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## The Edmondson Heights Neighborhood News

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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.**



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

Elections for officers and board members for 2018 will be held at our 12/5/17 community meeting. If you are interested in serving of the Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc.'s Board of Directors contact Quintin Stevens, President, by phone at 410-788-3105, by email at [president@ehcaonline.org](mailto:president@ehcaonline.org), or in person at the general meeting of the community. 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, newsletters mail preparation, storm drain stenciling, community dumpster cleanup, Project Clean Stream, and National Night Out, etc. If you have any questions regarding the duties of an officer or board member, please do not hesitate to ask.

At the present time, three officer positions (treasurer, secretary and sergeant-at-arms) will be vacant for 2018. ***Please help, volunteer to serve as an officer or board member.*** This is our neighborhood and we need each resident and homeowner to be involved. There are lots of ways to plug into activities in Edmondson Heights, but one coming up right away is the chance to nominate someone, including yourself, to serve as an officer or member of the board. You know your neighbor — which one is great at bookkeeping and would make a great treasurer? Which one is quick on the computer and would make a great secretary? Which one just retired and is hoping to find a new way to be plugged in. Talk to him or her, or bring them to the December 5th, Tuesday, General Community Meeting to be held at 7:30 PM in the Edmondson Heights Elementary School Cafeteria. Commitments are for one year with extensions possible.

Board members are expected to be at Monthly Community Associations Meetings, to attend periodic board meetings throughout the year, help with distribution of the newsletter and to take leadership at special events throughout the year. ***You are the voice of the community*** and as such your voice is greatly valued. Help us continue with a strong and active board so that we can continue to strengthen our neighborhood on multiple fronts. **VOLUNTEER NOW.**

### Donations to the Edmondson Heights Elementary School & PTA

The Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. has made our annual \$500 donation to the Edmondson Heights Elementary School Field Trip fund. Erin Womble, EHES Assistant Principal graciously thanked the Civic Association for its support of this vital school function. This donation was made to ensure that all children are able to enjoy class field trips and not be left behind due to a lack of money.

An additional \$500 donation was made to the Edmondson Heights Elementary School PTA to help support their annual Book Fair fundraiser .

The Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. makes these contributions annually. It is just two examples of how your dues are used to benefit our community. Remember how important this is when you pay your 2018 dues.



## Holiday Decoration Contest

Hello neighbors, select your most comfortable shoes and a warm coat. It's time to tour our community to enjoy and select the *Winners* for our **2017/2018 Holiday Decorations Contest**. The contests begins on December 26th and ends on January 2nd.

Our colonial row homes, built in the early 1950's, provide the perfect setting for a *Magical Holiday Wonderland*. The garland draped doors, windows dressed in ribbon wreaths and candle light give neighbors and visitors a warm feeling of joy and goodwill always in abundance this time of year.

Remember we will be selecting one home from each of the following categories: *Traditional, Children's Theme, Daytime and Nighttime designs*.

Please take some time to wander through the neighborhood and help us select the winners. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Please send recommendations to: [nany21207@gmail.com](mailto:nany21207@gmail.com) or to [president@ehcaonline.org](mailto:president@ehcaonline.org). Each category winner will receive a \$30.00 gift card from the Association.



## Project Clean Stream 2018

After all the hustle and bustle of the holidays and when winter passes into our memories, spring comes once again. The grass starts growing. The trees grow new leaves. Then comes our chance in April 2018 to help clean up the Edmondson Heights Park and its stream. Come lend a hand to keep our park beautiful. **See you in the spring in the park !!**

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## 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!*

- 12/05/2017 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria. Guest Speaker will be the EHES Principal
- 01/02/2018 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.
- 02/06/2018 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.
- 03/06/2018 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.
- 04/03/2018 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.

## Snow & Ice: The Two Most Dreaded Words of Winter

How do we cope with all the mess that comes when the snows fall, melt and ice over. Here are a few ideas:

- *Shovel your sidewalks and porch clear within 24 hours of the snow storm.* Be certain that you have your shovels ready for that first storm. (preferably inside your house). If you are unable to take care of this yourself, make arrangements made with a neighbor, friend or hired help to clear the walks for you.
- *PLEASE: Remember the postal and the package delivery workers.* They need safe, snow/ice free conditions to deliver the mail and/or packages to your home.
- *Be a good neighbor.* If you have a neighbor who isn't physically able to shovel themselves out after a snow storm, help them out by clearing their walks for them. Remember, one day all of us may need help. So pay it forward.
- *Do NOT use sodium chloride/rock salt on your porch or sidewalks.* This destroys the cement. Sand or kitty litter can be used to improve traction on icy surfaces. If you prefer to use an ice-melter, try magnesium chloride or calcium chloride. These products do not damage the porch or sidewalks when used and can be found at Home Depot, Lowe's or even ordered online. Your neighbors, delivery workers and those who walk through our neighborhood will appreciate your thoughtful consideration.



***Do you want to help reduce crime in Edmondson Heights?***

- **Keep Your Porch Lights On! Please!!!**  
By keeping the front and back porch lights on at our homes, we light up the night! This simple act provides visibility both for you and your neighbors who come and go during the evening, night and early morning hours. This is particularly important in areas such as the alleys with parking pads where there are no street lights.
- **Call the police when suspicious activity is noted.** ( This includes individuals walking down the street testing car doors to see if they are unlocked; unknown individuals knocking at front doors checking to see in anyone is home; unknown individuals walking through alleyways with empty backpacks; or any other activity that you may notice that is out of the ordinary in the vicinity of your home.)
- **During the busy holiday season be extra cautious while shopping, getting into or exiting your vehicles, and entering your homes.**
- **Remember to ALWAYS LOCK YOUR CAR** when you are not in it.
- **Be sure to lock/secure YOUR HOME'S WINDOWS AND DOORS** when you are out of the house or in for the night.

**Dear Community Members:**

I am so excited to continue to contribute to the community newsletter! The staff at Edmondson Heights Elementary School and I are devoted to serving this community with compassion and skill, knowing that the children of this neighborhood deserve the very best education!

One of our most important school initiatives this year is to improve our school climate by working in partnership with families to instill excellent moral fortitude in our children. To support this work, we have begun using the Virtues Project program. More information on this program can be found at [www.virtuesprogram.com](http://www.virtuesprogram.com). We are already seeing fantastic positive results and love listening to the sound of our students talking about “unity,” “perseverance,” and “tolerance!” Please also see the below article written by one of our reading teachers, Ms. Bonnie Belsinger, announcing a new relationship between our school and the public library!

Edmondson Heights Partners with the Woodlawn Branch of the Public Library

Edmondson Heights Elementary School has recently partnered with the Woodlawn Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library to collaborate on the Virtues Program being taught at school. Each month students will receive instruction in class on one of the 10 virtues. Lessons will be taught on the Virtue of the Month and special incentives will be offered to encourage and recognize students’ who demonstrate that virtue.

The Woodlawn Branch, in collaboration with the school, has identified books for grades K-2 and 3-5 that demonstrate the virtue of each month. The library will supply the school with a list of the available books to support instruction in each virtue. These book lists will be shared with teachers, students, and families. The library is looking forward to directing students and their families to the location of these books in the library. Please check them out and let us know your favorites!

A special thanks to Lisa A. Wanzie-Armstrong and Andrea Bleinberger of the Woodlawn Branch of the public library for partnering with Edmondson Heights on the virtues project.

*Virtues at Edmondson Heights*

*Elementary*

September	<b>UNITY</b>
October	<b>PERSISTENCE</b>
November	<b>TOLERANCE</b>
December	<b>KINDNESS</b>
January	<b>SELF-DISCIPLINE</b>
February	<b>FORGIVENESS</b>
March	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
April	<b>COURAGE</b>
May	<b>HONESTY</b>
June	<b>ASSERTIVENESS</b>

We hope that you will also look for the wonderful books on display at the Woodlawn branch of the Baltimore County Public Library which support our Virtues Project!

Sincerely,  
Juliet McDivitt

## Community Clean Up

Community Clean Up Day was held Saturday, September 23, 2017, from 8 am to 11 am. The Edmondson Heights Civic Association (EHCA) sponsors this event once each year, rain or shine.

Four dumpsters, three all-purpose and one for metal, were delivered to the Edmondson Heights Elementary School parking lot for benefit of the Edmondson Heights Community. Items accepted for disposal were yard waste, scrap metal waste and residential waste.

Items not acceptable for disposal were detailed in the Fall 2017 newsletter <http://www.ehcaonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/2017-Fall-Newsletter.pdf>. They include hazardous material, electronic equipment, food waste, medical waste and recyclable materials. Neighbors arriving with hazardous waste were informed of the household hazardous waste event scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2017, at the Western Acceptance Facility in Halethorpe from 9 am to 1 pm. [https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/solid\\_waste/hhw/events.html](https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/solid_waste/hhw/events.html)

At the end of the event, the three all-purpose dumpsters were filled. The dumpster designated for metal waste was approximately half full. Michael Kane and Quintin Stevens were the leads for the event. The on-site EHCA volunteers were Sharon Davis, Michael and Marie Kane, Michelle Murrill, Michael Poysa, Nancy Stevens, and Toni Worthington. An estimated 60 to 75 residents took advantage of this program to dispose of unwanted materials.

## **EMAIL ADDRESS DATA BASE**

Be informed, Get informed, Join the Edmondson Heights email data base and start receiving emails providing current and relative information. Newsletters are now being emailed to all members of our email data base. To join, send an email to the following:

**[president@ehcaonline.org](mailto:president@ehcaonline.org) with your name and address** and we will add you. We currently have 455 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. If your neighbors are not yet members of our email data base, talk to them and get them to join by explaining to them the benefits of being a member. Thanks.***

## Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. Annual Residence Dues

**The 2018 annual residence dues are \$20 per residence and are due and payable, January 1st through December 31st of the 2018 calendar year. Dues letter invoices will be mailed to each homeowner of property within Edmondson Heights in early February 2018. Dues are mandatory and have been 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 News Newsletters.**
- **Sponsor Project Clean Spring, National Night Out, and Fall Community Cleanup.**

**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 PAYPAL (\$21 to cover the PayPal fee) by going to our website at [www.ehcaonline.org](http://www.ehcaonline.org), select the Pay Pal link and enter your Edmondson Heights address in the instructions to merchant field in Pay Pal. All funds raised go back in support of and betterment of the Edmondson Heights community.**

## **BAY WISE PRESENTATION**

Did you miss the "Bay-Wise" presentation at our September General Meeting? We learned from two master gardeners about a program to encourage individual efforts to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay. We can change a few simple landscape practices and make a big difference! For example: direct downspouts and gutters to drain on the lawn, in plant beds or rain gardens (Not the Driveway); plant groundcovers on thinly vegetated areas, under trees or on slopes to decrease erosion; provide a birdbath, butterfly attracting plants and native shrubs and trees; plant edible plants which also help to attract and feed beneficial insects (like basil, dill, mints, kale, sage, thyme, etc.)

Get a copy of the Bay-Wise Maryland Yardstick pamphlet ([www.extension.umd.edu/baywise](http://www.extension.umd.edu/baywise)), review your current landscaping practices, implement some new healthier practices and you may qualify for a yard sign indicating that you operate a "Bay-Wise Yard"!

A master gardener will come to your yard and help you recognize ways you can maintain an environmentally sound garden and yard. It is easy and effective, especially the more neighbors you can encourage to follow your example!



## 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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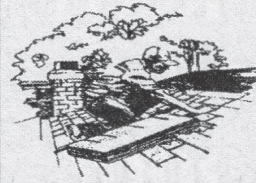
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