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The Edmondson Heights Neighborhood News

Edmondson Heights Civic Association meets the first Tuesday of the month at Edmondson Heights Elementary School at 7:30. Upcoming meeting June 4, 2013. Note: Schools closing because of weather or holidays will automatically cancel the meeting.







Community Events (see page 8 for dates to remember)

2013 Project Clean Stream

Our Community is amazing!!!! On April 6, 2013, **25 volunteers** showed up at the Edmondson Heights Park for the 3rd annual Project Clean Stream. **54 bags of trash** were collected from the stream bed and the upper rim of the park. We also dragged out 2 car tires, 1 bike tire, an Adirondack chair and a grocery cart

We owe our volunteers a giant "THANK YOU" for caring so much about our park to come out and volunteer for the clean up. They climbed down the steep hillsides to reach the stream bed – they were fearless. True to our 'tradition', one volunteer fell into the stream with no harm done.

Our volunteers responded to our newsletters, post on Next Door Edmondson Heights, and emails. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS AND A JOB WELL DONE!!!



Edmondson Heights Civic Association website - Visit *your* website to learn more about *your* neighborhood and to contact officers.

www.ehcaonline.org

What is a Neighbor

Being on bad terms with your neighbor can make your life frustrating, day after day. But taking the time to establish good terms with your neighbors has numerous benefits. The community will be friendlier, the neighborhood safer, and the area a nicer and more comfortable place to live. Introduce yourself. Whether you are new in the neighborhood or new residents have just moved in on your block, introduce yourself. Say hello, offer a welcoming gift (the classic home pie never fails) and share or ask about the local area: "Where is the nearest pizzeria?" or "The garbage trucks comes by on Tuesdays and Fridays, usually around 7 in the morning, but sometimes later.

Consider your neighbors' lifestyle. Get to know your neighbors--what they do for a living, what their schedules might be like, and so on. Sometimes, you can remedy problems before they even start; for example, if they work nights, quiet mornings will be important for them. If they have young children, quiet evenings will be very important to them. Similarly, give them information that'll help them be



more considerate of your lifestyle. If you do a lot of yard work, or if your teenage son plays the drums, let them know in advance and mention that if it's getting too loud, they shouldn't hesitate to let you know. Be aware of shared walls. If you're in a semidetached house or any structure where you and your neighbors share adjacent living spaces, position noisy household appliances such as washing machines and tumble dryers - even TVs and speakers - away from partition walls.

Control your dog. Keep your dog on a leash and make sure to clean up after it. If you have a particularly noisy dog, this may also become a source of contention for your neighbor. Put yourself in their shoes and imagine how upset you'd be if you or perhaps your newborn was woken from a muchneeded nap by the sudden yapping of a nearby dog. If you have problems controlling your dog's barking or whining, consider seeking advice from your local vet or a local animal organization.

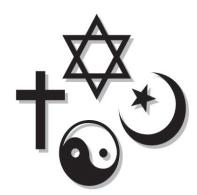
Practice parking etiquette. When you park your vehicle, be sure not to block anyone's access, or make them have to pull out of a very tight spot. Don't over-rev the engine of your car or motorcycle early in the morning or late at night. Park in front of your home, not theirs. Avoid slamming your doors or shining your headlights into your neighbor's windows late at night.

Alert your neighbor to parties. If you're planning a party be sure to give your neighbors plenty of warning, letting them know when it's going to start and how long you expect it to go on. Leave them a telephone number to contact if they need to ask you to turn it down. If you get on well with your neighbors, why not invite them too? When it comes to the party itself, stick to your agreed arrangements and ask your guests to be considerate when leaving. Keep your yard tidy. Weed your yard regularly, because the presence of weeds in your yard is not only unsightly but can also spread to your neighbor's yard. Mow your lawn regularly and keep your flowers, trees and bushes trimmed appropriately. Put

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Wondering Where to Find a Place to Nurture Your Faith

- 1. Wondering where to find a place to nurture your faith? Baltimore is certainly home to many different expressions for our spiritual side. Here are just a few pointers that might be helpful. Visit around! Because of the wide variety, you will find that different places of worship offer different environments, different sized congregations, different kinds of music, and a wide variety of spiritual expressions, from loud to quiet, from emotional to intellectual, from Christian to Jewish to Hare Krishna to Islam and more.
- 2.. Ask questions! When visiting a new place, seek out someone who looks like they "know the ropes" and find out more about the family of faith which gathers together. Are you looking for a place with all ages? Do you wish to pray in silence and not have the interruption of children? Are you wanting a place which offers many activities during the week? Sometimes these answers are not obvious, but regulars can fill you in.



- 3. Talk to a neighbor. Maybe someone on your street is involved in a worshiping community and would tell you about what he or she enjoys about it.
- 4. Be open. The things of the spirit are not logical or planned or organized. You may think you are looking for one type of spiritual expression, but when you visit a different one you may be surprised that it fits your needs in a way you had not expected.
- 5. Be practical. Finding a place to nourish your spirit that is just "perfect" located on the other side of the city might mean you won't go very often. Look in areas that you will frequent. Your spiritual health is worth it!
- 6. Create a regular habit-- whether it is attending worship, walking in the park and appreciating creation, reading books with spiritual content, praying, or serving others-- the more you do it, the more it becomes part of your routine, and the healthier you become!
- -- Deborah McEachran (your neighbor on Kirkwood, and a local Presbyterian pastor)

National Night Out Tuesday, August 6, 2013 Edmondson Heights Park

7 - 9 p.m.

You are invited to join your neighbors and friends from Edmondson Heights in our park at Harwall Road and Forest Park Avenue from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6th.

National Night Out is an annual event designed to strengthen our communities by encouraging neighborhoods to engage in stronger relationships with our neighbors and with local law enforcement.

Bring your family, a blanket or chairs, bring a dessert to share with our neighbors and join us for National Night Out. We will have games for children in the valley of the park. NOTE: Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Look for additional information on https://edmondsonheights.nextdoor.com and www.ehcaonline.org as we get closer to the date

SPRING YARD SALE IN THE PARK

Come to the Edmondson Heights Park On Saturday, June 8, 2013 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Set up a table/space all around the park on Forest Park, Harwall and Granville Roads



Clean out the storage spaces in your home: closets, basement, attic, etc.

Spaces \$15

Donations will be collected by a member of the Yard Sale Committee.

Water and other beverages will be available for purchase from The Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc.

Rain date is 6/15/13

For more information call Nancy Stevens at 410-788-3105 or email at <u>nancy21207@verizon.net</u>

Let's get together and make this the best Yard Sale in the Park ever!!!!

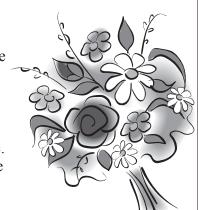
Bring your friends, relatives, and neighbors.

Enjoy a day out in the park.

Summer Garden and Yard Landscaping Contest

The Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. wants to recognize the gorgeous gardens and lawns that beautify our

neighborhood. During the month of June, volunteers will tour the neighborhood and select winners. Winners will be announced in the September EHCA, Inc. Newsletter and receive gift certificates in the amount of \$25.



Keep The Lights On, Please!!!

Help reduce crime!!! By keeping the front and back porch lights on at our homes, we light up the night! This provides visibility both for us and for our neighbors who may come and go during the evening, night and early morning hours. It also provides security for the homeowner/resident. It deters individuals from 'hanging out' in dark areas. It discourages foot traffic through alleys and dark paths. Finally, it helps the police as they patrol the neighborhood. Use fluorescent floodlights or compact fluorescent bulbs in the porch lights to reduce electricity usage.

Welcome to EDMONDSON HEIGHTS

COVENANT CONTROLLED COMMUNITY

Residents should be aware that a legally binding set of restrictive covenants apply to all property in the Edmondson Heights Community. These Guidelines 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. Any house with a violation cannot be sold until the covenant violation(s) have been corrected and approved by the Board of Governors.

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 and are recorded among the land records of Baltimore County as laws. This revision is effective March 1, 2013. 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.

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 60 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.

AWNINGS: Only canvas awnings, either in green canvas or green canvas with white trim shall be on the front 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 aluminum. 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 design is acceptable.

SECURITY DOORS: May be installed to replace storm doors. Security doors must be white.

END-OF-GROUP HOMES: Facing boards running to the peak must be painted white or 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, and must be in a neutral color, preferably ranging from light gray to black. Attic fan installation must be in the back or side of the roof.

PAINTING: 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 painted the color of the original concrete. The recommended concrete paint is the following Behr concrete stain formula from Home Depot:

Behr Plus 10 Concrete Stain, Catalina Stone (819), White Base 800 (800)

Colorant	OZ	48	96
B Lamp Black	0	8	0
C Yellow Oxide	0	12	0
L Raw Umber	0	31	0

WINDOWS: Must imitate the original double hung construction with six over six sashes preferred. Both sashes must be able to be moved up and down. Replacement materials must be white or painted white. Security bars or grills and glass blocks are permissible on basement windows only.

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. These Covenant Guidelines are subject to future changes at the discretion of the Officers and Board of Governors. This revision having been voted on and approved by the Association Officers, Board of Governors and the general membership takes effect March 1, 2013.

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President, Edmondson Heights Civic Association

Baltimore County Spring 2013 Rabies Clinic

Baltimore County's Department of Health is sponsoring low-cost rabies vaccination clinics this year. Please note:

- Only dogs, cats and ferrets that are at least 12 weeks old will be vaccinated at these clinics.
- Vaccination cost is \$8.00 per animal. Please bring exact change, if possible.
- If available, please bring your animal's last rabies vaccination certificate (copy or original).
- Uncontrollable animals will not be vaccinated. Dog and cats must be on a leash or in a properly sized, escape-proof carrier; muzzles are required for aggressive dogs.
- Clinics are held rain or shine; however, the Baltimore County Department of Health reserves the right to cancel or limit the time frame of a clinic in the event of severe weather.

For more information call 410-887-2723. The clinics will be held at the following sites:

Arbutus—Wednesday, May 22, 2013, 6 to 8 p.m.

Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department 5200 Southwestern Boulevard Arbutus, MD 21227

Randallstown—Wednesday, June 5, 2013, 6 to 8 p.m.

Rockdale Park, 3326 North Rolling Road, Baltimore, MD 21244



CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY WIDE SWEEP

The Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. board has requested a community wide code enforcement sweep to be conducted in the spring and early summer. This is a general review of the neighborhood for egregious 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 vehicles
- Junk, trash and debris
- Trash cans without lids
- Grass over 12 inches high
- Major exterior repairs, etc.
- Rat holes in yards
- No house number on back or front of home
- Chipped and peeling paint
- Broken windows
- Unsafe sidewalks, porch deck and steps

The above list is not all inclusive. Other violations may be noted. We strongly recommend that all residents correct all known violations in advance of the sweep in order to avoid a notice and/or citation with potential fines.



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Try "Grasscycling"

Another easy way to contribute to the environment and reduce waste is to "grasscycle." While mowing your grass, remove the bag so that the clippings will be recycled back into your lawn. Never cut more than one third of the length off of the grass blade in one mowing. Keep your grass mowed to two inches in the spring, gradually increase the height to three or four inches by summer, then decrease back to two inches by fall.

Letting clippings lie on the lawn provides benefits such as eliminating time and labor required for bagging. Also, when grass clippings are properly cut, they decompose faster and release vital nutrients back into the soil. Finally, grasscycling reduces the need for Baltimore County to collect and process yard materials, which in turn reduces pollution and saves tax dollars.

Read additional information on grasscycling, http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/recycling/composting/grasscycling.html or call 410-887-2000

Community Clean Up Day

Saturday, September 21, 2013 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Details to be published in the September newsletter.

Community Events

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!

Dates to Remember

6/4/13 Edmondson Heights Civic Association meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Edmondson Heights Elementary School Cafeteria

6/8/13 Spring Yard Sale in the Park: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

6/15/13 Rain Date for Spring Yard Sale in the Park: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

<u>8/6/13</u> National Night Out

8/26/13 Edmondson Heights Elementary School: First day of school

9/3/13 Edmondson Heights Civic Association meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Edmondson Heights Elementary School Cafeteria

9/21/13 Community Clean Up Day, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Edmondson Heights Elementary School Parking Lot

EDMONDSON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION \$20.00 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

The 2013 membership annual dues drive is underway. Dues are \$20.00 per household. We need your participation in the association as well as your membership dues. If you haven't already returned your membership dues, please do so as soon as possible. We thank all of you for your support and look forward to your continuing support. We live in a GREAT COMMUNITY!!!! Let's work together to keep it that way. Join the Association. Become an active member. **NOW IS THE TIME.**

REAR HOUSE NUMBERS

The owner of improved property shall prominently display numerals or letters, AT LEAST THREE INCHES IN HEIGHT, designating the address assigned to the property:

- (1) in a conspicuous space on or about the property;
- (2) on a conspicuous background; and
- (3) in a location that is unobstructed and clearly visible:
- (I) from the street named in the address of the property; AND
- (II) FROM ANY STREET, ROAD OR ALLEY PROVIDING PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY.

This requirement is enforced by the Baltimore County Fire Department as a health and safety measure and failure to comply could result in a \$100 fine.

TRAFFIC CALMING SPEED HUMPS

Traffic calming speed humps have been installed on St Agnes Lane and Sanbourne Road. After many years of persistent efforts by the residents along St Agnes Lane and Sanbourne Road, speed humps have finally been

installed. The Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. (EHCA), particularly the residents of St. Agnes Lane and Sanbourne Road, greatly appreciate the efforts of Kevin Kamenetz, County Executive and Tony Baysmore, Special Assistant to the County Executive, District 1 Councilman Tom Quirk and his legislative aide, Margaret Stokes, for their assistance in helping obtain speed humps on St Agnes Lane and Sanbourne Road. Our children, seniors, and other individuals who walk or ride bicycles on this street will be safer in the future with speed humps.





EHCA, INC. IS PROUD TO SPONSOR TWO WEBSITES FOR THE COMMUNITY'S USE

www.ehcaonline.org, Official website for the community accessible to all users of the internet providing a great source of information about Edmondson Heights with links to resources, newsletters, membership information and a calendar of upcoming events. Email link to communicate directly with the EHCA president is provided. https://edmondsonheights.nextdoor.com, Social interactive website for use only by registered residents of the Edmondson Heights community. This website is free and very easy to join.

If you haven't checked these sites out, I recommend that you do so the next time you are on your computer. I think you will like them.

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equipment away as soon as you're finished with it. Ask if your neighbor has chemical sensitivities, small children or pets before applying pesticides.

Put rubbish/garbage/recyclables out on the right day. Only put your rubbish/garbage/recyclables out on the day it's due for collection in a covered can. If you accidentally miss the collection, bring it back onto your property immediately. Garbage can attract vermin, insects, and other pests, and is also unsightly.

Communicate with your neighbor. Above all, touch base with your neighbors regularly and keep them in the loop. Remember the golden rule and if anything you are planning to do may affect them, minimize it and let them know in advance. Keep the channels of communication open by reminding them that if you're doing anything which disturbs them, they should feel comfortable approaching you about it.

Be aware of your surroundings, as well as theirs. Keep your eye on anyone you don't know acting suspiciously around your neighbor's property. When in doubt, call the police so they can quickly curtail any criminal activity.

Invite them to contribute to your yard sales, have them over for tea, or offer to babysit their kids/pets while they're away. They'll do the same for you.

If you hear of any neighborhood news (events, crimes, special garbage pickups, special event parking restrictions, etc.) give them a heads-up.

If you have a snow blower and they don't, spend that extra 60 seconds to clear their walkway. It will save them 60 minutes of hard work and they'll be grateful!

Park Happenings

So what's happening in our park? Over the winter Baltimore County Property Management had contractors come to remove the fallen trees from the valley of our park and had the tree stumps ground up. Our appreciation and thanks go to Kevin Kamenetz, County Executive, Tony Baysmore, Special Assistant to the County Executive, and Margaret Stokes, Legislative Aide to Councilman Tom Quirk for their assistance in requesting this work to be accomplished.

Spring has returned and the park is turning green again. Have you walked down into the valley of the park to see all the beautiful wildflowers in bloom? The purples, pinks, yellows and whites are a delightful reminder that warm weather has finally returned! Be sure to join us in the park on June 8, 2013 for our annual Spring Yard Sale in the Park (rain date is June 15, 2013)!!!

Removal of invasives is an ongoing project. We worked throughout the winter months to clear the street level of the park back to the tree line in several different areas. However, now that warm weather is here once again, everything is growing rapidly. If you have any interest in saving the trees in our park and keeping the grassy areas available to all of us for our community's enjoyment, please volunteer some time to help 'beat back' the rapidly growing invasives.

You may contact me at nancy21207@verizon.net or 410-788-3105. We look forward to your help. Young adults can receive volunteer hours for their efforts.







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