

The Medfielder

Medfield Community Association
Newsletter



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Community Notes

NEXT MEETING

MON., JUNE 4, 7 p.m.

Christian Love
Baptist Church Hall
Falls Rd. & 42nd St.
(This is the last meeting
before our summer recess.)

Board Meeting:
Next meeting:
Thurs., June 21, 7 p.m.
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NOW ON FACEBOOK

The Medfield Community Association is now on Facebook: www.facebook.com/medfield.baltimore.md. Add us as a friend for an up-to-the-minute update of what is going on in and around Medfield. Or if you don't have Facebook, check out our website at www.Medfieldmd.com, or join our ListServ by emailing medfieldmdsubscribe@yahoo.com.

HAZARD WASTE DROP-OFF

This month's hazardous waste drop-off days are June 29–30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sisson Street Convenience Center (2840 Sisson St.).

BULK TRASH

410-361-9333 or www.baltimorecity.gov and click on City Services, then Sanitation, then Bulk Trash Request form.

ELECTIONS

At the June meeting we will hold elections of the Officers and Board of Directors for the upcoming year. The members nominated for the general elections are as follows:

President: Cindy Cabales
Vice President: Gary Sever
Secretary/Social Media: Vacant
Treasurer: Dennis Dideriksen
Board of Directors: Same as current Board

As you may have noticed, we are in need of a Secretary. The Secretary is a member of the Board of Directors, who keeps minutes of the monthly meetings and helps with MCA social media and community outreach. If you are interested in holding this position, please email MedfieldMD@gmail.com or contact any Board member. June is our last meeting until September.

STRIVING FOR A RAT-FREE MEDFIELD

By: Gary Sever, MCA President

It seems like only yesterday, but it was five years ago that I was on the market searching for my first home. When I discovered Medfield, I quickly observed a host of advantages that this quaint community had over others; one was the minimal presence of rats and vermin. However, rat sightings have seemed to increase over the past handful of months. Rats can spread quickly, as they reproduce rapidly – they have up to four generations per year! Not to worry though, we can all fight these rats and keep them out of our Medfield by acquiring a few simple habits, including:

- Keeping lids on trash cans—rats love the nutrients in our leftovers.
- Picking up pet droppings vigilantly—a rat's favorite snack is pet droppings.
- Setting out traps and bait if needed—but keep them out of reach of children and dogs!
- Having the city's Rat Rubout team check your yard – with a simple 311 request, they will inspect your yard and spray any rat holes.

In fact, I placed a Rat Rubout request and they were very prompt. I placed the request on a Monday, and they had inspected my yard on Tuesday. They left me a note indicating that my yard was rat-free, and that they'd sprayed other holes on my street. This will surely help the rodent situation on my block! You can make a Rat Rubout request by calling 311 or visiting the city's 311 website. Let's all be active in keeping those pesky vermin out of our neighborhood!

NEIGHBORHOOD WALKING GROUP

A neighborhood walking group is being piloted and will be meeting weekly for a 30–45 minute walk around the community. The group will rendezvous

each Sunday at 6 p.m. at the corner of Falls Rd. and 42nd St. (outside of the Christian Love Baptist Church). This is a great opportunity to become more active and meet some of your fellow neighbors! Walkers of all abilities are welcome.

MEDFIELD SIGN REHABILITATION

The MCA would like to thank residents Stephanie Stockton and Lou Whitley for spearheading the rehabilitation of the Medfield sign on Grandview Ave. Their team washed and re-stained the sign, added new dirt, and planted new flowers around the sign. It looks like a whole new sign! Thanks Stephanie and Lou! Also, if anyone is interested in helping with upkeep of the sign, please let us know.

THE LONE RANGER AND SILVER

MCA is sad to report that the horse, Silver, who was a part of the Mayor's Christmas parade for many years, had to be put down because of complications from a fall in May. His owner, known as The Lone Ranger, was with Silver and he died with dignity, surrounded by friends. Lone is greatly saddened by the loss of his 23-year-old friend and companion. If you would like to send him a card or note of encouragement, he can be reached at: Silver & TLR, P.O. Box 1253, Salisbury, MD 21802.

MCA—JOIN OR RENEW NOW!

MCA decisions and initiatives are determined by the votes of MCA members. Becoming a member is easy—it just takes a small donation. We also rely on membership donations to help the community with projects throughout the year. Please consider joining to keep your community active. We appreciate and value your membership. Mail this form or bring it with you to the June meeting.

MEDFIELD MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: (optional): _____

Email: _____

☐ Household (\$10) ☐ Senior citizen (\$5)

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