

# The Medfielder

Medfield Community Association  
Newsletter



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## COMMUNITY NOTES

### NEXT MEETING

**TUES., AUG. 13, 7 p.m.**  
Christian Love  
Baptist Church (CLBC)  
Hall, Falls Rd. & 42nd St.

### BOARD MEETING:

**WED., AUG. 28,**  
**7:30 p.m.,** CLBC Hall  
Falls Rd. and 42nd St.

### MEETING DAYS

MCA general meetings are on the **2nd Tuesday** and the board meets on the **4th Wednesday** of the month.

### STAY CONNECTED

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### BOARD MEMBERS

President: Cindy Cabales

Vice-President: Brian

Parkinson

Secretary: Randy Dalmas

Treasurer: Gary Sever

General Board Members:

Samantha Armacost

Charly Carter

Pat Dideriksen

Dennis Dideriksen

Jaclyn Paul

Maureen Burke

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Get ready, Medfield. We've got some great stuff cooking for you! We are **FINALLY** on the verge of obtaining 501(c)(3) status via fiscal sponsorship, which makes us an official non-profit organization in Uncle Sam's eyes. This puts us in a much better position to solicit donations from local businesses and apply for grant money.

You will benefit through our new Member Rewards Program as well as raffles and silent auctions at future events. Do you know a local business we should approach for donations of goods and services? Or maybe you'd be willing to ask on our behalf? Bring your suggestions to the next MCA general meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Christian Love Baptist Church social hall (42nd & Falls). Can't make it? Look for this message on Nextdoor and leave your suggestions there

— Cindy Cabales

### ZONING AND LAND USE UPDATES

Prospective purchasers of Red Fish Liquors met with the Medfield Zoning Committee and Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke on July 29 to discuss their plans for the store. They currently own three Dunkin' Donuts stores and recently acquired the 41st Street location at the request of Dunkin' Donuts' corporate management. They agreed to all current restrictions to the liquor license and expressed a desire to improve the store's by offerings, stocking more high-end beers and wines. The Zoning Committee will make its recommendations at the MCA general meeting on Aug. 13.

In other news, the Rotunda redevelopment is expected to break ground in September. Stay tuned for more details!

### GARDEN CLUB AND COMMUNITY GARDEN

Want to know more about our plans for a community garden? Come to the Garden Club meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian Love Baptist Church social hall. This is a great place to connect with fellow Medfield gardeners, get involved in a special gardeners' event at the Fall Festival, and participate in community greening projects. Vegetable gardens often produce in abundance in August, so we may be sharing the wealth at this meeting! For information, contact Doug Rose at 443-866-6365 or [dougrose.is@gmail.com](mailto:dougrose.is@gmail.com).

### GETTING HELP WITH 311 REQUESTS

Have you filed a complaint via 311 and not seen results? Contact Stan Janczak, Superintendent of Northeast District Inspections with Baltimore Housing, at 410-545-7550 or [stan.janczak@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:stan.janczak@baltimorecity.gov) to find out what happened. Have your service request number and any other pertinent details handy when you call.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FALL FESTIVAL!

The Fall Festival and Flea Market will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5 in Weldon Circle. If you would like a table space (\$10 residents/\$15 non-residents) please contact Pat at 410-366-5733, [pdideriksen@towson.edu](mailto:pdideriksen@towson.edu), or through Nextdoor.

Volunteers to set up/clean up, help with donors, or call potential vendors will be appreciated, too.

### SHARING THE ROAD

Residents have reported several recent accidents and close calls in the neighborhood. Motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians should remain alert and use common sense when sharing the road. Remember:

- Cross the street at intersections—not in the middle of a block—and use crosswalks wherever possible. Remember that many pedestrian signals only activate if the button is pushed. Use sidewalks, even on quieter streets. Motorists turning from a busier street may not be expecting to see you in their path.
- Pedestrians have right-of-way at street crossings, but must obey traffic signals. If there is no signal, motorists must stop for pedestrians in the roadway. Even without a walk signal, pedestrians still have right-of-way in a crosswalk!
- Bicycles are vehicles, with the same rights-of-way and obligation to obey traffic signals as cars. Motorists should exercise caution and expect to see cyclists on all types of city streets. Remember, experienced cyclists can ride very fast (sometimes up to 35 mph), so give bicycles plenty of room and be extra cautious when opening car doors and making right turns. Even though it sometimes seems unavoidable, riding a bicycle on City sidewalks is illegal.

In addition to following these guidelines themselves, parents should teach their children to be conscientious pedestrians and cyclists.

Stay safe, Medfield!

### SPECIAL SHOUT OUT!

A special shout out to Chris and Melanie Williams for being such an asset not just to Medfield Heights Elementary, but to the whole community. Chris has put in years of service as PTA President and Melanie's smiling face greets visitors to the school's main office. Their son, Ian, has also been an occasional greeter at MCA meetings.

### MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Mayor's Christmas Parade will take place on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2013. If you would like to volunteer, donate, or for more info, please call Tom Kerr at 410-366-0726.

*The Artist*

A poem by Isaac Reherst

Early June—a twilight walk in Medfield  
 Gray dusk settling over the sidewalks  
 Flickering lights appearing in windows  
 Long rows of cars parked at curbs  
 Only a few pedestrians beside myself  
 One figure—a man—standing by a car  
 I pass, mumble “Hello” and pass on  
 From behind I hear a voice  
 “Sir” “Sir” Is it me being addressed?  
 Yes, it seems to be. I turn, take a step  
 Toward the standing figure. It speaks.  
 “How d’you like it?”  
 He is staring at a car parked beside him.  
 It is a shiny black sedan, looking not  
 much different from the others at the curb.

“Looks pretty nice,” I say.  
 “Pretty nice,” he repeats. “I love it.”  
 His voice has softened into a whisper  
 I ask “How long ‘have you had it?”  
 “About two hours.”  
 Now finally I am catching on  
 “Oh, that’s a good make of car.”  
 “Best there is. Kind I always get.  
 My third one.”  
 That tone of accomplishment.  
 Of success Of pride No artist  
 Showing off his latest masterpiece  
 Has ever done better.

**UPDATES FROM ST. MARY’S OUTREACH CENTER**

Seniors can take advantage of a number of programs through St. Mary’s Outreach Center at 3900 Roland Avenue by calling 410-366-3106. Upcoming opportunities include:

- It’s not too late to apply for your Homestead Tax Credit! You have until Dec. 31, 2013 and St. Mary’s has applications on hand in the office. Please have your latest tax bill ready when you call.
- St. Mary’s also has applications available for Homeowners and Renters Tax Credits. The deadline is Sept. 1, 2013., so call soon to make an appointment.
- The Maryland Energy Assistance Program has begun for 2014. Monthly income limit is \$1,675.62 for singles, \$2,261.87 for couples. Call the office to make an appointment.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

WHEN	WHAT	WHO	CONTACT
Sat., Aug. 10 9 a.m.–5 p.m.	Mortgage Assistance Workshop Coppin State Univ. Talon Center 2500 W. North Ave	Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler	410-576-6300
Tues., Aug. 20 Noon	Food Stamps for Ages 55 and Older St. Mary’s Outreach Ctr. 3900 Roland Ave.	St. Mary’s Outreach Ctr. Roland Park Place	410-366-3106
Tues., Aug. 20 6:30 p.m.	MCA Garden Club Christian Love Church Hall Falls Rd. and 42nd St.	MCA Garden Club	Doug Rose 443-866-6365 or dougrose.is@gmail.com

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