



# Remington

## Community Newsletter

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### Steps Taken on Sisson Street Lot

The Greater Remington Improvement Association (GRIA)'s long time desire to keep the lot at 2701 Sisson Street both green and open for Remington residents was at least partially fulfilled this past month as the Baltimore Housing Department—the owner of the lot—took it upon themselves to begin the remediation process and then put the lot up to be adopted.

As the site of a former Laundromat, the grounds of the lot were contaminated by a variety of chemicals; remediation involves putting a cap over that and then two feet of new soil on top of the existing soil to be contained by railroad ties along the periphery of the lot.

Upon hearing of the availability of the lot for adoption, GRIA moved fast to put an application in so that Remington residents will determine what is to be done with the lot and how this land will be utilized for the good of community members.

Councilman Carl Stokes also acted quickly for his constituency in Remington by immediately sending a letter of support for GRIA's adoption of the lot to various city decision makers, including the Baltimore Housing Department.

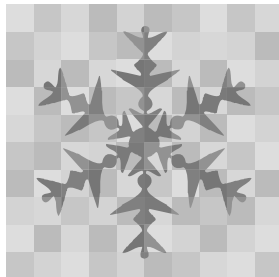
### Keep Winter Out of the House- Free Winterization of your home!

On Nov 1st, between 10 am and 2 pm neighborhood volunteers are working with Alpha Phi Omega (APO), a local JHU fraternity to help Remington residents in preparation for winter.

Sign up to confirm your participation in the Annual Remington Winterization Project that takes place in November. The APO fraternity will do winterization by installing plastic on the windows to keep cold air out of the homes. This one step will help lower heating bills and keep the house warmer when the temperatures drop.

It is FREE, but you must call ahead and make sure you are REGISTERED. Appointments will be set up for that date and a time convenient for you. Participants are required to be at the house when they come around on Nov 5th.

If you have a house in need of any of those pre winter steps, contact Betsy Childs, Remington Community Builder, at [betsy@episcopalhousing.org](mailto:betsy@episcopalhousing.org) or call her at 410-366-6200.



### BACK to SCHOOL with Arts Everyday Family Arts Integration Event

**Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm**

Margaret Brent Elementary/Middle School

#### *Featured Activities –*

Play in Clay with Baltimore Clayworks: Parents and students will use air-dry clay to create and play

Wiggle Bots with Future Makers: Make a tiny robot that wiggles and wriggles!

Parents as Arts Advocates: Talk with Arts Every Day staff about how to become an arts advocate.

Free! - Register with FREE FALL Baltimore at [www.freefallbaltimore.org](http://www.freefallbaltimore.org)

## Hauntingdon Halloween Event Canceled

GRIA is sorry to announce that annual Hauntingdon activities and street festival has been canceled this year.



We are hoping to find a strong leader and volunteer base for 2015 and continue this wonderful event.

If you are interested in helping for next year, please contact Blaine Carvalho at [info.gria@gmail.com](mailto:info.gria@gmail.com).

## Neighborhood Association GRIA Brings Grant Program to Remington

Starting this winter GRIA will administer a grant program designed to fund small resident led projects.



Between \$250-\$1000 per project will be available to Remington residents to improve their community. Application is easy and all ideas will be considered.

Projects that engage many neighbors to solve a common problem will be strongly considered.

Come to our meeting on October 15 or November 19 at 7pm in Kromer Hall to learn more about how you can better Remington.

## Community Events at Church of the Guardian Angel 335 W. 27th St.

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner** will be starting to serve at Noon till 2pm on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th. This is open to all. We are looking for volunteers to help cook turkeys for this event. This is free, but you must have a Remington zip code ID.

**Parents' Gift Day** is December 20<sup>th</sup> this year. Starts at 11am. Gather on the front porch of Guardian Angel.

At this event, Remington Parents of Remington kids can choose from a vast array: one toy /game, one stuffed animal /t-shirt and one book for each child. Remington parents are asked to bring **their own ID**, and the **latest school report card** for each child, **AND \$1.** for each child in the household getting a gift..

The dollar is for another child somewhere else in the world- perhaps facing hunger, illness or war. You will be able to choose where each of your dollars goes. Thank you notes will be available so you can tell your child about it, too.



**Advent - Solstice Quilt Party** is December 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon inside Guardian Angel Church. Artists are dyeing fabric now to work with all fall. Come and greet your neighbors! Light refreshments and music. Free to all.

## Join the Greater Remington Improvement Association!



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

**October 15th**  
**November 19th**

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

## 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](mailto:betsy@episcopalhousing.org)

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## Baltimore's Best!

Remington has been named the City Paper's **Best Neighborhood in Baltimore** in this year's Best Of edition.

Last year we ranked Best Up and Coming Neighborhood. This year, Remington has had the new businesses like Tanner's Pickles and Parts & Labor coming in, residents doing greening in the neighborhood, community events and local developer Seawall planning out Remington Row. This has pushed us to win the title of Best Neighborhood in Baltimore! Woohoo! Go Remington!

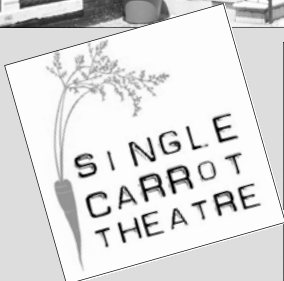
While we are at it, we can also mention some of the other Best of Baltimore's that are found right here in Remington —

**Parts & Labor Butcher shop** on Howard Street, named Best Butcher Shop in Baltimore.

**Tanner's Pickles** on Remington Avenue, named Best Pickles in Baltimore.

**Single Carrot Theatre** on 26th Street, named Best Move, which was from their old spot to right here in Remington! Good choice Single Carrot!

Remington is Rocking!



## St. Mary's Outreach Center for Seniors

Fall Harvest Luncheon – Monday October 13<sup>th</sup>  
Come enjoy lunch with a cornucopia of food.

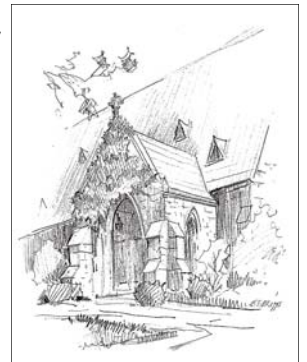
There will also be a Question & Answer time about Medicare D enrollment. — Please RSVP at 410-366-3106 Entrance fee is canned goods for the Hampden Food Pantry.

Medicare D – Open Enrollment – October 15<sup>th</sup> thru December 7<sup>th</sup> — Everyone should check their Medicare D plan during open enrollment. Some of the Medicare D companies add RX drugs and some drop covered RX drugs. Prices change each year and so do co-pays and deductibles.

Call St. Mary's at 410-366-3106 in October if you would like to check your prescription drug plan for 2015. There are programs to help low-income seniors and a state program that helps middle income seniors pay their monthly premium up to \$40.

### St. Mary's Outreach Center

Now located Upstairs at  
3900 Roland Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21211  
**410-366-3106**  
Ask for Sandy or Carol



## Maryland Energy Assistance Program M.E.A.P.

Apply now for help with the 2015 BGE bills

Church of the Guardian Angel  
335 W. 27th Street  
*Wednesdays mornings from 9 am to 10 am*  
*Or call for an appointment*

If you pay a BGE bill, you may qualify for energy assistance. MEAP is a monthly payment made directly to your BGE bill to help lower the cost on your payment. Many of your neighbors here in Remington have been helped.

- **Maryland I.D. Card**
- **Current BGE Bill**
- **Social Security Card**
- **Proof of Income** - SS letter of annual income, or a paystub for 2 pay periods

If you have any questions, contact Betsy at 410-366-6200

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