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Mark Your Calendars

The next general
meeting of the
Arcadia
Improvement
Assoc., Inc.
Thursday,
March 13th
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 2025

President's Message

The Ball Fall event was great and as for the weather we really lucked out. My guess is that had we been looking at that wind on the 31st and not the 1st we would have erred on the side of caution and postponed the event. As it turned out we were fortunate, and everything went off as planned. I really didn't have a chance to mingle and take in the crowd, but it appeared to be large and exuberant. In the future I must work on a short playlist that I can queue up and walk away from once we wrap up Auld Lang Syne. And thanks to the set up and tear down crews, led by Rich Dowd, for their continued support. We could not do it without them.

The first item to mark on your calendar is the AIA General Meeting. This will take place on Thursday, March 13 at the Ray of Hope Church at Parkside and Harford Road. April will bring the annual yard sale; we'll work on a dumpster day in May and June sets up another block party. Do we have any closet vocalists out there? I was given a suggestion to insert a karaoke session or two in our parties. I'm in. My Gordon Lightfoot is not too bad, and I can see a small group getting together and each taking a verse of the Band's, The Weight.

Dave Pugh and I had a great time hosting the second whiskey tasting event in November. We managed to put a few extra dollars in the AIA account. Thanks also to Dave Durham and Dave Saffer, at Saffer Plumbing, for their help and cooperation. I'm sure Dave and I will be working on another.

I personally want to thank the group that put the footbridge on the Tyndale Trail back into shape, it looks great. All are AIA residents - Steve Kaak, Louie Carlat, Bob Mayes, and Rob Mayes. ***

***Finally, as per the AIA by-laws, my tenure as president and board member will expire in March of 2026 and I know I won't be the only one that will need to step down by then. I know that seems far off but just look how quickly a quarter of century has gone by let alone a single year. So think about becoming a board member, a strong board equals a great neighborhood and AIA is one of the best

Roger Trageser
president@arcadia-baltimore.org



Prevent "Porch Pirates"



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Northeast District Commander's Monthly Crime and Community Meeting

4th Thursday at 7 p.m. - January 23, 2025
Northeast District Roll Call Room and Virtual via
Zoom Link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86713597447>

Meeting ID: 867 1359 7447

Passcode: BPDNED

Phone Number: 1-301-715-8592

**If meeting is cancelled due to weather you can call the front desk at 410-396-2444 to check on the status

Community Events

ARCADIA Parks Committee

In early December, with guidance by city forester Ashley Bowers, park committee members planted seven trees in clearings created by recently fallen trees. Species included virginia pine, overcup oak, northern pecan, sourwood and serviceberry. If you are a frequent visitor to the park keep an eye out for them and hopefully they will thrive and produce habitat and food for wildlife.

Winter is a great time for removing invasive plants and trash to improve the health of the park! Tools, gloves and plant ID will be provided. These events will be listed on arcadia-chat so keep your eyes out for updates.

Lisa Kopf - munga3102@gmail.com

Arcadia Gardening Club

Looking forward to 2025 there is a very active interest on the Arcadia Chat in the Arcadia Gardening Club development.

There is a goal to have some in person meetings including garden tours and seed exchanges. Check the Arcadia Chat for information how to join the club Google Group.

Thanks to Torianne Montes-Schiff toriannems@gmail.com for creating this great opportunity.

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>



Bakery Delights Anyone ?

If you have'nt been to the main part of Hamilton's shopping area lately try stopping at one of our newest shops "MAILLARD PASTRIES". They are at 5414 Harford Road across from CVS. OPEN on W-Th-Fri 7:30-2 Sat-Sun 8-2 .You won't be disappointed. Try a Spinach Snail or Ham & Cheese Croissant--too many to name--savory or sweet treats and hot or cold beverages.



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 (bring trash bags). DPW will offer tree mulching services Monday through Saturday through Feb.7th, 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 natural tree collection ongoing** through February 7th. on trash days. 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. If the plow or salt truck has not come by.
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.

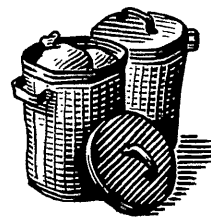
Winter Weather Tips

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

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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Deadline for News Items for March/April issue **February 23rd**

Send items for newsletter to:
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We welcome articles of community interest.

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The Arcadia website is listed on the front page. Check it out

Arcadia Resident Directory

The Arcadia Improvement Association has created 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, 2025**. 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/or phone number (and that of your spouse or partner if you so choose)

Hector is an Arcadia resident and Board member of our association

**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.

contributed by **Eleanor Graves**
our neighbor: MA Interior Design
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SFA School "Welcome Wednesdays"

St. Francis of Assisi School is hosting "welcome Wednesdays" for prospective parents and students on most Wednesdays when school is in session. For more information, call 410-467-1683.

"Look on the back page"

These are the advertisers that help support our newsletter. Please let them know that we/you are happy they support our community if you happen into their business or use their services.

2025 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 us.

Here's my/our \$15.00 membership dues!

Do--Don't Add our name to the AIA directory

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 #:

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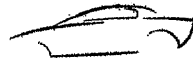


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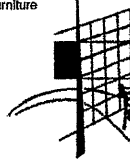
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