



Remington

Community Newsletter

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Changes Are Coming to Baltimore City Trash

Submitted by Eric Imhof, GRIA



Baltimore City is currently working with DPW and other agencies to make some changes to trash collection policies in Baltimore.

Eliminating Monday pickups and putting every neighborhood on a four-day schedule, distributing heavy-duty plastic trash cans with lids to every residence, and transferring to a "one plus one" pickup schedule (one day a week for trash, another for recycling) are all ideas that are currently being discussed.

These ideas may or may not take effect, and if so, they may or may not take effect at the same time. Throughout March and April, **several public meetings** will be held in order to give residents a chance to ask questions, find out information, and voice support and/or concerns about these possible policy changes.

The meeting that might pertain slightly more to Remington is on **Wednesday, April 8th**.

The more residents from Remington that attend these meetings, the more informed we'll be and the more we'll be represented as a neighborhood with active, caring people. Please make it a point to attend one of these meetings if you're able and if possible, bring some neighbors.

Meetings:

Wednesday, April 8th, 2009 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

6th and 7th - Combined District wide meeting

Councilwoman Sharon Middleton and Councilwoman Belinda Conaway

Sinai Hospital of Baltimore – Zamoiski Auditorium

2401 W. Belvedere Ave. 21215, 410-601-9000

For a full list of the meetings, email info.gria@gmail.com or call Eric at 717-319-2936.



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Remington Steps Up to Help The Church of the Guardian Angel

Some repairs, reorganization and general clean up was achieved at The Church of the Guardian Angel on Feb 28th.

Coming out to help were volunteers from the neighborhood, from the Parish, GRIA, JHU, and even some education/psychology majors visiting from Kutztown University in PA.

The church hosts many neighborhood associated events and meetings and this was a day to donate to the church some time and energy so it can continue helping Remington.



Below: GRIA members Eric Imhof and Chris Merriam at work repairing the handicap accessible ramp that leads to the Parish House.

Left: One of the Kutztown crew repaints a bench in front of the church.

Photos by Betsy Childs



Student Corner: Spotlighting Outstanding Youth at Margaret Brent



Name: Shawntae White

Grade: 8

Neighborhood: Remington

Shawntae has been a student at Margaret Brent for a very long time - since Kindergarten in fact. In light of that and the fact that she's actively involved in her school and has shown some pretty extensive talent, she has been chosen as the first in a series of "student spotlights" from Margaret Brent.

What do you like about your school?

"I learn a lot and I like the teachers- I learn a lot from them- especially my Language Arts teacher, Ms. Mazelin. She inspires me."

You're in 8th grade, what are your plans after this year?

"My plans are to go to Western because they have great programs to prepare you for college and I really want to go to college."

You're involved in debate too, how has that helped you and how are you doing?

"I've gotten four medals and one team trophy so far in debate. It's helped me a lot with my vocabulary, pronunciation, and with projecting my voice. I'd like to pursue debate in high school too."

Remington's Earth Day Saturday April 28th

This celebration will be held in Kromer Hall at the Church of the Guardian Angel at 2629 Huntingdon Ave.

The celebration will feature "how to" workshops given by residents in Remington on -

- Self Watering containers for Gardens
- Soil testing for best growing
- Worm composting
- Blue box garden adoption
- Transplanting seedlings into the garden
- Become involved with Alley Clean up and Greening of Remington
- Window box gardening
- Did we mention worms?

This is a day to get your gardens started and learn how to have healthy green neighborhoods here in the city. Remington is becoming known for the blue boxes, the community garden, and the beauty this brings to the city. Come join friends and meet neighbors in a day of planting, learning, fun and lots of worms!

Maryland Energy Assistance Program: Available Here in Remington

Submitted by Betsy Childs, Episcopal Housing Corporation



There is still time to submit your application for energy assistance in 2009. Stop over to the Church of the Guardian Angel on Tuesday morning and from 9 am to noon, a counselor will be here in Remington to help get things in motion.

When filling out the Maryland Energy Assistance Program forms for 2009 there is certain paperwork needed and requirements to be met and Betsy Childs from Episcopal

Housing Corporation will review this with you. Please bring the following items with you – State issued photo I.D., the most recent BGE energy bill, Social Security card and proof of income either with a pay stub or a SSI monthly income letter for every member of the household.

The energy assistance from Maryland can help offset the high cost of heating this winter. With grant money they can help cut heating bills almost in half when you apply and are accepted.

Five Wishes for Seniors at St. Mary's Outreach

On Thursday, April 23rd at 1:30 p.m. St. Mary's Outreach Center will host a presentation of "*Five Wishes -Living Will & Health Care Directive*". Five Wishes is a valid tool that you can use to ensure that your wishes will be respected even if you can't speak for yourself. This is the first living will that talks about your personal, emotional, and spiritual needs. It will show how to control how you are treated if you get seriously ill. The presentation touches on what you need to know as you grow older.

This is presented by Older Adult Ministries of the Episcopal Diocese. Please call Sandy Simmons at 410-366-3106 with any questions.

Greater Remington Improvement Association

The Greater Remington Improvement Association (GRIA) meeting is held on the third Monday of every month, at 7:00 pm. at the Kromer Hall / Church of the Guardian Angel.

Anyone interested is invited to attend a meeting.

We are looking for Remington Happenings!

If you know of an event at a Church, Park or School in the Remington Area, please email Betsy Childs at: Betsy@Episcopalhousing.org to post the info in the Newsletter and reach the residents.

Remington Community Newsletter

This newsletter is produced and distributed to the residents and businesses located in the neighborhood of Remington with the collaboration of the following partners: Church of the Guardian Angel, Episcopal Housing Corp., GRIA, and the Greater Homewood Community Corporation.

Everyone is welcome to contribute information about activities and events in the Remington neighborhood.

Write to:
Remington Community
Newsletter
2629 Huntingdon Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21211

Community Events In Remington

Homework Club

Monday nights at Church of the Guardian Angel.

Thrift Store

Every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Guardian Angel Thrift Store is open. It is located in the basement of Kromer Hall. Stop by to check out the great merchandise and the great bargains! There is a new message line 410-889-9400. We are looking for donations of clothes, household items and small furniture.

AA Meetings

For info about AA mtgs. held at Guardian Angel please call: 410-235-5740.

Tool Bank

The Remington Tool Bank will be reopening in May. If you are in need of tools to work on your home, stop by the Tool Bank located on the ground floor of the Parish House (2629 Huntingdon Ave.) Thursdays 10am to 1 pm. Tools are FREE to rent, but some require a deposit. Contact Betsy with any questions or to set up an appointment (410) 366-6200.

Food Pantry

Every Wednesday from 9am-9:45am the food pantry is open at Kromer Hall (335 W. 27th St.) A bag of healthy foods is distributed to all in need who live in the 21211 zip code. Bring proof of residence.

Wednesday Night Community Meal - Dinner at the Guardian Angel

Each Wednesday at 6pm, there is a free community dinner for residents. The dinner is a hot meal and a social time for Remington residents.



Neighborhood Walk

At 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month, neighbors will meet and together walk around Remington to greet fellow neighbors, pass out newsletters, and get the word out that our neighborhood is a true community.



Remington Online



The Greater Remington Improvement Association has launched a website: www.griaonline.org. The site is still under construction, but already has a lot of useful info, such as back issues of the newsletter, photos of past projects, reviews of local bars / restaurants, contacts for GRIA committees, and much more! Visit [griaonline.org](http://www.griaonline.org) and see for yourself!

Johns Hopkins Public Events

There will be many events this spring for both public and students to enjoy. Johns Hopkins welcomes the public for concerts, speakers and performances.

The Johns Hopkins events calendar, with a wide variety of mostly free events, is located in the lower left corner of the page at www.jhu.edu.

Healthy Neighborhoods here in Remington

A way to help you make those repairs and upgrades on your house has come. There is now a Rehab Loan and Matching Grant to help residents. Healthy Neighborhoods and Baltimore City have committed \$1 million to match dollar-for-dollar rehab loans made from the Healthy Neighborhoods Loan Pool.

Are you a homeowner in Remington?

Do you have improvements you'd like to do to your home, but lack the necessary tools?

Answer yes and you can consider a Healthy Neighborhoods Loan and you may also qualify for a \$10,000 matching grant.

For more information contact: Angela Sriram at Greater Homewood Community , 410 261-3511 or email her ariram@greaterhomewood.org

