



# Remington

## Community Newsletter

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### Baltimore Fire Chief visits Remington

The City's Fire Department was out in force in Remington on February 22nd. Several fire engines circled the neighborhood and firefighters were knocking on doors, passing out free smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Chief Niles Ford (pictured on left with Josh, a Huntingdon Avenue resident) was making the rounds and meeting new residents. He has only been on the job for a few weeks and it was his first visit to Remington.

A BCFD spokesman said that Department regularly makes such community visits when there is a fire-related death. In this case, a longtime Huntingdon Avenue resident was tragically killed in a house fire the previous week.

The spokesman noted that many fire deaths occur in homes that don't have working smoke detectors. Carbon monoxide, an odorless gas, is also a major concern. Thus the City provides free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to any resident that wants them. To get your free detectors, just call 311.

### Street sweeping in Remington

Baltimore Street Sweeping will expand citywide on Wednesdays beginning in April to stop tons of trash, grime and pollutants from ending up in the Chesapeake Bay. This will be adding 76,100 new route miles and increasing service from selected routes, mostly in the City's core, from today's 30% to 90% of all Baltimore City streets neighborhoods. Yes, including Remington.

Baltimore is under State and federal mandates to decrease levels of storm water pollutants entering our waterways. Increased mechanical sweeping is part of our plan to do so. Officials said the action also is necessary to clear trash from blocking storm drains and causing flooding during heavy rains.



Drivers are asked to move their vehicles on designated days to allow room for the mechanical sweeping. The sweeping will be on Wednesdays. There will be signs posted and postcards sent out to each household in the next month to specify which days and times your street will be swept. Street Sweeping will typically take place during daytime work hours when most vehicles will be off residential streets.

For information about mechanical street sweeping, please call 311 or check the mechanical sweeping quadrant map at [cityview.baltimorecity.gov](http://cityview.baltimorecity.gov) or please contact Mary Pat Clarke or Carl Stokes with your questions and concerns.

## GHCC's 7th Annual Neighborhood Institute

On Saturday March 8th, from 9 am to 3 pm, Greater Homewood Community Corporation will hold its 7th annual Neighborhood Institute. The Neighborhood Institute is a daylong series of training sessions that help Baltimore residents build strong communities.

The event will feature 16 workshops led mostly by area residents, including some from Remington. The keynote speaker is actor Sonja Sohn, known by many for her role as Detective Griggs in *The Wire*. It will be held at the Inn at Colonnade, 4 W. University Pkwy.

This year's workshops include diverse issues such as: fundraising, social media, block captains, children and schools, Baltimore by the numbers, community projects, code enforcement, neighborhood branding, workforce development, and 21st century schools. The Neighborhood Institute is free of charge.

You must preregister in order to attend.

To register, contact Ira Kowler at GHCC: 410-814-9206 or [ikowler@greaterhomewood.org](mailto:ikowler@greaterhomewood.org). There are still some spots available, so act now!

## Spruce Up the Huntingdon Avenue Path Project

Nellie Power, a Remington resident would like to make some improvements to the path running from where Huntingdon Avenue dead-ends into 31st Street and becomes a thoroughfare down the park hill to Wyman Park Drive. (see map below). Maybe more lights, a bench or two or some stones to define the path.

This route is used by many runners, dog walkers, residents just walking to Hampden, students and hikers. It is a great way to get some green under your feet.

She is submitting a grant into the *Spruce Up Your Neighborhood* grant program and is looking for input from the community. Ms. Power asks that residents fill out a form so she can gather community feedback about the what they could see for the Huntingdon Avenue Path.

The Survey Feedback Forms can be found at several local businesses and popular spots and the more she can receive back the better - check for them at Long John's, The Dizz and the Thrift Store at Guardian Angel.

The survey link is also available online on NextDoor Remington post or the Friends of Remington page on Facebook.



## Join the Greater Remington Improvement Association!



**Meeting on a New night -  
Wednesday night  
March 19th at 7 pm**

**And New Location -  
Church of Guardian Angel - Kromer Hall  
355 W. 27th Street  
(blue door)**

On the Agenda -

- Reports from GRIA Committees
- Community discussion and update on the Sisson Street Remington Green Space
- GRIA board elections in April
- Street sweeping in Remington
- Open discussion with members on events, happenings and concerns in the neighborhood.

The Greater Remington Neighborhood Association - GRIA is an organization open to all residents of Remington. There is a yearly \$10 membership fee which can be paid or earned by working at the events. We meet once a month on the third Wednesday.

We welcome people not just to join GRIA but to sign up for at least one Committee so that we can divide the labor and get things done more effectively. The more the merrier and the stronger the neighborhood. We also feel a variety of viewpoints helps for the group.

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.

## Remington Business Showcase

### Mahan Rykiel Associates



Mahan Rykiel is a landscape architecture firm in the Stieff Silver building, right on Remington's northern border with Hampden. The company was started in 1983 in founder Catherine Mahan's house. They moved to Mount Washington in 1993 and to their current location in 2001. The firm currently has 38 employees, some of whom live in greater Remington.

Mahan Rykiel specializes in all sorts of outdoor design and master planning. They have completed projects in 25 countries around the globe, and dozens of projects right here in Baltimore. Some of Mahan Rykiel's work will be familiar to many Remington residents: the brick sidewalks on Johns Hopkins University's Homewood campus, the Wyman Park Dell master plan, and improvements to several areas of Druid Hill Park were all completed by the firm.

Other notable Baltimore projects include the landscaping around Camden Yards, Spinnaker Bay condos in Harbor East, the St. Paul Street commercial district in Charles Village, and the corridor study for the Red Line.

Mahan Rykiel is currently working on a major project in Dubai, a master planned community surrounding the world's tallest building. So now you know that all these great ideas are coming from right here in Remington!

#### **Mahan Rykiel Associates**

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## Remington Census

The most recent official census was in 2010. Remember them knocking on doors?

Well, members from the Church of the Guardian Angel got to wondering how the neighborhood may have changed in the last few years. On Saturday March 22nd, you may get a knock on the door and a few polite questions.

They are interested in information from renters on what percentage of income goes to rent, also homeowners or renters if their home is in need of repairs and how active they are in the local community groups and most important, what are the biggest stress/problems are right now. This is an information gathering day, there is no agenda. Results will be available for anyone to view.

### Green Remington!

Anyone have an interest in green projects - or if you are working on one, could we help?



Send an email to [ecgarem@gmail.com](mailto:ecgarem@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping OR are interested in getting help with a project you have.

## St. Mary's Outreach Center

3900 Roland Ave Hampden

### FOOD STAMPS FOR THOSE 55 AND OLDER

You may sign up for Food Stamps on:

Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 1 pm  
St. Mary's Outreach Center's Fellowship Hall

You will need to bring Picture ID, Social Security Card, Proof of Income, Rent/Mortgage verification, Proof of Utility, most recent Bank Statement and all prescription and medical bills.  
Any questions call 410-366-3106

### SENIOR BENEFITS AND LUNCHEON

Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 am  
ST. Mary's Outreach Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy a delicious lunch with friends & join a discussion with Q & A time concerning senior benefits offered at St. Mary's Outreach Center.

Call 410-366-3106 to reserve your space. Hope to see there!

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**There is no poop fairy.**



**Please clean up after your dog.**

Dog waste doesn't biodegrade like wild animal waste. It sticks around for a long time. Meanwhile, it contains harmful bacteria, pollutes groundwater, and smells disgusting on the bottom of a shoe. Please help keep parks, trails and neighborhoods free of poop piles by packing out your dog's waste.