

#### **Eighth Edition**

#### January 2012

# Healthy Neighborhoods can help here in Remington



Since, 2006 Healthy Neighborhoods has been helping Remington residents buy and renovate their homes and has funded several block beautification projects.

The goal of the program is to create more stable neighborhoods with competitive real estate values, more resident

connections and stronger curb appeal.

With Healthy Neighborhood Block Improvement Grants there is up to \$3000 is available for block improvement projects. Some past projects include planters for Tuxedo street and Miles Avenue, installing outside lights for rowhomes and tree fences on Howard street. If you have an idea for a block project, please contact Andre at Greater Homewood.

With Healthy Neighborhoods Home Loans, there are loans to help new residents buy their homes, loans to help existing homeowners refinance their homes and loans to help homeowners complete

renovation projects. There is \$10,000 in free money available for anyone who receives a Healthy Neighborhood Loan.



Contact :Andre Stone at 410-261-3511 or email him at astone@greaterhomewood.org

### **Playground Improvements**

Come check out the plans for schoolyard improvements at Margaret Brent, Remington's elementary/ middle school.

The school, community members and the Neighbor Design Center are working to create a lively and exciting play space for your children.

Date: January 19th, 2012 Time: 5:30 to 7:30 pm Where: Margret Brent lunch room, 100 E. 26th St. Baltimore



### Fun, food, and Homework!

The Remington Homework Club is looking for new students starting in January!

Homework Club meets Monday nights from 6-8 in Kromer Hall (Church of the Guardian Angel).

We have dinner, homework help, games, basketball, cooking, and more. We will start up again after winter break on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 3-12 are welcome. If you're interested, we'll see you at 6:00 on January 9<sup>th</sup> – remember to bring your homework!

For more information, call Rebekah at 716-912-8538.

# Do you need a MD ID for 2012? You can make it happen!

The ID program is a wonderful program designed to assist people obtain their Maryland State IDs. This was started two years ago by Pastor Alice Jellema and now the Episcopal Housing Corporation Community builder has taken over the responsibilities of the job.

Since the program began many Remington residents have been able to get their state IDs, which is an important step in getting one's life on track. This program does everything from giving support and information to providing transportation to the MVA and it even covers half of the cost of the ID.

But how do you get an ID? Well, first contact Zenobia (her information is below) and then get necessary paperwork ready. Here is a guide of the paperwork needed. It is required that you must have 3 main proofs of identity.

#### 1. Birth Certificate

This is essential, and it can not be a copy or a "birth registration". It must say Birth Certificate at the top. If you need your birth certificate we can help you obtain it.

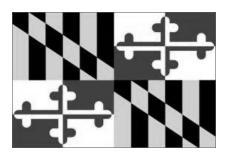
#### 2. Proof of Social Security

This is either a social security card or an SSA-1099 form, which lists everything you received for the whole year. If you need to go to the social security office to get a benefit letter printed (which they'll do for free on the spot,) it's in the Rotunda shopping center in Hampden.

#### 3. TWO proofs of address

The MVA is very specific about what they will and won't accept. Contact Zenobia for the full list, but a lease, BGE bill or letter from the government all are good. Note that if you use government mail as a proof of address, it has to be in its original envelope.

Zenobia Taylor-Weiss, the EHC Community Builder for Remington is the contact person for this. You can call her at 410-803-1952, or stop in on Wednesday morning at Kromer Hall on 27th St. She is there from 9 am till 10 am, or e-mail her at <u>zenobia@episcopalhousing.org</u>





**1933** Mothers who worked at the mill and at the American Can Company sent their children to the day care center at the Church of the Guardian Angel, believed to be one of the first day care centers.

#### **ST. MARY'S OUTREACH CENTER - A Resource and Referral Center for Seniors.**

3900 Roland Avenue 410-366-3106

JANUARY PROGRAMS

at St. Mary's Outreach Center are as follows:

**FIVE WISHES an Advanced Directive/Living Will** -January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm, we will have the Commission on Older Adult Ministries here to explain and help you fill in The Five Wishes. It is a form that you can take to your doctor or hospital that includes you medical wishes and talks about your personal, emotional and spiritual needs. Everyone should have one. Refreshments will be served. Call to sign up.

**Maryland Energy Assistance** - If you need help with your gas and electric bill, please call St. Mary's Outreach Center to make an appointment.

Water Bill Discount 30% - If you are 65 years old or older, call St. Mary's for an appointment to apply for 30% discount on your water bill.

**Homeowner's/Renter's Tax Credits** - Beginning February 15, 2012, you can call St. Mary's to make an appointment to apply for these tax credits based on a comparison of your tax bill to your income if you are a homeowner, and on a comparison of your rent to your income if you are a renter.

To set up an appointment, call 410-366-3106

#### Did you know that 2012 is a LEAP YEAR?!

We at the Church of the Guardian Angel think that is reason to celebrate. So be on the look out for more information on the CGA 2012 Leap Day games.



The event will include tournaments of pool, ping-pong, card games,

and so much more! You are welcome to join us for snacks and games and fun...bring your own favorite board games or play some pool or just watch the others. It's going to be a fun evening. This will be a neighborhood event to remember so save the date: February 29th 2012. See you there!

> Join the Greater Remington Improvement Association!



## January 16th 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).

The Greater Remington Improvement Association (GRIA) is dedicated to being a vibrant part of Remington. GRIA is a community organization and we cordially invite you to become a member.

Everyone is welcome to become a member of GRIA, there is a membership form and a \$10.00 annual membership fee. We can also drop a form off at your house or mail it to you.

Visit **www.griaonline.org** for more information and to view coming events, blogs, and past newsletters.

# We need volunteers for delivering News to your neighbors!

The Remington Newsletter is looking for volunteers to pass out the newsletter at the first weekend of each month. The routes are only a few blocks of the Remington neighborhood. This would be a help to your community and only take an hour or so.

Please contact Andre@greaterhomewood.org or Betsy@episcopalhousing.org for more information.

#### Birthday, Anniversary or other announcements?

You can place a shout out to family or friend in Remington. Please contact her by the 18th day of the month before the month ahead (so if you want to say Happy Birthday for your Aunt in the May newsletter, get it to Betsy by March 18th).

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

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#### **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.



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