

Remington

Community Newsletter

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Get answers from BGE about bills

Don't you get annoyed with those guys that knock on your door at 7 pm while you are eating dinner or settling the kids down? They say they are with BGE and need to see your bill to get you a refund. Ever wonder if they are legit? Here's a way to find out how to handle them.

On January 23rd at 6:30 pm BGE is coming to Remington to talk about it. This is a legitimate meeting with a representative from BGE. He will talk about how to save energy money in your home, ideas on how to lower your BGE bill and answer questions.

There will also be a speaker talking about Energy Choice and what it means to sign up for another energy provider than BGE and which are legit and which are not. How not to get caught up in a scam spanning the neighborhood. This will be a great workshop to attend - swap stories with neighbors and find out what is really happening with your Gas and Electric bills.

Thursday January 23rd at 6:30 pm.

Held at Kromer Hall -335 W. 27th Street at the Guardian Angel.

Please call Betsy at 410-366-6200 to sign up and reserve a space.



Remington Row Project Picks Up Steam

Seawall Development's proposed Remington Row redevelopment project on three blocks of Remington Avenue is gaining momentum as they plan to start work next year. On December 14th, the developers presented their most recent plans to the community.

On the 2700 block of Remington, all buildings are planned to be demolished, including four small houses on Fox Street. In their place would rise a five-story structure that would look like an historic factory, like the Stieff Silver or Millers Court buildings. This building would have 130 apartments, ground-floor retail space and underground parking. The 2800 block involves renovating the existing Anderson auto body shop into a grocery store, offices and parking. On the 2900 block, Seawall would demolish the Pizza Boli's and renovate the existing L-shaped building into offices, shops and apartments, with a parking lot that could be easily converted into community event space. Seawall is also under contract to buy the 7-Eleven and is exploring ways to incorporate that block into the project.

Seawall's Thibault Manekin and Jon Constable, and architect Sean Kefferstan from Hord Coplan Macht, were on hand to get feedback from residents. Nearly all of the 40 residents in attendance seemed very satisfied and excited about the plans. Thibault and Jon emphasized that they want to create something that the Remington community will embrace.

The retail tenants that they will seek out are based on community suggestions and would preferably be locally-owned businesses. There was some concern about the cost of the rental apartments and how that might affect long term residents. Seawall assured residents that they would rent the apartments for as little as they could, while making sure the project will still pencil out.

There will be more community meetings as things develop. If you want to learn more about the project or suggest potential businesses, contact Evan Morville at emorville@seawalldevelopment.com or (443) 602-7514.

\$25,000 Spruce-Up Grants Available

Central Baltimore Partnership recently announced that grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded to transformative projects in only 10 north Baltimore neighborhoods, including Remington. The projects have to involve some sort of physical improvement that will have a major visual impact and will improve public or private property. Past winners have included huge murals, solar-powered trash cans, building renovations and park benches.

The application deadline is in early March, but organizing projects like this often takes a lot of work. Greater Homewood Community Corporation is offering assistance to help residents brainstorm ideas and apply for the grants. If you have an idea for a project, contact Ira Kowler at (410) 261-3625 or ikowler@greaterhomewood.org.

Renter and Landlord Issues to be discussed

On Thursday January 16th at 2pm at Kromer Hall 355 W. 27th St. at Guardian Angel there will be a workshop with a member of Legal Aid to help answer questions and discuss issues about tenant/landlord relations.

Legal aid will talk about how to handle property safety and repairs, absentee landlords, reviewing a lease, security deposits, damage to your property and where to go to resolve problems.

Whether you are renting now or are a landlord, find out if you need a lawyer, or need to create an escrow account, what will happen in court,

how the eviction process works and how to stop it.

Please let Betsy Childs know if you are interested in attending or have questions. Call 410-366-6200





If you're looking for answers to your questions about Obamacare, or just need someplace nearby to go for your primary health care needs, there is a small, friendly network of community health centers close to you that you need to know about.

People's Community Health Center Greenmount Avenue Center Call 410-467-6040

In Our Community

Food Pantry - Kromer Hall

9 - 9:45 am Wednesdays 355 W. 27th Street

Community Dinner

335 W. 27th Street In Kromer Hall Free and fun, on Thursdays at 5:30 pm

Remington Empowerment Center

Free Food Fridays
Noon - 4pm
Corner of Huntingdon and Lorraine Avenue



Join the Greater Remington Improvement Association!



January 20th at 7 pm

Temporary location Miller's Court
2601 Howard Street, Downstairs, side entrance

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

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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.

Remington Business Showcase

Tanner's Pickles

The Remington community welcomed Tanner's Pickles to the area in mid-December. The business just moved into the former Hopkins Pizza (and before that, Domino's Pizza) building on Remington Avenue, across from the 7-Eleven. This location is temporary, as the building will be torn down and the site incorporated into Seawall's Remington Row project. However, Tanner's plans to remain in Remington and operate the business in one of the new or renovated buildings as part of that project. They were approached by Seawall Development, who offered them temporary space for the growing operation and permanent space in the new development.

Tanner's Comestibles was started as a hobby in 2011. Owner Evan Tanner wanted to make his own pickles and other specialty food items. He did a lot of experimentation and ultimately came up with a product he was satisfied with, eventually getting his products featured in specialty grocery stores around Baltimore. There are no 'plain' varieties of pickles--just interesting flavor combinations like "Old Bay and Onion," "Chipotle Garlic Dill" and "Lemongrass Garlic."

In addition to pickles, Tanner's offers other pickled vegetables, relish, vegetable chips, toffee and merchandise. They have a full tasting bar where you can sample before you buy. Despite being produced in small batches, prices are reasonable. Come check out the goods that are "Handmade in Baltimore by Handsome Devils," which hopefully will become a Remington institution.

Tanner's Pickles 2724 Remington Ave (443) 326-7505 www.tannerspickles.com



2014 Maryland Energy Assistance Program: Help for Remington Residents

Save some money on your fuel bills. It's not to late for MEAP in 2014.

If you are interested in learning more or completing the applications, Betsy Childs is now available on Wednesday mornings after 10 am at the Church of the Guardian Angel. This can help with BGE and oil if needed.

The state will allocate a certain amount towards your energy bill each month or help in purchase of oil for the year. Get relief and stay warm this winter.

It's easy to complete, but there is certain paperwork needed. If you are interested in setting up an appointment, please call Betsy Childs at 410-366-6200 or stop in on Wednesday morning.

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