

The Medfielder

Medfield Community Association
Newsletter



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COMMUNITY NOTES

NEXT MEETING

TUES., MAY 14, 7 p.m.
Christian Love
Baptist Church (CLBC)
Hall, Falls Rd. & 42nd St.

BOARD MEETING:

WED., MAY 22, 7 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
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Treasurer: Dennis Dideriksen

General Board Members:
Doug Barry
Maureen Burke
Pat Dideriksen
Gary Sever
Faye Rivkin

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy spring, Medfield! Here's what's coming for our May General Meeting: guests, and lots of them. We'll have guests from the Baltimore City Departments of Public Works, Transportation, Sanitation, and the Northern Police District, available to answer all of your questions. We'll also have a few announcements about some changes coming our way for the Medfield Community Association. Join us!

— Cindy Cabales

MHES SPRING FLING RECAP

A word from Chris Williams, Medfield Heights Elementary PTA President about the recent Spring Fling. The event was a "big success, we raised over \$4,000 for the school. A big thanks to the Community Association for all their wonderful support."

The MCA was happy to share the day with MHES. We had two tables at the Spring Fling, met a number of residents and made a bit of money! The gardening group sold seedlings, including snap peas, basil and hot peppers. (Contact Cindy Cabales through Nextdoor if you're interested in purchasing any.) The 50/50 raffle was won by Debbie Hitt of Morling Ave., and we can thank Hollis and Hannah for their donation of a rain barrel that was auctioned off in the silent raffle. Taken home by Kerry Ford Morancy of W. 41st St, she says that in the days after the Spring Fling, it's already caught a lot of rain!

AN UPDATE ON TRANSFORM BALTIMORE

At the next general MCA meeting, Tues., May 14 at 7 p.m., Gary Sever from the Medfield Zoning Committee will make a recommendation to the association to re-designate 4300 Falls Road from a R-7 (residential) to a C1 (commercial building). By re-designating 4300 Falls Road to a C1, JTs Market & Deli will be removed from the "Non Conforming" Liquor Establishments as listed on City Council Bill #12-0152 (TransForm Baltimore — Zoning Alcohol Outlet Reduction). There will be a discussion and vote, so bring your questions and give your input.

GOOD NEIGHBOR REQUESTS FOR MAY

- For **Neighbor Safety and Courtesy**: Consider leaving your front and or back porch lights on to discourage criminals. Our new Crime and Safety Liaison—Charly Carter—will be coordinating with the Baltimore City Police Department and communicating crime alerts to MCA as necessary, usually through NextDoor.com. The city fire department reminds us to stay hydrated in the upcoming hot weather. They also remind everyone that open fires are not permitted in the city, even in steel fire pits. Only charcoal and propane grills are allowed.
- For **Resident Safety**: Recently, salesmen for an alarm company were canvassing the neighborhood and knocking on doors after dark. The activity was considered suspicious and concerns were raised that these were thieves masquerading as salesmen. Residents are reminded to call 911 whenever suspicious behavior is seen. If you

haven't already, sign up through Operation Crime Watch for a crime watch number (apply online at <http://crime.baltimorecity.gov/ReportCrime/CrimeWatchNumberApplication.aspx> or call our Community Liaisons at 410-396-2455), which allows you to anonymously report crimes. Also, if you contact our Community Liaisons, you can request a free security review of your home.

- For **Pet Health and Safety**: Comply with leash laws, and make sure your pets' vaccinations are current.
- For **Neighbor Courtesy, Sanitation, and Pet Health and Safety**: Please pick up your pets' poop. It's the right thing to do and it's also the law. An animal's feces can make other pets sick, and can attract pests.
- For **Sanitation and Pest Control**: Please don't leave pet food out for strays and/or outdoor pets. Leaving food outside allows pests and wild critters to eat and then spread disease to our pets.
- For **Neighbor Courtesy and Sanitation**: Don't put trash out overnight in just a trash bag. Trash bags should only be used if you are putting your trash out the morning of pick-up. Leaving bags out overnight means fast food for rats. If you need to put your trash out the night before, please place it in a solid metal or heavy duty plastic trash can.
- For **Neighbor Courtesy and Sanitation**: Don't use the school dumpsters for personal trash and waste.
- For **Property Protection**: Use common sense — don't leave valuables in your car! There has been an uptick in the number of car break-ins in our neighborhood.

INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES GLOBAL SCHOLARS LEARNING PROGRAM

Looking for something stimulating to occupy your kids after school for the rest of the school year and through the summer? Medfield's own Alfred Griffin has started a program dedicated to global learning for PreK to fifth graders, designed to improve math and reading skills and introduce a foreign language. During the school year, the program runs Mon.-Fri., 2:20-5:45 p.m. Snacks are provided and pick up from MHES is available. Special event days are held during holidays and school closings, 7:30 a.m.-5:45 p.m. IEI Global Scholars is located in the Christian Love Baptist Church, (Falls Rd. & 42nd St.) Academic and financial need based aid is available. For more information, contact Alfred Griffin at 443-692-7168, between 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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POETRY CORNER

We're proud to share another poem written by one of our residents, published author and poet, Isaac Rehert.

Have a (very) short story (just a few paragraphs) or poem you've written that you'd like to share? Send it to medfieldmd@gmail.com with Newsletter in the subject line. We can't promise to fit in all the pieces we get, but we'll do our best.

SPECIAL DELIVERY by Isaac Rehert

Who notices the mail carrier?
Nameless faceless voiceless
Simple gray uniform nondescript
Footsteps silent on the step
Neither snow nor rain nor heat
nor gloom of night etcetera etcetera
Who feels for these invisible folk?
Our Medfield neighborhood does.

*A tiny woman in a USPS truck
A leather bag bulging with mail
Letters parcels cards assorted junk
On our sidewalk each day without fail
A smile your name a hearty greeting
For every resident in the row
Doors dart open to not miss meeting
This ray of sunshine on the go*

Fan letters on Neighborhood Facebook
"The name of our post-elf is Monique"
"If you're in the bag for certified mail
Wherever you are she'll chase you down"
"When our angel Monique is off
No telling when the mail'll come
"But when the mail arrives on time
You know Monique's on the job"

*Monique, have you heard the news?
They're twittering how much they love you*

Postcard that's a diamond Envelope that's a star
Priceless Special handling Delivery guaranteed

And how
inexpensive
the stamp

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WHEN	WHAT	WHO	CONTACT
Every Friday 7 p.m.	<i>Enough is Enough Peace Rally</i> Rain or shine	Baltimore City Police and 7th Dist. clergy and concerned community	Councilman Nick Mosby's Office 410-396-4810
4th Tuesday	The Medfield Gardening club will participate in "Power in Dirt," a new Mayoral initiative to create community gardens.	Medfield Gardening Club	Contact the Gardening club through NextDoor

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