



Remington

Community Newsletter

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Winterization for homes in Remington before Winter hits



On November 13th, the Alpha Phi Omega (APO) fraternity of JHU and Episcopal Housing Corporation (EHC) worked together to get homes in the Remington area ready for winter.

The fraternity chapter came to the Remington Neighborhood to help residents that seal up their windows and doors with plastic to keep out the cold air and close gaps in doors. Taking these few simple steps to keep cold air out can help to significantly reduce your energy bill over the winter.

Caitlin Sellnow, the Remington Community Development liaison for EHC coordinated this effort, helping to making it a success. This year's program included both residents that had participated last year as well as first time participants.. APO worked in teams visiting houses, weatherizing windows talking to residents about the process.

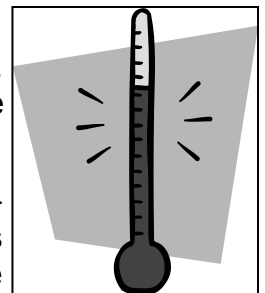
Several members of APO also worked on sealing the windows in the upstairs Gym at the Church of the Guardian Angel. This allows the new Friday Night Youth Basketball to hold practice during the winter. Caitlin still has Winterization kits available. Please call 410-235-6222 for more information.

Baltimore City also offers a weatherization program to assist low-income residents in making their homes more energy efficient. Visit baltimroehousing.org or call 443-984-1066 to learn more.

Will you help GRIA reach our goal?

In September, we set a goal to **DOUBLE** our membership by the end of the year. Because of your help, we have nearly reached our goal. We need just about **20** more people to sign up! Please sign up today!

Annual membership dues: \$10 or just 4 hours of volunteer service. Everyone is welcome to come to our meetings and community events. Membership entitles residents to fully participate in GRIA meetings through voting and eligibility to serve on the board of directors. You don't have to come to our monthly meetings to be engaged in GRIA or to be a member.



How to join:

Fill out a membership form and pay dues at any of our monthly meetings on the third Monday of the month

Print a [GRIA Membership form](#) at griaonline.org and mail it to the GRIA office at the address listed on the form or call Suzanne Schlattman at (443)340-8619 who will be happy to come pick it up and deliver it for you!

MEAP

There is still time!
Don't miss out on the Maryland Energy
Assistance Program for 2011

Wednesdays at 9am
at the Church of the Guardian Angel
335 W. 27th Street

Come and work with Betsy Childs, who will help you with all the proper paperwork needed to apply for the Energy Assistance program. This is savings directly off of your energy bills!

Call 410-366-6200 & ask for Betsy to set up an appt. or stop over to the church on Wednesday mornings.



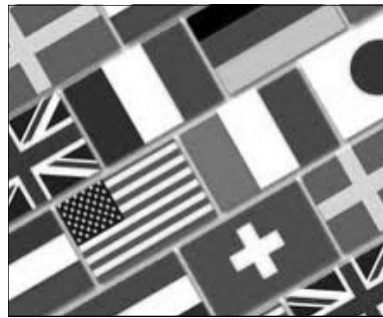
Medicare D Information at St. Mary's Outreach Center

Medicare D (prescription drug coverage) should be revisited each and every year. Your prescription drug coverage changes each year, including what is covered and how much the plan will cost. SMOC will be checking Medicare D on December 13th and 21st.

St. Mary's Outreach Center (SMOC) can give you assistance in making sure you are receiving the benefits you qualify for. SMOC will review your senior benefits from city, state and federal programs and get applications in to the right departments. Call 410-889-7915 to make an appointment.



International Health Day at MB



On Tuesday November 16, Margaret Brent Elementary/Middle School held its first International Health Day, a day dedicated to presenting and celebrating projects created by Brent students.

These projects ranged from the Native American flip books created by Mr. Cataline's 5th grade, to the kindergarten's quest to transform "unhealthy Harry" into "healthy Harry." Other classes presented on the poor health habits of celebrities, taking a deeper look at what it means to really be healthy and how it relates to appearance.

In the yellow hallway upstairs, some of Margaret Brent's international and bilingual students presented on their country of origin. Among them was Marcelo Ramirez Celsi, an energetic 5th grader who explained where he was born and the kinds of food he eats at home. He talked about how the geographical location of Chile allows for a number of superb fish dishes. Down the hallway, Christian Matute-Hernandez and his family shared a dish from Honduras with a couple of Kindergarten parents.

A number of community members came with prepared dishes and boards as well. Susan and Rich Walther came with Korean gim-pap to share. They explained how to prepare the dish and talked to the children about Korean culture and food. Other community members and teachers brought in food from Vietnam and France and the Philippines.

There were JHU volunteer French teachers, the LINK teachers, the mentors from Big Brothers Big Sisters, parents and community members in attendance and they were enjoying the chance to ask the children questions about their displays. The children were responding—with pride. As Susan Walther put it, "WE were impressed with THEIR displays." The Margaret Brent community of parents, friends, teachers, and supporters is energetic and it is growing.

Maryland I.D. Card Assistance

If you are having trouble getting a Maryland State ID, (maybe you need to get a birth certificate first?) don't despair, The Church of the Guardian Angel and Episcopal Housing Corporation can help!

We can walk you through the process, help you fill out paperwork, and provide you with transportation to the MVA. Also, thanks to a donation from Episcopal Housing Corporation, we can cover half the cost of getting an ID AND a birth certificate.

To get started, come to the Guardian Angel food pantry on Wednesday mornings between 9 and 9:45 am at Kromer Hall (335 W. 27th St.) or, call Caitlin at 410-235-6222 to find out more.

Join the Greater Remington Improvement Association!



Next Meeting:
**December 20th
at 7 pm**

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

December is our **Holiday Pot Luck Dinner Meeting.**

We want to give you the opportunity to enjoy some social time with other members. This is a chance to chat with board members, committee heads and your neighbors about what is happening in your corner of the community. Bring something to share or just come and enjoy.

If you have any questions, email us at info.gria@gmail.com
Visit www.griaonline.org for more information and to view coming events, blogs, and past newsletters.

Pastor Alice goes on Sabbatical

From December 1st until February 28th, Pastor Alice of the local Episcopal Church of the Guardian Angel will be going on a rest/retreat/revival leave, and will be out of touch with the Church of the Guardian Angel. Pastor Alice will return at the beginning of March and resume her work at the church.



During these 3 months all the regular events will continue as usual. Contact Kaitlin at 410-235-6222 with questions.

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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.

Hear History & True Stories of Remington

Remington Youth Community Radio (RYCR) is a grass roots youth development and community building program in its 3rd year. This program teaches neighborhood youth documentary skills in interviewing, photographing, and recording while engaging them with their neighbors and community issues. Please support this great program!

For a just \$10 you get your very own copy of the RYCR CD. This purchase will help RYCR in it's upcoming year. This is a perfect gift for your friends, family or neighbors who want to learn more about our great community. You will find interviews with residents of Remington about Remington. This offer is good thru the month of December. Contact Beth Bar-bush at 410-322-7080.



RYCR youth interviews Pastor Alice of the Church of the Guardian Angel about history of Remington.



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