

# The Medfielder

The Medfield Community Association Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We are neighbors. We are the renters, the original owners, and the new homeowners. We are the children and grandchildren who were raised here. We are the transplants who were drawn here. We are single, widowed, divorced, the single parents, the couples waiting for kids, the couples with empty nests. We are two-legged parents of 4-legged kids. We are blue collar, white collar, every collar in between, even no collar – it's been hard times for some. We are healthy, we are ill, we are young, and we are old. We are in need; we look in on each other. We are every color available, our origins span the globe. We are left-wing, right-wing, at worst indifferent. We are LGBT, we are straight. We are day people, we are night owls. We cheer our hometown teams. We are proud: we are not Hampden, we are not Roland Park, we are our own place. We are frustrated with the problems, because we want the best for ourselves. We cherish the good that keeps us here. We are complainers, and more and more, we are doers. We think we are different from each other, but we really aren't. We want the same things: to live, be safe, thrive. We care. We are a community. We are Medfield. ♥

— Cindy Cabales, President, Medfield Community Association

## THE 2014-2015 MCA MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS HERE!

Medfield Community Association (MCA) memberships run July-June, so now is the time to get your membership up to date. Major decisions are made by a vote of the MCA membership at our monthly meetings. Your dues directly support the MCA's mission of empowering the community to improve our quality of life through communication, engagement, participation, and advocacy.

Annual dues are \$5 for individuals or \$10 per household. Bring your dues to the next general membership meeting or mail them to us at PO Box 4782, Baltimore, MD, 21211. Look on the back of this newsletter for a registration form.

## DOG POISONING AWARENESS GROUP ON FACEBOOK

MCA crime and safety liaison Amanda Thompson has started a Facebook group to raise awareness and disseminate updates about dog poisonings in Hampden and Medfield.

Unfortunately, another poisoning was reported in May and a suspect has not yet been detained. Please be on the lookout for any suspicious behavior. Pet owners should watch their animals when they are outside and check for anything thrown over the fence into the yard.

To keep up with the latest information, join Amanda's Facebook group, *21211 Dog Poisoning Awareness*, by visiting <http://bit.ly/21211DogPoisoning>

## HELP NEEDED WITH FALL FESTIVAL

The MCA is seeking volunteers to join the Fall Festival planning committee. Last year we had very successful festival and flea market on Weldon Circle. Neighbors from every corner of Medfield came out to shop and socialize, and some former residents even came back to visit.

If you'd like to help make this fabulous neighborhood event happen again in October, please email [medfieldmd@gmail.com](mailto:medfieldmd@gmail.com) or stop by our general meeting on June 10.

## NEXT MEETINGS

### GENERAL MEETING

TUE, JUN 10, 7:00 PM

Christian Love Baptist Church  
Social Hall, Falls Rd. & 42<sup>ND</sup> St.

☪ 2<sup>ND</sup> Tuesdays each month

### BOARD MEETING

WED, JUN 25, 7:30 PM

Christian Love Baptist Church  
Social Hall, Falls Rd. & 42<sup>ND</sup> St.

☪ 4<sup>TH</sup> Wednesdays each month

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sat, Jun 7</b> 9:30 AM–11:00 AM	<b>Block Rep Meeting</b> <i>(Make-up from May)</i> Current and prospective Block Reps welcome! 📍 The Evergreen Café 📞 Jaclyn Paul: <a href="mailto:jaclyn@jaclynspaul.com">jaclyn@jaclynspaul.com</a> , 410-415-3159
<b>Tue, June 10</b> 7:00 PM	<b>MCA Board Elections</b> The 2014–2015 Board of Directors will be elected at the June general membership meeting. 📍 Christian Love Baptist Church, Social Hall 📞 <a href="mailto:medfieldmd@gmail.com">medfieldmd@gmail.com</a>
<b>Sat, June 14</b> 11:00 AM–10:00 PM <b>Sun, June 15</b> 12:00 PM–6:00 PM	<b>HonFest</b> Enjoy live music, local fare, and your favorite Hampden merchants. 📍 The Avenue (36 <sup>TH</sup> Street east of Falls Road) 📞 <a href="http://honfest.net/">http://honfest.net/</a>
<b>Sat, June 21</b> 1:00 PM–7:00 PM	<b>Party for Our Pets by Strengthening Lives</b> Please join us for a day of fun activities just for dogs! Admission is free, but there will be concessions and t-shirts for sale. Net proceeds benefit Maryland SPCA. 📍 Medfield Heights Elementary School 📞 <a href="mailto:strengtheninglivesinc@yahoo.com">strengtheninglivesinc@yahoo.com</a> , 410-318-9894

## YOUR MCA BOARD MEMBERS

<b>President:</b> Cindy Cabales	Samantha Armacost
<b>Vice President:</b> Brian Parkinson	Charly Carter
<b>Secretary:</b> Randy Dalmás	Pat Dideriksen
<b>Treasurer:</b> Gary Sever	Dennis Dideriksen
	Jaclyn Paul

## BOARD ELECTIONS AT JUNE MEETING

The MCA general membership will elect its 2014-2015 Board of Directors—including a new President—at our general membership meeting on June 10.

If you're not yet an MCA member, you can bring your dues to the meeting to participate in the vote.

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS ABOUT YARD WORK

Flowers are blooming, weeds are growing, and Medfield gardeners are hard at work!

Remember to be courteous to your neighbors: don't use powered lawnmowers, trimmers, etc. between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays and 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. on weekends and holidays. You may also want to brush up on these city codes:

- Keep grass and weeds trimmed below the city's eight-inch limit and prune any trees or shrubs that create a hazard or encroach on neighboring properties/sidewalks.
- Remember that vehicles must be parked on a dustless surface, not on grass, dirt, or crushed stone. Failure to comply with this code will result in a citation, even if you park in your own backyard.
- Keep your property free of trash and debris, and make sure you put your trash out on the correct day in a container with a lid.

Wondering what to do with the yard waste from all that trimming and weeding? Put it out on your regular trash collection day securely bundled or in a labeled bag. Limit yard waste to five bags per collection day, and take tree branches more than four inches in diameter or longer than three feet to the drop-off center on Sisson Street.

## SUPPORT A LOCAL NON-PROFIT VIA AMAZON SMILE

Do you shop on Amazon? If so, you may be interested to learn you can support a local non-profit via Amazon Smile.

Greater Homewood Community Corporation (GHCC) allows the MCA to apply for grant funding and make tax-free purchases by acting as our fiscal sponsor. Several Medfielders have also attended GHCC's annual Neighborhood Institute and brought great ideas back to the neighborhood.

What better way to say thank you than to donate to GHCC for free? When you sign up for Amazon Smile, you'll see the same great selection and low prices, but Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchases to a non-profit of your choice. To give to GHCC via Amazon Smile, go to <http://bit.ly/AmazonGHCC>.

## NOT GETTING A NEWSLETTER AT HOME? LET US KNOW!

All Medfield residents should receive this newsletter on their doorstep every month. If you aren't getting your newsletter or delivery has been spotty, please notify Pat Didericksen at [pdidericksen@towson.edu](mailto:pdidericksen@towson.edu). Could you hand out newsletters to your block at the beginning of each month? We also welcome you to contact Pat if you're interested in delivering newsletters.

## SEEN ON NEXTDOOR...

Not on Nextdoor yet? Join the conversation at [medfield.netxtdoor.com](http://medfield.netxtdoor.com)

### Access to Cars with an Electronic Device

12 May

Sam Armacost from Medfield

While this video is in California, it sounds exactly like what we have been hearing about in the area, cars rifled through without any broken windows -

<http://abc7news.com/news/70ys-investigates-high-tech-car-burglaries/54042/>

Shared with Medfield only in Crime & Safety

### Douglas, Amanda, Bob and 6 others thanked Sam



Jaclyn Paul from Medfield

15 May

Is anyone going to the Northern District meeting on Wednesday? I don't know if I'll be able to make it but would love to see this issue represented. We need to keep getting the word out!



Sam Armacost from Medfield

16 May

I just did some Googling and found this article from October -

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/new-5-device-easily-unlocks-car-doors-for-thieves-in-winnipeg-1.2288826>

Some excerpts -

"The new device can be purchased online for about \$5 and sends an electromagnetic pulse through a car's key area to unlock the vehicle."

"The device can be thwarted if the car's keyless entry system is disabled, but you'll have to visit a mechanic to have that done."

In the video it doesn't work on one car, but it does work on a Toyota.

## MEDFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 2014-2015

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, 2015. We appreciate and value your membership!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Individual (\$5) ☐ Household (\$10)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to Medfield Community Association. • You can bring this form and your check to an MCA meeting, or mail them to P.O. Box 4782, Baltimore, MD 21211.