

The Remington Newsletter

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Clavel expansion, traffic flow changes on the horizon for lower Remington

Josh Greenfeld, Chair, GRIA Land Use Committee

You may have noticed that construction has begun at the very popular Clavel restaurant and bar on the 200 block of W 23rd Street to add 50 seats adjacent to the restaurant's main dining room. The expansion should help accommodate the restaurant's tremendous demand and also reduce the number of patrons who congregate outside of the establishment.

In addition to this modest expansion, the restaurant is in the process of applying for approval to conduct "live entertainment" in the establishment. A live entertainment license will allow Clavel to host Latin dance nights and private events like wedding parties. Patrons of the popular establishment currently endure wait times of up to two hours for a seat in the dining room.

On August 1, the Greater Remington Improvement Association's (GRIA) Land Use Committee, joined by over a dozen neighbors from lower Remington, heard a presentation from Lane Harlan, the owner of both Clavel and nearby W.C. Harlan, on her plans for expansion and entertainment. The committee voted unanimously to support the request for a live music license. The GRIA Board gave the request final approval on August 9th. The proposal will now move onto the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals for public hearing with a date to be determined.

In tandem with the business expansion, additional parking and better traffic flow along the majority of streets in Remington's southernmost blocks are to be expected soon. Baltimore City's new Director of Transportation Michelle Porciau is reviewing proposals from GRIA and City Department of Transportation staff to prevent the queuing of taxis at Veolia on the corner of Huntingdon and 21st Street and encourage business patrons to park on



the non-residential blocks in this part of the neighborhood.

Reversing the flow of traffic on the 2300 block of Huntingdon, so that traffic runs north from 23rd Street to 24th Street, and adding to new signage encouraging business patrons to park on this block should put the roughly 40 parking spaces into productive use. Converting traffic alignment on the 2200 block of Huntingdon, as well as removing outdated signage, should create 8 parking spaces on the block.

Harlan said that she and the rest of her team, "standby the voices of the neighbors," and are actively working with direct neighbors, GRIA, and the Department of Transportation to alleviate parking challenges. "We want to be an asset to the neighborhood," she stated. **R**

Josh Greenfeld chairs GRIA's Land Use Committee, which reviews applications for various business and zoning licenses and permits on behalf of the neighborhood. Questions about the new traffic patterns, parking, or business-related issues in Remington can be sent to Mr. Greenfeld, at joshua.greenfeld@gmail.com.

Dates You Should Know

WHAT: Multi-neighborhood meeting to discuss traffic conditions on 28th and 29th Streets.

WHEN: Thursday, September 21st, 7pm

WHERE: St. Phillip and James Church, 2801 N Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21218

WHAT: Community Clean Up Day—Join JHU students when they come out to help in Remington for the annual President's Day of Service!

WHEN: Saturday, September 23rd, 12-3pm

WHERE: 2701 Sisson St, Baltimore, MD 21211

WHAT: Remington's Fall Playground Festival

WHEN: Saturday, October 14, 12-3pm

WHERE: Playground on 30th St and Miles Ave

WHAT: Hauntingdon—Remington's Annual Halloween Spooktacular for all ages! Come in costume, ready for tricks, treats, and dancing!

WHEN: Saturday, October 28, 5-8pm

WHERE: 2900 block of Huntingdon



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Who writes this thing, anyway?

Emma Simpson, Editor

Since 2015, the Remington Newsletter has been managed and edited by longtime Huntingdon Avenue resident Craig Bettenhausen. Craig is an editor by trade and brought those skills to bear on the Newsletter. He also developed a business plan for the Newsletter that made it financially self-sustaining. But his family outgrew their house in Remington, and in July they moved to nearby Harwood. He will certainly be missed.

My name is Emma Simpson and I will be continuing the tradition of this (almost) monthly periodical. I grew up in Baltimore and moved to the 400 block of W 23rd Street in April. When Craig announced his retirement from the Remington newspaper industry, I jumped at the opportunity to get to know the residents, local businesses, and personality of Remington better through the Newsletter!

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GRIA volunteers will continue to manage the distribution of this newsletter, however, the Newsletter will remain editorially independent of GRIA. While I am not a current GRIA board member, I am actively involved with the group.

Most importantly, the Newsletter is looking for submissions of all shapes and sizes, from any Remington resident, stakeholder, or business owner. If you want to try your hand in writing, have an idea for a story or spotlight, want to promote an event, or contribute in some other way please email me at NewsInRemington@gmail.com.

Helping hands are always appreciated! **R**

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Popsicle nights bring out neighbors

Molly McCullagh, President, GRIA

Three evenings this summer, neighbors gathered at the Sisson Street Community Park for a common cause: popsicles! The popsicle nights, hosted by GRIA, were fun, family-friendly activities and provided a chance for neighbors to connect.

With the sprinkler turned on, kids in bathing suits challenged each other to jump through without getting wet, and inevitably ended up soaked and happy, while adults mingled, met new neighbors, and discussed upcoming and recent neighborhood happenings.

One night we celebrated a young neighbor's birthday. He turned six and for the two weeks before the event he would run up to me daily and ask, "Is tonight Popsicle Night?" He was so excited for his birthday and to have a special way to



celebrate!

GRIA also used these gathering as an opportunity to show off the work we've accomplished over the summer at the park. Most notably, the Sisson Street Community Garden was awarded first place in the "Vegetable Community Garden" category this year by the University of Maryland Extension and Baltimore City Master Gardeners. The judges were impressed by the gardeners' plots, our community outreach efforts, and creative use of a shipping container on the site. The award was delivered along with three paw paw trees to plant—gardeners and neighbors will be enjoying the fruit of our victory in about five more years when the paw paws have grown bigger!

To find out about upcoming events at the park and across the neighborhood, visit the GRIA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/greaterremington. **R**

Join the Greater Remington Improvement Association!

*The 3rd Wednesday of
every month at 7pm*

September 20th , October 18th

Church of Guardian Angel - Kromer Hall
335 W. 27th Street



Did you know that you can reserve the Sisson Street Community Park for your child's birthday or a special event?

*To schedule your event or join the group of neighbors
who are taking care of the park, e-mail us at
info@griaonline.org or call us at 443-620-4742.*

Go Online, Get Social

Your neighbors are connecting, sharing information, and planning events on social media, and you can, too! We recommend using:

Facebook's Friends of Remington page:
www.goo.gl/bPqMp

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