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Mark Your Calendars

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

Thursday,
March 12th
7:00 pm

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

Note the time

This is our 1st of two
general meetings a
year. Please consider
getting involved.

Speaker

Someone from the
Census Bureau
will answer questions
Committee updates
Budget updates

President's Message

You've been cooped up inside for an unknown amount of time. You hobble to your front door. It creaks open. It is bright. Slowly, your eyes remember how to adjust themselves to the warm light emanating from above. You hear sounds that you have not heard, in what feels like an eon. Your vision is blurred and you can only see what is directly in front of you. You see a familiar shape in the distance, at least 10 feet farther than you are used to seeing anything. They are standing on a long gray surface that extends to infinity in two opposing directions. You have forgotten how to interact with another human being. It's been so long. You get slightly nervous. Then, all of a sudden memories and vision come rushing back. It is warm. You rejoice at the sight of a form that looks similar to your own by exuberantly throwing your arm in the air and frantically moving it back and forth. Then, without warning, your mouth opens and your throat begins to vibrate at a frequency between 85 and 255 Hz. The frequency begins to fluctuate. And presents itself as a faint, "Hi, neighbor!" You remember where you are and that you a part of a community, and that you no longer need to hide out in your deep dark cave. It is spring!

Is it spring yet? No seriously, is it spring? The weather has been so mild this winter, I'm not sure what season it is. I feel like spring started weeks ago. Or maybe we skipped through winter. I suppose we will see what March has to bring. We've certainly seen some of the worst snow in March. One winter, about half way through March, I remember getting 3 feet of snow and playing ice hockey in the backyard! I hope that does NOT happen this year, but a small bit of snow might be nice before we move along to spring

Do you know your immediate neighbors? Spring is always a great time to re-meet your neighbors. So get out there and do it! Talk about your plans for the year what you did over the winter or maybe what you're going to do with your yard. With spring comes yard maintenance. I'm excited to move some of my outdoor projects forward—the ones that I have been staring at from the back window for the past couple of months. Do all of your neighbors have the ability to get out and say, cut back an overgrown bush or remove out of control...

.... ivy? Spring is a good time to have that conversation as well. Yard work is sometimes much more fun to tackle with someone else. I say, go for it!

Months ago, I mentioned getting a dumpster for the neighborhood. After much agonizing, I finally made the call. It is set to be delivered between 7-9am on March 14. It will be on Eastwood at Parkside until around 2pm. If it fills up, it may be picked up sooner. Please note the UNACCEPTABLE materials: construction materials, large furniture, paint, solvents, pesticides, pool chemicals, acids, caustics, gasoline, used oil, mercury thermometers/thermostats, syringes, fire extinguishers, propane tanks, helium tanks, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, and any other solid, liquid, or gaseous substance that is regulated as hazardous by State or federal law.

Did you know AIA offers a scholarship? Do you (if you are a high school senior) or your high school senior need cash for a book or two next fall? Apply for the Arcadia Improvement Association Paul Preziosi Scholarship. The sooner the better. The form is short and books are expensive. Contact Sarah Sette for details. ssette@miemss.org

The 38th annual Arcadia yard sale is set for April 25. Thank you Rich Dowd for agreeing to organize the event! Find more details within.

That's all I've got for now. I will see you at the General meeting on March 12 at 7:00. It's at Ray of Hope Baptist church, as always.

Mike Milli
president@arcadia-baltimore.org



Vote! Make your voice count

On Tuesday, April 28, all Marylanders who are registered voters can cast their ballots for the person they feel is most qualified to be their representative in city, state, or federal government. This is our primary election and it will determine who is on the November 3rd general election ballot. For early voting places or absentee ballots please call: **MD Board of Elections**

410-396-5550

My Neighborhood

Friends and Neighbors:

I wanted to share a little experience I had that made me glad to live in Arcadia.

Recently I stopped by my step-cousin's house to drop off a small gift. I've only been to her house once or twice, so I wasn't sure it was her house. I asked a neighbor across the street: "Is this the Heffner's house?" "Oh, I don't know who lives there," she said. Okay. Maybe this woman was a new neighbor and hadn't been introduced yet. I figured I'd leave the package anyway. My step-cousin's name was on it and I was sure it would find its way to her.

Then I saw another neighbor. I asked him "Do you know if the Heffners live here? Young couple, little girl?" "I don't know them. I think Mike is the guy's name."

Well, that confirmed that I had the right house, but it also confirmed that I chose the right neighborhood to live in myself. Here I know every one of the neighbors on my block and 80% of those on the adjoining blocks. I know their names, their kids, the cars they drive and where they work. And they all know the same about me. We have keys to each other's houses. We don't know this about each other because we're creepy. We know it because that's the definition of "neighbor." And I'm sure that if you're reading this you're the kind of neighbor who knows your own neighbors. You probably even know me!

If each of us knew only our neighbors to each side and one across the street—just three homes—we would still all know each other via a shared network. And when you know all of the neighbors on your block, which isn't hard to do, the neighborhood is so much stronger.

My experience drove home how lucky I am to live here with all of you. I appreciate you looking out for me and my family over the years: texting me when I leave my car lights on, shoveling my walk when I don't get to it first, cutting vines off the trees in the park, dropping off holiday cookies. Just being neighborly. I thank you for all of that and more.

Rich Dowd
Juneau Place

(Adapted from a post on Google Arcadia Chat.)

Arcadia Park Committee

Lots happening this spring! We are co-sponsoring a tree give-away: show up, pick a tree, take it home, plant it wherever you like—no strings. (Volunteers can help dig if needed.) Date is Saturday, April 25 10:00-12:00 at 3102 Tyndale. We expect to have three types of (small) native saplings: serviceberry, American hornbeam, and swamp white oak

Projects for spring and summer include cleaning up Heinz Park (gateway to Arcadia), tending trees planted in and near the park recently, planting new ones, and cutting invasive vines. The woods from the Eastwood hill all the way to Harford and Walther are now free of English ivy, but there are other invasives to go after, not to mention ivy that's choking trees elsewhere in the park.

Garlic mustard is one of those invasives. Luckily, it's also edible and nutritious! Look for information to come about a new event: the Arcadia garlic mustard festival, all about how to harvest and use it while helping clear the woods of this non-native plant.

For information or to receive emails about upcoming projects and volunteer opportunities, contact **Lisa Kopf** (munga3102@gmail.com) or **Louis Carlat** (louisclat@gmail.com)

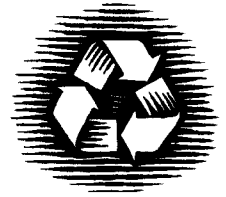
Thank you; we look forward to seeing you in Herring Run!

Special "Thank You" to all



If you served as an officer, board member, or a volunteer for an event that we sponsored, or are a member of an Arcadia Committee you are **most appreciated**. We all live in Arcadia and call it home. Reach out to your block captain or volunteer to be one if your block does not have a representative.

Please let the editor of this newsletter know if there is a new neighbor or a new baby on your block. We want to welcome everyone as our community grows and changes as people need to relocate because of family or employment changes.



Recycling Trash Schedule

**TUESDAY=
RECYCLING**

**THURSDAY=
TRASH**

• Bulk Trash pick-up

2nd Friday of each month
up to 3 large items
Friday, Mar. 13
April-no pick-up
Friday, May 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 our 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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38th Annual Arcadia Yard Sale Saturday, April 25th 9:00am to 1:00pm

Rain Date: Sunday, April 26th

Thank you Rich Dowd for graciously agreeing to oversee this event again. The fee is \$10 per family. Our Association will advertise the event in local papers and post neighborhood signage the week of the sale. Please register by Sunday April 21st, for your address to appear on the participants' list. For more information, please call

Rich Dowd 410-227-5997

Send your early registration fee of \$10 and this completed form or additional items list to:

Rich Dowd 3110 Juneau Place
Baltimore, MD 21214.

Make checks payable to:

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Please register me for the Annual Yard Sale

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Note--there will be a **Goodwill truck** to collect items not wanted by Yard Sale participants after 1 pm, location to be announced. Please attach list of general items that you may be selling--such as clothing, toys, furniture, etc.

Arcadia Improvement Association "Paul Preziosi" 2020 Scholarship



\$250 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

**We will be awarding two scholarships.
No financial information is needed.**

Election of Arcadia's Officers & Board Members

The following persons have agreed to serve as officers and board members of the Arcadia Improvement Assoc. for 2020. Thank you for volunteering to work on behalf of our community.

President--- Mike Milli

1st V. P.--- Alice McKernon

Treasurer --- Joe Riley

Recording Sec.--- Roger Trageser

Board of Directors

Sallie Macklin, Bob Pipik, Lisa Frank/Gene Ward,
Lizz Tooley, Lindsay Loeper, Nick Chupein,
Jelani Brown, Rachel Kutler

FHRP--this is our logo. When you see this on a flier look for our energetic group of involved volunteers. We are always in need of helping hands to improve and support park activities.



2020 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: \$ _____

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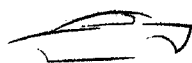
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