



Remington

Community Newsletter

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Update from Margaret Brent Elementary School

Margaret Brent Elementary Middle has had a very full first semester! It started off by opening a brand-new Ben Carson Reading Room. Funded by a \$10,000 grant from the Carson Scholars Fund and Bank of America, the room provides a secluded spot where students can dive into books of their own choosing.

Eighth grade students and their art teacher covered the walls with fantastic and colorful paintings of animals and books. During American Education Week, Margaret Brent's neighbors, community partners, and parents came in to read aloud to students whose hard work during the first quarter had earned them a treat. They would love for you to join in reading to the kids!

Later in the fall, some of the neighbors and parents organized a bulb planting to teach Pre-Kindergarten and first- and seventh-grade students about gardening, and to help them plant daffodils around the school playground.

Margaret Brent finished off the semester with a canned food drive to provide holiday baskets for some of the neediest families in the school. Although the snow delayed their delivery, they were still much appreciated, and hope to continue with another drive in the spring.



Planting in the playground is Ms. Veronda's Pre-Kindergarten class and parent volunteers.

Money Power Day Returns!

Join the Baltimore CASH Campaign and its partners on Saturday, March 13th from 9 a.m.- 3p.m. at Baltimore Polytech Institute (1400 W. Coldspring Lane) for the fifth annual free Money Power Day!



Money Power Day provides Baltimore residents with free financial services from its trusted partners. If you attend Money Power Day you can benefit from:

- Free Tax Preparation
- Free Credit Reports and Credit Counseling
- Customized Financial Planning
- Housing Counseling
- Screening for Public Benefits Financial Programs for Youth Foreclosure Clinic

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Where to go for info when it snows - School closings and bus route changes



Prior to getting out on that snowy morning, listen for route changes, school closings and other changes in city travel. Allow extra time for travel as bus routes may be delayed. Icy roads and unplowed roads may impact the MTA's ability to travel the designated routes.

Please be careful of sidewalks and bus stop areas for ice and snow.

For change in bus routes — 410-539-5000 or www.mtmaryland.com

For school and business closings and some bus information —

Radio: WWIN 95.9 and WWMX 106.5

TV: WBAL NBC channel 21, WJZ CBS, channel 23, WFOX channel 15

St. Mary's Outreach reaches out to Remington Seniors

Applications for the Maryland Energy Assistance Program and for 2010 Homeowners / Renters Tax Credits is available now.

St. Mary's Outreach will help fill out the applications needed for both these programs. The Maryland Energy Assistance Program can help with your gas, electric and fuel bills. SMOC will review your bill with you, and go over some of the steps you can take to lower your costs.

For taxpayers of all ages, The Homeowners / Renters Tax Credits program is available for those that qualify on the basis of a comparison of your tax bill with your income.

St. Mary's Outreach Center is open to all Remington Seniors to answer questions regarding federal, city and state aid programs. They are located in Hampden and is easily accessible by the Hampden Shuttle bus (#98). Call St. Mary's Outreach Center at 410-366-3106 with any questions. A senior Resource and Referral Service.

Do You Spend More Than You Earn?

Who doesn't? Come see if *EarnBenefits* can help! *EarnBenefits* is a program designed to help you get benefits that can free up your money to handle other bills and costs. Through a quick screening, *EarnBenefits* can tell you what benefits you qualify for and provide help applying. You can be screened for Food Stamps, WIC, Medicaid, Child Care Subsidies, Telephone Bill Assistance and many others!

Brianne Phillips, an *EarnBenefits* Counselor based at the Hampden Family Center, will be screening interested residents at the Church of the Guardian Angel on Tuesdays from 9-11:30 AM. If you want to see what benefits you may qualify for and receive help applying without having to wait at crowded agencies, please stop by or call her to make an appointment (410-467-8710 ext. 106).



GRIA

**Recent and
on-going
projects:**

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).

Neighborhood Plan

We are making a document that summarizes residents' views on the neighborhood. To participate, please contact us at info.gria@gmail.com or come to one of our regular monthly meetings, every third Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Church of the Guardian Angel.



The Village Green

Attention gardeners!

There will be a meeting for The Village Green, Remington's Community Garden, in early March. You can contact Megan now if they would like to reserve a bed.

Stay tuned!

Contact - Megan Beller
(410) 243-0103 meganbeller@yahoo.com

FREE Tax Preparation!

Keep your money, you earned it! By using a Baltimore CASH Campaign free tax preparation site, you can avoid paying expensive tax or "rapid refund" fees. Trained and certified volunteers will prepare and e-file your taxes for FREE, and even help you direct deposit for a faster refund! The closest Baltimore CASH Campaign site to Remington is located at:

PNC Bank
12 E. 25th St., 21218
Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

By Appointment Only

The Baltimore CASH Campaign and its partners are offering free tax preparation services throughout Baltimore City to individuals making \$25,000 or less in 2009, and a family of 2 or more making \$49,000 or less in 2009.

For a complete listing of Baltimore CASH Campaign's free tax preparation sites, visit their website:

www.baltimorecashcampaign.org.

When visiting a free tax preparation site, remember to bring the following items with you:

- Copy of last year's tax return
- Photo ID of the tax filers
- Social Security cards for everyone in your family
- Birthdates for every person claimed on your tax return
- Your W-2 forms from all jobs worked in the past year
- 1099 forms of other income
- Child care provider name, address, and tax ID number.

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.

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

More Help with your Fuel Bill

If you hear the talk at Long John's or The Dizz about MEAP and haven't applied yet, it's time to get you set up.

Maryland Energy Assistance Program is a state program that helps you pay the cost of heating your home, even if heat is included in your rent. It is not a set amount for everyone, but is decided by income and household needs. The amount you will receive is based on your income and energy usage.

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 and you can also call 410-366-6200 and ask for Betsy for more information about this program.

There is still time to beat the cold. Baltimore City's Weatherization Program assists low income residents in making their homes more energy efficient, comfortable, and safer. This will reduce your energy bills!

Call Caitlin at 410-235-6222 to see if you qualify and she can assist you in applying. This can mean hundreds of dollars in the winter and it is free from Baltimore City.

A Friendly Reminder

Please help keep Remington clean by picking up after your dog.
The Baltimore City Ordinance §10-313 requires the owner or keeper of an animal to immediately remove all feces left by the animal on private or public property.

Let's all do our part to keep our neighborhood clean!



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Get the Word Out to Your Neighbors

The Remington Weekly Bulletin comes out each week with information on what is happening in our neighborhood. If you would like to submit an event to the Bulletin, please call 410-235-6222 or email Caitlin Sellnow at Caitlin@episcopalhousing.org.

The Remington Newsletter comes out each month and we are interested in events that your organization may be holding. Please send us information on the event a month ahead of time. Email betsy@episcopalhousing.org.

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