

# The Medfielder

Medfield Community Association  
Newsletter



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## COMMUNITY NOTES

### NEXT MEETING

TUE, OCT. 8, 7:00 PM  
Christian Love Baptist  
Church (CLBC) Hall,  
Falls Rd. & 42nd St.

### BOARD MEETING

WED, OCT. 23, 7:30 PM  
CLBC Hall  
Falls Rd. & 42<sup>ND</sup> St.

### MEETING DAYS

MCA general meetings are  
on the 2<sup>ND</sup> Tuesday and  
the board meets on the 4<sup>TH</sup>  
Wednesday of the month.

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### BOARD MEMBERS

#### President:

Cindy Cabales

#### Vice-President:

Brian Parkinson

#### Secretary:

Randy Dalmás

#### Treasurer:

Gary Sever

#### General Board Members:

Samantha Armacost  
Charly Carter  
Pat Dideriksen  
Dennis Dideriksen  
Jaclyn Paul

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Every month, we bring you news about how your neighbors are improving our community. Between our Board of Directors and various volunteer committees, we're gaining traction with some trouble spots in the neighborhood by working with the city on zoning and traffic concerns, crime, public services, and upcoming school improvements. Let's make sure we also celebrate our quality of life—individual accomplishments and ways we help each other out. Will everything be resolved as we'd like, when we'd like? Realistically, no. There will always be more to do. But we—the Medfield Community Association and its Board—will keep trying. So how about you, Medfield: want to join us to be part of the solution? Please do, and we'll see you around the neighborhood!

— Cindy Cabales, President, Medfield Community Association

P.S. Want to lend a hand with an upcoming event or get involved with a project around the neighborhood? Get in touch via email, snail mail, or on Nextdoor (details to the left). See something that the City needs to fix? Report it through 311 (phone, website, mobile app). If you see something or someone suspicious, call 911.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO A DEDICATED NEIGHBOR!

The MCA Garden Club recently did a great job sprucing up the garden at the Weldon Avenue War Memorial, but did you know someone else has been hard at work on it for years? Credit for that labor of love goes to Mrs. Doris Appleby of Weldon Avenue. As neighbor Deanna M. Crockett-Bowman told the MCA in a recent email, Mrs. Appleby "has been taking care of that garden since before I was born."

"Please give proper credit," she went on to say, "to the wonderful lady who, in her eighties, still gets out there several times a week to plant and weed." Mrs. Appleby's son, Doug, has been mowing and maintaining the grass there for many years as well. Many thanks to this mother-son team, and thank you to Deanna for your kind words!

### HALLOWEEN HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Halloween is Medfield's time to shine! Our neighborhood is known as a safe, friendly trick-or-treating destination with some fantastic Halloween decorations. This year, we're encouraging some friendly competition with our spooktacular home decorating contest!

If you're breaking out the decorations this year, please consider putting your home in the running. Halloween decorations can include anything: lights, posters, folk art, inflatables, you name it!

Homes will be judged by a panel of five judges between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM during the week of October 22–27.

The contest entry fee is \$10, and all proceeds will be invested right back into beautifying the community through the Medfield Gardening Club. You can print an entry form with contest details from Nextdoor, or contact Doug Rose at 443-866-6365 or mca.gardens@gmail.com.

### HEDWIN TRAFFIC CONCERNS ON AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 8

Did you know that the MCA has an agreement with Hedwin Corporation about truck deliveries to their site at 1600 Roland Heights Avenue? The terms of the agreement are:

- No truck deliveries after 10:30 PM
- No truck deliveries before 8:30 AM (Sun. only)
- Trucks enter the neighborhood on Roland Heights Avenue and exit on La Plata Avenue, unless school activities, road work, or other mitigating circumstances arise
- Hedwin will alert other vendors to the above guidelines, though they cannot guarantee compliance. (However, non-Hedwin-owned vehicles constitute a minority of deliveries.)

Recently, several residents have expressed concerns regarding deliveries to Hedwin, as well as questions about the company's snow removal plans for the winter. We encourage these residents to attend the MCA General Meeting on October 8 to discuss their concerns, learn more about MCA's dialogue with Hedwin, and offer any suggestions.

### MAKE YOUR BLOCK GREAT AS A BLOCK REP

Have you ever said, "Somebody should do something about \_\_\_\_\_ on my block?" Well, you'd be surprised how easy it is to be that somebody!

Block Reps help make the blocks surrounding their home a great place to live. They serve as liaisons with the MCA, help with 311 and other minor issues, answer questions about city services, report problems to 311 when they see them, and occasionally organize social events on their block.

Does this sound like a lot to do on your own? Don't worry, everything can be done according to your schedule, with as much or as little time as you have available. And you have support! Block Reps receive training from professional community organizers, plus a manual of great tips and resources to

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keep at home. Medfield's Block Reps also meet every other month to share current projects, ask for help, and plan larger initiatives.

If you're interested in learning more or attending a training to see if being a Block Rep is for you, contact Jaclyn Paul through Nextdoor, by phone/text at 410-415-3159, or via email at [jaclyn@jaclynspaul.com](mailto:jaclyn@jaclynspaul.com).

## REMEMBERING JEAN HARE

FEBRUARY 21, 1925 – SEPTEMBER 6, 2013

This month, many Medfielders are remembering the life of Jean Hare of Falls Road & Weldon Avenue, a lifelong resident who passed away on September 6.

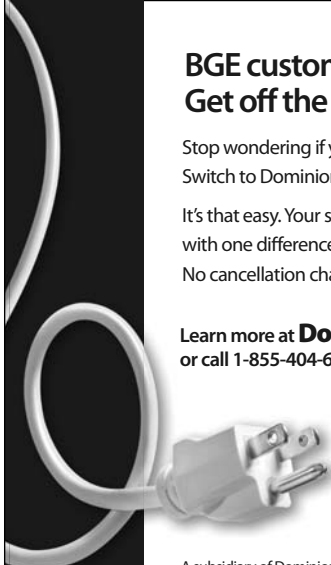
Medfield resident Katharine Sloat had many fond memories to share of "Miss Jean," who loved gardening and her dog: "She knew more about the communities where she lived and where her family lived than anyone I've ever met. My oldest son Jon often stopped on his way home from school or work to chat with Miss Jean. His love of history grew by leaps and bounds as her descriptions and discussion brought history to life."

Ms. Hare was given an official citation from the Maryland House of Delegates in 1977 for her publication of *Hampden Woodberry* and her contributions to recording the history of those neighborhoods. The Baltimore Heritage Project recorded an oral history with her about the life of her grandmother, who was born in Medfield.

Though she had been gone from the neighborhood for six years due to struggles with dementia, there are many for whom Ms. Hare will always be a Medfielder. We are so fortunate to have been able to count her among our own!

## FIRE SAFETY REMINDER FOR FALL

As we enjoy the cooler weather, please remember that backyard fire pits are considered an open fire, even with a screen or mesh cover, and are against city code.




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## UPCOMING EVENTS

WHEN	WHAT	WHO	CONTACT
Sat, October 5 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Medfield Fall Festival & Flea Market Weldon Circle	Medfield Community Association	Pat Dideriksen <a href="mailto:PDideriksen@towson.edu">PDideriksen@towson.edu</a>
Tue, October 15 6:30 PM	Garden Club Meeting CLBC Social Hall, 42 <sup>ND</sup> & Falls	MCA Garden Club	Doug Rose 443-866-6365 <a href="mailto:dougrose.is@gmail.com">dougrose.is@gmail.com</a>
Sat, October 19 9:30 AM	Bi-Monthly Block Rep Meeting The Evergreen Café	Medfield Block Reps	Jaclyn Paul 410-415-3159 <a href="mailto:jaclyn@jaclynspaul.com">jaclyn@jaclynspaul.com</a>
Sun, December 8 1:00 PM	Mayor's 41 <sup>ST</sup> Annual Christmas Parade	Mayor's Christmas Parade Committee	<a href="http://www.mayorschristmasparade.com">www.mayorschristmasparade.com</a>

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MCA decisions and initiatives are determined by the votes of MCA members. Becoming a member is easy—it just takes a small donation. The Association relies on its membership donations to help the community with projects throughout the year. Please consider joining to keep your community active. Join now and your membership will be effective until June 30, 2014. We appreciate and value your membership!

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