

THE ARCADIAN

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“ARCADIA” A National Register HISTORIC DISTRICT

President’s Message

Last month, in this column, you were asked: Whither goes Arcadia? What do we (you), the Arcadia Neighborhood, want the neighborhood to be? In what directions do you want the neighborhood to evolve? No input was received on the blog, arcadiabmore.blogspot.com, established for this purpose. Are we content with the neighborhood as it is or are we too busy to put our thoughts together to comment? At our December Arcadia Board meeting, we decided to make another attempt at getting input. The primary topic of our January general meeting will be a round table discussion of what we want Arcadia to be. I’m looking forward to the input.

The Board also discussed our general meetings. A strict interpretation of AIA bylaws requires that a general meeting be held every odd numbered month. Attendance is low at many of these meetings, generally season dependent, and the July meeting has been skipped for several years. The Board suggests that we have two bi-annual meetings, March and September where we have high quality programs along with display tables for art, crafts, native plant exchange, and local group registration, and, perhaps, some entertainment. The two meetings would be “Events.”

To enable this change, the bylaws need to be amended. This is a minimum three month process; notice in two newsletters and discussion at two general meetings. As you may know, our Treasurer, Lauren Trent has moved to another state. We will miss her and the expert financial control she has brought to Arcadia. The Nominating Committee of Betty Mayes, Erin Buzby, and Mary Anne Brennan is looking for a replacement Treasurer, as well as other members for the Executive Committee, should anyone wish to volunteer.

The executive board suggest amending the existing statement in our current by-laws:
Article 9: Meetings
Section 1: General meetings of the Association shall be held on the second Thursday of January, March, May, July, September, and November or at such other time as the Executive Committee may designate. The general meeting held on the second Thursday of March in each year shall be designated as the Annual Meeting. At such annual meetings, the Officers and the Directors shall be elected by the Members in Good Standing.

The amended statement would read:
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•Those of you who have responded to our Adopt-A-Tree program, I now have metal tags to identify your tree(s). Contact me to get a tree tag. I will keep a log of location by tag number. We now have a pair of “loner” loppers for cutting “windows” in the vines. Contact me to borrow them.

Bob Poirier
rvp930@gmail.com

Shop Local Merchants

Consider doing more shopping in our local Lauraville/Hamilton business district. These are the people who have invested in our community and many of them have also purchased homes in our area. Your support will keep their business healthy and thriving in our neighborhood.

•Founding member
and supporter of
HARBEL Inc.



Mark Your Calendars

The next meeting
of the Arcadia
Improvement
Assoc., Inc.

Thursday,
January 8th
7:30 pm

Topic:
Community
discussion

Thursday,
March 12th
7:30 pm

Ray of Hope
Baptist Church
Parkside Dr. &
Harford Rd.

Community Events **Arcadia Craft Circle**

We are still actively recruiting persons who are interested in joining our "craft circle". If you have skills to teach a particular craft or would like to learn something new, please contact: Elisabeth at eglowatzki@gmail.com or leave a message @ 410-426-0590 Elisabeth will personally contact all who inquire and will let you know the next meeting date.

SFA School "Open House"

St. Francis of Assisi School will hold an Open House on Sunday, January 25 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/>

Christmas Tree Pick-up

DPW will offer curbside tree collection from Friday, January 2 through January 31, 2015. Residents should set out trees on their regularly scheduled trash collection day at the same location where their trash is collected. All tinsel and ornaments must be removed from trees before they are set out for curbside collection Please call 311 for additional information.

* 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 ecostructure of our park trees.

Herring Run Park

Want to know about what's going on in our park? Checkout our website at <http://thefhrp.org/> You can also visit our Facebook site at: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfHerringRunParks>

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 neighbors when things seem out of place.

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).

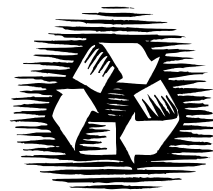
1. Keeping storm drains clear prevents flooding of intersections and basements and lets water flow freely away.
2. Let a thin stream of cold water run from a basement faucet when outside temperatures are extremely low. The stream should be a continuous flow, about the thickness of a pencil lead. This 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.



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.



Recycling Trash Schedule

**TUESDAY=
RECYCLING**

**THURSDAY=
TRASH**

• Bulk Trash pick-up

2nd Friday of each month
up to 3 large items
Friday, Jan. 9
Friday, Feb. 13
Friday March 13

** remember to call 311 at least
3 working days in advance to
schedule your pick-up*

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.

Checkout

The Arcadia website, it's on the front page. We know it's not current, but change will come shortly!

Some local business websites of interest

<http://www.koco-spud.com/>

<http://www.redcanoebz/>

<http://maggies-farmmd.com/>

<http://www.bmore-chopshop.com/>

<http://bluespark-barbershop.com/>

<http://www.wills-hairstyling.com/>

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Deadline for News Items for March/April issue

March 1st
Send items for newsletter to:
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bbmayes@verizon.net

We welcome articles of community interest.

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Welcome to ARCADIA

*Katherine Lemonds and son,
Michael and daughter, Rosa
3124 Berkshire Road*

We warmly welcome your family to our community and hope you will join us at our next meeting.

New Baby at The Red Canoe

On October 23, 2014, baby girl *Nora James Rhodes* was born to Josie & Brett Rhodes, weighing 7 lbs.6 oz. She joins big brother, Hunter and both can be seen at The Red Canoe.

Thank You
Merci
Gracias
Danke



The 9th annual Arcadia Ball Drop was a success. It was the combined effort of many helping hands and a knowledgeable "motley crew" who return to this spot each year. Gene Nuth had big dreams in 2006 when it first happened---but who knew it would be a tradition. Arcadians attract neighbors from other areas to witness their festivities.

Arcadia Improvement Association

"Paul Preziosi" 2015 Scholarship

\$200 toward tuition, books, or supplies

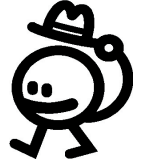
Eligibility Requirements

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

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to our

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Lou's Liquors	Maggie's Farm
Red Canoe	Team Electric
Wm. J. Theiss & Son	Yoon's Body & Paint
Will's Hairstyling	ZEKE'S Coffee

2015 Arcadia Dues

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!

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Name(s) of adults in household: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Make checks payable to:
Arcadia Improvement Association, Inc.
Sent to: Arcadia Improvement Association
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