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Mark Your Calendars

The next general
meeting of the
Arcadia
Improvement
Assoc., Inc.
Thursday,
March 12, 2020
7:00 pm

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
involved.**

November/December 2019

President's Message

Happy mid fall! September and October have blown by. We find ourselves in November all of the sudden. School is in full bloom. Oktoberfest and Halloween are behind us, and the holiday season looms ahead, ready to swallow up everyone who dares to get too close.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the Oktoberfest and Chili Cook-off possible. There are too many to thank. But a special thanks to Jack, Molly, and Roger for coordinating the event. It would have never happened without them.

Congrats to Aaron for winning the Chili Cook-off and the 50/50 raffle! Aaron has generously donated his winnings to the Paul Preziosi Scholarship fund. What is the Paul Preziosi Scholarship fund, you ask? It is a scholarship that AIA offers in the late spring to be used for college tuition, books, and other supplies for the next school year. Applicants must be a resident of Arcadia, a high school senior, and reside in a house with a current Arcadia association membership. If you know someone who might be eligible, watch out for more information in the new year.

Everything starts at 311! I've been asked a number of times about various improvements in the neighborhood; everything from, "What do I do about the vacant house next door?" to, "We need a speedhump or a stop sign!" All of these issues must be documented by calling 311 or posting to the 311 phone app before the association can do any follow up. If it's not in the City's system, you can assume the issue does not exist. Many 311 calls are taken care of quickly, without any more prompting, but some larger issues need more tending to. If you have a request that might be considered longer term, once you make the call

...or post the issue, pass the reference number on to me and I can follow up with the city and the council person. Email the number and a brief description of the problem to

president@arcadia-baltimore.org

Got trash? What about trash that's been lingering in your basement or garage for way too long because you have not had the opportunity to take it to the dump? We are trying to arrange a dumpster for the neighborhood in the near future. Once we know the exact date, time, and place, we will post it through Arcadia chat and Facebook. Stay tuned!

If you simply cannot wait for our dumpster, did you know that we have a dump that is relatively close by? Affectionately named a "Citizen Drop-off Center," it is located at 6101 Bowleys Lane—a little less than 3 miles away. They take most regular household waste and recycling. I take regular trips over there and have had my car so full I couldn't see out the back on multiple occasions. I've only been turned away for construction waste and a car full of old fence pickets. Construction waste needs to be taken to the Quarantine road landfill, which is super exciting if you've never been there—an experience to cross off the old bucket list. Before filling up your car, cover the inside with a tarp or drop cloth and check out DPW's web page for Citizen Drop-off Centers here: <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/solid-waste/drop-off>

Enjoy the rest of fall and have a happy, healthy, and relaxing holiday season.

Mike Milli



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Who Is My Neighbor ?

A week or so after we moved to Arcadia, Renee and I were sitting on the front steps in front of our house with our then 2-year-old son Felix. A car passed slowly by and a 40-something woman leaned out the window and shouted cheerfully "Welcome to Arcadia!" while waving enthusiastically. Renee and I looked at each other and laughed. Wow! That was nice, but was it too good to be true? Had we found the real-life version of the Stepford Wives neighborhood? Because, you see, that woman wasn't the first to greet us. She wasn't even the first that day! Our next-door neighbor Jean had come by to introduce herself and the woman two doors down also chatted us up from her front lawn. The night before, Tracy and Eric from across the street had sent over an extra order of shrimp spring rolls they had ordered by mistake. All in the first week! Well, it wasn't the Stepford Wives; it turned out to be a real community, unlike any I had ever experienced before.

Possibly the most impressive community effort I personally witnessed here was the winter of the Big Snow. That was the year we had 2 feet of snow, then 2 more feet of snow, then 2 more feet of snow! All in a week. In those days the city didn't send anyone to plow the street because it was considered too narrow. I was told by a neighbor that we had to just shovel the street ourselves. What!? Are you kidding me? So we started slowly working along the sidewalk for a few days. But one Sunday the most wonderful thing happened. The entire street was filled with neighbors shoveling. Move up the street, scrape, lift, throw. Chat, laugh. Repeat. Men, women, children. EVERYONE who was able-bodied enough to manage a shovel was out there and shoveled the whole darn street from Parkside up to Harcourt.

Arcadia, the city may plow our street now, but I still love you and will never forget the day the neighborhood shoveled the street. The whole darn street.

Submitted by: **Alice McKernon**



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 6, 2020. 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. These options promote healthy lawns and gardens.

~~~~~ 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.

For water emergencies please call 311



Recycling Trash Schedule

**TUESDAY=
RECYCLING**

**Please do not
use plastic
bags for your
recycling!!
They jam the
equipment**

**THURSDAY=
TRASH**

• Bulk Trash pick-up

2nd Friday of each month
up to 3 large items
Friday, Nov. 8
Friday, Dec. 13
Friday Jan. 10

** remember to call 311 the
Monday before the scheduled
date-trucks fill up 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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The "New" Arcadia
website is listed on
the front page. Check
it out

"New Year's Eve Ball Fall"



Who knew that an idea that sprung forth on Christmas Eve-2006 would continue to be tried every year unless weather was a show stopper! 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 (Tuesday, 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 Tuesday, Dec. 31st to erect the pole. This is a commitment of an hour and a half.

NOTE: takedown of the mast will be on Wednesday, 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 Sunday 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 2020. 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.

Mother Nature controls the sanity of repeating this event and the past two years we had to cancel it because of sub-freezing conditions.



**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.

Welcome New Neighbors



*Michael and Toya Lyons
3202 Berkshire Road
Marian McLaughlin and
Vianney Paul
3106 Juneau Place*

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.

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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 two annual scholarship to Arcadia high school seniors to help with expenses.
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