



# Remington

## Community Newsletter

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### Greater Remington Improvement Association (GRIA)

#### Recent and on-going projects:

- Residents meet at the corner of Huntingdon and 27th every Tuesday at 6:30 pm and walk the neighborhood. We pick up trash, call in 311 requests, and deliver the Newsletter. If you'd like to walk with us, meet us next Tuesday!
- We updated our website—[www.griaonline.org](http://www.griaonline.org)— with links to city resources, police, restaurants, and other amenities in the neighborhood. Check it out!
- We've held garden workshops for youth and adults every Sunday for the past month and a half. We're growing vegetables and learning how to start our own gardens. Thank you to the Baltimore Community Foundation for funding this project.
- We are planning the third annual RemFest block party. This year we're hoping to have it on September 12th, with a fall harvest theme. Look for more detailed information via flier soon.



At the Garden Workshop

## A Warm Welcome to Caitlin Sellnow

Episcopal Housing Corporation is pleased to announce that Caitlin Sellnow will be working in Remington as the Community Builder with the Church of the Guardian Angel and Pastor Alice.

Her duties will include running new programs for children and providing more information about various types of resources available for Remington residents. She will also work alongside GRIA and Greater Homewood Community Corp. with their projects.

Caitlin grew up in Minnesota and is excited about being here in Baltimore.

"I am really looking forward to getting to know the Remington residents, so if you see me on the street, please stop and say hello!"



Caitlin Sellnow, EHC

## Haircuts, Backpacks and Fun!

The kids are back to school and the summer vacation ended with the annual Back to School Book on August 22. Many backpacks, stuffed with supplies needed for the upcoming school year, were handed out to students of all grade levels. There were a variety of other interesting attractions at the fair. Free haircuts as well as nail and face painting were in high demand. Spirit the service dog (and her owner) also made an appearance at the fair. Barb and the Remington Youth Project Radio set up so residents could listen to the stories of the neighborhood (see page 2).

Alternative energy seemed to be a theme at this year's fair. A biodiesel car, a hybrid car and a cool solar oven showed ideas for alternate fuel sources. Project Lightbulb took names of any residents interested in upgrading to a more energy efficient home-free of charge. And yes, the free hot dogs and lemonade helped while this was all going on. It was a busy day!

Thank you to the three Episcopal churches— Epiphany of Timonium, St. Andrew's of Glenwood and St. Mark's of Highlandtown— that donated both time and supplies to make the fair a success.

# Horror and fun found here in Remington on Halloween!

Submitted by Beth Barbush

Halloween is Creeping up on us! Beware of Hauntingdon Ave! Last year the 2900 Block of Huntingdon Ave was transformed into a spooky trick-or-treating experience for kids of all ages. Neighbors opened up their porch fronts for interactive activities and haunted fun. This year will be bigger and better and we are getting started early! If you would like to help plan this year's Hauntingdon Ave by helping make decorations, having a porch activity, or donating trick or treating goodies, please contact Beth at ebarbush@gmail.com or 410-322-7080. Come on by on Halloween for some ghoulish fun:



- get a bloody scar painted on a limb
- get a picture taken in your costume
- taste a sip of pumpkin punch
- grab a handful of gooey eyeballs
- paint a pumpkin
- try your hand in spooky side walk chalk
- record a ghost story



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## WANTED: Remington residents to share long-forgotten stories

Do you have a neighborhood story to share? Do you want to meet new neighbors? Are you interested in photography or collecting stories?

Check out RYPR Remington Youth Project Radio (RYPR). RYPR is a project of Art on Purpose, a community arts organization dedicated to using art to bring people together around issues and ideas. RYPR provides youth aged 9 -16 the opportunity to become interviewers, documentarians, artists, and all around good listeners in a project aimed at collecting and sharing Remington residents' stories and opinions about their community and the issues facing it.

Last year the youth, with guidance from Art on Purpose Program Director and GRIA board member Beth Barbush, created ready-for-radio audio pieces, interviewed numerous adult residents, made art reflecting their findings, and began building a portrait of the hidden stories of the neighborhood and those who live there.

This year the program is starting up again in early October. We are looking for new members, both adults and youth. Join RYPR's new fall session if you are or know a young Remington resident who is interested in art or wants to learn skills in interviewing, editing, photographing, and public speaking. RYPR is also looking for adults to be interviewed and/or to help mentor the youth participants.

If you are interested in being interviewed for this project, want more information, or want to help out please contact Beth Barbush at 410-322-7080 or ebarbush@artonpurpose.org.



Pastor Alice Jellema of the Church of the Guardian Angel being interviewed about the church history. The Church of the Guardian Angel is the oldest church in Remington and for many years was also the elementary school. You can listen to that history or many others on the recordings that are available.

## Outreach to Seniors found in Hampden

Many senior citizens are not sure what government assistance programs they may be eligible for. Sandy Simmons with the St. Mary's Outreach Center in Hampden can help with that.

She is available by appointment to sit down with you and determine what can be done and how much help you can find.

Take, for example, food stamps. There will be a Food Stamp Outreach Program on Monday Oct. 5 from 9-2 pm. Coordinator Rodney Stephens will be there to help participants over 55 with filling out the applications and getting qualified for Food stamps and the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). This will be held at the St. Mary's Outreach Center at 3900 Roland Avenue in Hampden. The Hampden Shuttle bus (#98) goes right by it.

There is also the Maryland Energy Assistance Program, the Senior Water bill, Medicare D, and others that St Mary's Outreach can help you fill out and send to the appropriate agencies.

Give Sandy Simmons a call at 410-366-3106 and she can work with you and your family.

## MEAP: Energy Assistance for Remington in 2010

There is still time to submit the application for Maryland Energy Assistance Program in 2010. Stop over at the Church of the Guardian Angel on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:30 am to get things in motion.

Please bring the following items with you: state-issued photo I.D., BGE energy bill, Social Security card and proof of income either with a pay stub or a SSI monthly income letter.

We will have all the forms available and will fill them out and send them in for you. If you have any questions, call Betsy for more information on these programs: 410-366-6200.

## GRIA meetings - Everyone is welcome

Come by and join in on our monthly GRIA community meetings.

We meet on the third Monday of each month at 7pm in Kromer Hall at the Church of the Guardian Angel (335 W. 27th St).

Hear updates on what is happening around the neighborhood, what is coming up, and enjoy meeting fellow neighbors to discuss community events and share news.



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## Remington Community Newsletter

This newsletter is produced and distributed to the residents and businesses located in the neighborhood of Remington with the collaboration of the following partners: Church of the Guardian Angel, Episcopal Housing Corp., GRIA, and the Greater Homewood Community Corporation.

Everyone is welcome to contribute information about activities and events in the Remington neighborhood.

Write to:  
Remington Community  
Newsletter  
2629 Huntingdon Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21211

## Remington Community Events

### Thrift Store

Every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Guardian Angel Thrift Store is open. It is located in the basement of Kromer Hall. There is a new message line: 410-889-9400. We are looking for donations of clothes, household items and small furniture.

### Tuesday Porch Art

Fun at 30th and Huntingdon for the kids. Porch Art starts at 7 pm and helps children with creative thinking and expression. This is free for Remington children.

### AA Meetings

For info about AA meetings held Monday nights at The Church of the Guardian Angel please call: 410-235-5740.

### Tool Bank

If you are in need of tools to work on your home, please call Betsy to set up an appointment to pick them up: (410) 366-6200.

### Food Pantry

Every Wednesday from 9am-9:45am the food pantry is open at Kromer Hall (335 W. 27th St.). A bag of healthy foods is distributed to all in need who live in the 21211 zip code. Bring proof of residence.

### Wednesday Night Community Meal at the Church

Each Wednesday at 6pm, there is a free community dinner at Church of the Guardian Angel. The dinner is a hot meal and a social time for Remington residents.

### Neighborhood Walk

At 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday neighbors will meet and together walk around Remington to greet fellow neighbors, pass out newsletters, and get the word out that our neighborhood is a true community.



### Tuesday morning Vegetables

During the summer, there will be free vegetables, whatever is in season in front of the Church of the Guardian Angel. Bring your own bags.



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## Remington's GRIA website!



The Greater Remington Improvement Association has launched a website: [www.griaonline.org](http://www.griaonline.org). The site has a lot of useful info, such as back issues of the newsletter, photos of past projects, reviews of local bars / restaurants, contacts for GRIA committees, and much more! Add us to your Google reader or RSS feed reader by searching Greater Remington Improvement Association. Also add us to your Google calendar for all GRIA events. Visit [griaonline.org](http://griaonline.org) and see for yourself!

## Johns Hopkins Public Events -

There will be many events this fall for both the public and students to enjoy. The Johns Hopkins events calendar, with a wide variety of mostly free events, is located in the lower left corner of the page at [www.jhu.edu](http://www.jhu.edu).

# THE DIZZ

**Breakfast Is Now Being Served!  
from 6am to 11am**

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