



# Remington

## Community Newsletter

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### From Tire Shop to Fresh Start

Single Carrot Theatre has moved to 2600 N. Howard Street. But, in a way, they say, they have always been moving.

As an organization, Single Carrot Theatre has grown greatly since they drove a Penske truck from Denver to Baltimore seven years ago. They have added several company members. Grown the staff to seven, and their budget now supports not just productions but numerous education and community programs.

Despite the fancy new digs, they are Single Carrot. This is still a spot where in many seats an audience member could reach out and touch an actor onstage. This is a spot where Baltimore kids (and adults) will have a place to not just play, but learn to create a whole world from an empty space. It's still Single Carrot. It's just bigger, better, and more able to accommodate a growing audience with growing needs.

So as they take this newness and make it a place where all are welcome, it's their hope and plan to not just continue to produce art, but to push the theatrical envelope.

Single Carrot wants to explore unseen worlds with kids and adults alike and to make a home for Carrots, but also for the residents of Central Baltimore and beyond. Besides performances there will be workshops and programs throughout the year.

Single Carrot is one of two tenants that have moved into the building. The others, Young Audiences Maryland, which is the nation's largest arts education network and brings performing arts to area schools and chef and restaurateur Spike Gjerde, who plans to open an eatery and butcher shop in the building.



Top: Single Carrot Theatre Entrance on 26th Street  
Bottom: Show rehearsal, Photo by Britt Olsen-Ecker

Looking for quality health coverage that fits your budget?



Now it's here.

### Affordable Healthcare enrollment at Kromer Hall

*Thursday evening, February 6th, from 6 till 8pm*

Church of the Guardian Angel 335 W. 27th Street

Do you or someone you know need health insurance? You may be eligible for health coverage through a qualified health plan or qualify for Medicaid through expanded income guidelines that went into effect in 2014. Healthcare Access Maryland (HCAM) can help.

Certified Navigators from HCAM will be available from 6 - 8pm on February 6th to provide information and help you shop, compare and enroll in health insurance coverage through Maryland Health Connection, the state's online insurance marketplace. If you have any questions please call Betsy 410-366-6200.

## \$25,000 Spruce-Up Grants Available

Central Baltimore Partnership recently announced that grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded to transformative projects in only 10 north Baltimore neighborhoods, including Remington. The projects have to involve some sort of physical improvement that will have a major visual impact and will improve public or private property. Past winners have included huge murals, solar-powered trash cans, building renovations and park benches.

The application deadline is in early March, but organizing projects like this often takes a lot of work. Greater Homewood Community Corporation is offering assistance to help residents brainstorm ideas and apply for the grants. If you have an idea for a project, contact Ira Kowler at (410) 261-3625 or [ikowler@greaterhomewood.org](mailto:ikowler@greaterhomewood.org).



## Community Healthcare Center Open

If you're looking for answers to your questions about Obamacare, or just need someplace nearby to go for your primary health care needs, there is a small, friendly network of community health centers close to you that you need to know about.

People's centers offer primary medical care, plus some specialty services, and their staff has always been experienced in helping connect people to quality care, regardless of their ability to pay, so they are experts in all the new benefits available through the Affordable Care Act too.

*People's Community Health Center  
Greenmount Avenue Center  
410-467-6040*



## St. Mary's Outreach Center

3900 Roland Avenue Hampden  
410-366-3106

### **FOOD STAMPS for those 55 and older**

**11 am. on Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Please bring with you the following: Picture ID, Social Security Card, Proof of Income, Rent Verification/ Mortgage Statement, Proof of utility, Most recent bank statement and Prescription/medical bills.

### **SENIOR LUNCHEON**

“Senior Benefits”

**Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 pm**

Do you know what you are entitled to? There are many local, state, federal, private programs that you may not know about. Come and Learn!

Please call 410-366-3106 to RSVP for this.

## Join the Greater Remington Improvement Association!



**February 17th at 7 pm**

Temporary location -  
Miller's Court  
2601 Howard Street, Downstairs, side entrance

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

### Baltimore Finishing Works

Down where Huntingdon Avenue turns into 25th Street, there's a special business in Remington that can't be found anywhere else in the entire city or metro area. Baltimore Finishing Works has been stripping paint and refinishing a variety of items for the past 93 years.

Current owner Richard Reeve focuses mainly on architectural details for historic houses. The business was founded by his grandfather in 1921. His father owned the business beginning in the 1950's and Richard bought it in 1986. Baltimore Finishing Works is a 'best kept secret' that has many loyal repeat customers, especially those that restore old homes.

Much of the company's work is devoted to refinishing windows, doors, trim, shutters and other architectural details that contain lead paint which is now illegal. It is very detail-oriented, time consuming process which is why Baltimore Finishing Works is the preferred contractor for this type of work.

As a result, thousands of Baltimore homes feature Baltimore Finishing Works' efforts, as well as notable historic sites all over town. Some famous projects that Reeves has worked on include the Evergreen House, The Washington Monument, and the USS Constellation.

Reeves says he is looking forward to celebrating the company's centennial in seven years, but he says his work is a dying art and hopes the younger generation will take on the careful delicate work of paint stripping and refinishing. He says it's a true labor of love that many others share. Nonetheless, the extensive portfolio of this iconic Remington business means that its work will be enjoyed for generations to come.

**Baltimore Finishing Works**  
2509 Huntingdon Avenue  
410-235-7326

### Public TRASH DUMPSTER Days

Available Saturdays from 9am till Noon on these dates -

April 5th, located at 26th and Huntingdon

June 28th, located at 30th and Huntingdon

August 23rd, located at 26th and Huntingdon

September 27th, located at 26th and Huntingdon

**These are for resident use only, no contractors.** Also if you have a bulk trash item please call 443-799-7446 for help with a pick-up.

### 2014 Maryland Energy Assistance Program: Help for Remington Residents

Save some money on your fuel bills. It's not too late for MEAP in 2014.

If you are interested in learning more or completing the applications, Betsy Childs is now available on Wednesday mornings after 10 am at the Church of the Guardian Angel. This can help with BGE and oil if needed.

The state will allocate a certain amount towards your energy bill each month or help in purchase of oil for the year. Get relief and stay warm this winter.

It's easy to complete, but there is certain paperwork needed. If you are interested in setting up an appointment, please call Betsy Childs at 410-366-6200 or stop in on Wednesday morning.

### Margaret Brent Full Speed for 2014



2013 brought lots of new changes to Margaret Brent.

Over the summer extensive renovations funded by City Schools and Johns Hopkins University that up-

graded the bathrooms, cafeteria and exterior of the building took place.

The end of 2013 brought additional renovations to the bathrooms on the second floor as well and the building it looking great with all the upgrades.

Several students were able to start off the new year with new uniforms thanks to a generous donation from GRIA (Greater Remington Neighborhood Association) and a Remington resident and also the time consuming volunteer work from the Village Parents.

Lots of terrific things are happening at Margaret Brent and more is in store for 2014. Staff, parents and our community partners are working hard to bring the very best to Margaret Brent. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Please check the website for upcoming open house dates can be found at [visitingwww.greatschoolscharlesvillage.org](http://visitingwww.greatschoolscharlesvillage.org) and if you would like to volunteer, please contact Sharicca Boldon, at [sboldon@greaterhomewood.org](mailto:sboldon@greaterhomewood.org) or 410-575-3393.

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# SOUP-ER BOWL SATURDAY!

**Saturday February 1st  
11:30 am — Soup and Sandwiches**

**Free food - Featuring OMG Chili, Momma's  
Chicken Noodle, Vegetarian's vegetable  
and more!**

**Enjoy soup, sandwiches, drinks snacks &  
home baked cookies!**

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by the Teens at St. Andrew's, Glenwood