

DEAR NEW NEIGHBOR:

Welcome to Radnor-Winston Neighborhood! You will soon discover (if you haven't already) that the greatest advantages of our community are our neighbors. We are a diverse community of people who are lucky to have an active neighborhood association that helps bring neighbors together. There are almost 250 households in the Radnor-Winston community, and one of the best ways to meet your new neighbors is to attend neighborhood events and/or become involved with the Radnor-Winston Improvement Association.

The Radnor Winston Improvement Association (RWIA) has been active since the 1950's, working to foster communication within the community, to represent our interests with the City and neighboring institutions, and to promote community spirit with a variety of social events through the year. The Association is thus involved in a number of efforts that affect everyone who resides in the community, including but not limited to:

- Representing our neighborhood in working with the York Road Partnership, Baltimore City and others in the redevelopment of the York Road Corridor.
- Representing our neighborhood for over 30 years as a member of the North Baltimore Neighborhood Coalition in negotiating and monitoring an ongoing agreement with Loyola University that covers a range of issues affecting the quality of life in our community.
- Organizing a number of events during the year, including neighborhood clean-up days, a pancake breakfast, and three general meetings each year. In addition, the Association sponsors a variety of social functions, including an Spring Egg Hunt, a Progressive Porch Party in September, a Halloween parade, and a Holiday Party in December.

How can you become involved in the Radnor-Winston Improvement Association? It's simple – attend RWIA meetings, join neighbors at social events, and, of course support the work of the Association by paying a minimal fee to join the Association. Simply complete the attached form and return with your annual dues of only \$10 and mail to: RWIA, P.O. Box 39262, Baltimore, MD 21212. We are also currently updating our Neighborhood Directory (free to all dues paying members), and would love to include your information (whether or not you choose to become an Association member).

There are a number of important facts about the neighborhood that you may find useful:

SCHOOL DISTRICT – We are fortunate to be located in the Roland Park Elementary/Middle School district. The school has had an outstanding reputation for many years and is considered very desirable by many prospective home-buyers.

HISTORIC DISTRICT – With the exception of a few homes built in the 1940's and 1950's, Radnor Winston is listed on the National Register of Historic Neighborhoods. While this designation does not restrict property owners in any way, it does provide owners with attractive City and State historic tax credit opportunities that you may want to consider. A good resource for additional information is: <http://baltimoreheritage.org/resources/historic-tax-credits/>

STUDENT RENTALS – As part of an agreement with the North Baltimore Neighborhood Coalition that dates back to the 1980's, Loyola University prohibits its students from renting homes in Radnor-Winston and 11 other neighborhoods around the campus. The University strictly enforces this policy.

PERMITS – The physical condition and safety of our historic house stock is a major concern of the Association. There are a handful of houses that have fallen into disrepair, and we have had some serious fires in recent years. We have an active Housing Committee (a committee of the Association) and we try to assist property owners with resource information they can utilize to maintain their property. We also remind all property owners to obtain permits for all work as required by Baltimore City code. For additional information, please see: <http://www.baltimorehousing.org/permits>
Acquiring appropriate permits before working on our homes assures that the work will be up to code and thus keep our neighborhood safe.

EMAIL LISTSERVE – We have an active neighborhood listserve that allows neighbors to easily communicate. Just a few ways the listserve is utilized include posting neighborhood events (well in advance of the event), asking for advice about contractors, plumbers, electricians etc., and quickly reporting crimes to alert neighbors.

COMMUNITY GARDEN - Approximately 20 neighborhood families have been cooperatively farming the Radnor Winston Community Garden since 2011. Located on a Loyola University lot behind Popeye, the garden provides a bounty of fresh produce for the participating families as well as for the CARES food pantry, located just up York Road at St. Mary's Church. New members welcome!

Some additional sources of information include:

Website: www.radnorwinston.org

Next Door: <https://radnorwinstonmd.nextdoor.com/login/>

York Road Partnership: www.yorkroadpartnership.org

To join the RW Yahoogroups.com listserve, send an email to: somewhereinthecity@gmail.com

We wish you well with your new home purchase. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to approach your Block Captain, neighbors, or Association Board Members. Each street has a Block Captain who takes concerns to the Association Board Meetings, which are held every other month. All neighbors are welcome to attend these meetings. Check the website for meeting dates and a current list of Association officers.

Sincerely,

The Radnor Winston Improvement Association