



# Remington

## Community Newsletter

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## Remington Stories: A Blast from Our Neighborhood Past



This summer, on June 19th from 1-5 pm, the Greater Remington Improvement Association (GRIA), in partnership with Art on Purpose, will once again hold an art event called *Remington Stories: Images from the past, visions for the future*.

This is an exhibit comprised of artwork and audio created for and by Remington residents. The exhibit will feature old and new photographs of the neighborhood collected from Remington residents and artwork and audio from Art on Purpose's Remington Youth Project Radio (RYPR).

All residents are welcome to attend the event. Learn about the history of Remington and see images of its bright future!

## A Remington Resplendent with Fruit Trees

Submitted by John Rowley

In the spring of 2009 approximately 20 Remington residents and Johns Hopkins undergraduate volunteers worked together to plant 50 fruit trees in Remington. Most of the trees are located at the new Remington Community Orchard at 29<sup>th</sup> and Sisson St. Other trees were planted along 28<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> street, forming a green produce corridor along the western side of Remington. The types of trees planted are as diverse as our neighborhood: peaches, plums, pears, paw paws, apples, cherries, and figs.

You may have noticed the beautiful blooms this year: peaches in red, plums in pink, and apples in white. Fruit trees are wonderful for people who suffer from seasonal allergies. Plants with flowers rely on insects for pollination, which means less pollen is released into the air. With their beautiful blossoms, dappled shade, and delicious fruit; these trees are an amazing neighborhood asset.

Remington residents can help promote the health of their fruit trees. Residents should refrain from filling tree pits with trash or debris. The trunk of trees should be treated gently. Please don't scratch or cut trees, especially when trimming grass around the base of trees. When picking fruit, pull gently. If it's ripe the fruit will pop right off. And always treat trees with the respect they deserve.

For the first few years, the fruit harvest will be small. As the trees become more established, the yield will increase. In the years to come, Remington residents can look forward to lazy summer evenings picking fruit and laughing with neighbors in their own community orchard.



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## JHU Volunteers assist victims of the House fire on Huntingdon Ave



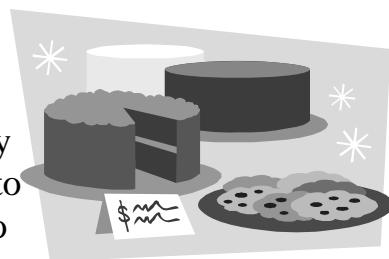
Top right and left: Volunteers working inside the Williams house where fire devastated it last month. Bottom: The Alpha Epsilon Pi : PSI chapter ( AEPi) worked on clean up on April 18th.

## Mother's Day Bake Sale

On Saturday May 8th  
from 10 am to 1 pm

At Church of the Guardian Angel,  
Kromer Hall, 335 W. 27th Street.

Proceeds go towards raising money  
for the Williams family and others to  
offset the cost of permits needed to  
rebuild after the fire last month.



# Dear Fellow Remingtonians

By Eric Imhof



It has been an honor and a privilege serving as the President of the Greater Remington Improvement Association (GRIA) during the past year. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed time, money, or other assistance to our organization since we began three years ago – as a small handful of residents meeting at the Community School to discuss trees and parks in Remington. Now, following our second Annual Meeting, we are

an official membership-based organization with officers, a board of directors, committees, a website, a newsletter, and many partners in adjacent communities, such as Charles Village and Old Goucher.

I am very proud to live in Remington and am very thankful for my fellow neighbors, who have come together and worked hard to make Remington safer, greener, and more active. Our annual block party, RemFest, has been well attended every year, and will only get bigger and better in the years to come. Hauntingdon Ave., our Halloween festival held on the 2900 block of Huntingdon Avenue, has helped put Remington on the map by bringing youth and adults (in costume) together for fun activities and games. Every month our Newsletter Committee puts together great articles, images, and updates so that residents in Remington know what's going on and what events are coming up in the near future.

Our Sanitation Committee has been cleaning up the neighborhood one alley at a time, removing bulk items and educating residents about proper sanitation and trash removal. The Green Spaces Committee is busy getting more trees planted in the neighborhood, and residents of all ages continue to enjoy the many programs and events organized by our Youth Programming Committee.

Other residents have helped us by donating money, managing our website, picking up trash in front of their houses, or inviting their neighbors to attend meetings and discussions. The Church of the Guardian Angel has helped us immensely by offering us a meeting space, hosting many of our events, and providing direct services to Remington residents on a daily basis.

I consider myself very lucky to be able to live in Remington and to have worked alongside such dedicated, honest people. Even though I won't be on GRIA's board after the election, I will continue to be a member and active participant in our organization. I urge you to join us. Become a member by attending one of our monthly meetings (every third Monday of the month at 7pm) and help your neighbors keep Remington active, strong, green, and friendly.

Thanks again to everyone who has worked hard to make Remington such an amazing neighborhood.



Greater Remington  
Improvement Association

## 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).

Visit [www.griaonline.org](http://www.griaonline.org) for more information and to view coming events, blogs, and past newsletters.

## Remington Community Newsletter

This newsletter is produced and distributed to the residents and business located in the neighborhood of Remington with the collaboration of the following partners: Episcopal Housing Corporation, G.R.I.A., The Church of the Guardian Angel, and the Greater Homewood Community Corporation.

Everyone is welcome to contribute information about activities and events in the Remington Neighborhood. Contact Betsy at 410-366-6200.

# A New Day For Neighborhood Schools?

Submitted by Jo Ann O. Robinson

The Greater Homewood Community Corporation, with a Goldseker Foundation grant of \$105,000, has launched the "Great Schools in Charles Village" campaign. Focused on Barclay and Margaret Brent Elementary Middle Schools, the campaign goal is to "build strong, diverse neighborhood schools that all families will consider a good choice for their children."

Realizing this goal would be good not only for the schools but for the local real estate market which would stabilize as the pressure to move closer to good schools would let up for young families. It would benefit family finances if private tuition was no longer deemed an imperative expenditure. And it would add to the credibility of the Charles Village area's designation as a "top ten neighborhood" in the U.S.

This is an opportunity for Barclay and Brent educators, parents with children currently enrolled in those schools, and parents with children enrolled or headed toward enrollment elsewhere, to take a fresh and forthright look at the assets and weaknesses of our neighborhood schools and to engage in the hard work that is needed to multiply the assets and effectively address the weaknesses. This is not a new agenda for our neighborhoods. In the mid- nineteen- seventies both schools served the children of the middle-class, mostly white neighborhoods in their zones. Those children thrived, as did their fellow-students from less prosperous sectors of the community.

Join the "Conversations on Urban Education" that Village Parents are hosting. The next one is May 17 at Brent. Panelists will address the "project-based, thematic curriculum" that the Great Schools project proposes to introduce into the two schools. For more information contact [www.charlesvillageparents.org](http://www.charlesvillageparents.org) and [jbnet@greaterhomewood.org](mailto:jbnet@greaterhomewood.org)



Principals Jackie Waters-Scofield and Jenny Heinbaugh with Baltimore City Schools CEO Andrés Alonso at the Goldseker Neighborhood-School Partnerships press conference.

## Medfield Spring Fair – June 5th

The Medfield Community Association will hold its annual Spring Fair and Flea Market on Saturday, **June 5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** If you would like to reserve a flea market space, please call Paul Smith at 410-467-3527.

This is the only fund-raising event the Association has and it is a great day for you and your neighbors to stop by, have some fun, and help support the Association.

The Fair will offer hot dogs, sodas, snowballs, a 50-50 raffle and lots of flea market bargains. A Goodwill truck will be there at the end of the day for your donations and any leftovers from the flea market that vendors want to contribute. Reserve your space early!



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