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Mark Your Calendars

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

Virtual meeting-
please use the
link on page 3
top of middle
column or go to
arcadia-baltimore.org

Note the time

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

March/April 2021

President's Message

Greetings, Arcadians,

Today there is ice and snow on the ground. I am not sure if I prefer one or two big snows, or lots of little snows as we have been getting this year so far. Though it is nice to see the snow falling so often, today the simple walk to the car is treacherous. I am looking forward to spring.

The board has been toying with the idea of setting up electronic dues payments for a while. We have been stifled by interest rates and the fees that are tied to being an organization. We've finally found a solution that is fee-free for both AIA and you. We have chosen to give a service called Zelle a try. Yes, I know, I just heard an audible groan from you. "Not another payment service!" We get it. All of these services and signups and passwords are a pain in the, well, you know. WAIT! Before you crumble this up and toss it in the recycle bin, hear me out. YOU PROBABLY ALREADY HAVE ZELLE! Most banks are already participating in this service. If you use online banking, hop onto your regular banking app and set it up. For me, it was pretty simple. I found the Zelle icon in my online banking app, clicked "Send Money" and entered arcadiainprovement@gmail.com as the payee. Then put \$10 in the payment box. I chose the account it should come from, then clicked review. My bank offers the opportunity to "Add memo." I added my name and address in the memo field. Then I clicked send. Done! I understand there is some variability between banking apps, but the consensus from the board is that Zelle is pretty easy. If there is a memo field in your bank's app, please add your address so we know which house the payment is coming from. Don't do what I did and put someone else's address in the memo box by accident. (Proof reading tends to be useful.) If your bank doesn't have the service, you can still set it up. Just go to the Zelle website and follow the instructions to download

---the app and set up an account. It's at the bottom of the list of participating banks. The board found it to be pretty easy. We hope you do too. Please note: if you don't want to have anything to do with online payment, that is fine. Online payment is meant to supplement the old school payment methods. You know, cash and check. Payment through the P.O. box will not change!

I want to extend a congratulations to board member Sallie Macklin for being the 2020 recipient of the Experience Corps Andrus Award for Community Service. This award is named in honor of Ethel Percy Andrus, a long-time educator and founder of AARP. Sallie received the award for her service to Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS). Sallie has been volunteering at Woodhome Elementary school for six of the seven years she has volunteered with BCPS. Congratulations, Sallie! And thank you for your service

Our March general meeting is coming up. You know what that means, right? Election of new board members! We will vote on the new board on March 11. The new board slate is: Lindsey Loeper, Nick Chupin, Roger Trageser, Gene Ward, Bob Pipik, Jelani Brown, Elizabeth Tooley, Sallie Macklin, Joe Riley, Marian McLaughlin, Andrea Reneau, Michael Milli, and Jeremy Deschenes. The members who are leaving are Lisa Frank, Alice McKernon, and Rachel Kutler. Thank you all for your service. Since 1923 we've had many wonderful people helping to make this neighborhood a great place to live. A big thanks to all who have served on the neighborhood board, committees and as block captains.

Speaking of the General meeting, you need a link to register for it. Please go to arcadia-baltimore.org for the registration link.

Mike Milli



president@arcadia-baltimore.org

Arcadia Parks Committee

Arcadia Parks Committee News

We will be hosting a tree giveaway with trees supplied by TreeBaltimore. This will happen on Saturday, April 17th, at 3102 Tyndale Ave. from 10:00-12:00. Trees we hope to receive will include a mix of serviceberry, river birch, sweet-bay magnolia, pawpaw, American plum, willow oak, southern magnolia and black cherry. If you are interested in reserving a specific tree please contact:

Louie Carlat at louisclarlat@gmail.com



Have you just finished working in your yard and are looking at a pile of branches, plants and leaves? You're close to the park so why not just dump them in the woods? **Please don't!**

Besides being illegal it can damage the woodland ecosystem in many ways. To learn more about the damage this yard waste causes please read this informative article:

http://grsykes.com/pdf/jewell-yard_waste.pdf

Evidence of yard waste dumping in Arcadia's section of Herring Run Park woods is found along Eastwood Drive, the head of Juneau Trail and the intersection of Parkside Drive and Walther Blvd.. Invasives growing in our woods that probably got their start from dumping include english ivy, vinca, japanese pachysandra, leatherleaf mahonia, bamboo, privet and barberry. Please put your yard waste out in trash cans or bags for the regular trash day pick up. Leaves in the fall should be bagged for pickup.

A few other things to do to keep our woods healthy: **Don't** feed the deer, make new trails or pick/remove native plants.

Thanks for doing your part to keep our beautiful park woods healthy!

lisa kopf munga3102@gmail.com

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. Check our website:

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



New Baby on the Block



Hannah Brancato & Kyle Smith welcomed their first born on November 19, 2020

Willoughby Josephine Smith

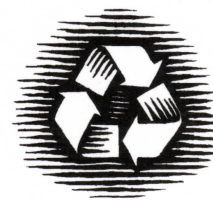
she will be residing with her mom and dad at
3111 Berkshire Road

BGE Scam Alerts



There has been information posted on various neighborhood websites that persons posing as representatives of BGE want to see your bill to verify they can save you money by signing their papers.

1. BGE does not send representatives out to neighborhoods unless there is an **Electrical or Gas Emergency**—they will be wearing an ID badge if such an emergency occurs (you will probably see trucks and equipment)
 2. Young, old, or middle age men and women often work for other gas or electric suppliers—trying to see your bill which gives them access to a number where they can switch your supply service.
 3. Everyone has an energy choice for their supplier of gas or electric—hence the night and weekend solicitation of other representatives who want you to buy their company's supply
 4. Read the front page of your bill it will state (next to the green or blue circle) who supplies that commodity and a phone number to contact them
 5. BGE is the billing source for all of Baltimore—they bill you for the supply and delivery of your gas and/or electric + taxes and fees---your bill will always come from BGE
 6. Shop around for new suppliers for best rates—**price per therm for gas or price per kilowatt hour for electric** before signing.
- Don't let a saving % be your guide. Make sure you are not in a time contract with another utility before signing with a talkative/friendly door to door person. If you switch mid contract you may be paying twice.



Recycling Trash Schedule

**TUESDAY=
RECYCLING**

**THURSDAY=
TRASH**

- **Bulk Trash
pick-up**
Cancelled until
further notice

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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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Link to Arcadia March 11th general meeting

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.
When: Thursday, Mar 11, 2021 7:00 PM
Register in advance for this meeting:
[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYocptzlsE92DSIXG-F4iT63wc-zmf9s_](https://zoom.us/join/https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYocptzlsE92DSIXG-F4iT63wc-zmf9s_)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

A Friendly Reminder



All DOGS should be on a leash at all times in our neighborhood. Our beautiful streets are filled with small children, avid joggers, walkers and of course, our wonderful canines. So, let's keep our daily and nightly strolls enjoyable for everyone by ensuring our pets are always safe & securely on a leash. **Please** do carry a pick-up bag for anything your walking companions leave behind.

Arcadia Improvement Association "Paul Preziosi" 2021 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.

GOODBYE SNOW - COM'ON SPRING

The early snowdrop flowers are blooming in our garden around the heated birdbath and daffodils are beginning to pop up. The colors and warmth of Spring are needed and welcome after the strange and pandemic winter. Let's March forward towards April with high spirits and joy!

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 2021. **Thank you** for volunteering to work on behalf of our community.

President--- Lindsay Loeper

1st V. P.--- Mike Milli

Treasurer ---Nick Chupein

Recording Sec.---Roger Trageser

Board of Directors

Sallie Macklin, Bob Pipik, Gene Ward,
Lizz Tooley, Jelani Brown, Joe Riley,
Marian McLaughlin, Andrea Reneau, &
Jeremy Deschenes



2021 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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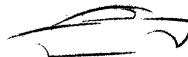
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