



Remington

Community Newsletter

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Village Green Enters Land Trust

By Ashlie Kauffman, Remington Village Green site manager

The Remington Village Green, a community garden on Fox Street, received great news this March when we finally signed papers to transfer our city-owned garden lots to the Baltimore Green Space, a community land trust that preserves open spaces throughout Baltimore. With these spaces now a part of the trust, the garden will remain permanently preserved as open space, and will be available to gardeners in Remington for years to come.

To expand the garden's value to the community, we are making an effort to provide more activities and gardening education. In recent years, we've hosted the Charm City Farm and Garden bike tour, art days, cookouts, and an Easter egg hunt. This year we've added a kids' bed, so that neighborhood children gain hands-on experience growing food and taking care of plants. Additional art projects and community events are in the works for the future. To help raise funds for these kinds of activities and for additional garden development, we'll be hosting a flea market on Sunday, June 7th, with a larger fund-raising event planned for later in the season. Please mark your calendars!

Started in 2008 by Roy Skeen, Megan Beller, Charlie Beller, and other volunteers, the Remington Village Green has a membership of approximately 25 gardeners each season, who grow food for their families in 18 individual garden beds. Two murals make the space more vibrant, one created under the guidance of former resident Eric Imhof, and the other spearheaded by Moira Fratantuono, with the help of the Huntingdon Avenue Porch Art club and other Remington residents who dropped by to paint.

Community plantings in the garden include asparagus, beans, peaches, pears, plums, figs, blackberries, strawberries, hibiscus, and various herbs. The garden also showcases native plants and flowers, a birch tree, and a



Courtesy of Remington Village Green

potluck area. Our many community friends and partners, such as Parks & People, the Church of the Guardian Angel, GRIA, the Center for Social Concern at Johns Hopkins, and Hopkins' members of Alpha Phi and Beta Theta Pi, have all been instrumental in livening up the garden.

For more information, please e-mail remingtonvillagegreen@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook and Instagram. Also check out the great work that the Baltimore Green Space is doing to preserve land throughout the city by visiting baltimoregreenspace.org. ■

Remington Community Picnic

Saturday May 30, 11pm-4pm,
on the lot at 27th and Sisson street.

Recycling bin and trash can give away for all residents - bring your ID

Free picnic food, cupcakes from Sweet 27, coffee from Charmingtons

Music @ noon by the Baltimore Westsiders Marching Band!!!!!!

Vendors and Kids activities
Dumpster for all from 8-10am

Volunteers needed, contact info.gria@gmail.com

Meet The New GRIA President, Ryan Flanigan

Spring is finally here in Remington. After a long winter, we are returning to our stoops and porches to enjoy the weather together, as we have for generations. With spring also comes our annual elections for GRIA's board of directors.



I am gratified and excited to say that our membership has elected me to be GRIA's president along with a capable and dedicated group of board members for the 2015–2016 term.

In the next year, we will address many issues and problems, but our work for a greener, safer, more vital Remington will not be lost in the shuffle. To that end, I will work to:

- Increase and support our existing green spaces.
- Decrease the crime that traps our youth.

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- Foster partnerships with businesses and property owners to make them active community members.
- Grow our membership to bring new and long-term residents together.

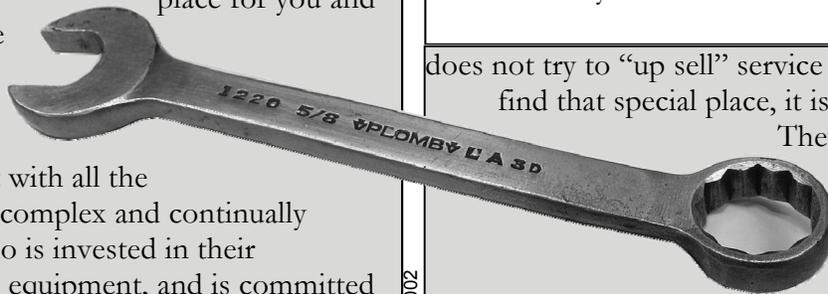
Our efforts attempt to preserve and promote the multi-class, intergenerational, and diverse neighborhood that we are lucky enough to call home. The next year will bring great change to our community, and it is only with everyone's effort that we can channel that change in a way that is equitable for all.

Come on down to 26th and Miles, my door will always be open to you. ■

Get Your Car Ready For Summer

As we approach that much-anticipated and long-overdue spring/summer driving season, with family vacations, day trips, road trips, or just the trip to work each day, we all need our cars to get us there and back home again. We need to pay attention to our automobiles' service needs as we transition from winter to spring. One of the most important aspects of a drama-free transition is changing the fluids and filters that your car is so reliant on. Fluids such as oil, coolant, transmission fluid, and brake fluid to name a few. Filters such as the oil, air, and cabin filter. All of these filters and fluids have been working overtime through the winter to get you and your car from point A to point B. Preventative maintenance is the best thing you can do to protect the investment you have in your car—and to protect yourself for that matter. No one likes to be broken down with a mechanical failure that could have been avoided with some simple and basic preventative service.

If you do not have a shop or mechanic or have not been happy with the service you have been getting, here are some tips to find the right place for you and your car. Look for a service provider that you can trust and develop a long term relationship with, a professional who is current with all the changes going on with our complex and continually evolving cars. Someone who is invested in their continuing education, shop equipment, and is committed to you—the client. Find that special place and tech that



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If your income is \$1,313 or less per month and your assets are no more than \$8,660, you may be eligible for help paying your Medicare D premium and deductible, and your prescriptions may only cost \$1.20 to \$6.60.

Educational Health Fair & Medication Check-Up

3939 Roland Avenue, Lower Level Social Room
Thursday, June 25th, 2015 From 1 – 3 PM **Free**
Any questions and to make your reservation call 410-366-3106.

Senior Citizen Water Bill Discount – 35%

Principal Resident must be 65 or older with a combined household income of not more than \$25,000 per year.

Call the office to set up an appointment.

St. Mary's Outreach Center

3900 Roland Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21211
Ask for Sandy or Carol



does not try to “up sell” service that can wait. When you find that special place, it is an unmistakable feeling.

They will pay attention to you; they will be patient and listen to you as you describe what is going on with your car.

When you do find that shop, or tech, let them do a thorough inspection in addition to an oil change service before you hit the road for that family vacation you've spent months planning and dreaming about. When it comes to your car, it is always better to prevent the problem than to react to a failure.

—Jeff Millman, Sisson Street Automotive



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Contact CraigBettenhausen@gmail.com and put “job listing” in the subject line.

Remington Row Renderings Released

By Craig Bettenhausen

Seawall Development has released depictions of their plans for the building currently under construction on the 2700 block of Remington Ave. The broad strokes—retail on the street level, offices above that, and 108 apartments above that for a total of four to five stories—have been public for months. But these drawings give a more concrete sense of the what the developer, which also controls most of the 2800 and 2900 blocks of Remington Ave., will construct.



The view shown here is from the southwest corner of the intersection of Remington ave. and 28th street. Parking and auto entrances will be located on the opposite face of the building, facing Fox street.

In April, Seawall announced that all of the office space has been claimed by Johns Hopkins Community Physicians, a large, full-service medical practice. The group currently resides in the Wyman Park building on 31st street.

“We are thrilled to be keeping Johns Hopkins Community Physicians here in the neighborhood,” said city Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke.

Remington business Potts & Callahan and other contractors are currently digging a giant hole to accommodate multiple levels of parking, the building's foundations, and some of the other mechanical support for the complex.

The Walmart development planned for 25th st. is dead, for now. Seawall, which also controls that property, scrapped the “25th Street Station” plans for the site to quell a lawsuit filed by six area residents. Although the agreement abandons the enabling “PUD” that the City Council passed in 2010, it does not prohibit another development plan based around big box stores such as Walmart. However, Seawall pledged to work with the community to develop new plans for the 11-acre site.

In the short term of at least three years, the properties on 25th will be occupied by MTA, which will store buses on the lower lot and have offices in the old Honda building, and Anderson Auto Body, which has moved from of its

Join the Greater Remington Improvement Association!

Every third *Wednesday* night, 7pm



**June 17th
July 15th**

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

longtime home on the 2800 block of Remington Ave. to the former Anderson Showroom.

The latter move frees Seawall to begin redevelopment of the old auto body shop at 29th street and Remington Ave. When the renovation of the existing building is completed, it will contain a mixture of retail and office space in addition to parking. ■

Local Sunday Church Services

New Liberty Church of God 11:15am, 2600 Hampden
Guardian Angel (Episcopal) 8am, 10am, 2631 Huntingdon
Fellowship Spiritual 10:30am, 2629 Huntingdon
Greater Faith Baptist 10:45am, 3000 Huntingdon

This newsletter is produced and distributed to the residents and businesses of Remington in partnership with GRIA, the Church of the Guardian Angel, and the Greater Homewood Community Corporation. All are welcome to contribute about activities and events in Remington. Contact the editor at (443) 650-8733 or CraigBettenhausen@gmail.com.