



Remington

Community Newsletter

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Ghoulish Fun found here in Remington!

Remington was loaded with Halloween fun this year. Residents on the 2900 block of Huntingdon Avenue volunteered use of their front porches to create the second annual "Hauntingdon Avenue" and offered over 15 activities on porches and the sidewalk. Some favorites were the costume photo station, the scary apothecary, and face painting at the zombification station. There were also pumpkin toss games, hula hooping, drawing, painting and much more!

Nearly 50 adult residents and 15 youth residents helped make Hauntingdon happen through the donations of time, candy and creative energy. Most decorations were hand-made by both kids and adults from the community. Activities were created and run by your neighbors, who came dressed as clowns, cavemen, werewolves, sunflowers, and mummies!

Despite the slight drizzle on Halloween night, there was a great turnout and both kids and adults enjoyed themselves and many are looking forward to next year's Halloween on Hauntingdon. Check out some photos from the photo booth on <http://community.webshots.com/user/HauntingdonAve09>.



Adults and children enjoying the fun and spookiness found at Hauntingdon Avenue on Halloween 2009.





GRIA
Recent and
on-going
projects:

Neighborhood Walks

Every Tuesday we meet at 6:30 pm at the corner of 27th and Huntingdon. We walk the neighborhood for about an hour. The purposes of the walk are to distribute the Remington newsletters, call 311 to report problems, and meet neighbors who are out on their steps. Please join us!

Neighborhood Plan

We are making a document that summarizes residents' views on the neighborhood. To participate, please contact us at info.gria@gmail.com or come to one of our regular monthly meetings, every third Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Church of the Guardian Angel.

Remington's GRIA Meetings!

Come by and join in on our monthly GRIA community meetings. We meet on the third Monday of each month at 7 pm in Kromer Hall at the Church of the Guardian Angel (335 W. 27th St).

Come for Community Thanksgiving

Submitted by Caitlin Sellnow

Thanksgiving fun will be celebrated in Remington at the Church of the Guardian Angel at 335 W. 27th Street beginning Wednesday, November 26th at 6:30 pm. There will be 3 cooking workshops at Kromer Hall. Come make some delicious stuffing, scrumptious pies and create some fancy jello!

On Thanksgiving day proper, Thursday, November 27th, dinner will be served from 11:30 am to 1 pm at Kromer Hall— all are invited. There will be board games before dinner and socializing afterwards. Come hungry and enjoy turkey, stuffing, potatoes and all the fixings! We will also be accepting canned good donations for the Food Pantry.

Energy Assistance to help with Winter Chill

Submitted by Betsy Childs

If you hear talk about MEAP and haven't applied yet, it's time to get you set up. MEAP is a state program that helps you pay the cost of heating your home, even if heat is included in your rent. It is not a set amount for everyone, but is decided by income and household needs.

If you qualify, MEAP will send money to cover your heating bill directly to your energy supplier each month (if you pay your own heating bill) or to your landlord (if heat is included in your rent). The amount you will receive is based on your income and energy usage. Payments to utility companies are usually not made until January, but you need to apply early. You can continue to receive MEAP for as long as you qualify, but you do have to reapply each year.

If you are interested to see if you qualify, stop by the Church of the Guardian Angel on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:30 am to get things in motion. Home visits can also be arranged for senior citizens or other persons with special medical needs. You can also call 410-366-6200 and ask for Betsy for more information.

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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.

Contact Betsy Childs at 410-366-6200 or email betsy@episcopalhousing.org

Remington Youth Interviewing Remington Residents

Submitted by Beth Barbush

Remington Youth Community Radio Class is brought to you by Art on Purpose and GRIA. It meets every Tuesday evening from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. This class is for youth ages nine and up who are interested in learning about their neighborhood and documenting it through drawing, writing, photography and story telling.

Students are learning how to interview and edit stories so they can make ready-for-radio sound pieces. They may come knocking on your door soon to ask you to share a neighborhood story or ask your opinion on a community issue. They have already spoken to many residents— new and long-time—to capture stories about the history of Remington.

If you would like more information, know a youth that would like to be involved or would like to be involved yourself, please contact RYCR program director Beth Barbush at 410-322-7080 or ebarbush@gmail.com.



Jeydi Portillo interviews Timiera Toland about the things that scare her and why.

The Remington Youth Community Radio Project did some interviews at this year's Hauntingdon Ave, asking people what scares them. This is what they found: Rats, Bats, Spiders, Clowns, Bombs, the dark, grasshoppers, homelessness, being kidnapped, scary masks, mystery sounds...and Michael Jackson!



What scares RYCR students?

Scary Pumpkin— by Darrein Ray

"I am scared of spiders because it is scary and if it is a poison spider and it bites you...you can die! And it is also scary because what if it jumps on you and you scream? Also I hate the web because if it gets on your hands its nasty and you have to go tell your mother." - Jeydi Portillo



Spiders - by Jeydi Portillo

Excerpt from a RYCRP article by interviewer Arianna Clatterback on the question of, "What scares you?"

"Things that scare other people are things that they are not use to and things that are weird to them. People are afraid of these things because they don't really understand them. Because they don't know it and understand it, they become paranoid. Their mind plays tricks on them and makes them think that it's something that it really isn't. They tend to over exaggerate when its really not as scary as it seems. For example some people are afraid of snails. Snails are just tiny, harmless creatures that live in a shell. All you have to do is put salt on them and they'll shrivel up and die. (please don't actually try)." signed -Arie

Snail— by Arianna Clatterback



Introducing Margaret Brent VISTA Kenneth Fockele

Submitted by Auni Husted

Gainesville, Georgia native Kenneth Fockele has been serving as a public education Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) at Margaret Brent Elementary/Middle School in Remington since this summer.

After studying German literature at several institutions, Ken "decided to do something a little more useful to others" and committed to a year of service through the Greater Homewood Community Corporation. He has been working on after-school and in-school enrichment programs at the school, as well as assisting with Saturday morning neighborhood clean-ups and Remington's public gardens. He hopes to continue building parent and community involvement at the school. Current community collaborations include gardening projects, Remington Homework Club and the work of Art On Purpose.

Ken explained that "the school, both the grounds and the kids, could benefit enormously from the knowledge and enthusiasm that are already present in Remington. We are working on a new tot lot outside the school which could use the Remington touch!" Other opportunities for community involvement include American Education Week festivities November 16-20. The school will host an open house for prospective parents 8:30-10:30 am on November 20. You can talk to Ken at GRIA meetings or at various community events throughout the year about starting new community partnerships.

He says that Greater Homewood, the large nonprofit organization that brings VISTAs like him into northern Baltimore city schools, can provide "a wealth of resources and knowledge about Remington going back many years that I can tap into easily if anyone needs help, especially with block improvement projects." Ken, who currently lives in Hampden, has found Charm City's many distinct neighborhoods—including Remington—to be a lot of fun.



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