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The Edmondson Heights Neighborhood News

A Covenant Controlled Community

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Edmondson Heights Civic Association meets the first Tuesday of the month at Edmondson Heights Elementary School at 7:30 PM during the school year.

Note: School closing because of weather or holidays will automatically cancel the meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT SWEEP

The Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. Board of Governor's and Officers have decided to request a community wide code enforcement sweep to be conducted in the fall and early winter. This is a general review of the neighborhood for visible code enforcement violations which can be easily corrected in most instances. Corrective notices and/or citations with potential fines will be issued during the sweep for the following:

- Untagged /Inoperative Motor Vehicle
- Junk, Trash And Debris
- Rat Holes In Yards
- Trash Cans Without Lids
- Chipped And Peeling Paint
- Broken Windows
- Grass Over 12" High
- Unsafe Sidewalks, Porch Deck And Steps.
- Major Exterior Repairs.
- No House Number on Front and Back of Home.

The above list is not all inclusive. Other violations may be noted. We strongly recommend that residents correct all known violations in advance of the sweep in order to avoid a corrective notice and/or citation with fines. Let's all pitch in to make our community a well maintained and desirable community in which to live and at the same time maintain and increase our home values. Take care of your property, avoid a citation and possible fine.

Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. Election of Officers and Board of Governors

Help your community. Volunteer to become an Officer or Board member. Elections for officers and board members for 2017 will be held at our 12/5/17 community meeting. Nominations are open now. If you are interested in becoming an officer or board member, **please contact me, by phone at 410-788-3105 or by email at president@ehcaonline.org.**

Even if you are not able to volunteer as an Officer or Board member of the Association, there are many other opportunities for you to volunteer for such activities as park cleanup, newsletter deliveries, storm drain stenciling, etc. If you have any questions regarding the duties of an officer or board member, please do not hesitate to ask or the duties can be found on our website at www.ehcaonline.org under bylaws.

**Please help, volunteer to serve.
We need your help.**

**EDMONDSON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CLEANUP SEPTEMBER 23, 2017.
SEE PAGE SIX (6) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

EMAIL ADDRESS DATA BASE

Be informed, Get informed, Join the Edmondson Heights email data base and start receiving emails providing current and relative information. To join, send an email to: president@ehcaonline.org with your name and address and we will add you. We currently have 405 email addresses out of 1010 homes signed up to receive community news via email. *Your email address will never be sold or given to a third party without your permission.*

Join us and help us inform the community. This is the only way we can communicate important and timely information to residents and has proven to be very valuable to date.

Community Events Dates to Remember

Mark your calendar for EHCA meetings at Edmondson Heights Elementary School the first Tuesday of every month. This is your neighborhood. Join your neighbors to keep it wonderful!

- 09/06/2016 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.
- 09/23/2017 Community Dumpster Clean Up
- 10/04/2016 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.
- 11/01/2016 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.
- 12/06/2016 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.

Alleys

Recently, I have seen people driving through the alleys as if they were on Ingleside Avenue. Please drive carefully as our alleys are used as a play area by children, a place for dogs to be walked and neighbors to chat.

If you are playing or walking in the alleys, please step out of the way of cars as they drive through so everyone stays safe. We can share the alleys safely if we all do our part. Thank you.

A Concerned Resident



Edmondson Heights Neighborhood
Annual Summer Garden Contest results!!!!

The Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. would like to recognize the gorgeous gardens and lawns that beautified our neighborhood this year. The winners of this year's contest are listed below:

1427 Barrett Road—Front, Side and Back Gardens
1129 Newfield Road—Front Porch and Garden
1425 Kirkwood Road—Back Garden

Each winner received a \$30 gift card from Walmart.

Outdoor Lights

Just a reminder, before you turn in at night **TURN YOUR LIGHTS ON FRONT AND BACK.** This makes it a little safer for the neighborhood and helps keep bad guys away.
**PROMOTE SAFETY AND SECURITY,
TURN YOUR LIGHTS ON.**

A Concerned Resident

Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. Annual Residence Dues

The 2017 annual residence dues are still \$20 per residence and are due and payable January 1st through December 31st of this calendar year. Dues letter invoices were mailed to each residence in Edmondson Heights in early February 2017. Dues are mandatory and have been mandatory since July 1, 2005. Your dues enable the Association to:

- Ensure a safe, attractive community with covenant enforcement actions and community beautification projects.
- Sponsor activities of the Edmondson Heights Elementary School and Parent Teacher Association.
- Publish our quarterly Neighborhood Newsletters.
- Sponsor Project Clean Spring, National Night Out, and Fall Community Cleanup.

REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES THIS YEAR. Please remit payment of \$20 by check or money order made payable to EHCA, Inc. and mail it to EHCA, PO Box 21150, Catonsville, Md 21228. You can also pay by PAY-PAL (\$21 to cover the PayPal fee) by going to our website at www.ehcaonline.org. All funds raised go back in support for the betterment of the Edmondson Heights community. **Failure to pay dues as required may result in a delay in property sale or title transfer. We live in a GREAT community!!!! Let's WORK to keep it that way.**

**EHCA, INC.
INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2017 THRU JUNE 30, 2017**

Income:

EHCA Membership Dues	\$11,462
Advertising Revenue	1,402
Insurance Claim Payment	2,500
Pay Pal	2
Interest	<u>2</u>
Total Income	\$15,366

Expenses:

Community Signs	\$ 3,250
Postage	854
Office Supplies	841
Newsletters (2 quarterly)	763
Mowing Contract	700
Gift Cards (Ward family & Contest winners)	438
EZ Storage Rental	437
Liability Insurance	325
P. O Box Rental	<u>236</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 7,843
Net Income	\$ 7,523 =====

Councilman Quirk's Contacts

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Greetings from Edmondson Heights Elementary School!

We are so excited to embark on a new school year, especially with the wonderful changes to our physical school building which have been completed. We are so thrilled to be in a school with state-of-the-art air-conditioning and LED lighting! Our intercom system and clock system have also been replaced with modern, reliable systems. Our school is cool and bright and we are already busy with exciting instructional activities for the 2017-18 school year!

This year we welcomed six new faculty members to the Edmondson Heights team. We are pleased to introduce Mr. Bohn (grade K teacher), Ms. Richardson (grade 3 teacher), Ms. Anagnostiadis (grade 4 teacher), Ms. Pocius (special educator), Ms. Woody (school nurse), and Ms. Wilmore (para-educator). We feel certain that the 2017-18 staff is the strongest faculty we've had to date and everyone is fully committed to helping our students learn and grow as much as possible over the course of the next ten months! We are so excited to see how much our students will achieve this year!



We are in search of volunteers to join our amazing team as well. We are looking for responsible, kind adults who are willing to volunteer with us in a number of different capacities. We are looking for help with the following

tasks:

Pre-School, Pre-K, or Kindergarten Classroom

Volunteers-help with daily classroom activities

The "Parent Patrol"-a group of adults (who aren't necessarily parents of a student!) who work with our Parent Service Coordinator to greet and monitor our hallway visitors and traffic

Cafeteria Volunteers-adults who interact with students during lunch time in order to build relationships and guide our youngsters

Readers-adults who are willing to come to school to sit with one student or a small group of children to read books aloud to foster the love of reading

Classroom Volunteers-assist in any grade with filing, cutting, copying, etc.

If you are interested in volunteering with us and becoming part of our team, please contact our Parent Service Coordinator, Mrs. Nakia Winchester, at nwinchester@bcps.org or call our school at 410-887-0818. She will help get you started based on your interests and availability. We can't wait to meet you and see the great work you will do with our students!

I welcome your thoughts, concerns, and questions so please be in touch. The best way to reach me is by email at jmcdivitt@bcps.org. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Juliet McDivitt-Principal
Edmondson Heights Elementary School

Maryland Homeowners Association Act and Covenants

Homeowners, Home Buyers, Home Sellers, Be aware. All homes within the Edmondson Heights community are subject to this act. All home owners considering renovation or repairs to their homes should check the covenant guidelines to ensure that they are not being violated. Covenant guidelines are published quarterly in our community newsletter, are on our community websites and are recorded among the land records of Baltimore County. The ACT requires that home sellers and realtors disclose in writing if the property is subject to any restrictions imposed by a Home Owners Association or any other type of community association.

The Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. strongly enforces the covenant guidelines and legal action will be taken as determined by the Association Officers and Board of Governors. The boundaries of Edmondson Heights are shown in our Covenant Guidelines on page 7 of this newsletter.

If you live on one of the streets and addresses as shown in our Covenant Guidelines, *you are a resident of the Edmondson Heights community and are subject to the Edmondson Heights Covenants. It behooves all homeowners to ensure continual compliance with covenant guidelines in order to avoid a violation notice and legal action.*

PLEASE COMPLY WITH THE COVENANTS AND AVOID A PROBLEM

Alley Parking

Alley parking can be dangerous if there is not enough space for emergency vehicles to pass through. The Baltimore County Code, Article 18, Title 2, Subtitle 202 (Obstruction of Streets and Alleys) states:

"(b) A person may not park, stop, or leave unattended a vehicle in any alley leaving less than 12 feet of clearance parallel to the vehicle."

Vehicles blocking alleys and preventing trash and recycling collection can cause:

- Scattering of materials
- Rodent problems
- Delay in material being collected.
- Blockage of emergency vehicles.

Vehicles that block alleys are subject to ticketing and towing. To report a blocked alley, call the police at 410-887-2222.

Animal Laws-Article 12 Baltimore County Code

1. When off the owner's property, all dogs and cats must be walked on a leash. If chained outside, chains must have swivels. Chain collars may not be used, except when training.
2. All dogs and cats four months of age must be vaccinated against rabies.
3. All dogs and cats must be licensed at four months of age. New pets and all animals moving into Baltimore County must be licensed within thirty days.
4. All animals must be provided shelter for protection from wind, snow, rain, cold and the sun, plus adequate daily food and water, in clean un-tippable bowls.
5. Owners of female cats and dogs "in heat" must not leave their pets outside unattended. (Although spaying female or neutering male animals is not required, it is highly recommended.)
6. It is a violation of the law to allow dogs to bark excessively.
7. If an animal bites someone, the owner and the bite victim must report the injury to the Police Department. You are responsible if your pet bites or injures another person or animal, or menaces people in the community.
8. Owners are responsible for the timely removal of pet waste on public and private property.
9. Do not abandon or neglect pets you cannot keep. Instead, call Animal Control for assistance.
10. Any puppy or kitten sold or given away must be at least eight weeks old. Anyone selling or giving away a puppy, kitten, dog or cat must provide a health certificate, signed by a licensed veterinarian, along with a statement indicating date of sale or transfer of animal, description of animal, and immunizations given. The name, address and phone number of buyer and seller must also be provided.
11. Inadequate provision of food or water, unsanitary conditions, animal combat, cruelty and neglect are all considered animal abuse.

Residents who are concerned about violations should contact the County Animal Control Office at 410-887-7297

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT OUR
SEPTEMBER 5, TUESDAY, COMMUNITY
MEETING**

Special presentation in September: Baltimore County Master Gardeners. Come and find out that there are things YOU can do in your yard to create a healthier Chesapeake Bay! Be sure to come to our first community association meeting this fall (Sept. 5, 7:30 pm at Edmondson Heights Elementary School). The Master Gardeners will introduce us to the possibilities of certifying our yards as "BayWise" if we follow good mulching practices, use native plants, etc. Your yard might already be "BayWise" certifiable, or there may be some simple things to do that will earn your yard a certification as a landscape of healthy bay practices. Come and learn! You will be able to complete an application and have a master gardener come to observe your yard at a later date. Receiving a certification entitles your front yard to a small blue "BayWise" certified sign!



A New School Year is Ready to Start !!!!

Tuesday, September 5th is the first day of school in Baltimore County. Parents, drivers, all of us need to be aware that children will be going to and from school.

Parents:

- **Remind your children to Stop, Look and Listen for oncoming vehicles when crossing a street.**
- **If you drop your child off at school, make certain to let them out of the car on the sidewalk side of the vehicle not the street side.**

Drivers:

- **ALWAYS obey the extended stop sign and flashing red lights on stopped school buses. Do not pass them.**
- **Slow down when children are on their way to/from school.**
- **Put down your phones, coffee, or anything else that might distract your attention while driving in our neighborhood.**

PLEASE, KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Edmondson Heights Neighborhood Picnic Cookout

Our 2017 Neighborhood Cookout was a bright summer event! Neighbors new and old turned out for a summer cookout at the park on Sunday, July 9. Many thanks to grillmasters Rosa J. and Dan M. for the delicious hotdogs and to all who brought desserts and salads to share. Food was bountiful, games were enjoyed by young and old (thanks to Yasmine W!) and new neighbors got a glimpse of Edmondson Heights community connections. Let's keep it up! All in attendance are ready to gather again in the future. Plenty of room for more!

--Your cookout planning team: Michelle M., Yasmine W., Deborah D., Deborah M., Susan T.



The Edmondson Heights National Night Out held in the Park on Tuesday, August 1st was a wonderful opportunity for residents and neighbors to meet Capt. Matt Gorman and Officer Clark from the Woodlawn precinct to discuss their issues and concerns about the neighborhood. The Fire Department sent ladder truck #43 much to the delight of the children and many adults. Councilman Tom Quirk and his legislative aide, Margaret Stokes also joined us to meet the residents and familiarize themselves with our concerns.

Our National Night Out—Dessert in the Park evening defied the odds against us as the rain showers cleared and left behind an enjoyable evening for everyone to meet new neighbors, enjoy delicious desserts, and have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with local law enforcement.

There were lots of fun activities for the children who accompanied their families. Face painting was a favorite with the children, along with lots of other games and sidewalk chalk to decorate the sidewalks.

Thanks to everyone who contributed their time, brought yummy food to share, helped supervise the children's activities, and assisted with whatever was needed. Your enthusiasm and contributions helped make this a great night for everyone.

EDMONDSON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DATE

- DATE:** Saturday, September 23, 2017
- PLACE:** Parking Lot Edmondson Heights Elementary School
- TIME:** 8:00 AM until 11 AM or until dumpsters are full.
- SPECIAL NOTE:** Please be prepared to show proof of Edmondson Heights residency with any document showing your address in hand.

The dumpsters will be at the school for this once a year event Rain or Shine. Remember, first come, first served. Once the dumpsters are full you will be turned away. Per Baltimore County, the dumpsters cannot be overflowing.

(THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE EDMONDSON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.)

ACCEPTABLE FOR DISPOSAL

YARD WASTE—Includes brush, leaves, small tree stumps, logs and wood pieces under 6 feet long. Brush must be cut down, no full size tree limbs.

SCRAP METAL: Includes metal furniture, lawn chairs, lawn mowers without fluids, washers, dryers and household junk that is primarily metal.

RESIDENTIAL WASTE: Includes non-metal appliances, furniture, repair and remodeling scraps, old rugs and carpeting.

UNACCEPTABLE FOR DISPOSAL

Electronic Equipment
Hazardous Substances
Paint, Chemicals, Pesticides
Oil, Gasoline, Anti-freeze
Concrete and Stone bigger than 18 inches
Reinforcing Bars, Steel Rods
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Food Waste
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EDMONDSON HEIGHTS COVENANT GUIDELINES

Residents should be aware that a legally binding set of restrictive covenants apply to all property in the Edmondson Heights Community and were established and initiated by the developer solely for the protection of property values within the community. It has been found that in developments such as our own, composed of groups of homes not individually styled, a certain amount of conformity must be enforced in order to preserve property values. They are a part of your deed, as an official document, recorded among the land records of Baltimore County as laws. By purchasing a house in Edmondson Heights, you have agreed to comply with these covenants even if you were not informed of or did not receive a copy of them at settlement. Covenant violation/s may make it difficult to sell or transfer your home without correction of the violation/s.

The Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. (EHCA, Inc.) as successor and assignee has adopted the following Covenant Guidelines to insure that homeowners, who are considering alterations, comply with the Covenant Guidelines. These Guidelines have been modified and adapted from the Original Covenants that were established in March of 1953. This revision is effective May 1, 2015. Failure to comply with the Covenant Guidelines could result in EHCA, Inc. taking certain enforcement actions authorized under the Maryland Homeowners Association Act and the Maryland Contract and Lien Act. Such enforcement actions could result in delays in future property sale or transfer. Any deviation from the Covenant Guidelines will require a written submission outlining the type of work to be done and the materials to be used along with drawn plan/s delivered to the EHCA, Inc., Board of Governors, at P.O. Box 21150, Baltimore, Maryland 21228-0650. You may also deliver your plan/s to an Officer or Board Member at a regularly scheduled monthly general membership meeting. The EHCA, Inc. Board of Governors retains the sole right to approve or disapprove all plans. Upon approval from the EHCA, Inc. Board of Governors, residents are responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and inspections and for complying with all State and County laws and regulations. Residence dues as determined by the EHCA, Inc. Officers and Board of Governors are due and payable annually to EHCA, Inc.

EHCA, Inc. is charged with enforcing these Guidelines and will investigate all complaints and violations and, if necessary, send a violation notice. Depending on the violation/s, the homeowner will be given from 15 days to 90 days to correct the situation. If you are found in violation/s and you, or anyone acting on your behalf want to discuss it, you must submit a request in writing to meet with the Board of Governors of EHCA, Inc., PO Box 21150, Baltimore, Maryland 21228-0650, stating your situation and the reason for your request. If the violation/s is not corrected in the stated time period, the EHCA, Inc. attorney will begin legal action. The homeowner with the violation/s will be responsible for any and all legal fees.

Boundaries of Edmondson Heights are as follows: 1100 thru 1248 Newfield Road, 1000 thru 1235 Harwall Road, 1101 thru 1197 Granville Road, 1400 thru 1654 Forest Park Avenue, 1080 thru 1196 St Agnes Lane (Even Side Only), 1000 thru 1012 Sanbourne Road, 1437 thru 1531 Ingleside Avenue (Odd Side Only), 1400 thru 1561 Clairidge Road, 1400 thru 1561 Barrett Road, 1400 thru 1655 Kirkwood Road, 1400 thru 1659 Langford Road.

AWNINGS: Only canvas awnings, either in green canvas or green canvas with white trim shall be on the front of middle group homes and/or the side windows of end-of-group homes. All canvas awnings must be removed for the winter months. Rear awnings may be of any type or variety desired, but must not extend beyond the house line so as to be visible from the front street.

FRONT DOORS, STORM DOORS & FRAMES: Front doors may be painted any color desired, although white is preferred. Storm doors must be painted white wood, white baked-on aluminum or vinyl. Door frames must be replaced in the same style as the original design and must be constructed of wood or Fypon in white only. Vinyl or aluminum cladding, in white only, that maintains the original fluted design is acceptable. Security doors may be installed to replace storm doors but must be white. **White Storm or Security doors are required. End of Group homes must maintain the original design Acorn Pediment.**

END-OF-GROUP HOMES: Fascia boards running to the peak must be painted white or be covered with white aluminum or white vinyl. White shingles may be replaced or covered with white aluminum or white vinyl siding.

FENCES: Must not extend forward of the chimney. Fences are only permitted at rear of property. Chain link fences are preferred.

GUTTERS & DOWN SPOUTS: Must be white, brick red or dark brown. Conformity within the group is encouraged.

PORCHES: Front porches must be replaced in the original design and be of concrete. Steps must be poured or prefab concrete, quarry stone or brick. Rear porches may be of wood, concrete or metal.

ROOFS: Roofs must be replaced in the same style as the original slate in slate or asphalt and must be in a neutral color, preferably ranging from light gray to black. Attic fans or solar panels must be installed in the back or side of the roof and not be visible from the front of the house.

PAINTING AND STAINING: All exposed woodwork on the front, side, and rear of a house must be painted white (exception is rear porches). Front porch railings must be painted either black or dark green. Conformity within the group is encouraged. Front porches and the concrete wall below brickwork must be stained the color of concrete. Gray paint is unacceptable. Recommended concrete stain is Behr Premium Solid Color Concrete Stain , Flat Finish, White Base 800, Color Catalina Stone (819).

WINDOWS: Must imitate the original double hung construction. Both sashes must be able to be moved up and down. Windows must be white. Bay windows are permitted on End of Group homes only. Security bars or grills and glass blocks are permitted on basement windows only. Shutters are not permitted.

WOOD STOVES & FIREPLACES: Exposed exhaust piping must be bricked-in, bricks to match existing, and must be located in the rear of the house. If exhaust piping is going through the roof, the exposed pipes must be stainless steel and be located at the rear of the house.



TYPICAL
End of Group Covenant Compliant Home
Front Entrance Door Trim
 Two Original Design Fluted Pilasters and One Plinth Block on each side, Acorn Pediment, Standard Crosshead with 6 Fluted Teeth.

TYPICAL
Middle of Group Covenant Compliant Home
Front Entrance Door Trim
 Two Original Design Fluted Pilasters and One Plinth Block on each side, Standard Crosshead with 6 Fluted Teeth.
Acorn Pediment not allowed.

These Covenant Guidelines are subject to future changes at the discretion of the Officers and Board of Governors. This revision having been reviewed for legal sufficiency by legal counsel and voted on and approved by the Association Officers and Board of Governors and General Membership takes effect May 1, 2015 and supersedes all previous versions.

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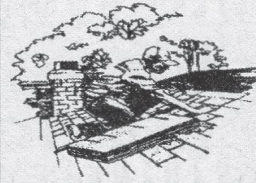
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