

# The Medfielder

Medfield Community Association  
Newsletter



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## COMMUNITY NOTES

### NEXT MEETING

TUE, SEPT. 10, 7:00PM  
Christian Love Baptist  
Church (CLBC) Hall,  
Falls Rd. & 42<sup>ND</sup> St.

### BOARD MEETING

WED, SEPT. 25, 7:30PM  
CLBC Hall  
Falls Rd. & 42<sup>ND</sup> St.

### MEETING DAYS

MCA general meetings are  
on the 2<sup>ND</sup> Tuesday and  
the board meets on the 4<sup>TH</sup>  
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

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Summer is winding down with big highs and frustrating lows for Medfield. On the plus side: the Board has stayed productive this summer; our Garden Club did amazing work on the War Memorial garden at Weldon Circle and the Butterfly Garden at Medfield Heights Elementary; and we keep adding members to Nexdoor Medfield.

The not-so-great news: we lost a fave spot when Mamma's Cucina closed down, and business is slow at JT's. Joyce needs our patronage now more than ever!

While we're fortunate not to experience the violent crime happening in many other neighborhoods, we've had an increase in car break-ins, a few home break-ins, and a stolen vehicle chase through our neighborhood. The last ended well, with sharp neighbors helping police to apprehend the suspects.

Want to help make things better? There are so many ways you can lend a hand to strengthen our community! Take a look through this newsletter and find a way to volunteer. Let's keep looking to better days and pitching in together, Medfield!

— Cindy Cabales, President, Medfield Community Association

### PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CAR BREAK-INS

Car break-ins have spiked this year, but here's the good news: larceny from auto is a preventable crime! Remember these tips to keep your vehicle and possessions safe:

- Don't leave anything in your car. Think beyond big-ticket items like GPS units, cell phones, and laptops. Phone chargers, audio cords, spare change, and phone/GPS mounts attract criminals looking for concealed items.
- Lock your doors whenever you leave your vehicle. Opportunistic thieves will try door handles until they find one unlocked.
- If you hear a car alarm, take a look out the window. Call 911 if you see anything suspicious.
- If you're the only person who drives your car, consider keeping your insurance and registration cards in your wallet to protect your personal information.

If you do experience a theft from your vehicle, file a police report. This can be done quickly online at [www.baltimorepolice.org](http://www.baltimorepolice.org). Even if the actual property loss is insignificant, reporting every incident increases the accuracy of our crime statistics.

### HANG UP AND PAY ATTENTION

In August, joggers and walkers in nearby neighborhoods experienced a rash of early-morning cell phone robberies. Stay safe: hang up and pay attention when you're out alone. Refrain from talking on the phone or texting while walking, jogging, or getting in and out of your car. Having your smart phone out makes you a target, especially if you're distracted and unaware of your surroundings.

### WATCH OUT FOR CANVASSERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Canvassers are hitting Medfield with a variety of sales pitches, some of which have resulted in scams or robberies. Be wary of anyone knocking on your door to offer goods or services or solicit donations. Think

you may be interested, but not sure if the offer is legitimate? Ask the solicitor to set up an appointment to return and talk to you at a later date. A reputable business will be happy to do this.

### THE 411 ON 911 & 311

**911:** Use for emergencies, to report a crime in progress, or to report suspicious activity. The BPD encourages residents to report crime anonymously by using a Crime Watch number. If you don't have one yet, you can find a registration form on Nextdoor Medfield: in the "Documents" category look for "Baltimore Police crime watch application."

**311:** Use for non-emergency issues like sanitation, high grass, graffiti, potholes, streetlight outages, downed trees or limbs, missing or damaged street signs, broken traffic signals, abandoned vehicles, parking complaints, animal control, etc. File your request by phone, online, or via the 311 smartphone app. Keep track of your service request number(s) in case you need to escalate the issue.

Here are some more useful digits for reporting specific types of crime:

- Anonymous crime tips.....410-276-8888
- Illegal drug activity.....410-666-DRUG
- Illegal guns.....410-685-GUNS

### FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival is right around the corner! The Festival will be returning to Weldon Circle on Saturday, October 5. There are still volunteer opportunities and table spaces available (\$10 residents, \$15 non-residents). If you're interested, please contact Pat Dideriksen at 410-366-5733 or [pdideriksen@towson.edu](mailto:pdideriksen@towson.edu).

### GARDEN CLUB SAVES THE M.H.E.S. BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Last month, the MCA Garden Club received word that the butterfly garden at Medfield Heights Elementary School was so overgrown, the City was about to destroy it. With only a few days' notice, club



leader Doug Rose rallied the troops and organized three work parties to clear the weeds. If you happen to walk by the school, you'll notice the butterfly garden looks more beautiful than ever!

Many thanks to the Garden Club members who contributed to this heroic effort, especially Mimi Cukier, Larry Easter, and Stephanie Stockton. You all went above and beyond the call of duty!

### WHO SHOULD REPLACE MAMMA'S CUCINA?

Many of us were sad to see Mamma's Cucina shut its doors. Medfield has been asked for input on what we'd like to see occupy the empty space in Greenspring Tower Center. Do you think our neighborhood is missing something? Please join us at the September MCA General Meeting to share your ideas!

### MISS JR. HIGH SCHOOL RIGHT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

Congratulations to the Smiths on 43<sup>RD</sup> Street! Michaela Smith was named Miss Maryland Junior High for 2013 and went on to compete in the Miss Junior High America Pageant. Sixty percent of Michaela's winning score came from her excellent academics and community service. Kudos to Michaela for being such a shining star in our neighborhood!

### MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Mayor's Christmas Parade will take place on Sunday, December 8, at 1:00 PM. If you would like more info about the Miss/Miss Jr. Yuletide contest, or to volunteer or make a donation, call Tom Kerr at 410-366-0726.

### ZONING UPDATES

The Rotunda redevelopment is scheduled to break ground on September 3 and conclude in 2015. The Hair Cuttery and Radio Shack, both formerly located in the Rotunda, are now open in renovated spaces in Greenspring Tower Center. Additionally, Domino's Pizza will open this Fall on the corner of Falls Road and 41<sup>ST</sup> Street.

### TRAFFIC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Your Traffic Committee representatives are Brian Parkinson (chair), Erin Bolton, and Ray Burns. The Committee is currently working with the city to alleviate traffic at two key sites: the corner of 41<sup>ST</sup> Street & Falls Road and Medfield Heights Elementary School during student drop-off and pick-up. Other, smaller projects include: pavement issues near the 4400 block of Clydesdale Avenue, lack of stop signs on 42<sup>ND</sup>

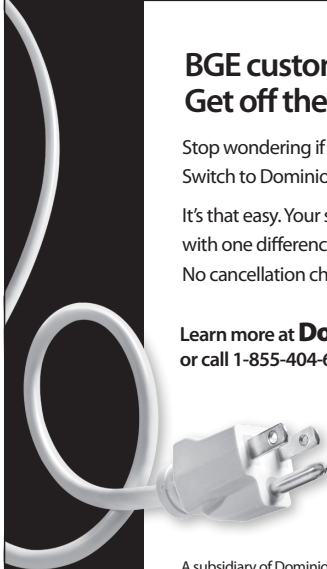
Street at Edgehill Avenue and Elsa Terrace, and speeding concerns on Roland Heights Avenue between Evans Chapel Road and Falls Road. Please talk to Brian Parkinson at the next MCA General Meeting or contact him via Nextdoor Medfield with any questions or concerns.

### NEW SMOKE ALARM LAW TAKES EFFECT

New legislation has gone into effect mandating that by January 1, 2018, each home must have a minimum of one smoke alarm on each level. Battery operated smoke alarms remain acceptable, but the law requires that the alarms be tamper-proof, be powered by long-life batteries, and possess hush button features to discourage unsafe removal.

Firefighters often discover missing or disabled 9-volt smoke detector batteries at the site of fatal fires. Never remove the battery to silence a low-battery alert or a false alarm triggered by cooking.

Any resident in need of a working smoke alarm is asked to call 311. Firefighters will come to your home and install a new alarm within two hours.




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### UPCOMING EVENTS

WHEN	WHAT	WHO	CONTACT
September 7-8 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM	FREE Beef Tasting fundraiser The Warehouse 1400C Warner St.	Western HS Robodoves robotics team	tinyurl.com/RoboDovesBeef
Sat, October 5 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Medfield Fall Festival Weldon Circle	Medfield Community Association	medfieldmd@gmail.com
Sun, December 8 1:00 PM	Mayor's 41 <sup>ST</sup> Annual Christmas Parade	Mayor's Christmas Parade Committee	www.mayorschristmasparade.com
Every Friday 7 PM Rain or shine	Enough is Enough Peace Rally Location varies weekly	Baltimore City Police, 7 <sup>TH</sup> District clergy, and concerned citizens	Councilman Nick Mosby's Office 410-396-4810

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