

# The Medfielder

Medfield Community Association  
Newsletter



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## COMMUNITY NOTES

### NEXT MEETING

**TUES., JUNE 11, 7 p.m.**  
Christian Love  
Baptist Church (CLBC)  
Hall, Falls Rd. & 42nd St.

### BOARD MEETING:

**WED., JUNE 26, 7 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.

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### BOARD MEMBERS

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

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Summer's just around the bend, Medfield! I love seeing more people out and one anti-crime tip we've heard recently: be present and make your presence known. Leave those front and back porch lights on, get neighborly and sit outside in the evenings, get to know your neighbors. Get healthy, take walks! And be smarter than your typical smash and grab artist: DON'T leave valuables visible in your vehicle. That includes CDs, cell phones or personal electronic devices and their chargers, even small change. Finally, get a Crime Watch number from the city (Page 2 tells you where to get one!), and if you see something suspicious, call 911 (not 311). This is OUR neighborhood, let's do all we can to assure WE get to enjoy it. Best regards, and see you around the neighborhood!

— Cindy Cabales

### MCA BOARD UPDATE: JUNE ELECTIONS

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone! It's time for MCA elections. Here you'll find short blurbs on each of the candidates running for MCA office. Interested in taking a more active role by joining the board? Throw your hat in the ring – we'll be taking nominations for all of these positions at our general meeting on June 11, before holding elections that night.

**President:** Cindy Cabales has been a Medfield resident since 2008 and a Baltimore resident since 1998. She loves Medfield's convenient location, the quiet, the gardens, dog-friendliness and the great people! A former nurse, she now works in IT. She's a member of the Baltimore Rowing Club & avid rower since 2004. Most important thing to know about Cindy: she's not a morning person!

**Vice President:** Open

**Secretary:** Randy Dalmas has been a Medfield resident and homeowner since 1997. He firmly believes that our neighborhood is one of the best kept secrets in the city! Randy has been the acting MCA Secretary for the past 5 months, and works as a recruiter at AAI in Hunt Valley. He and his wife and live on Clydesdale Avenue.

**Treasurer:** Gary Sever has been involved with the MCA since 2009, in roles that include Board Member, Vice President, and President. Gary is a former member of the Baltimore Recreation and Parks Advisory Board and has a background in finance.

### BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE:

**Samantha (Sam) Armacost** is a first time homeowner, with a passion for baked goods and making the Internet better one web site at a time. Sam is our social media "guru" and has been using her skills to increase Medfield's connectivity to its residents and the community through Nextdoor and Facebook.

**Maureen Burke:** Not Available.

**Charly Carter** has been a familiar face to the neighborhood since 2007. She lives here with her daughter, an eighth grader at RPEMS, and her dogs, Hennessy and Saki. Charly is the current MCA crime liaison.

Dennis Dideriksen moved into Medfield 18 years ago and loves city living. His goal is to help Medfield stay a vibrant community. Dennis has served as MCA Treasurer for the last two years.

**Pat Dideriksen** has been a resident of Medfield for 51 years and a homeowner for 43. She wants to help keep it a great place to live. Pat is currently responsible for designing and handling the printing of the newsletter, as well as managing its distribution.

**Jaclyn Paul** has been in Medfield since May 2008 and recently transitioned to being home full-time as a writer and new parent. Jaclyn lives on W. 40th Street with her husband, Doug and two-month-old son, Russell. She can be found sitting on her porch or taking long walks around the neighborhood.

**Brian Parkinson** has lived in Medfield for the past six years with his wife Ana and daughter Ramona. He would like to join the MCA Board to help strengthen the neighborhood's ties to the local schools and build an even better community. Brian is the current MCA Traffic Liaison.

**Faye Rivkin** has called Medfield home since 2007. A freelance writer who works from home, she was the previous MCA secretary and now manages MCA communications, which includes writing the newsletter and overseeing the MCA email address and social media channels. Faye can be found wandering the neighborhood with her dog George and husband Marcos.

### ZONING UPDATE

At a zoning meeting on April 29 to discuss the proposed zoning changes and future uses for JT's on Falls Rd., residents at the meeting proposed the following recommendation: *"The Zoning/Land Use Committee recommends that the MCA support the re-designation of the zoning of 4300 Falls Road, from R-7 under the current zoning code, to C-1 under the proposed zoning code, as of the date that the new zoning code takes effect."* The result of this redesignation would be to provide the property with zoning that would allow it to continue operating as it currently does, without being a "non-conforming" property that is at risk of losing licensure. The recommendation was moved and approved by voice vote of the membership.

**NEXTDOOR UPDATE**

Nextdoor (<https://medfield.nextdoor.com>), is one of the best ways to stay on top of what's going on in our neighborhood. At last check, more than 229 neighbors (183 of 1148 households) have joined – almost 50 new members in one month – go Medfield! By the way...don't forget about the Recommendations section, where you can find and give recommendations for service contractors you like, as well as those you don't. Visit <https://medfield.nextdoor.com/recommendations/>.

**CRIME & SAFETY UPDATE**

We had a number of guests at the May meeting, including representatives from the Mayor's office, police, and city council. Major Sabrina Tapp-Harper of the BCPD presented crime statistical comparisons from last year to this year for the Medfield area. Some statistics had remained relatively unchanged, but she referenced that property crimes, particularly vehicle break-ins, had increased. She and Councilwoman

Mary Pat Clarke, reported one arrest in connection with vehicle break-ins, told attendees police presence in the area will continue. Major Tapp-Harper also took questions from those in attendance about suspicious activity and police patrols.

That night, Officer O'Donnell also reiterated that we should be aware of any suspicious behavior late at night and call 911 to report strange activity. He reminded everyone to lock their cars, as well as remove any items from vehicles, since they can indicate the presence of electronic equipment in the vehicle. Residents were reminded to sign up for Operation Crime Watch, which allows anonymous crime reports to 911. Forms are located at <https://medfield.Nextdoor.com>.

**NEED A MCA NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER**

We need someone to deliver 35 newsletters to the 4100 block of Buena Vista Avenue (between 41st and 42nd Street. If you can help, contact Pat at [pdideriksen@towson.edu](mailto:pdideriksen@towson.edu) or 410-366-5733. Thanks.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

WHEN	WHAT	WHO	CONTACT
Tues., June 11 7 p.m.	MCA General Meeting Christian Love Baptist Church Hall Falls Rd. & 42nd St.	Medfield Community Association	<a href="mailto:medfieldmd@gmail.com">medfieldmd@gmail.com</a>
Thurs., June 18 6:30 p.m.	Gardening Group Meeting Christian Love Baptist Church Hall Falls Rd. & 42nd St.	MCA Gardening Club	Doug Rose, through <a href="https://medfield.nextdoor.com">medfield.nextdoor.com</a>
Wed., June 26 7 p.m.	MCA Board Meeting Christian Love Baptist Church Hall Falls Rd. & 42nd St.	Medfield Community Association	
Every Friday 7 p.m.	<i>Enough is Enough Peace Rally</i> Rain or shine	Baltimore City Police, 7th Dist. clergy and concerned citizens	Councilman Nick Mosby's Office 410-396-4810

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