The Medfielder



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Medfield Community Association Newsletter

COMMUNITY NOTES

NEXT MEETING

TUE, DEC. 10, 7:00 PM Christian Love Baptist Church (CLBC) Hall, Falls Rd. & 42ND St.

BOARD MEETING

WED, DEC. 18, 7:30 PM CLBC Hall Falls Rd. & 42ND St.

MEETING DAYS

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

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BOARD MEMBERS

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Cindy Cabales

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

There's an old sailing adage that we can't control the wind, but we can adjust the sail. I'll bet it's even in a country song somewhere!

Anyone can be an armchair quarterback, complaining and calling out what's wrong. It requires a little more strength of character to make change and improve the quality of life in our community. And yes, it's *our* community. Not just the neighbor who does everything, not just the MCA Board—it's yours, too.

Sure, we all need to vent sometimes, but the next time you complain, ask yourself this first: is it out of our control? If not, what can we do to fix it? If it is, how can we adjust our sails?

As the year winds down, take a look at the laundry list of accomplishments below. We have a lot to celebrate from 2013, and we're looking forward to even more in 2014. I hope you'll make a New Years resolution to help us get there!

— Cindy Cabales, President, Medfield Community Association

TAKING INVENTORY: 2013 IN REVIEW

- MCA membership doubled
- Attendance at MCA general meetings more than doubled
- We improved how we get work done
- We improved neighborhood communication via Facebook, the *Medfielder* newsletter, & Nextdoor Medfield
- More residents got involved in clubs, committees, & other activities
- We made the neighborhood more beautiful
- We lobbied the city to fix lights, roads, & signs
- We collaborated with city partners to advocate for our community on zoning, traffic, crime, & safety issues
- We supported local businesses
- We supported community members in need
- We said goodbye to long-time neighbors and hello to new ones
- We had fun!

THANKS TO THE MCA BOARD!

Hats off to the MCA Board for all your hard work! It's a tremendous honor working with such a talented, dedicated, caring, patient, and all-around super group of people. You and your work make Medfield a stand-out community not only for our neighbors, but our city partners as well. Thank you for volunteering, bringing your best to the table, and sharing some fun while we're at it!

HOW TO VOLUNTEER

Want to volunteer? We'd love to have you! If you have an idea, contact us via email or snail mail or drop by a general meeting on the second Tuesday of the month (details to the left). Are you a middle school student? Ask us how we can work together for your volunteer hours!

In January, we'll be posting a volunteer registry as part of a larger call for volunteers. Look for it in the next newsletter!

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE ENDS 12/23

Baltimore City Fire Department Engine #21, our local firehouse, is hosting their 11th Annual Toy Collection this month. Please support this great community asset by dropping off new, unwrapped toys (due to allergies, we ask for no stuffed animals) valued between \$10–\$20. You can bring your donation to the December 10 MCA meeting or to the fire station at 3724 Roland Avenue before December 23. All toys are distributed to children in local hospitals and homeless shelters.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE BEST-DRESSED HOUSE THIS SEASON!

We won't try to compete with The Miracle on 34th Street, but we can compete with each other! And what better way to kindle your holiday spirit than decorating your home and yard?

To recognize Medfield's best decorators, we'll be sending anonymous judges through the neighborhood the weekend before Christmas.

Winners will be crowned in several different categories and awarded that prize we all covet: public recognition! Your house will be identified in our January newsletter and on the MCA website. Plus, we'll throw in a year's MCA membership on the house.

Guidelines:

- No need to apply—all houses in Medfield eligible
- Decorate your house and/or yard so it's visible from street by December 19
- Winners from each category will get a certificate and/or sign, recognition in our newsletter, and a free MCA membership
- Categories include most original, most traditional/elegant, and most humorous
- If you would like to be a judge, contact us at medfieldmd@gmail.com.
 (Judges won't be eligible for the competition.)

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USING 911 & 311

The MCA has heard concerns about drug activity along Newport Avenue and a few other streets in the neighborhood. If you see something and are unsure whether to call 311 or 911, remember this rule of thumb: 911 is for anything that is *happening at that moment*, even if there is no imminent danger. If you see suspicious activity, please call 911, even if you aren't positive a crime is taking place. For all non-time-bound issues—discarded drug paraphernalia, graffiti, illegally parked vehicles, etc.—please call 311.

MCA TO VOTE ON LAPLATA AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AT DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The MCA will hear recommendations on a proposed single-family development on the land north of the intersection of Old Cold Spring Lane and La Plata Avenue at the December 10 general membership meeting. A vote is expected, so please plan to attend if you will be affected by this development.



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ONE-WAY STREETS: THEY REALLY ARE ONE-WAY!

How often do you find yourself driving backward up a one-way street? If this is a common occurrence, please think twice next time. It's just not safe! Sometimes it's unavoidable—like when a street is blocked by EMS or police vehicles—but most of the time there's no excuse.

PARKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Other than private driveways and handicapped spaces, there are *no* reserved parking spaces in Medfield. Please don't harass neighbors with out-of-state plates or people who don't live on your block. Set a goal of being polite and neighborly: park smarter, don't bogart more than one space, and check your car in the evening to see if you can't tighten up a spot to make room for someone getting home late.

THE MCA HAS A NEW ADDRESS!

Please update your contact information—we have a new address! The MCA will now receive mail at PO Box 4782, Baltimore, MD 21211.

UPCOMING EVENTS		
DATE & TIME	EVENT & LOCATION	MORE INFORMATION
Sun, December 8 1:00 PM	Mayor's 41 st Annual Christmas Parade	Mayor's Christmas Parade Committee www.mayorschristmasparade.com
Mon, December 23 3:00 PM	Christmas Caroling by Faith Mennonite High School St. Mary's Outreach Center sanctuary, 3900 Roland Avenue	St. Mary's Outreach Center 410-366-3106