

The Medfielder

Medfield Community Association
Newsletter



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COMMUNITY NOTES

NEXT MEETING

TUES., MAR. 12, 7 p.m.
Christian Love
Baptist Church (CLBC)
Hall, Falls Rd. & 42nd St.

BOARD MEETING:

WED., MAR. 27, 7 p.m.,
CLBC Hall
Falls Rd. and 42nd St.

NEW MEETING DAYS

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

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BOARD MEMBERS

President: Cindy Cabales
Vice-President: OPEN
Acting Secretary: Faye Rivkin
Treasurer: Dennis Dideriksen
General Board Members:
Doug Barry
Maureen Burke
Pat Dideriksen
Rich Kaminski
Gary Sever

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring is coming and now is a great time to spring into action with the MCA. If you're not a member and are wondering "what's in it for me?" I invite you to come to a general meeting (2nd Tuesdays) to check us out. Come see how we're working to reach out to Medfield to find out what you, our Medfield neighbors, want and what interests you. Previous newsletters have noted some of the groups that we started last year: a Block Rep program, a Garden group, a work-from-home group, a communications team, etc. We're working hard to rebuild and strengthen our relationship with Medfield Heights Elementary School, an asset to our community. And while we can't take credit or responsibility for everything, we work hard to engage our city representatives as needed so Medfield can be heard, regarding crime, city services, development, traffic, etc. Now is a great time to check us out, to become a member and be counted! Membership also means you can vote on important current issues and future proposals that will really shape how we grow our community association. Come see how we as an association are trying to grow, to continue to become more effective at meeting Medfield's interests and needs. Come be a part of it, Medfield!

—Cindy Cabales

NEW NEXTDOOR GROUPS AND FEATURES

Want to know what's going on in the neighborhood? If you haven't already, visit and join Nextdoor (<https://medfield.nextdoor.com>). At last check, we had more than 167 residents (137 of 1140 households) signed up and using the site.

MHES SPRING FEST

The next planning meeting for the MHES Spring Fest is Wednesday, March 13, 6 p.m. at the Medfield Heights Elementary School. Spring Fest will be held at the school on April 27. Questions or want to get involved? Contact Chris Williams through Next Door.

WORK FROM HOME

The group held its first meeting in February. It was a good chance for our home-based workers to learn a little about what they all love, or hate, about working from home. The next meeting is TBD, but it will probably be the last week in March or first week in April. We'd love to have you join us. The only requirement? Working full- or part-time from your home in Medfield. If you want to be added to this group, message Faye Rivkin through Nextdoor.

MEDFIELD GARDENERS

The second meeting was held on March 10 at the home of Frank Metzel. The group is made up of novice as well as expert gardeners, and the topics discussed included: possible projects for the neighborhood, gardening tips, community gardening, fundraising and more. Interested in honing your gardening/landscaping skills while meeting some of your neighbors and learning about ways to beautify your own yard as well as our neighborhood? Contact Cindy Cabales or Frank Metzel through Next Door.

COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Thanks to all who responded to our request for help delivering the newsletters. We appreciate those who continue to deliver, as well as our new deliverers. Wood Heights Ave. (west of Falls Rd.) still needs delivery coverage. If you can deliver on this street, please contact us at medfieldmd@gmail.com.

WEATHERIZATION AND HISTORIC TAX CREDITS WORKSHOP

Planning any rehab or maintenance projects for your house this spring? Don't miss the chance to save money with historic tax credits while taking advantage of financial incentives for weatherization retrofits. Join Baltimore Heritage and Retrofit Baltimore for a free, one-hour workshop to learn how to save money retrofitting your historic home for energy efficiency. You may be eligible for city and state historic tax credits for weatherization and projects from re-painting to re-pointing.

When: Monday, April 22, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Where: Roland Park Library, 5108 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210

For more information and to RSVP, contact Molly Rice at mrice@retrofitbaltimore.org or Eli Pousson at pousson@baltimoreheritage.org.

MCA BOARD UPDATE: THE ROAD TO 501(C)3 STATUS

The Board recognizes the need to seek new revenue sources, like grants and corporate donations/sponsorship. To receive such funding, we need to be a 501(c)3 charitable organization, which we're not currently. Our first priority on the road to 501(c)3 status is to update the MCA bylaws and other governance documents to reflect how the Board manages MCA business. The bylaws were last updated in 2007 and are due for a refresh. As of the last board meeting, the MCA Board has approved consulting with the Community Law Center (CLC) for help with updating our bylaws. Stay tuned for more info on additional considerations on the road to 501(c)3!

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POETRY CORNER

We're proud to share a poem written by one of our residents, published author and poet, Isaac Rebert. Have a (very) short story (just a few paragraphs) or poem you've written that you'd like to share? Send it to medfieldmd@gmail.com with Newsletter in the subject line. We can't promise to fit in all the pieces we get, but we'll do our best.

MEDFIELD by Isaac Rebert

Paris, London, Tokyo, New York
 As a youngster, my delight was to roam
 Now older and wiser and a bit fatigued too
 I'm appreciating the comforts of home
 My brick house with its lawn is just like the others
 To its rooms I withdraw from my labors
 On my front porch I sit watching children at play
 Or swapping stories with ever-willing neighbors

Friendly folks. Cozy cats. And dogs on the leash
 It's an adventure to walk everywhere
 Only minutes by rail or to motor downtown
 Handy location—without garish flair
 It's a community in Baltimore that people call Medfield
 No McMansions, no golf course—quite modest
 But even a billionaire might build his nest here
 Of good places it's among the very best

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WHEN	WHAT	WHO	CONTACT
Wed., Mar. 13, 6 p.m.	MHES Spring Fling Meeting	Medfield Heights Elementary School	Chris Williams through Next Door
Fri., Mar. 29, 10:30 a.m.	Good Friday Cross Walk	Hampden United Methodist Church	410-235-0679
Sun., Mar. 31, 7 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service, Roosevelt Park	Hampden United Methodist Church	410-235-0679
Mon., Apr. 22 6:30–7:30 p.m.	Weatherization and Historic Tax Credits Workshop	Baltimore Heritage and Retrofit Baltimore	Molly Rice mrice@retrofitbaltimore.org
Sat., Apr. 27	SAVE THE DATE! MHES SPRING FEST	Medfield Heights Elementary School	Contact Chris Williams through Next Door

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Freemasonry means different things to each of those who join. For some, it's about making new friends and acquaintances. For others it's about being able to help deserving causes—making a contribution to family and society. But for most, it is an enjoyable hobby.

Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest and largest non-religious, non-political, fraternal and charitable organization. It teaches self-knowledge through participation in a progression of ceremonies. Members are expected to be of good character

Freemasonry is a society of men concerned with moral and spiritual values. Its members are taught its principles (moral lessons and self-knowledge) by a series of ritual dramas—a progression of allegorical plays which are learned by heart and performed within each Lodge—

which follow ancient forms, and use stonemasons' customs and tools as allegorical guides.

Freemasonry instills in its members a moral and ethical approach to life: its values are based on integrity, kindness, honesty and fairness. Members are urged to regard the interests of the family as paramount but, importantly, Freemasonry also teaches and practices concern for people, care for the less fortunate and help for those in need.

If you would like to make a difference in your community and this sounds like it is for you come and visit **Liberty-Pickering Lodge #219, on Saturday April 6, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., at 302 International Circle in Cockeysville Maryland 21030.** We met in Hampden, Woodberry, and Mount Washington when those areas were in Baltimore County. Although we have not met as a Lodge in our area for over 100 years we are still an active group in this community. We make a difference in our community and have fun doing it!