Arcadia website is listed on the front page. Please check it out.

## Welcome New Neighbors



### Welcome to Arcadia !

Please introduce yourselves to all you see walking their dogs or just having a family stroll. We try to be a welcoming neighborhood and look forward to meeting you. If you would like to be greeted in our newsletter -- email the editor. My info is just to the left.

### --Editorial Note--

## FLU & COVID 19 reminder

This is a "shout out" for our local  
**Safeway Pharmacy**

The new COVID 19 vaccine and the FLU vaccine is available for walk-ins or appointments. Whether you have Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, or no insurance coverage, it is available to everyone who has not been vaccinated. Take advantage of this nearby opportunity to protect your health and the well being of those you care about.

**--stay safe, stay healthy and wear your mask when out shopping or in close contact with others.**

## Happy Holidays

*Our wish for all Arcadians is a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. December brings many different celebrations that may involve family gatherings. If yours is Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa, our wish is for peace and sharing of the holiday with those we love--family, friends, and all our neighbors.*



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**\* see ads on back for contact information**

## What's Missing ???

What you don't see in this issue is the usual "Arcadia Dues" reminder. Thanks to all who faithfully mail-in their dues at the years beginning and those who pay at our usual Block parties. Dues reminders will be in our next issue--please know that everyone gets the newsletter even if you have not paid your dues. The officers, board members, newsletter staff, and distributors are volunteers who work to improve our community. **Thank You** to all of them!

"You may also pay your dues online via the Zelle banking app, directed to ArcadiaImprovement@gmail.com. Please include your address and contact info in the memo."

### What does the \$15 yearly dues pay for?

1. It helps with our annual donations to other community organizations such as Harbel, FHRP, and our contribution to our new welcoming committee.
2. The annual scholarship to Arcadia high school seniors to help with expenses.
3. Website maintenance/update and newsletter and flier cost not covered by the ads.
4. Funding for the FUN things that everyone asks for---there are not always grants available to help pay for these.

Please mail your dues in for 2023 when you get the January/February issue.





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