

# The Arcadian

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## President's Message

Happy new year! Welcome to 2022, a year with an unprecedented number of twos. We've not seen so many twos in a year for 800 years. If nothing else special happens this year, well... at least we have that! The beginning of the holidays seems an age ago. Now that the Holiday season is officially over, it's time to get down to business. And what will that be?

I am hoping that at some point this year, Omicron or another weaker variant will burn this pandemic out. I think that is possible. Data is showing that Omicron, though more contagious, is much weaker. I received several new feeds this morning which corroborate that. Repetition makes reality, right? I suppose a virus might not buy into that rule. Here's to hoping. The world is ready to move on. I know I am. I am also hoping that we can have more neighborhood events this year. The autumn felt almost normal. Our fall block party was great!

For a second time, the pandemic has derailed our New Year's Eve ball fall. Thank you to Rich and everyone else who helped to make the decision to cancel. It wasn't easy. I am really looking forward to attending the ball fall. I have helped set up, but I have yet to attend. Small kids and late parties tend not mix well. Maybe next year.

The Harford Road bridge project continues. At one point there was chatter about a grand opening party on the bridge. That was when the bridge was scheduled to reopen late December. If you are keenly observant, you may have noticed that that December is now behind us, and the bridge is still under construction. I emailed with our council person, Ryan Dorsey, who has informed me that the bridge has been scheduled to reopen at some point in April. ---

-- For overhead images of progress, and other information, check out [harfordroadbridge.com](http://harfordroadbridge.com).

Our yearly board member election is at the general meeting on March 10th at 7:00 pm. Arcadia needs dedicated board members. We need board members who might be willing to be officers in the future. Are you that person? March 10th is just around the corner. If you have considered becoming a board member, now is the time to step forward. Please let us know by February 20th. Contact Joe Riley ([jrmusicman@comcast.net](mailto:jrmusicman@comcast.net)), if you are interested. The meeting will be held over Zoom, details to come.

Again, Happy New Year!

*Mike Milli*

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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.

Please help if you can.

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## Mark Your Calendars

The next general  
meeting of the  
Arcadia  
Improvement  
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Thursday,  
March 10th  
7:00 pm

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

## Community Events

### ARCADIA Parks Committee

Fall was a busy time in the woods! Volunteers from Arcadia and beyond worked to plant trees along the edges of the sledding hill and in the woods to reforest the area where two big trees fell. We also partnered with the Forestry Dept. Weed Warriors to remove invasive vines. The good news is that the Baltimore City Forestry division is currently seeking proposals for the development of Forest Management Plans in three Baltimore City parks, including Herring Run Park. Data collection may begin as early as spring 2022, with information being collected on forest health, composition, and other environmental factors to characterize forest stands and recommend management practices throughout the City park systems.

Spring is around the corner and AIA is joining with TreeBaltimore to offer free trees again. Arcadia's distinctive trees clean and cool the air locally and add to the market value of homes. Our treescape is changing (due to age, climate, and infestation) but you can plan now to keep Arcadia green for future generations. If you're tired of that empty space, want to change things up in your yard, or just want to do lasting good, how about a new tree? We expect to have a variety of types and sizes for planting either in private yards or in the easement between sidewalk and curb. Date for the giveaway is TBD in April or May. For info or questions, email: **Louie Carlat**

**GreenArcadiaTrees@gmail.com.**

There has been an increase in illegal dumping in the park lately. It is unlikely that park loving Arcadians are responsible for this mess! Just a reminder to dispose of unwanted items in the regular trash pick up or at one of the city dumps: <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/sites/default/files/Drop-off%20Locations.pdf>. Please don't place any yard waste in the park as this can spread invasive species or contain pesticides, fertilizers, and pet waste which damage the woods. Thanks for all you do to keep our woods healthy!

**Lisa Kopf - AIA Park Committee**

**munga3102@gmail.com**

## NEW BLUE RECYCLING BINS !

### A Neighbor's Helpful Note

**Please** do not bag your recyclables. No plastic bags at all should go into recycling. The benefit of using the bin is that they are fitted to the trucks. This means a lot not only because the collectors won't have to do all the bending and lifting. It also means that there will be less "fly away" debris during that transfer. The idea is that these bins will reduce the amount of recycling waste running from our open recycling containers into our gutters and streams. So, if you can, please use the bins.

And no plastic bags--ever.

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### Christmas Tree Mulching, or Curbside Tree Pick-up



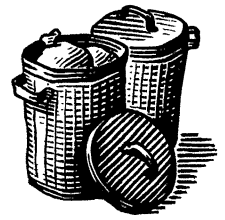
Beginning Jan.3, Baltimore City residents will be able to recycle their natural Christmas trees by turning it into mulch to take home. DPW will offer tree mulching services Monday through Saturday through Feb.5 (except for City holidays). Mulching services will be offered from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the 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 Monday January 3 through Feb5. More information available: Call 311 or search <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/>

### 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. Large city trucks will not take the chance of sliding into a parked car to service our streets.



### Recycling Trash Schedule

**TUESDAY=  
RECYCLING**

**THURSDAY=  
TRASH**

### • Bulk Trash pick-up

Curbside pick-up has resumed but you must call **311** to set a date for your pick-up. It is a once monthly schedule and slots do fill 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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### Deadline for News Items

for March/April issue

**February 23rd**

**Send items for newsletter to:**

Betty Mayes  
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*We welcome articles of community interest.*

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## Welcome New Neighbors



*Melanie Rogala and John Veneron  
4203 Harcourt Rd.*

*Olivia Babb and Derek Hudgins  
3202 Berkshire Rd.*

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" for prospective parents and students on **Sunday, January 30th** from 11am to 1 pm.

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

### **Reaching Out for Help**

Keep these phone numbers handy

**911**--Fire, ambulance, police assistance  
**311**-- city services such as pot holes, water related overflows, street clean-up requests, unknown or abandoned parked cars that have been present for several days, missed trash or recycling collections, home sewage overflows, or sudden stop of water from your faucet.

**3rd District** city council person--

**Ryan Dorsey 410-396-4812**

**City Hall operator 410-396-3100**

### **Slippery Slopes Can Be Fun!**

Arcadia has long been home to one of Baltimore's best snow sledding hills.

Across from the 3600 Block of Eastwood Drive and cascading into our beautiful Herring Run Park.

Thanks to our Arcadia Parks Committee this asset to our park is more beautiful than ever. Mother Nature is certainly doing her part, so far this winter, to add to this local adventure. Arcadians of all ages are welcome to join the excitement and community joy. Be swift, be safe, be there!

Your snow neighbor. **"Just a kid at heart"**

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

**<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofherringrunparks>**

## 2022 Arcadia Dues

**P**ayment 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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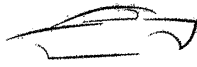


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