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Mark Your Calendars

The next general
meeting of the
Arcadia
Improvement
Assoc., Inc.
**Thursday,
March 11th
7:00 pm
via ZOOM**

***This is our first
of two general
meetings a year.
Please consider
getting involved.
There are many
committees that
could use your
help.**

January/February 2021

President's Message

I cannot believe that a year ago I made a corny joke about finding clarity in 2020. Who would have imagined that this year would have gone as it did? How has this year turned out for you? Are you seeing more clearly? This year will go down as the weirdest year in my lifetime for sure, unless 2021 somehow ends up being weirder. I think one could make the argument that that is a distinct possibility. Do I need to recap? Probably not. While 2020 is a year many of us might like to forget, I'm choosing to remember the good moments. If you are reading this, you got through it!

2020 has been a test for us all. The year itself might have been murky, but they say times of difficulty also bring along growth. I hope that—even if we can't see the growth clearly at the moment—we will come out of this better people. For many of us, there has been time to reflect. Time to slow down. Time to plant a flower or watermelon, work on a well overdue home project, learn a new skill, read a book we have been meaning to read. Or, dare I say, binge-watch a TV show that we've just not had the time to pay attention to while everything is moving at full steam. Tough times can push us to do new things that may expand our possibilities, or at least find pleasure in the small things.

Maybe your life has not changed all that much. Maybe you are one of the many who is part of the workforce that keeps the world running smoothly—a first responder, a food system worker, a delivery person, a person who works on our infrastructure, a retail worker or anyone else who's work has been challenged by our current predicament. If you one are these people, I sincerely thank you for your service. Our lives would not be what they are without you.

And while, as I said, I'm choosing to remember the good in the past year, I also want to acknowledge the loss that many in our community are experiencing...

...loss of a friend or loved one, loss of a job, loss of a business. If this is you, I hope you have found some comfort and support in your Arcadia neighbors. You are certainly not alone and there are many in this community eager to lend a helping hand.

Positive or negative, we are moving forward. That's the only direction we can move. I am sure most of us have had a personal moment of growth at some point this year, however small. And despite the anxieties and challenges, I have personally had moments that are positive. I have gotten to spend more time with my family. I've spent more time outdoors. I've spent more time on fun projects. This year has given me time to slow down. I hope you've had at least some time to have a similar experience despite the chaos.

What will 2021 bring? With the vaccine distribution beginning, there is a light coming and the promise of a new normal and a grand reset. I am looking forward to spring—even though winter has just begun. Here's to growth and the hope of seeing neighbors in person in 2021!

Our next general meeting is March 11. There will be a vote on the new board members. The new board slate will be announced in the next newsletter. In preparation for that meeting, please remember to pay your dues. It's \$10 for the year. There is a payment slip within.

Speaking of new board members, we are still in need of a couple more. If you are interested in being on the AIA board next year, please reach out to me at president@arcadia-baltimore.org
Happy new year!

Mike Milli



president@arcadia-baltimore.org

Community Events

Tree Giveaway

The AIA Parks Committee has been busy this fall! Maybe you have noticed the new trees planted along Parkside Drive, in Heinz Park and at the bottom of the Tyndale stream. As these trees mature we all can enjoy their beauty and shade and wildlife can enjoy feeding off their fruits. Bob Mayes also coordinated with a scout troop to clean-up trash and remove invasives in Heinz Park.

Speaking of trees, we will be hosting a free tree giveaway for Acadians this spring with trees supplied by TreeBaltimore. When we receive a date for this event we will post it along with the tree varieties available. Now is a good time to look at the trees in your yard and remove any english ivy climbing up them. Ivy traps moisture which can encourage rot, attract mosquitos and vine weight makes trees more susceptible to storm damage. Even trees with a large amount of ivy on them can be saved by removing vines from the base of the tree. Here is one of many websites on how to remove ivy: <https://treestewards.org/take-ivy-off-trees/> Ivy vines are really flourishing in the park, particularly on the South side. It would be great if folks could remove vines from trees in the park that are near their property. If you have questions or need help with vine removal please contact me at munga3102@gmail.com

Lisa Kopf - AIA Parks Committee

Christmas Tree Mulching, Curbside Tree Pick-up

Beginning Jan.2, Baltimore City residents will be able to recycle their natural Christmas trees by turning it into mulch to take home. DPW will offer tree mulching services Monday through Saturday through Feb.6 (except for City holidays). Mulching services will be offered from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Northwest Citizens' Convenience Center located at 2840 Sisson Street in west Baltimore.

For residents who cannot bring their trees in for mulching, DPW will offer **curbside tree collection** beginning Saturday, January 2 through Feb 6.

More information available: Call 311 or search <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/>

Curbside Recycling Returns

Let's not lose this valuable benefit when recycling returns on January 19. We can do better as a community of caring citizens as this service comes back to us. **Check this website to access a complete list of recycling Do's and Don'ts**

<https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/recycling-services>

Acceptable items for Recycling

Paper:

Office paper (all colors)
Newspaper, magazines and catalogs
Mail (including junk mail, envelopes with windows, flyers, etc.)
Books (including paperbacks, textbooks, and hardbacks)
Brown paper bags
Cardboard and paperboard boxes
Corrugated cardboard
Cardboard egg containers
Non-metallic wrapping paper
Clean pizza boxes (not soiled with grease)
Food and beverage cartons
Shredded paper (contained in paper bag or cardboard box)

Plastic:

Plastic bottles (e.g. water and soda)
Plastic jugs such as milk (other than for motor oil, pesticides, and herbicides)
Plastic jars (e.g. peanut butter)
Plastic tubs (e.g. sour cream or yogurt)
Prescription bottles (including caps)

Metal:

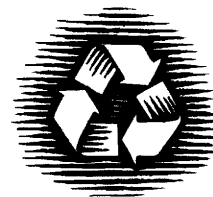
Aluminum cans
Metal food or beverage containers
Clean aluminum foil/ foil pans
Empty aerosol cans

Glass:

Glass bottles and jars--lids may be left on

Unacceptable items for Recycling

Soiled recyclables
Polystyrene (Styrofoam) of any type
Plastic bags
Plastic film of any type (e.g. 6 pack rings, case wrap, dry cleaning bags, food storage bags)
Plastic cutlery and straws



Recycling Trash Schedule

**TUESDAY=
RECYCLING
resumes on
January 19**

**THURSDAY=
TRASH**

● **Bulk Trash
pick-up**
curbside pick-up
cancelled due to
COVID 19

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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page. Check it out

Welcome New Neighbors



To all **Arcadians**--introduce yourself to the new neighbors. Knowing how to contact you or them in an emergency makes us a caring place to live.

SFA School "Open House"

St. Francis of Assisi School will hold an Open House on Sunday, January 31 from 11am to 1 pm. Due to Covid restrictions the event will be held virtually.

For more information, call **410-467-1683**.



Snow Trash Recycling

How do these things impact ARCADIA?

1. If it snows, **you** are responsible for clearing your sidewalks. Please be considerate of neighbors who use public transit and walk to the bus stop. Also consider clearing the driving side of your street in front of your house.
2. Trash and recycling collection will **not** happen 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 our streets.

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Want to know about what's going on in our park? Check out our website at <https://www.friendsofherringrun.org> or find us on our Facebook site at:

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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). Keeping storm drains clear prevents flooding of intersections and basements and lets water flow freely away.

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☐ I/We'd like to give more because Arcadia is a great place to live!

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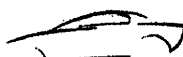
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