

### **Tenth** Edition

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## Not Traditional, and yet Successful!

Just about everyone knows about The Community School because of its over 30 years in Remington as an academic and mentoring program for young people who have left school or not found success in the traditional classroom.

Students there find success in the rigorous, yet comfortable learning environment with most of the students going on to college and career. The school is a community within itself and students help each other to achieve their goals.

What you may not know is that this year it became a state certified nonpublic high school, allowing it to grant credits and diplomas in line with state requirements. This increases the strength in the school and it's programs.

The Community School is currently enrolling students for the 2014-15 school year. If you are a graduating 8th grade student or transferring high school student, contact the school for more information and an application.

The school is located on the corner off 30<sup>th</sup> and Huntingdon Avenue at 2939 Huntingdon Avenue. Stop in and get information or ask questions. You can reach the school by phone at 410-467-4920 or visit the website for more information. <u>www.tcshighschool.org</u>.

### Remington Ave Development update

Seawall Development, which is developing Remington Avenue, has been actively listening for the last nine months (since their initial presentation in July 2013) to the comments from neighbors in the Remington community.

Evan Morville of Seawall Development stated "We heard many people say that developing all three blocks at once was too much for Remington and they asked us to consider spacing out the development and hence construction - the project will now proceed with the 2700 block being built first (construction starting by the end of 2014), followed by the 2800 block and then the 7 -11 (which have unknown start dates at this time). "

He stated other feedback and comments – they heard many people say that 141 apartments was too many for the neighborhood to handle, and that residents asked for an office presence so there would be more daytime activity. Mr. Morville and Thibault Manekin took all of the notes and went back to their roots.

They have revised the original plans keeping feedback about the development in mind. There are changes that now include 35,000 square feet of collaborative nonprofit office space and below market rate apartments and neighborhood retail space.

The nonprofit office space is at the heart of every project that Seawall has ever done and the introduction of the nonprofit office component will allow them to further reduce the rent of our apartments, making them even more affordable for the workforce.



### "Spruce Up" grant awarded to Remington resident

The Homewood Community Partnership Initiative "Spruce Up" grant awardees were notified on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and Huntingdon Avenue resident Nellie Power was happy to receive the news that her proposal was funded!

The project, known as **Huntingdon Avenue- Wyman Park Path Improvements** will achieve many goals: Fill a gap in existing community/city walking and bike trail plans, improve the existing path by extending it, create a bike crossing at the juncture of the path at Wyman Park Drive, increase community awareness of the historical significance of the site and provide continued opportunities for community contribution to the project and the location.

The grant funding will cover the costs of extending the path, adding beautiful landscaping and trees to the site, installing a historical marker with information and a photograph of the streetcar bridge that used to occupy the site, and the bike crossing creation.

Additional community and financial support for an entrance archway (perhaps through a competition in collaboration with city arts groups) will be sought to truly round out the project. GRIA will serve as 'fiscal agent' for the project, building their experience and capacity to serve in that role for other community members who apply for grants.

## Take a walk around your block!



The Remington Newsletter is in search of volunteers to distribute the newsletter each month.

It will be just a couple hours of your time and a set route.

We have 3 routes that

are open now. The routes are only a 100 or so houses. You can walk the dog, or the children and get to know more of your neighbors.

If you are interested in what was happening in Remington from 2006 to 2014 and would like copies of the Remington Newsletter, they are available in PDF format.

Please call Betsy at 410-366-6200. or email Betsy@episcopalhousing.org for more information.



Join the Greater Remington Improvement Association!



Meeting on a New night -Wednesday night

May 21st at 7 pm

Church of Guardian Angel - Kromer Hall 335 W. 27th Street (green door)

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.

Visit **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.or betsy@episcopalhousing.org

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A Maryland I.D. or Driver's License is needed for many official documents, such as the MTA bus pass, food pantry, social security and others. If you have lost yours, let us help!

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 and speak to Betsy Childs or call 410-366-6200.



## **St. Mary's Outreach Center for Seniors**

<u>Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) –</u> May is the last month to sign up for 2014. Please do so by May 20<sup>th</sup>, so that MEAP will have it by May 30<sup>th</sup>. The income limit is \$1,675.62 for a single person and \$2,261.87 for a family of two.

<u>Homeowner's and Renter's Tax Credits</u> –You may sign up for Homeowner's and Renter's Tax Credits until September 1.

<u>Homestead Tax Credit</u> – You can still sign up for the Homestead Tax Credit. If you sign up this year, it will not take effect until July of 2015's Property Tax bill.



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