



Remington

Community Newsletter

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Changes for 25th Street Station project

After investing more than five years and \$5 million dollars, WV Urban Developments has pulled out of the 25th Street Station development by Anderson Automotive Group's Bruce Mortimer, according to city councilman Carl Stokes.

Representatives from Wal-Mart, however, reached out to both Councilman Stokes. Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke and neighborhood associations to say that they are still coming.

Seawall Development has expressed an interest in taking over the project but as yet, nothing definite has been announced. The firm has said it was open to continuing the project mostly as is with Wal-Mart as an anchor but would consider all options.

The projects goal was to convert the mostly-vacant 11 acre automotive complex at w. 25th street and Howard Ave to a mix of retail and residential. It has been mired in controversy since the involvement of Wal-Mart was first announced in early 2010.

Political Debate in Remington

Remington's political future was the spotlight of Greater Remington Improvement Association's (GRIA) general meeting back on May 21st—at least our representation at the state level in the Maryland State Senate.

Due to the redistricting that will put Remington (currently within the 40th District) in incumbent Joan Carter Conway's district (she currently represents the 43rd District), Senator Conway was in the neighborhood to present her views and ultimately debate with Baltimore City Councilman Bill Henry of the 4th City District, also seeking to represent Remington in the State Senate.

After winning a coin toss to determine who went first, Senator Conway spoke about several issues and brought her 17 years' of experience at the State level to the forefront, offering it as a primary reason why she should be elected over Councilman Henry.

When it was Henry's turn to speak, he immediately established his own record of leadership within the town council and then questioned several statements made by Senator Conway. Her response to his accusations began a polite but intense political debate between the two politicians that lasted nearly 45 minutes, covering a variety of issues.

Primary elections are June 24th.

Both Homeowners & Renters can apply

The Maryland Homeowner's Property Tax Credit and Renter's Tax Credit for those that have received this already, a reminder that it is an annual reapplication.

For those that haven't, check it out - the state property tax credit program is designed to help make home ownership more affordable for working families. There is also a Renter's Tax Credit available.

This is a program which allows credits against the homeowner's property tax bill if the property taxes exceed a fixed percentage of the person's gross income. In other words, it sets a limit on the amount of property taxes any homeowner must pay based upon his or her income.

Applicants must report income and this must be your principal residence and your net worth cannot exceed \$60,000. Income information must be from Applicant and others occupying the home.



Clean and Green Event

Come out for some trash bins & fun!!

GRIA is hosting a "Clean and Green" event on June 28th. It will be from 9 am till 1 pm. It will be held at the Greenmount School on 30th street in Remington.

A limited number of trash bins and recycle bins will be handed out starting at 10 am on a *first come, first serve basis*.

There will also be a dumpster for trash and volunteers will be doing some general clean up of brush in the area. If you have any bulk items for pick up, please contact Bill Cunningham at 410-799-7446 and he can assist in pick up that morning.

GRIA is partnering with other non-profit groups concerned with Greening and Cleaning in Baltimore. There will be exhibits, tables with information on Urban gardening, greening in Remington and some on hands projects like bucket gardening, painting planters, information and mini hikes thru the Stoney Run trail in Remington, also music and snacks.

If you would like to volunteer to help at this event please contact Betsy Childs at 410-366-6200. Volunteers are needed for handing out the trash bins and other areas of the celebration.

Join the Greater Remington Improvement Association!



**Meeting on a New night -
Wednesday night**

June 18th 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

Remington Business Showcase

Charmington's

Located between Charles Village and Remington - more specifically on the corner of Howard and 26th Streets) in Baltimore, Charmington's is a coffeehouse and café serving up awesome food and beverages to its customers.

Charmington's is named after the two neighborhoods it sits in between; and the owner's feel very connected to the residents surrounding the shop.

Conceptually, Charmington's is very similar to the Cafe at Bluehouse. Their goal is to serve organic coffee and locally produced food in a comfortable and relaxed setting for fellow neighborhood residents and students at nearby Johns Hopkins.

Managing partner Amanda Rothschild said "Over the past four years we've felt it a privilege to call Remington our home (or half of it, anyway!). We fell in love with the space the moment we saw it, and have been welcomed warmly since our opening day in September of 2010. Watching the neighborhood change and grow, just like the families who have been our regulars now for years, has been an inspiring and unexpected reward."

New plans for expanding the seating area was announced recently and begins another great chapter in Charmington's history.

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Get your Maryland I.D. Card

This 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.

We will also provide transportation to the DMV if needed. This will be once a month (the 3rd Wednesday at 1pm).

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.) and talk to Betsy Childs or call 410-366-6200.

St. Mary's Outreach Center for Seniors

FOOD STAMPS FOR THOSE 55 AND OLDER

DATE: Tuesday, June 10th

TIME: 1 pm

WHERE: ST. Mary's Outreach Center, 3900 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21211

Any questions call 410-366-3106

Items 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.

MARYLAND ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Please note that MEAP ended for 2014 on May 30th and will begin again July 1st for the year 2015. We should have our applications by the middle of July.



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