

The Medfielder

Medfield Community Association
Newsletter



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COMMUNITY NOTES

NEXT MEETING

TUES., JULY 9, 7 p.m.
Christian Love
Baptist Church (CLBC)
Hall, Falls Rd. & 42nd St.

BOARD MEETING:

WED., JULY 24,
7:30 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: Brian Parkinson
Secretary: Randy Dalmas
Treasurer: Gary Sever
General Board Members:
Samantha Armacost
Charly Carter
Pat Dideriksen
Dennis Dideriksen
Jaclyn Paul
Maureen Burke

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Folks, I'm very pleased about the recent election results! We filled all Officer and Board positions with some very talented and hard working neighbors (see the banner to the left for the full board list). I'm so grateful for these volunteers, and hope you will thank them, too. To us, this is more than just a neighborhood, it's a community. Consider this: why do we do this at all, what should the Medfield Community Association be about, and what is the value of membership? Great questions, ones we will work on over the summer; speak up and let us know what you think, at either our next General meeting (7/9), or online via Nextdoor. Over the next few months, we will highlight what we've accomplished, and what we hope to do together. But it would really be great if more of you would get involved. We need more people, who have a caring and can-do attitude, who can work with reality and who can help find solutions. I know you're out there! Let's pull together and build our talent pool. We look forward to moving forward!

— Cindy Cabales

SUMMER MEETINGS—THE MCA IS MEETING THIS SUMMER

YES! We will continue to meet over the summer. Our general meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Board meetings are on the fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Both are open to the public and are held in the social hall of the Christian Love Baptist Church at the corner of 42nd and Falls.

JULY GENERAL MEETING TOPICS

- Stan Janczak from the Department of Housing Permits & Code Enforcement will be on hand to talk about City services, including what kinds of things you can report and how issues are addressed.
- Officer O'Donnell from the Baltimore City Police Department will give us a crime update.
- Charly Carter, Board member, will talk about plans for Medfield Heights Elementary School.
- We will also announce proposed activities and events for the rest of 2013.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE

Dennis Dideriksen (former Treasurer), Doug Barry, Faye Rivkin and Richard Kaminski. We thank them for their years of dedicated service. Richard will continue to serve on the Zoning and Land Use Committee, but will step down as the chairman. Gary Sever (Treasurer) will take the lead role with this important committee.

NEW COMMITTEE LEADS

We'll share more information with you about their role in the months to come, but in the meantime, contact them through Nextdoor with any questions.

- Traffic: Brian Parkinson
- Zoning and Land Use: Gary Sever
- Crime and Safety: Charly Carter

WE'RE GETTING A NEW SCHOOL!

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Mayor's Christmas Parade will take place on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2013. If you would like to volunteer, donate or for more info, please call Tom Kerr at 410-366-0726.

Did you know that Medfield Heights Elementary School is getting a major facelift starting around Jan 2016? We hope you're as excited as we are, for the chance to improve the environment in which our kids learn! There is a lot that needs to happen before this change becomes reality, and we as a community have a chance to give our input on a number of issues surrounding the new school; it's the perfect opportunity to think about what goes on INSIDE the school building, in addition to what goes on outside it. What kind of programs will be in the new building: will they have expanded Pre-K? Will it be a K-5 or a K-8? Will there be space for after-school programming or out-of-school activities? What kind of community space would best serve our neighborhood? Also, are there outside resources that we can pull into the school to give the kids better programming? Stay tuned for upcoming announcements regarding community meeting dates and additional information.

THE COMPLAINT PROCESS

As the MCA becomes more visible and active in our community, we've also been asked to resolve more complaints. We are happy to help, where we can, but the MCA board wants to clarify one important point: we are not a Home Owners Association (HOA), and because we don't have this role, we don't have the authority or power to resolve issues between neighbors. But there is so much we can and will do! We are here to support you as homeowners and tenants to identify resources to help with issues involving City services. We can also serve as an escalation point for unresolved issues. We can leverage our "strength in numbers" to get support from our elected City Council representatives. We can leverage our media resources to share information about community services, events, alerts, how-to's. And we can engage with each other as good neighbors, who care about the value we get from a strong community.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

WHEN	WHAT	WHO	CONTACT
Tues., July 9 7 p.m.	MCA General Meeting Christian Love Baptist Church Hall Falls Rd. & 42nd St.	Medfield Community Association	medfieldmd@gmail.com
Wed., July 24 7:30 p.m.	MCA Board Meeting Christian Love Baptist Church Hall Falls Rd. & 42nd St.	Medfield Community Association	medfieldmd@gmail.com
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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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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, 2014. Either mail this form with your check to: **Medfield Community Association, P.O. Box 4736, Baltimore, MD 21211**, or bring it to a meeting. We appreciate and value your membership.

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