

The Medfielder

The Medfield Community Association Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Don't let a groundhog fool you — spring is coming to Medfield! How will you make the most of all that extra daylight?

How about joining a neighborhood watch group to stretch your legs and show would-be criminals we're on the lookout?

Don't have time or space for a garden, but still want to get your hands dirty? Check out some green projects on our new volunteer sign-up site: <http://bit.ly/1fp5oCG>.

Not sure about joining an organized club? Take a walk with your dog or a neighbor, pick up trash that's been buried under the snow and ice, and report any damaged street lights or signs to 311. If you haven't already, get on Nextdoor Medfield (<http://medfield.nextdoor.com/>) to stay abreast of neighborhood happenings.

Of course, you don't need to get online to get involved. Come to our general meetings (details below) for updates, volunteer opportunities, and a great chance to catch up with your neighbors and make your voice heard.

Don't worry if you're feeling stretched thin and short on time. Passion and will are what really make a difference. Imagine what we could do if just 10 people volunteered an hour or two of their time this spring. I know I'd love to see it happen.

It's time to get involved, Medfield — let's come out of hibernation!

— Cindy Cabales, President, Medfield Community Association

WHO'S ON THE BALLOT FOR MCA BOARD ELECTIONS?

Can you think of a few ways you'd like to make Medfield the best neighborhood in Baltimore? You might make an excellent candidate for the MCA Board of Directors, who will hold elections this June.

Think you lack the skills to serve on a board? We'll bet that's not true! If you're not sure, or if you just want to find out more about the MCA board, please join us for a meet and greet at our next meeting on Wednesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. We plan to meet at a local restaurant, so watch Nextdoor for an announcement of the exact location or email medfieldmd@gmail.com to stay in the loop.

STREET CLEANING COMING TO MEDFIELD IN APRIL

Beginning April 2, Medfield's streets will receive mechanical street cleaning on the first and second Wednesdays of each month.

Odd sides of our streets will be swept on first Wednesdays, even sides on second Wednesdays. All vehicles must be moved for street cleaning between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., though the city may narrow that window after the initial rollout.

Informational postcards will be mailed to residents, but the city will not post signs. After a six-month grace period, owners of vehicles not moved for street cleaning may receive fines.

Expansion of the city's street cleaning program comes as a result of new requirements from the EPA to reduce waterway pollution and offset the effects of impervious surfaces.

WHAT THE MCA CAN DO FOR YOU

The MCA empowers the community to improve our quality of life through communication, engagement, participation, and advocacy. We identify resources to help navigate city services and we can serve as an escalation point for unresolved issues by asking our elected officials for support.

NEXT MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING

TUE, MAR. 11, 7:00 PM

Christian Love Baptist Church
Social Hall, Falls Rd. & 42ND St.

☪ 2ND Tuesdays each month

BOARD MEETING

WED, MAR. 26, 7:30 PM

Location will be announced
on Nextdoor.

☪ 4TH Wednesdays each month

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thu, March 6
1:00 PM
Food Stamps for Seniors (55+) Applicants must bring photo ID, Social Security card, proof of income, rent/mortgage verification, proof of utility, most recent bank statement, and all prescription/medical bills.
📍 St. Mary's Outreach Center, Fellowship Hall
☎ 410-366-3106

Fri, March 7
11:30 AM
Senior Benefits Luncheon Enjoy a delicious lunch with friends and join a discussion and Q&A about senior benefits offered at St. Mary's Outreach Center.
📍 St. Mary's Outreach Center, Fellowship Hall
☎ 410-366-3106

Sat, March 15
9:30 AM
Bi-Monthly Block Rep Meeting We'll discuss next steps for our recruitment efforts, follow up on to-dos from the January meeting, and debrief on the previous week's Neighborhood Institute. Current and prospective Block Reps welcome!
📍 The Evergreen Café, 501 W. Cold Spring Lane

YOUR MCA BOARD MEMBERS

President: Cindy Cabales	Samantha Armacost
Vice President: Brian Parkinson	Charly Carter
Secretary: Randy Dalmas	Pat Dideriksen
Treasurer: Gary Sever	Dennis Dideriksen
	Jaclyn Paul



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However, the MCA does not have power or authority to resolve issues between neighbors or act as a homeowners association (HOA). Have questions about what the MCA can do for you? Email us at medfieldmd@gmail.com or drop by one of our general membership meetings.

HOW QUICKLY WOULD FIRST RESPONDERS FIND YOUR HOUSE?

Did you know that by law, homes backing up to alleys must have their address numbers on the rear as well as the front? The reason is safety: rear addresses make police response more efficient when the rear of the property is involved in a 911 call. Address numbers can be clearly painted or firmly affixed and should be visible from the alley.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE EXAMINING CURRENT ISSUES

The MCA's Traffic Committee met in February to discuss several persistent issues, including speeding on 41st Street west of Falls Road and the ongoing gridlock at Greenspring Tower Square.

Committee members brainstormed some possible solutions for the speeding concerns, including an expansion of parking hours on 41st Street and a traffic light at 41st Street and Buena Vista Avenue to stop traffic for pedestrians.

Want to get involved in these discussions? Join the conversation on Nextdoor Medfield or contact Brian Parkinson, committee chair, via a private message on Nextdoor.

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