



Remington

Community Newsletter

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LOWE'S and more Coming to Remington

It was reported earlier this month in the Baltimore Sun that Baltimore's first Lowe's home improvement store, a supermarket and several other specialty shops and an apartment complex would be coming to the border of Remington and Charles Village. The shopping center would be on the properties that are now Anderson Automotive and stretches along on 11 acres roughly bounded by 25th St. to the north, Maryland Avenue to the east, 24th St. to the south and the CSX rail line to the west.

Rick Walker, chief executive of Walker Developments Inc., said he has strong interest from Lowe's and interest from lenders to finance the project, which he said would begin construction in Fall 2010 and open in 2011.

What does this mean for the residents of Remington?

There are things we will need to think about and this is a chance to make a difference in a new development in our neighborhood. The Greater Remington Improvement Association (GRIA) is working to make sure the community has a voice in what will be coming.

To do this, **we need YOUR input.** We need to know what you think about the changes and we ask that you come to one or both of the upcoming meetings and then talk to any of the GRIA board members. Please see public meeting schedule at top right, and spread the word.

Here are some potential questions and issues to think about as you come to the meeting -

HOW DO WE FEEL ABOUT LOWE'S COMING HERE? This is the most important one. We would have the only major home improvement store in the area. On one hand, it'd be nice to have a home improvement store nearby and within walking distance; on the other hand, are the roads prepared to handle that kind of traffic? It would create jobs; but would it also kill small businesses? What do you think?

ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN OF THE AREA: On 24th Street in Remington, a three-story parking garage will face the street. Elsewhere, the buildings are proposed to face in towards a parking lot, rather than out onto the street, which hurts public safety. Should we push for a more pleasant, urban-friendly design? What do you think?

Some other things to think about are Parking, Preservation of Historical buildings and what is best for the many pedestrians in the area. If you have any questions, e-mail Chris at remplan@gmail.com

COMMUNITY MEETING

Monday December 7th, at 7 p.m.

It will be held at Kromer Hall (335 W. 27th St.) and is for all residents of the Remington Community

At this meeting we will present what information we have on the project and get feedback from residents. Please attend and bring a neighbor!

The ON SITE VISIT -

Saturday December 5th, from 10am till 12 Noon.

The developer is having a meeting on the site of at the Anderson GM showroom at Howard and 25th. This will be to review plans and get input. It is a chance to learn what will be coming. All are invited to join.





GRIA

Recent and on-going projects:

Special Community GRIA Meeting

Monday December 7th, at 7 p.m.

This meeting is to discuss, as a community, Lowe's coming into Remington where Anderson's is now located. Your input is needed.

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Back to the regular schedule - Remington's GRIA Meetings!

Come by and join in on our monthly GRIA community meetings. We meet on the third Monday of each month at 7 pm in Kromer Hall at the Church of the Guardian Angel (335 W. 27th St). The meeting on December 21st will be a pot luck dinner. Bring some food to share and enjoy the holiday atmosphere.

Energy Assistance to help with Winter Chill

Have you heard talk about MEAP but haven't applied yet? Then it's time to get you set up. MEAP is a state program that helps you pay the cost of heating your home and is decided by income and household needs.

MEAP will send money to cover your heating bill directly to your energy supplier each month (if you pay your own heating bill) or to your landlord (if heat is included in your rent).

If you are interested to see if you qualify, stop by the Church of the Guardian Angel on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:30 am to get things in motion. Home visits can also be arranged for senior citizens or other persons with special medical needs. You can also call 410-

Seniors interested in getting Medicare D Information

There are city, state and federal programs available for qualified Seniors. You may qualify for more than you think!

If you are wondering just what programs that may be available to you, please contact Sandy Simmons at the St. Mary's Outreach Center in Hampden at 410-366-3606 for more information on Senior Assistance programs.

MEDICARE D – Need help with selecting a prescription plan for 2010? The plans have changed and if you want to check the plan you have, St. Mary's Outreach can help you. You can set up an appointment and come in to review your current plan and ask any questions about Medicare A, B, C, D or Medicare Supplemental programs .

FOOD STAMPS – Visit St. Mary's Outreach center on Monday January 11th at 9am to sign up. Food stamp coordinator Rodney Stephens will be present to review applications. If you are 55 and older and would like to apply for food stamps, he will meet with those wanting to apply.

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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.

Contact Betsy Childs at 410-366-6200 or email betsy@episcopalhousing.org

Youth Programs in Remington

The Greater Remington Improvement Association, Episcopal Housing Corporation and The Church of the Guardian Angel and volunteer residents of the neighborhood have been working hard to create and sustain activities for Remington youth outside of their school. Right now meeting at Kromer hall (335 West 27th Street, next to the church) both academic, arts, and community engagement programs are being held. Last year we had a Remington Youth Band, in 2010 who knows what is next!!



For Academics -

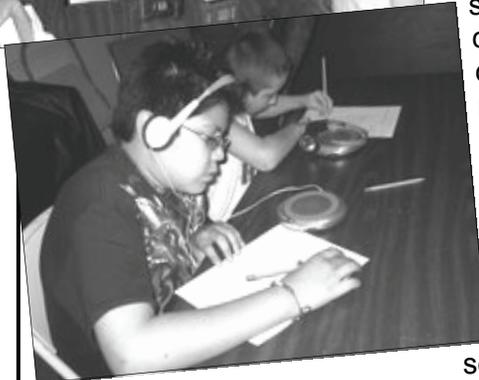
Homework Club: meets every Monday night through the school year from 6 - 7:30pm - The Homework Club assists students to complete and understand homework and supplies tutors for a much closer almost one on one learning environment. The club has been averaging about 20 kids and 15 tutors every week. Contact Rebecca to learn more at rlin10@gmail.com



For Community involvement -

Remington Youth Community Radio Class: brought to you by Art on Purpose and GRIA. It meets every Tuesday evening from 5:30 - 7:30. This class is for youth ages 9 and up who are interested in learning about their neighborhood and documenting it through drawing, writing, photography and story telling.

Students are learning how to interview and edit stories so they can make ready for radio sound pieces. They may come knocking soon on your door to ask you to share a neighborhood story or ask your opinion on a community issue.



If you would like more information, know a youth that would like to be involved or maybe to be involved yourself it's easy. Come and be

interviewed! help with the class! Or mentor a radio student! Lend your photography or audio skills! Even to assist with class meals would help us out. Please contact RYCR program director Beth Barbush 410-322-7080 Or email, ebarbush@gmail.com

For Greening/environment -

Remington Conservation Corps: a number of Remington teen-agers have worked part-time on Saturdays or after school helping to take care of the blue box gardens that run along Huntingdon Avenue and the Community Garden on Fox Street.

The youth contribute to beautifying Remington and learn teamwork, greening the neighborhood and pride in accomplishments. Contact Peter Babcox or Craig Bettenhausen at the Church of the Guardian Angel.



For the Arts -

Crafting Hour: the Parish House next to the Church of the Guardian Angel (2629 Huntingdon Ave.) hosts a craft hour for kids from 5 to 6 pm, just before the Community dinner that is served there. EHC Community Builder, Caitlin Sellnow organizes something different every week. The crafts done so far have included pumpkin painting, homemade play-dough, printing with potato stamps and more. All ages are welcome, come for crafts and stay for dinner!

Porch Art: GRIA board member Beth Barbush started "Porch Art" 2 years ago. Each Tuesday evening in the Spring and Summer Months neighbors young and older gather at 2942 Huntingdon to make art and craft projects for fun! This fall they helped decorate Huntingdon Avenue for the Halloween event. Please send Beth any ideas, or donations of supplies or if you may be available to volunteer, as she prepares for the Spring Season.





Presents given out for Parents!



Saturday December 19th from 11am -1pm
Santa toy day at the Church of the Guardian Angel

The Saturday before Christmas there will be a special treat in Remington: Presents for Parents. This is a special way to make sure children in the Remington area will have something to open on December 25th. The Church of the Guardian Angel is accepting donations of new toys and books for this event.

Any parent in Remington is welcome to pick out a toy, a stuffed animal, and a book for their child. Parents should be going on. Santa wants them to be surprised! Please bring ID to verify residence in the community. The presents given are to allow your child to have a special surprise for Christmas!

Start the Holiday off with the first annual Dizzember Festival!

"The Dizz" is sponsoring the 1st Annual Dizzember Festival to help support The Community School. This event will take place on Sunday December 6, 2009 from 12 noon till 7 pm. "The Dizz" is on the corner of 30th and Remington. There will be craft tables, food and activities for the children. Santa arrives at 5:30pm

Ornaments are being sold at "The Dizz" for \$5.00 each with all the proceeds going to The Community School in Remington. You can personalize the ornament Christmas Balls with your name or to honor a loved one. The Community School was founded by Tom Culotta and combines academic and mentoring programs to youth 15-18. It is designed to prepare students to pass the GED and eventually enroll in college. Please come out and give community support for our young people and kick the Holiday season off with your neighbors!

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