

The Arcadian

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Mark Your Calendars

The next general
meeting of the
Arcadia
Improvement
Assoc., Inc.
Thursday,
March 14th
7:00 pm
Ray of Hope
Baptist Church
3000 Parkside Dr

*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 2024

President's Message

With the holidays in the rear-view mirror and as we step into 2024, I would be remiss if I didn't take a few moments to express my thanks to all those that made 2023 such a memorable year. I'm going to avoid listing individual names because space is limited and God forbid, I overlook someone in the process.

So thanks to all the folks that worked on our Centennial Celebration committee. To everyone that helped to develop and produce successful fund-raising events, to the Harbel Community Association for their assistance in helping to underwrite our grant request and to all the vendors and entertainers that were willing and anxious to participate in our celebration.

On a more personal note, I want to thank my fellow AIA board members for their support and guidance throughout my tenure as president.

With the absence of our "in person" General Meetings we have found ourselves straying away from our by-law protocol of nominations and voting for AIA board members. We will get this back on track with our March meeting. In the newsletter that you will receive prior to this meeting, a list of nominees will be published. Voting on nominees will take place at that meeting. The list will consist of new nominees and current board members seeking reappointment. If you are interested in serving on the AIA board, please let me know. You can send me an email at teamroger@aol.com. We will keep nominations open until January 31.

While our by-laws state that a general member vote is required to elect board members it doesn't necessarily tell us how to go about collecting these votes at the March meeting. ***

***The board will work on the voting protocol and details will be published in the next newsletter. An item to note if you attend this meeting and wish to vote you must be a paid member.

For 2023, in our neighborhood of over 400 families, we only saw a paid member sign up of around 20%.

This seems a little light to me considering all that Arcadia has to offer. Believe me, I haven't traveled the world comparing the benefits of one neighborhood association with another but locally I believe we're near if not at the top of that benefit list. Membership payment information is in every newsletter issue, and it takes no more than a few minutes to sign up.

Roger Trageser



president@arcadia-baltimore.org

Prevent "Porch Pirates"



Don't expect the UPS, USPS, Amazon, or the Fed-Ex driver to tuck your delivery in an out of site area. Their job is to get it done quickly, take a photo and onto the next delivery. Please ask a neighbor to take your package or move it off the top step. You can also request that it be delivered to one of the convenient pick-up sites in our area.

Arcadia Resident Directory

Interested in having a directory of fellow neighbors? Please see page 3 of this newsletter, top of middle column, for more information.

NOTE: Hector is a board member of AIA.

Arcadia Improvement Association

Community Events

ARCADIA Parks Committee

Some of you might wonder what the AIA Park Committee does. During the year we: host a spring tree giveaway, organize invasive plant and trash removals in the park, maintain the Arcadia marker plantings and contact city officials about park concerns. These jobs are done with help from Baltimore City Rec. and Park staff, also, TreeBaltimore, Weed Warriors, Friends of Herring Run Park, and Cylburn Arboretum. And, of course, **neighborhood volunteers** are an important part of getting these jobs done. We appreciate all the individual efforts that neighbors make to help our park, whether picking up trash or reporting problems. Our committee is a small one of mostly senior citizens. It would be great to have more young neighbors join us who share our commitment to caring for our local natural area. If you are interested in joining our committee please email me for details.

We will be kicking off the New Year with a trash pick-up of the Heinz Park/Walther area on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 10:00-12:00. Details on this weather dependent event will be posted on Arcadia-Chat. Hope you can join us!

Lisa Kopf - munga3102@gmail.com

SFA School "Open House"

St. Francis of Assisi School will hold an "Open House" for prospective parents and students on **Sunday, January 28th** from 11am to 1 pm.

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

Herring Run Park

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>



"Look on the back page"

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Christmas Tree Mulching, or Curbside Tree Pick-up

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.4(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 ongoing** through January.

Need more information ? 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.

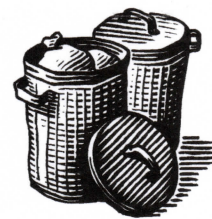
Winter Weather Tips

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.

We have been lucky this past winter in no snow that could be measured, but each year is different. Please note where salt boxes are and make use of them if needed.

Be a nice neighbor and don't park in a cleaned-out spot if you did not clean it.



Recycling Trash Schedule

TUESDAY= RECYCLING
Jan. 16, 30
Feb. 13, 27
Mar. 12

THURSDAY= TRASH
If a holiday falls on our trash or recycle day -- then Sat. is the make-up day

• 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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is listed on the front
page. Check it out

Arcadia Resident Directory

The Arcadia Improvement Association is creating a community directory. For interested residents, the directory will include a listing of names, addresses, and email addresses of others in Arcadia. Participation in the directory is completely voluntary but only those who provide contact information will be provided with the directory. The other stipulation is that Arcadia dues are paid for the current year. We believe a directory could serve as a great resource to all neighbors.

If interested, please submit your contact information to **Hector@HLT4Homes.com** no later than **March 1, 2024**. Your information should include:

1. Your first and last name (and your spouse or partner, if you so choose)
2. Your street address.
3. Your email address (and that of your spouse or partner if you so choose)

Let's Revisit Good Information

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 blue 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 blue bins.

And **NO** plastic bags or wraps--ever.

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"Arcadia Ball Fall" 2023/2024

As we passed from the old to the new, the Arcadia Ball Fall has happened. Kudos to the Arcadia Corps of Engineers for mustering a crew of able bodied lifters who got the mast in position for its job of lighting us into 2024.

Thank you Roger, the president of AIA, for leading the team into 2024. This event had come together within 7 days back in 2006 with the idea that former presidents could help make an impromptu celebration something that would outlast presidential terms and bring comradery of old and new friends into the "New Year". COVID was a powerful interrupter but Arcadia pushes on.

2024 Arcadia Dues

Payment of your dues will be greatly appreciated. We ask each family for \$15 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 \$15.00 membership dues!
☐ I/We'd like to give more because Arcadia is a great place to live!

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Name(s) of adults in household: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

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