# THE ARCADIAN

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# Mark Your Calendars

next general meeting of the Arcadia Imp. Assoc., Inc.

#### Thursday, September 10 7:30 pm

speakers from
Baltimore Housing
Community Law Ctr.
Balto. City States
Att'ny. Office

Ray of Hope Baptist Church Parkside Dr. & Harford Rd

#### President's Message

We can all appreciate the surge of Arcadia homes being upgraded and of homes being purchased and renovated. Our Arcadia neighborhood is blooming. However, there are a few clouds. The upkeep of homes in the community is a major topic addressed by the Board each month. It is an issue that impacts our quality of life, growth of the neighborhood, and value of our homes. There are many reasons for neglected homes including an owner in ill health, the property is owned by a bank or the City, or it has been abandoned. We have had a couple of instances where older people have been found living in houses that are falling in around them. The quicker the situations are taken care of the better it is for all of us. However to date, the improvement association has always responded on an ad hoc basis. Over the last several months, we have received several emails pointing out properties to add to the list of those in critical condition. To more effectively resolve these concerns, it would help us all to develop a general policy and procedures for the board to apply. At our August AIA Board meeting we discussed and committed to creating a general policy and procedures manual for addressing neglected homes. To get started, we have invited representatives from state and city offices and the Community Law Center to speak on this subject at our Fall General Meeting, September 10. Seth Greer from Baltimore City Housing, Robin Jacobs, Esq., Director, Strategic Legal Services Projects, Community Law Center, Inc., and a representative from The Baltimore City States Attorney's office will speak on how to handle neglected properties in neighborhoods.

Speaking of the Fall Meeting, this is one of our two general meetings each year. There will be music and space for table-top presentation from advocacy, craft and other groups.

Please put September 10, 2015, Ray of Hope Baptist Church 7:30 PM on your calendar.

We hope you can come.

Arcadia-Chat is another means of communicating with the neighborhood and to keep up with neighborhood news. I registered on the site five years ago and have found it informative and uncluttered. Many people have inquired about how to join the chat.

- 1. Search for and select "Google Groups".
- 2. Enter "Arcadia-Chat" in the search box and press enter.
- 3. Ask to join.

Mark your calendars for Arcadiafest on October 17 from 1- 5 PM on Canfield Avenue. Bratwurst and sauerkraut will be served. Attendees are to bring extras.

Enjoy the remainder of summer as we slide into fall. Drive safe, kids are back in school.

Cheers.

Bob Poirier rvp930@gmail.com

# Back-to-School Means Back-to-Safety

Young people throughout Arcadia have said good-bye to carefree summer days and are heading back-to-school.

When driving through the neighborhood, either in the mornings on your way to work or in the afternoons,

please be alert. Drive carefully with an eye for the many children who may be walking to school or boarding buses. Remember, too, that there is **NO** right turn on red at the corner of Walther and Parkside during the school day.

### **Community Happenings**

#### Tuesday Market at the Connection

is a local farmer's and vendors' market taking place every week 4-8 pm thru October. Look for the 'Market Connection' sign and white canopies across from Safeway.

tuesdaymarket@hamiltonlauravillemain street.org

# It's Coming! The Greater Lauraville Fair Saturday, September 26

Mark your calendars for another fun day with all our local communities celebrating in Heinz Park. There will be music with local entertainment. great food and beverages, crafts, baked goods, and the usual flea market with items too numerous to mention. Come spend the afternoon. **12n-6 pm**, and browse the booths to see what local organizations in our community are offering. Have lunch or a snack while you're there--so much to choose from! Bring the kids, there will be something for everyone. For information about becoming a sponsor, vendor or entertainer contact Bill O'Connor at 410-426-3566 or via email. at: wpoc@verizon.net or check our web http://www.greaterlauravillefair.com/ We'll see you at the Fair.

#### St. Francis of Assisi School "Open House"

WHEN: Saturday, October 3rd, 12 noon-2 pm WHERE: Harford Rd. @ Chesterfield Ave. Come tour our school and meet the teachers. See what makes us a wonderful community school.

# St. Francis of Assisi "Baskets and More" Bingo

Friday, October 9th - Doors open @ 6pm, Bingo starts @ 7pm. There will be food & drink, door prizes, raffles, specials, and each basket is filled with gift items. \$15/pp in advance, \$20 at the door. For tickets or more info call the rectory @ 410-235-5136 or Rosine @ 410-889-4376 Parking on our lot off Chesterfield Ave.

#### Welcome New Neighbors

Eleanor A. Graves 3106 Tyndale Ave.

Christine Duke Schutzman 3704 Eastwood Drive

# You Need To Sing In A Choir

The Dan Meyer Choir (directed by Arcadia's own Dan Meyer) will be holding an OPEN REHEARS-AL on Sunday, September 13, 2015 from 4-6pm in our Charles Village rehearsal space. This is an opportunity for prospective members to check out our new music, see how we work and decide if you might want to join us. There is no cost to be a member. You can get more information by checking out www.danmeverchoir.com or by writing us at danmeyerchoir@yahoo.com



Friends of Herring Run Want to know what's happening in the park? Check out the website for The Friends of

Herring Run Parks @ **TheFHRP.org** There are opportunities to help save the trees by participating in the "Weed Warrior" program or join us for the fall clean-up day. Stop by our booth at The Greater Lauraville Fair on Saturday. September 26th, and hear about the dates and times for upcoming events.

## **Promoting Arcadia**

There are a number of fine properties presently for sale in Arcadia. Please consider inviting friends or relatives to come and check out our community. Also, if you see someone stopping to look at one of these potential new homes please welcome them and discuss the many benefits of our location and neighborhood spirit. Ask them to check-out our newly redesigned website which is listed on the front of this newsletter. There is lots of information about our community on the website.

http://www.arcadia-baltimore.org/

#### 911

ALWAYS use this number for urgent police response!

### **BULK TRASH** pick-up 2nd Friday

of each month (up to 3 large items) Friday-Sept. 11 Friday-October 9 Friday-November 13 Remember to call 311 at least 3 working days

in advance to schedule

your pick-up



Recycling Schedule every Tuesday



**Trash** Schedule every Thursday

311 "It works"

Report potholes and get them repaired within 48 hours. Other concerns such as trash dumped along major routes, abandoned cars, illegal signs, etc. may also be reported, but do get a tracking # so you can check back if the work is not done.



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#### **Editors Note:**

Your suggestions and articles for newsletter content are always welcome, however, we cannot accept anonymous contributions.

Check out Arcadia
on Facebook.
Look for us at
"Arcadia
Improvement
Association"



#### **Arcadiafest**







Come and celebrate the **Octoberfest** season with your fellow Arcadian and family.

When: Saturday, October 17th

Time: 1 - 5 pm

Where: Canfield between Juneau

and Tyndale

Music - Brats and Burgers - Beverages Bring your best salad or dessert and come help us celebrate the season.

Volunteers are needed to help with - Set up and Tear down, a children's area Chairperson, Grill masters, and the Arcadia Table where the NEW Arcadia t shirts will be on sale.

For more information or to volunteer please email Jack Sheehe

jfsheehe@verizon.net
Hope to see you there!

## Getting to Know



### Your Neighbors

Arcadia has new homeowners moving into our neighborhood on a regular basis. Don't be shy, introduce yourself and welcome them to our community. Let them know how to contact you in an emergency. It may be their lifeline or even yours. Exchanging phone numbers, work or home, is not being a busybody but a watchful eye when something is just not right.

Check Out Our Local Websites
http://willsbarbershop.net/
www.Bmorechopshop.com
http://bluesparkbarbershop.com/
www.cliftonupholstering.com/
www.lauravillehouse.com/
www.kocospub.com/
www.maggiesfarmmd.com/
http://redcanoecafe.virb.com/
www.chefmacs.com/
www.zekescoffee.com/

Shop, eat, and support our local businesses who have invested in our community – let's keep them here and thriving!

#### English Ivy or Healthy Trees

The following is excerpted from a brochure on English Ivy provided by **Bartlett Tree Experts**.

- \* English Ivy is an invasive plant species.
- \* English ivy causes permanent displacement of native plant populations. The ivy bullies our native population of wildflowers, **trees**, and shrubs out of our neighborhoods and forests.
- \* If left unchecked, English ivy climbs and can kill a tree by blocking sun and rain to the bark.
- \* In high wind conditions, trees laden with English ivy are more likely to fall or be damaged due to the additional weight of water or ice on the ivv.
- \* English ivy spreads rapidly, and is resistant to frost and drought. Immediate removal is essential to save future energy and resources required for its management and eradication.
- \* Save your tree by removing a 6 inch high swath around the bottom of the tree.

# 2015 Arcadia Dues

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 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:
<u>Address:</u> 
Phone #:
Email:

Make checks payable to:

Arcadia Improvement Association
Send to: Arcadia Improvement Association
P.O. Box 24515, Baltimore, MD 21214 ●