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Mark Your Calendars

The next general meeting of the Arcadia Improvement Assoc., Inc.
Thursday, March 12, 2027
7:00 pm
in person at
Louthan Distillary
4251 Harford Rd

***This is our first of two general meetings a year. Please consider getting involved. We will be electing some new board members and officers. Call or email our president or newsletter editor to inquire how you can get more involved.**

November/December 2026

President's Message

Cooler weather, football, and good food bring many of us together as we approach the holiday season. Halloween is in the rearview mirror, and we are now only a few weeks away from one of my favorite holidays: Thanksgiving. It is a time to gather with family, friends, and neighbors to reflect on what we're most grateful for, stuff our faces, and share fond memories. Speaking of good food, perhaps an Arcadian Cookbook might be a fun idea for the future?

Arcadia Bake-Off Winners & Fall Block Party

Our Fall block party was another massive hit! This year, we awarded three outstanding bakers at our inaugural Arcadia Bake-Off:

- **Best Cake**: Andi Richards (1st Place)
- **Best Pie**: Renee Biertz
- **Tastiest Dessert**: Chelsie Adsit

Congratulations to the winners, and a huge thank-you to everyone who chipped in to make this year's event a success. We couldn't have done this without our amazing volunteers. Thank you to all the participants, and to Roger Trageser for emceeing for us again. A special shoutout goes to Jack Sheehe for organizing the bake-off—he even volunteered to man the grill at the last minute, which was a tremendous help. You're the best, Jack!

It was wonderful meeting so many newcomers at the block party. While some longtime friends and neighbors are moving on, new families are settling in—a true testament to how desirable and diverse our neighborhood continues to be.

Get Out and Vote!

We are in a midterm election year, so please be sure to mail in those ballots or get out to the polls if you haven't already. Our democracy depends on it more than ever!

Traffic Safety Committee Forming

There has been a lot of discussion on the Arcadia Chat regarding ongoing traffic concerns at the intersections of Walther, Parkside, and Harford Road. This has been a hot topic ever since the Harford Road bridge was completed four years ago, so it is time to act.

We are forming a neighborhood committee to address these concerns, and we need your help. While many neighbors have already submitted 311 requests, a task like this requires numbers and voices to truly make an impact. Please reach out to me directly if you are interested in serving on this committee. Our goal is to enhance neighborhood safety while keeping things equitable for drivers, pedestrians, and bikers alike.

Upcoming Community Events

Clean-up and Dumpster Day: Saturday, November 14. (See details further inside this newsletter! On page 3)

The Annual Ball Fall: Believe it or not, 2027 is just around the corner, and another Ball Fall is nearly here to ring it in! Aside from a few weather-related cancellations and COVID-19, we have been celebrating this momentous event since 2006. Please bring your family and friends and join us for the festivities.

Whatever holiday you celebrate this season, please be safe and be kind.

Happy Holidays!

Mark Elvidge

President, Arcadia Community Association
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In the Neighborhood
ARCADIA BALL FALL for 2027

Arcadia's Ball Fall is a neighborhood effort to recognize the exit of 2026 and the entry of 2027. It will hopefully occur on New Year's Eve,Thursday 12/31 @ midnight Neighbors and friends will gather at Harcourt and Juneau to welcome the New Year and wish each other a Happy and fulfilling new year. Key to the celebration is the erection and testing of a 30' pole that will hold the famous Arcadia Ball aloft til midnight. A show of muscle and strength will be needed. **We need some volunteers--pole carriers, rope holders, etc.(8-10 strong pairs of hands) to come to Harcourt and Juneau at NOON on Thursday, Dec.31st to erect the pole.** This is a commitment of an hour and a half of time. **NOTE**: takedown of the mast will be on **Friday, January 1st @ noon.** Email me by the Sunday before New Year's Eve to offer your help for this great event. Neighbors, friends gather at 11:30 pm to share the welcoming in of 2027 Everyone is asked to bring some snacks or a beverage to share with neighbors to welcome in the New Year. Please come and share in our unique celebration and make this a fun event for family and friends.

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AIA PARK COMMITTEE NEWS

As cooler weather sets in this is a good time for removing invasive plants. I'll post any park related events for this, as well as trash clean-ups on arcadia-chat. As you do some fall cleanup in your yard be sure to leave some flower stalks, sticks and leaves for the beneficial insects that need these for winter habitat. Just a reminder about the offer Louie and I made to trim your street trees this winter where needed. Trimming young trees can improve the growth structure and help avoid weak future growth. This is best done once all leaves have fallen. If interested please email me and I'll put you on the list!

Lisa Kopf
Park Committee Chair
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Baltimore City DPW Press Release

Leaf Collection Has Started:
Help us Keep Leaves Out of the Trash

This year's Leaf Collection is **Plastic-Free!** , and DPW is asking residents to do things differently this year. Place your leaves in brown paper lawn and leaf bags and **call 311** to schedule a pickup on a Monday by 5pm on Sunday. **Plastic bags will not be accepted.**We're moving away from treating leaves and yard waste like trash. Properly bagged leaves will be repurposed through DPW's landfill operations instead of being sent to the incinerator.

1. Use brown paper lawn and leaf bags. **Plastic bags will not be accepted.**
2. Call 311 to schedule a pickup. Let them know how many bags you have.
3. Prepare leaves for collection. Place bagged leaves where your trash is normally collected.
4. **Get up to five free paper lawn and leaf bags at DPW Residential Recycling Centers while supplies last.** DPW will collect up to 20 bags and bundles per scheduled pickup. This is the first step toward a new approach to managing yard waste in Baltimore. Stay tuned for more information and updates as this effort evolves.

6101 Bowleys Lane is our closest Recycling Center 410-396-9950

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Want to know more about what's happening in our park and safe use of park trails ?
Check out our website at

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Walking in the park or neighborhood with your pet is great exercise,
Please don't forget the "doggie bag" to pick-up what they drop.
And use your own or the park cans to drop it in.

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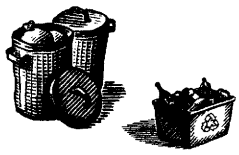

Trash Recycling Schedule

THURSDAY= TRASH

TUESDAY= RECYCLING

***If a Holiday falls on our- Tuesday or Thursday the make-up day is Saturday**

•Bulk Trash pick-up
Call 311 ASAP to schedule your date for up to 3 large items.There is always a wait list.

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

Welcome New Neighbors

Chuck & Machelle Zellers
are welcomed back
to 3720 Eastwood Dr.

Heidi Thomas, Christopher Greene
& daughter, Sage
to 4301 Arabia Ave.

Jane Navarria
now resides at 3500 Parkside Dr.

Erika Sorg & David Little
and their sons Clay & Ash
to 3203 Berkshire Rd

Mason & Madeline Waters
and their children - Levi, Luke,
Logan, & daughter, Nova
to 3114 Berkshire Rd.

Thanks for choosing our community as your home.

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Community Cleanup & Dumpster Day

The new date is Saturday, November 14th
place **Parkside Dr. at Eastwood Dr.**
time
The dumpster usually arrives between 7-8 am and will stay for four hours -- there is no guaranteed arrival time.
Please have someone who can help lift heavy objects. Remember no chemicals or flammable liquids. **Call 311** if you have questions about what can be placed in a community dumpster.

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Be Watchful
Be On Alert
Porch Pirates

If you see someone hopping out of cars or vans and picking up porch packages -- get the car or van color, tag number and call 911.

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What's Missing ???

What you don't see in this issue is the usual "Arcadia Dues" reminder. Thanks to all who faithfully mail-in their dues at the years beginning and those who pay at our usual Block parties. Dues reminders will be in our next issue--please know that everyone gets the newsletter even if you have not paid your dues. The officers, board members, newsletter staff, and distributors are all volunteers who work to improve our community. **Thank You** to all of them!
"You may also pay your dues online via the Zelle banking app, directed to ArcadiaImprovement@gmail.com. Please include your address and contact ~~info in the~~ memo."

What does the $15 yearly dues pay for?

1. It helps with our annual donations to other community organizations such as Harbel, FHRP, and our contribution to our new welcoming committee.
2. The annual scholarship to Arcadia high school seniors to help with expenses.
3. Website maintenance/update and newsletter and flier cost not covered by the ads.
4. Funding for the FUN things that everyone asks for---there are not always grants available to help pay for these.

Please mail your dues in for 2027 when you get the January/February issue.
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