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Mark Your Calendars

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

“tentative date”
**Thursday,
September 10
@ 7 pm**
**Ray of Hope
Baptist Church**
**Parkside Dr. &
Harford Rd.**

***This is the
second of two
general meetings
a year.**
**Please consider
getting involved.**

July-August 2020 President's Message

In my professional life, I help scientists communicate visually. Emphasis on the “visual.” It’s a challenge for me to write these newsletters during normal times, let alone the extraordinary times we now find ourselves in. Lately, I feel especially inarticulate.

That admitted, I want to say, Black lives matter to me and my family. I am glad to live every day in a diverse city and neighborhood. I am grateful that Arcadia embraces neighbors of all backgrounds. I fully support community members who express their positive views and opinions through yard signs, flags, and other outlets—it warms my heart to see it. I am grateful that racism and hate have no home here.

This summer is certainly an odd one. I’m not the first or the last to make that statement. As a number of neighbors have said to me when I have seen them in the park, I am very thankful for our collective “backyard.” These last couple of months would have been much more difficult for me if Herring Run were not there. It is a place of peace, discovery, fitness, and so much more. I appreciate all who get out there and take care of it on a regular basis. There are a number of people who regularly pick up trash, remove invasive species and perform other regular maintenance. Thank you to all of our park friends.

There are a number of people who also keep AIA running smoothly behind the scenes. Bob and Betty Mayes have been diligently tending to AIA for a number of decades. And they continue to. They fulfill a number of roles, for which I am infinitely grateful. Thank you to Bob and Betty (especially Betty) for their long-time, ongoing service to the neighborhood!

Congratulations to Evan Pugh and Christopher Westbrook, Jr., our 2020 AIA Paul Preziosi scholarship recipients. Our neighborhood wishes you luck as you embark on the next chapter of your education.

As we move into summer and enjoy more and more outdoor time with neighbors, remember to stay safe. Keep to the proper social distancing guidelines and wear your masks. These are small acts we can all take to contribute to our community’s well-being.

Please continue to be healthy.

Best,

Mike Milli



Happy Summer Stay Well



Park Dumping is Illegal

A reminder that if you live in walking distance of our beautiful park, it is NOT okay to dump yard waste, trimmed shrubs, or tree branches in the park. It is environmentally bad for the soil and stream because yard waste often contain animal droppings, plant pesticides or fertilizers. **Bag your clippings, bundle pruned branches in 3 foot lengths and the city will take them away on your trash day. If they are not picked up, please call 311 to report that they were not taken away.**

If you see someone dumping items in the park, call 311 and report their car tag # or address if you feel you can’t confront the neighbor to ask them not to dump..

Community Events

HLMS Tuesday "Farmers' Market"

Every Tuesday, 4-7 pm until September
4500 Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD 21214.

Come to the lot at 4500 Harford Road, across from the Safeway (free parking) to meet your neighbors and pick up great fresh local produce. Groundbreaking has begun, but a few local merchants will still be there.

Herring Run Park

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Parks

Want to know about what's going on in our park? Check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/>

Our website is:

<https://www.friendsofherringrun.org/>

A walk or run in our park is always a way to relax, refresh and get in touch with nature. Check our web site for upcoming activities. Events have slowed down since COVID 19.

DID YOU KNOW?

Removing vines extends the life of a tree*. For every year extended, 48 pounds** of carbon dioxide is removed from the atmosphere.

If you would like tips on vine removal, please contact a member of the AIA Parks Committee. My email address is rvp930@gmail.com.



De-Vine is divine!

* Primarily starves the tree of sunlight.

** Average for a mature tree

<http://www.tenmilliontrees.org/>

Quarantine--safety alert !

As our schools and summer camp opportunities remain closed, summer's home quarantine continues for our Arcadia kids. They need outside activity. Please take special care when driving, watching for their sidewalk and street bike or scooter riding.

"Our watch is important"



**Thank you
Merci**

The ARCADIANS" brave enough to social distance were treated to a variety of great music on their own block or just around the corner this past month. Some performers were from the "Sidewalk Serenade" series and some were local Arcadia talent. Not being able to attend BSO and other local plays, musicals, or even a movie with friends was added misfortune to being in **Quarentine**. Those who hosted the groups were thanked by the smiles of passersby, curb, step, and lawn sitters. Thanks again to **Marian McLaughlin** who started the music and all the neighbors who kept it going.

Adoption is an Option!

No not a child or a pet,
but what else?



A storm drain? Who would give that a second thought? It's not so unlikely if you are an environmentally conscious person. It doesn't cost you anything but time and a bit of exercise. The benefit is all yours, because you get to burn a few extra calories and save a bottle, plastic bag, food wrapper, paper anything, can, and whatever else might get dropped on the street or floated in a rainstorm from reaching our watershed. Consider this as an option to support clean waterways. Just once a week check your closest storm drain for recyclables and just plain old trash. By keeping the storm drains open it helps to eliminate water back-up that might end up flooding basements.

Pruning Bushes & Trees



We love our trees, flowering bushes, and hedges, but when they push onto the sidewalks it can be dangerous to pedestrians. Please keep them trimmed back so all the sidewalks are passable. If there are limbs or branches from a flowering shrub or tree that would hit your face as you walk by, carefully prune them back. Be kind to the mail carrier and your neighbors who walk with their children or pets. PLEASE trim them back!



Recycling Trash Schedule

**TUESDAY=
RECYCLING**

**THURSDAY=
TRASH**

• Bulk Trash pick-up

Due to COVID-19 Bulk Trash has been cancelled until further notice.

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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is listed on the front
page. Check it out

New Babies on the Block



No, you won't find this little one hiding from his big sister, **Billie**, just yet ! But perhaps in the arms of his parents

Caitlin & Tenille O'Connor
3604 Eastwood Drive

Theodore Rex O'Connor
made his debut on June 11, 2020
weighing in at 8 lb. 13 oz

Another New arrival has made her way onto the Berkshire scene. She joins her big brother, **Marcus**, and proud parents

Erin & Gary Stapleton
3205 Berkshire Rd.

Annabelle Maxine Stapleton
made her debut on May 27, 2020
tipping the scale at 8 lb 2 oz

Ray of Hope Baptist Church

The church announces the appointment of their new minister, **Ayanna Franklin**. She follows in the footsteps of her husband who died suddenly last year. We wish her health and happiness in her guidance of the congregation.

Welcome New Neighbors



We welcome all of you to Arcadia, don't be shy introduce yourself to your neighbors. Give them your phone number and ask how you can reach them in an emergency. You can be each other's best source of help. **If you have not been introduced to the community in our newsletter** please contact the editor via email or phone. It's in the column to the left.

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Arcadia Improvement Association--awards 2 "Paul Preziosi" 2020 Scholarships

Christopher Westbrook, Jr, who lives at 3006 Parkside Drive graduated from Bard Early College High School and plans to attend Howard University in the fall.

Evan Pugh who lives at 3106 Parkside Drive graduated from Calvert Hall and plans to attend University of Cincinnati.

Congratulations to our winners and to all of Arcadia's graduates in 2020. Theirs was a difficult year to end. No proms, parties, class trips, or walking across the stage to be recognized. It will be a story to pass down to the generation that follows. Well done !



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!

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