

# The Medfielder

THE MEDFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

P.O. BOX 4736 • BALTIMORE, MD 21211  
www.MedfieldMd.com

## Community Notes

### NEXT MEETING

**Mon., MAR. 3, 7 p.m.**

Aldersgate Church Hall  
42nd St. and Falls Rd.

### BOARD MTG.

**TUES., MAR. 18, 2008**

Aldersgate Church Hall

### Recycling Dates—MARCH



Baltimore is now Single Stream Recycling – All items collected in one container. Instead of separating your bottles, cans, jars and paper, you can now place all these items in one container for collection. Your paper collection day last year is now the collection day for all your recyclables. DPW has also added more varieties of plastics which they will accept. Plastic bottles and jars with 1-7 on the bottom, instead of just 1-2, will now be collected.

**Paper and Plastic: 2nd and 4th Wednesday—  
WED., MAR. 12 & 26.**

**Bulk Trash:** Call 410-361-9333 three working days before the regular scheduled pick up day, which is the 4th Wed. of the month.

Visit us on the Web:  
[www.MedfieldMd.com](http://www.MedfieldMd.com)

### UNWANTED DUMPSTER

At the next COMMUNITY meeting on March 3 at Aldersgate Church, residents of Roland Heights Avenue will request support from the MCA to remove an unwanted dumpster behind 4301 Buchanan Avenue. Residents say there was normal City trash pick-up for this property until the new owner installed a dumpster. Complaints note that the retaining wall and fence around this dumpster may have been completed without building permits rendering the structure illegal.

### TRANSPORTATION SPEAKER

Traci McPhail, the Transportation Marketing Coordinator for the Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT) will discuss the City Commuter Program. The program provides ride-matching services, carpool priority parking spaces under the Jones Falls Expressway, and addressing requests for transit information. A representative from DOT will also provide the community with an update to Medfield's Traffic Calming Initiative.

### SPRING FAIR & FLEA MARKET

**Mark your calendars!** The Medfield Spring Fair and Flea Market will be **Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.** on Elsa Terrace and Weldon Circle. This event has been held many times in years past and is a great way to meet with neighbors and enjoy the community.

Community members will have the opportunity to reserve a space in the flea market to sell new or used items. The cost for reserving a space is \$10 and you must provide your own table. This year, the Spring Fair and Flea Market will also include a visit from the Baltimore Zoomobile, face painting, a raffle, hot dogs, snowballs, soda and more!

Proceeds from the event will go to support the Medfield Community Association, so mark the date on your calendar and plan now to participate. Email [medfieldpublicservice@hotmail.com](mailto:medfieldpublicservice@hotmail.com) or call Sarah at 410-598-3079 to reserve a space in the flea market or volunteer to help with this event.

### HAPPY HOUR AT HON'S GREAT FUN

The chilly weather didn't keep the Medfielders from Happy Hour at Hon's in February. A nice crowd showed up and had so much fun, the Association is planning another one in April. Congratulations to Karen Kaminisky for winning a \$25 gift certificate to the Hon Restuaruant in the "Hair Pin Counting" contest.

### MCA SPONSORS 2 SOLDIERS

In conjunction with the Aunt Nancy Project, the Medfield Community Association is proud to be sponsoring GSM3 Matthew Schronce, a 24 year old sailor in the Navy. Originally from York, SC, he is assigned to the USS Carney and is currently stationed in the Persian Gulf. We will also be sponsoring Tracy Nesthus, of the 101 ABN Division. She is stationed in Iraq and currently hospitalized due to an injury.

Please bring small items to the March meeting (non-perishable snacks, drink mixes, coffee, sunscreen, new/gently used DVDs and CDs, batteries, etc.) to include care packages for these soldiers. We will also be collecting donations to purchase additional items and cover postage.

If you are interested in writing to either of these young people, we can supply you with their address. Cards and letters with updates of sports teams, the weather, and just life in general are always looked forward to.

Thank you for your support!

### CRIME WATCH

The Northern District has seen a significant rise in larceny-from-auto and auto-theft during the December 2007/January 2008 timeframe, including a string of auto thefts in Medfield. A significant number of auto-thefts were clustered in-or-around the area of Clydesdale, La Plata, Newport, Roland Heights, Wood Heights, and Ridgewood. In addition to keeping vehicles locked, police officers suggest using a steering-wheel locking device such as "The Club"...an economical deterrent that can be removed by the vehicle's rightful owner in seconds.

Larceny-from-auto (the theft of valuables from within vehicles) is one of the most preventable crimes, but it is one of the easiest to commit. Residents need to keep vehicles locked, with the windows up and all valuables out of site. Particularly 'hot' items seem to be portable GPS devices and satellite radio receivers, but purses, cell phones, and PDAs also tempt potential thieves.

Overall crime statistics for the last quarter of 2007 indicated a significant reduction in major crimes, and Medfield remains a very safe and solid community. Residents can help keep Medfield safe by reporting suspicious activity...get a Crime Watch Number!