

# The Medfielder

The Medfield Community Association Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Two years ago, we set out to reinvent the MCA Board of Directors — how we engage the community, how we manage our funds, how we conduct our everyday business.

Board members stepped up to lead new efforts, tackling not only zoning and land use issues, but traffic and crime, too. The MCA became more welcoming and inclusive, supported community events (and hosted some, too), and obtained 501(c)3 status through a reputable fiscal sponsor.

We've come a long way, and the progress continues. Just this month, we added a liaison to the Department of Public Works and recruited a new Garden Club leader.

As my term winds down, I'm so grateful for this opportunity to serve Medfield. I've been truly inspired by the talent and commitment in our little community, and I can't wait to see what comes next.

— Cindy Cabales, President, Medfield Community Association

## CITY COLLECTS 401 TONS OF TRASH IN FIRST MONTH OF EXPANDED STREET SWEEPING

While Medfield experienced some hiccups in the street sweeping rollout, Baltimore's streets are already cleaner.

The new citywide program collected an unprecedented amount of trash on the first sweep: 81.1 tons on April 2 and 108.9 tons on April 9. By the end of April, street sweepers had removed 401 tons — the weight of 25 city buses! — of trash from our streets.

DPW representative Eryka Purnell attended the April MCA general meeting to discuss concerns with residents. If your street is not swept on your designated day (first Wednesday for odd sides, second Wednesday for even sides), please report it to 311. If you have other questions or concerns about street sweeping, contact Eryka Purnell at 410-396-8966.

## ARRESTS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT CAR BREAK-INS

Police have arrested two suspects in connection with the spate of car break-ins that hit Medfield this spring.

This is great news, but please continue to be vigilant and report any suspicious behavior — trying door handles, looking in cars, etc. — by calling 911 or our Northern District Community Liaison Officer, John O'Donnell, at 443-938-1472.

Several residents have also reported that criminals enter their vehicles via the keyless entry system. If someone breaks into your car, file a police report online or via 311 no matter how small the loss or damage.

## UPDATE ON DOG POISONINGS IN HAMPDEN & MEDFIELD

Investigators continue the search for a man suspected of poisoning several dogs in Hampden and Medfield.

The suspect is described as a heavyset Caucasian male, 60–70 years old, balding with dark hair. He has been seen wearing a dark windbreaker and a baseball cap, and he walks with a slight limp.

## NEXT MEETINGS

### GENERAL MEETING

TUE, MAY 13, 7:00 PM

Christian Love Baptist Church  
Social Hall, Falls Rd. & 42<sup>ND</sup> St.

☞ 2<sup>ND</sup> Tuesdays each month

### BOARD MEETING

WED, MAY 28, 7:30 PM

Christian Love Baptist Church  
Social Hall, Falls Rd. & 42<sup>ND</sup> St.

☞ 4<sup>TH</sup> Wednesdays each month

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat, May 10 9:00 AM	<b>Community Shred Day</b> Watch your documents being shredded on site. 📍 1400 W. Cold Spring Lane (Poly parking lot)
Sat, May 10 9:30 AM	<b>Block Rep Meeting</b> Current and prospective Block Reps welcome! 📍 The Evergreen Café 📞 Jaclyn Paul: <a href="mailto:jaclyn@jaclynypaul.com">jaclyn@jaclynypaul.com</a> , 410-415-3159
Wed, May 14 6:00 PM–9:00 PM	<b>41<sup>ST</sup> District Town Hall &amp; Community Forum</b> Join Senate Candidate Will Hanna and the community organizations of Northwest Baltimore for an opportunity to speak with the candidates for elected office in Maryland's 41 <sup>ST</sup> legislative district. 📍 The Wilson Center, 4650 Reisterstown Rd, 21215 📞 <a href="http://bit.ly/41stDistTownHall">http://bit.ly/41stDistTownHall</a>
Thu, May 29 6:30 PM	<b>Hampden Community Council 40<sup>TH</sup> &amp; 41<sup>ST</sup> District Candidate Forum</b> 📍 Roosevelt Rec. Center, 1221 W. 36 <sup>TH</sup> St.
Tue, June 10 7:00 PM	<b>MCA Board Elections</b> The 2014–2015 Board of Directors will be elected at the June general membership meeting. 📍 Christian Love Baptist Church, Social Hall 📞 <a href="mailto:medfieldmd@gmail.com">medfieldmd@gmail.com</a>
Sat, June 21 1:00 PM–7:00 PM	<b>Party for Our Pets by Strengthening Lives</b> Please join us for a day of fun activities just for dogs! Admission is free, but there will be concessions and t-shirts for sale. All proceeds benefit Maryland SPCA. 📍 Medfield Heights Elementary School 📞 <a href="mailto:strengtheninglivesinc@yahoo.com">strengtheninglivesinc@yahoo.com</a>

Dog owners have found poisoned meat thrown over fences into their back yards.

If you see anything that could be related to this case, please do not engage with the suspect, but report it to investigator Chuck Wilson at 443-934-9282. Investigator Wilson is also seeking anyone whose pet may have been victimized.

### SPRING FIRE SAFETY TIPS

As the weather gets warmer, stay safe with these tips from the Baltimore City Fire Department:

- Do not store flammable liquids, such as gas cans or gas-powered lawn mowers, indoors. It only takes a small amount of vapor to trigger an explosion.
- Open fires are prohibited in the city. Decorative fire pits must use gas or charcoal.
- Keep your grill away from anything flammable, including the vinyl siding on your house.

### LOCAL BUSINESS UPDATES

Chipotle is making progress on building out the space next door to Dunkin Donuts.

Additionally, the acquisition of 4300 Falls Road (formerly JT's Market) by partners related to Preller Properties has been completed. The new owners have improved several properties in greater Medfield, including the Falls Road Apartments, which underwent a full renovation in 2009. We will make further details available once plans for the former JT's site are finalized.

### ME AND MY SHADOW

by Isaac Rehert

This evening as the sun is setting  
during my daily walk through Medfield  
I am alone with my elongated shadow—  
stretching backward from my shoe-soles  
over cracked curbs and leafless trees—  
the slender long-legged giant that as a child  
I remember dreaming I'd like someday to be.

I feel like speaking with my shadow  
to tell him how happy I am  
he is accompanying me  
even while I am aware  
he will abandon me after I turn the next corner.

Just the two of us for just another moment.  
I sigh for I know my shadow cannot answer  
taking his giant steps emptily along behind me.

Today I see this was a brief moment of happiness  
when I was thirty feet tall and had a friend  
who walked every step behind me  
in silence never saying a word.

### MHES BALL FIELD LEASE UP FOR RENEWAL

The lease of Medfield Heights Elementary's ball field to Friends School is being considered for renewal by the School Board. The MCA Board has heard a handful of complaints from neighbors regarding trash left behind and verbal harassment by those using the field. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Friends School's usage of the field, email us at [medfieldmd@gmail.com](mailto:medfieldmd@gmail.com).

### SEEN ON NEXTDOOR...

Not on Nextdoor yet? Join the conversation at [medfield.netxtdoor.com](http://medfield.netxtdoor.com)

#### Medfield Clean Up Crew Proposal

3 May

Amanda Thompson from Medfield

Hi Neighbors! Duke and I were just picking up trash for a couple hours while on our walk. Would anyone be interested in starting a "Neighborhood Clean Up Crew"? If we could get one or two residents on each street to commit to picking up the trash and cleaning out the storm drains on a daily or even weekly basis, we could keep it a really nice and clean neighborhood!

Shared with Medfield only in General

Stephanie, Bryan, Cindy and 2 others thanked Amanda



Shepherd Gelston from Medfield

3 May

I wouldn't be opposed to that, my whole street both sides is usually a whole day event for me. One more person would make out a lot easier.

Amanda thanked Shepherd



April Pink from Medfield

3 May

My husband and I really enjoyed doing it for our block of 41st, I'll volunteer!

Amanda thanked April



Joanna Knight from Medfield

3 May

I'll take care of 1300 block of Weldon and edge hill over to 42nd. There are two storm drains there on Edgehill.

Amanda thanked Joanna



Amanda Thompson from Medfield

3 May

I will start a "Medfield Clean Up Crew" Group on here! :)

April thanked Amanda

### YOUR MCA BOARD MEMBERS

**President:** Cindy Cabales

Samantha Armacost

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