



# Remington

## Community Newsletter

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### Scenes from the Remington Health Fair



LEFT: Caleb Stine and Macgregor, Remington residents, play at the recent Health Fair that was held at Kromer Hall on June 20, 2009. RIGHT TOP: A fun way to exercise --Hula Hooping. RIGHT BOTTOM: Zakia Abukdier helps a Remington resident pick out a plant and pot to take back home.



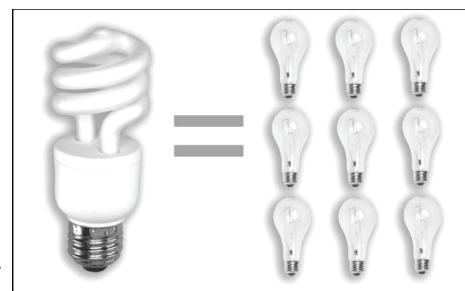
Photos by Betsy Childs

### Project Lightbulb — There is help for your energy bill!

Civic Works, a non-profit organization, will be helping residents of the Remington community save energy and money with their FREE Project Lightbulb program this Summer and Fall.

Trained AmeriCorps volunteers will exchange up to 15 of your incandescent light bulbs for compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs), which use 75% less electricity! In addition, they will install a water-saving showerhead and attachments for your faucets, a combination carbon monoxide/smoke detector, and hot water tank and pipe insulation at NO COST.

All of these are provided free to the residents of Remington thanks to grants from the Abell Foundation, BCF, MEA and BGE. To schedule your appointment, or if you have any questions, please contact Civic Works at 410-366-8533 ext. 208.





## Weekly workshops to teach Urban Gardening

Submitted by Roy Skeen

The Village Green garden was a recipient of a \$5000 grant from the Baltimore Community foundation to host a series of workshops about growing vegetables and perennial food crops. The workshops will be held every Sunday from 4-7 pm and are for people of all ages. Young people ages 12-18 are encouraged to attend and will receive a gift card based on attendance, attention, and behavior during the classes.

Each resident and young person will have the opportunity to grow on their own plot behind the Greenmount School, soil and seeds will be provided. There will be four larger plantings of a neighborhood berry patch, pumpkin patch, orchard, and nut trees to which all residents are invited.

Please contact Roy Skeen for further information 410-889-1269.

## August 22nd means fun at Remington's Back to School Fair!

As the beginning of the new school year approaches, Remington is prepared to provide our youth with their school supplies necessities at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Fair! It will run from 10-2 pm on August 22nd

The Back to School Fair has continually proven to help our K-12<sup>th</sup> graders get excited about the new school year. Every year, FREE school supplies are handed out. The supplies consist of a backpack stuffed with pencils, binders, paper and colored pencils. As with every back to school fair, there will be FREE food, hair cuts and entertainment provided by local artists! The day will be filled with fun for all ages!

Please make sure to join us on August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 27<sup>th</sup> and Huntingdon Ave. to kick off the school year! If you would like to volunteer at the Back To School Fair in any way, either handing out supplies, providing entertainment, or help setting up, contact Betsy at the Episcopal Housing Corporation at (410) 366-6200.



## Two new Murals grace the walls of Remington

Once concrete and brick, the walls in Remington are a splash of color. In the left photo, at 25th and Miles, the wall was painted and the area landscaped. It used to be weeds, drugs and trash, now there is life, peace and color. The work was done by the Youth group of the Epiphany Episcopal Church of Timonium. On the right is an Under the Sea mural that is in the courtyard of the Church of the Guardian Angel on Huntingdon Ave. This was painted by the JHU sorority of Delta Xi Phi.

## MICA Summer Art Camp - Thumbs up Success!!

Submitted by Zakia Abukhdier

For the fifth year in a row Remington had thirteen youths between the ages of 11-14 years old participate in the MICA Summer Art Camp. The camp was led by MACA (Masters of the Arts in Community Arts) graduate students Robert Fitzgerald and Natalie Tranelli. Baltimore high school intern Lavontre Ford assisted Robert and Natalie in teaching the five week long camp. The camp took place between June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup>.

The camp had several activities to help the students learn to work together and to think independently. There was a day trip to Genesee Valley in Parkton, Maryland where the art camp students worked together on team building activities. They were also busy creating art work during the five week long plan. The artwork explored and strengthened their self image, self confidence and group skills. They worked on personal journals and 'Self Identity Canvases' created from found materials. The camp culminated with the students going to ArtScape and hosting a booth that showed attendees how to make watercolor magnets for the home.

The camp was successful for all involved. We are thankful to the MACA program for providing our children with this creative experience.

## MEAP: Energy Assistance for Remington in 2010

Get ready for next year. New 2010 forms are out for the MEAP service. There is time to submit your application for energy assistance in 2010. Stop over at the Church of the Guardian Angel on Tuesday morning and from 9 am to noon, to get things in motion.

Please bring the following items with you: State issued photo I.D., BGE energy bill, Social Security card and proof of income either with a pay stub or a SSI monthly income letter.

You can also apply for the Homeowners Tax Credit, or the Renters Tax Credit this year. These forms will also be available. Call Betsy for more information on these programs. 410-366-6200.

### GRIA meetings - Everyone is welcome

Come by and join in on our monthly GRIA community meetings held monthly to discuss all things Remington!

We meet on the third Monday of each month at 7pm in Kromer Hall at the Church of the Guardian Angel (335 W. 27th St).

Hear updates on what is happening around the neighborhood, what is coming up and enjoy meeting fellow neighbors to discuss community events and share news.



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## 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

# Remington Community Events

## 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 meetings held Monday nights at The Church of the Guardian Angel please call: 410-235-5740.

## Tool Bank

If you are in need of tools to work on your home, please call and we can meet at The Remington Tool Bank located on the ground floor of the Parish House (2629 Huntingdon Ave.) Tools are FREE to rent, but some require a deposit. Contact Betsy with any questions and to set up an appointment to pick them up. (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 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday 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. We meet at the Church of the Guardian Angel.



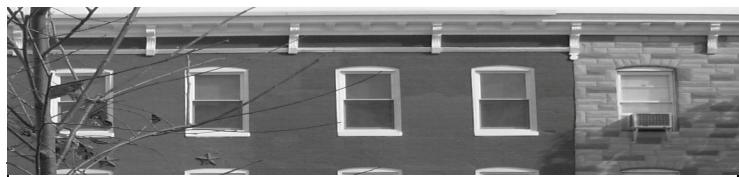
## Tuesday Vegetables

Tuesday morning during the summer there will be free vegetables of various types (whatever is in season) in front of the Church of the Guardian Angel.



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## Remington's GRIA website!



The Greater Remington Improvement Association has launched a website: [www.griaonline.org](http://www.griaonline.org). The site 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! Add us to your Google reader or RSS feed reader by searching Greater Remington Improvement Association. Also add us to your Google calendar for all GRIA events. Visit [griaonline.org](http://griaonline.org) and see for yourself!

## Johns Hopkins Public Events -

There will be many events this summer season for both public and students to enjoy. 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](http://www.jhu.edu).

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