THE ARCADIAN

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Mark Your Calendars

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

Thursday, March @ 7:30 pm

Ray of Hope Baptist Church

Parkside Drive & Harford Rd.

This will be our election of officers and new board members and the first of two general membership meetings in 2018

President's Message

Lisa and I were renting in Mt. Vernon in 2012 when we decided to take advantage of great market conditions. We didn't want to be too far from the theaters, museums and restaurants we loved. Lisa wanted to be able to walk to coffee and I wanted a yard large enough for a garden. My repeated suggestions to explore Lauraville were met with "I have no idea where that is". We took a drive. We stopped in front of a great house on Harcourt with a For Sale sign and a gorgeous maple tree. We called the realtor from the driveway and soon after became Arcadians. It took us awhile to meet people. Neither of us are particularly extroverted, and we were busy working, enjoying our proximity to Zeke's and planting a garden. These things made Arcadia great. A few years passed and we didn't really feel completely rooted. So when the AIA board found itself in need of a new President, it was an opportunity to be not just a homeowner, but a neighbor. Over the past nearly two years I've met incredible people, inherited the passion so many of my neighbors have for this community, and become more involved.

A couple of months ago, Lisa and I rescued a young dog. As a result, we've been spending a lot of time in Herring Run Park; both walking on our own and communing with other high-spirited dogs (and people). This is a new benefit of the neighborhood we'd not previously enjoyed. While Arcadia seemed great before, we've now become part of a new community within a community and it's even greater. Fortunately, Arcadia has a consistent inflow of new families of all sorts. I frequently hear people say they

Fortunately, Arcadia has a consistent inflow of new families of all sorts. I frequently hear people say they moved from Canton or from Fells Point for a yard and parking, or the DC area to have a home twice as large for half the price. It occurs to me that we all have evolving relationships with the places we live. We need different things from our communities at different times in our lives. Over time, we are prepared to give back and get involved at different levels and in different ways.

I'm heartened that so many of my friends and neighbors see this place as more than just a collection of addresses. I believe that's what makes Arcadia special. While we still love to walk to Red Canoe and Zeke's and our garden quite literally exploded this summer, we now know there are so many more reasons to love Arcadia.

If you are new to the neighborhood, or you've been here awhile but like Lisa and me for our first few years, struggle to find the right way to get involved, email me; stop a board member on the street; bring your dog to Herring Run in the morning for a good romp; volunteer with an AIA committee or Friends of Herring Run Park. Engage.

I wish all of you a happy, safe and healthy holiday season. I mean it when I say, I hope to see you around. Gene Ward

geneward64@gmail.com

ARCADIA "Chili Cook-off Winner"

Congratulations to Emily & Craig Johnson on Tyndale who had the best chili in all of Arcadia. Our October Block Party/Chili cook-off was more than successful. Out of nine entries the top prize was awarded to Emily and Craig. This is the back story of the recipe:

"I got this chili recipe from my cousin Andrea who lives in Rhode Island. We have gone up Foxboro twice to see the Ravens beat the Patriots in the playoffs and she made it for both tailgates. After the second time I had to have the recipe. Oh and don't touch the Habaneros. Use gloves or the plastic vegetable bag to protect your hands. As it usually is the case with most chili, it's always better the second day. I made the block party batch on Friday night."

If you would like to see the recipe and directions for this great chili, go to our website @

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

Events in the Neighborhood

Hamilton-Lauraville Main Street Holidays on Harford & Pop-up Shops! SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

This holiday season, HLMS will bring Santa to Harford Road on his motorcycle on Saturday. December 9th from noon - 4:00pm.

Holidays on Harford Schedule

- •12 Noon Santa will visit businesses in Hamilton
- 1:30 Santa will visit residents at Future Care Cold Spring
- 3:00 Santa will pay a visit to Red Canoe Cafe

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 8, 2018. During these dates residents can call 311 for special Monday pickups of up to 20 bags of leaves. Residents can make multiple appointments until all the bags are gone. Residents must call before 6 p.m. on Sunday to schedule a collection for the following Monday. Citizens may make multiple appointments for up to two months prior to the pick-up date. The Bureau of Solid Waste will also collect bagged leaves on regularly scheduled trash collection days. Solid Waste crews will collect up to 5 bags of leaves from each address every week. Residents should NOT let leaves collect in the curbs and gutters so please do not sweep leaves into the street. Please do sweep and bag leaves from your curbs, sidewalks, alleys and off of storm drain grates. Additional options for dealing with leaves include composting and mulching. Both of these options promote healthy lawns and gardens.

The Friends of **Herring Run Parks**



Invite neighbors to checkout our Facebook link on our webpage. **thefhrp.org** It's our most up to date information on what's happening in Herring Run Park.

"New Year's Eve Ball Fall" at Times Square aka "Harcourt & Junear



Arcadia's Ball Fall is a neighborhood effort to recognize the exit of this year and the entry of next year. It occurs on New Year's Eve (Sunday 12/31). For the 12th year 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 (a commitment of 1.5 hrs.)

NOTE: takedown of the mast will be Monday, Jan 1. @ noon

Please email me or call to offer your availability. Gene Nuth @ 410-426-2035

egene42@gmail.com

Call or email 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 2018. 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.

Winter Coat Drive

Our Arcadia neighbor Michelle is participating through her church in a coat (hat and gloves, too) drive to benefit lesser advantaged kids at Brehms Lane and Collington Square Elementary Schools. Michelle's effort is particularly noble as she was a recent crime victim in her own home and her response is to reach out to help those in need with even greater enthusiasm.

She says: "We would love the help of our community! A box will be on the porch of 3214 Tyndale Ave to collect items from 8am - 8pm if you would like to help!" Any questions please contact Michelle Chase at mchasehomes@gmail.com

Recycling/Trash Schedule





Thursday = trash

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Be good to our planet

Be "Green"

Recycle

Bulk Trash pick-up

2nd Friday of each month (up to 3 large items)

Friday, Nov. 10 Holiday-"NO" pickup Friday, Dec. 8 Friday, Jan. 12

* remember to call 311 the Monday before our scheduled date-call as soon as you know you have items to be picked up. Trucks fill-up fast over the holiday season. If you are unsure about what can be put out, call 311 for details.

311 "It works" Report potholes and get them repaired within 48 hours. Other concerns such as trash dumped along major routes, illegal signs, abandoned vehicles, tree limbs in the roadway, clogged stormdrains, recycling or trash not picked up. **KUDOS** to our newsletter deliverers! With your help every one gets to know what is happening in Arcadia.

Thank You

ARCADIA

is on Facebook-check us out to see what other events or news is posted. Look under arcadiaimprovementassociation

"Editor's Note"
We welcome articles
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New Baby Welcome

Tía and Yaniz Gaymon
3104 Parkside Drive
proudly announce the arrival of their son,
Jace Yaniz Gaymon
on October 5th at 12:04 am

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 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!

What does the \$10 yearly dues pay for?

1. It helps with our annual donations to other community organizations such as Harbel, FHRP, and our contribution to Ray Of Hope Baptist

Church for the use of their hall.

- 2. The annual scholarships to two 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 **2018** when you get the January/February issue.

Support Local Businesses It's a great gain for everyone!

Shop, eat, get groomed, find repairs--where? All these things are available less than two miles from home. Below are a few of the local businesses who have invested in our community. They want and need your continued support to stay healthy.

Hamiltone Music Red Canoe Maggies Farm Blue Spark 4 Hour Day Lutherie Safeway Lakeins Zekes Silver Queen **Green Onion Chop Shop Theiss** Koco's **Clifton Upholstery Baltimore Woodwind Repair** Team Electric

Neighborhood Crime Reports



It's not what we want to see in our area, but there has been a definite increase over the past several months of home break-ins and theft of personal items from porches, sheds, and autos. Let's keep a watchful eye on unknown persons surveying our neighbors' backyards or porches. Know how to contact your neighbor if you see something that appears suspicious and you know they are not at home. Call 911 to have them check it out if persons from an unmarked truck are seen entering their home and your neighbor is not there. Let neighbors you trust know when you may be away on vacation and your car is still where it's usually parked. Have your mail/newspaper stopped or ask a neighbor to pick it up until you return. Be the "nosey neighbor"--it helps to protect our community!







How do these three impact ARCADIA residents?

- **1.** If it snows, you are responsible for clearing your sidewalks. Please consider clearing the driving side of your street in front of your house.
- 2. Trash collection in our area happens on Thursday, recycling on Tuesday. 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 the street.
- **3.** Recycling is to be put into marked cans, boxes or other containers.

PLASTIC BAGS and STYROFOAM are NOT recyclable. These items will jam the equipment at the recycling center (it's all mechanized not hand separated). The city **can** issue citations if recyclables are put out in plastic bags.

- **4.** Bulk items such as wood, building trim, and wallboard are not recyclable. However, tree and shrub branches can be bundled and tied to 3ft. lengths and will be collected on regular trash days.
- **5.** Fines can be expensive. For further clarification on the rules call 311.



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