



The Edmondson Heights Neighborhood News

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

EDMONDSON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION \$20.00 ANNUAL RESIDENCE DUES DRIVE

The 2014 annual residence dues drive is coming!!! Watch your mailbox for the EHCA residence dues letters that will be arriving starting in April 2014. Last year's response was outstanding providing us with funding for:

- Four (4) Quarterly Newsletters.
- Spring and Fall Yard Sales in the Park.
- Covenant and Code Enforcement Actions.
- Donations to the Edmondson Heights Elementary School and PTA.
- Project Clean Spring in April 2014 (Supplies and equipment for volunteers to clean our park).
- Supplies for volunteers to remove invasive species overtaking the trees and bushes in the park.
- Website www.ehcaonline.org for the community.
- Flower beds under the two Community Signs.
- Community Clean-Up in the Fall
- Annual Night Out in the Park in August..

We thank all of you for your past support and look forward to your continuing support. We live in a GREAT community!!!! Let's WORK together to keep it that way.

CODE ENFORCEMENT SWEEP

The Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. Board of Governor's and Officers has decided to request a community wide code enforcement sweep to be conducted in the spring and early summer. 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
- No House Number On Back of Home
- Chipped And Peeling Paint
- Broken Windows
- Grass Over 12" High
- Unsafe Sidewalks, Porch Deck And Steps.
- Major Exterior Repairs.
- No House Number on Front of Home.

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 corrective notice and/or citation with potential fines. Let's all of us 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..

You ... are the Edmondson Heights Civic Association

Visit ***your*** website to see more community events, learn more about ***your*** neighborhood and to contact officers.

www.ehcaonline.org

Income & Expense Report
1/1/2013—12/31/2013
12 Months Year-to-Date

Income	
EHCA Annual Dues	\$4695
Advertising Income	\$ 996
Yard Sale in Park	\$ 503
Interest Earned	<u>\$ 1</u>
Total Income	<u>\$6195</u>
Expenses	
Residence Dues Letters & Postage (2013 & 2014)	\$1164
Newsletters (4 Quarterly)	\$1164
Storage Unit Rental	\$ 620
EHCA Community Signs	\$ 588
EHES Field Trip Fund	\$ 400
Miscellaneous Supplies	\$ 399
EHES Scholastic Book Fair	\$ 300
Gift Cards—Contest Winners	\$ 300
Liability Insurance	\$ 287
Covenant Enforcement Legal Fees	\$ 250
I-Power – EHCA Website Fees	\$ 242
Post Office Box Rental	\$ 224
Yard Sale in Park Signs	\$ 214
Covenant Violation Notices (Including Title Search)	\$ 211
Corporate Filing Fees	\$ 145
National Night Out Expenses	\$ 74
Community Clean-up Fliers	\$ 72
Ads for Yard Sale in Park	\$ 64
PCRC Dues	<u>\$ 30</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$6746</u>
Net Income	\$ (551)



**Saturday,
 April 5, 2014
 9:00 AM –
 12:00 Noon**

It's coming.....
**The 4th Annual Project Clean Stream is coming
 to our Edmondson Heights Park!!!!**

Project Clean Stream is an annual event organized by **Blue Water Baltimore** and the **Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay**. Its purpose is to clean up the trash in the waterways in the Chesapeake Bay watershed that extends from Pennsylvania through Maryland and into Virginia.

The stream in the Edmondson Heights Park feeds into Dead Run which then flows into the Gwynns Falls on to the Patapsco River and finally into the Chesapeake Bay. We will be picking up trash such as fast food containers, plastic bottles, plastic bags, candy wrappers, etc. to prevent this trash from flowing into the Bay and polluting it for the fish, oysters, crabs, and people who enjoy the bay.

This is your invitation to come on outside and join us on Saturday, April 5, 2014 (rain date: April 12, 2014) to help keep the Chesapeake Bay clean. For further information, contact Nancy Stevens at 410-788-3105 or by email at nancy21207@verizon.net. We look forward to seeing you in the park at the cannon on April 5th.

**Edmondson Heights
 Community Yard Sale in the Park**

Join us on Saturday, June 7, 2014 (**Rain Date Saturday, June 14th**), from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Edmondson Heights Park at Forest Park and Harwall. Come to sell, buy, trade or just look. Spaces will be available around the park. Sellers need to provide their own tables, chairs, clothes racks, etc. Spaces are \$15.00 per seller available on a first come basis. Edmondson Heights Civic Association Board members will collect the \$15.00 fee on the day of the sale. **For more information, contact Nancy Stevens at 410-788-3105 or by email at nancy21207@verizon.net. See you there!!!**

**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!

- 4/01/2014 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the Edmondson Heights Elementary School Cafeteria.
- 4/05/2014 Project Clean Spring in the Park.
- 4/12/2014 Project Clean Spring Rain Date..
- 5/06/2014 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the Edmondson Heights Elementary School Cafeteria.
- 6/03/2014 Edmondson Heights Community Mmeeting at 7:30 pm in the Edmondson Heights Elementary School Cafeteria.
- 6/07/2014 Community Yard Sale in the Park.
- 6/14/2014 Community Yard Sale in the Park Rain Date.

**EDMONDSON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY
HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST**



Each year the EHCA, Inc. hosts a community-wide Holiday Decorations Contest. Volunteers tour the neighborhood and select one winner for each of the categories: This years winners are:

Daytime—1434 Clairidge Road

Nighttime—1000 Sanbourne Road

Traditional—1425 Langford Road

Children's Theme—1503 Barrett Road

EACH WINNER WILL RECEIVE A \$25.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE..

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**KEEP THE LIGHTS
ON, PLEASE!!!**



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 or 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 and cost.

PROMOTE SAFETY, KEEP THE LIGHTS ON

Maryland Homeowners Association Act

To all homeowners within the Edmondson Heights community, you know or should know that Edmondson Heights is a covenant controlled community and as such falls under the Maryland Homeowners Association Act. All homeowners contemplating 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 Maryland Homeowner Association Act requires that home buyers be provided in writing a copy of the articles of incorporation, the declaration, all recorded covenants and restrictions of the primary development to which the purchaser shall become obligated on becoming an owner including a statement that these obligations are enforceable against an owner *and current status of covenant compliance*. The Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. strongly enforces the recorded covenants and legal action will be taken as determined by the Association Board of Governors and Officers. It behooves all homeowners to ensure continual compliance with covenant guidelines within the boundaries of Edmondson Heights.

BE SMART, CHECK THE COVENANTS AND SAVE MONEY.

**BE INFORMED...
STAY
INFORMED**



Neighbors, provide your **email address** to the Association and receive information on community events, police alerts, Email Edmondson Heights Neighborhood Newsletters and many other items of interest to the Edmondson Heights community. Your email address will never be sold or given to a third party without your permission. To provide your email address and to start receiving emails simply send an email to president@ehcaonline.org, with your name and address. Telephone number is optional. This service is provided only to residents of the Edmondson Heights community. You do not need to be a member of the Association but you must be a resident of the Edmondson Heights community.

Edmondson Heights Civic Assn, Inc.

Officers

President——Quintin Stevens
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Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten Screening and Early Kindergarten Registration for the 2014/2015 School Year at Edmondson Heights Elementary School

- Call the Edmondson Heights Elementary School at **410-887-0818 in late March and April** for the screening and registration dates.
- Pre-School Program Screening - Child's birthdate must fall between 9/2/2009 and 9/1/2010.
- Pre-Kindergarten Screening—Child's birthdate must fall between 9/2/2008 and 9/1/2009.
- Kindergarten Registration—Child's birthdate must fall between 9/2/2007 and 9/1/2008.



If you find or have a lost pet, call Baltimore County Animal Control immediately at:
410-887-PAWS

House Numbers

Rear house numbers are now required by law. Please ensure that you comply with the law. Failure to have a sign may result in a code enforcement violation and a fine. Numbers are required to help emergency vehicles find your home.

BGE DISCUSSES NATURAL GAS SYSTEMS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

On Nov. 4, 2013, representatives from BGE attended the Edmondson Heights Civic Association meeting to discuss the natural gas system in the neighborhood. Most of the homes in the community are supplied natural gas through "branch services," meaning that two homes are connected to the gas main in the street through a single service pipe. The service pipe enters the basement of one home and then "branches" to the next home through the common basement wall. Each home has its own separate gas meter and customer-owned piping that supplies all gas-fed appliances in the homes. Sharing a service pipe is an efficient method of installation, requiring less material and excavation during the original construction. It also provides sufficient supply to meet the energy needs of both homes. It is very common in townhome communities throughout BGE's service area and is widely used by other utilities.

Each service pipe has a single gas shut-off valve located before the meters and branch piping. Closing this valve interrupts gas service to both customers on the branch, and therefore **should never be operated by anyone except BGE**. If gas service to a single home needs to be turned off, each individual gas meter has its own shut-off valve on the meter to enable work to be conducted on a customer's gas piping or appliances. Only a licensed gas fitter or plumber is qualified turn off the gas at the meter, however, and again all piping and valves leading up to the meters is BGE equipment and should only be operated by BGE. If you experience low gas flow or if no gas is reaching your gas-fed appliances, please contact BGE at [1.800.685.0123](tel:18006850123). It could be due to the main gas valve being improperly turned off or could indicate another issue. BGE will send a gas mechanic to assess the situation and make repairs if necessary.

If one of your gas appliances is not functioning, check to see if your other gas appliances are working properly. If not, it is possible you are experiencing low gas flow or if no gas is reaching your gas appliances, **please contact BGE 1-800-685-0123**. It could be due to the main gas valve being improperly turned off or could indicate another issue. BGE will send a gas mechanic to assess th situation and make repairs.

Additionally, BGE discussed basic natural gas safety at the Association Meeting, including how to detect and respond to gas leaks. Remember, if you smell gas, get to a safe location and contact BGE at 1-800-685-0123. BGE will respond and make the situation safe. You can read more about natural gas safety at www.bge.com/naturalgassafety. BGE representatives expressed their appreciation to the Edmondson Heights community for providing an opportunity to give an overview of the natural gas system and gas safety topics.

EHCA, Inc. is Proud to Sponsor Two Websites for Our Community

<http://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 county resources, newsletters, membership information and a calendar of upcoming events. Email link to contact 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 have not checked these sites out, I recommend you do so. I think you will enjoy them.



A COVENANT CONTROLLED COMMUNITY

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. 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. 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 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.

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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 but 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. Both sashes must be able to be moved up and down. Replacement windows 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.

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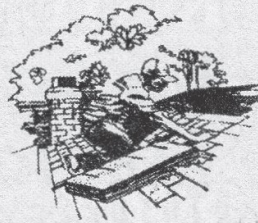
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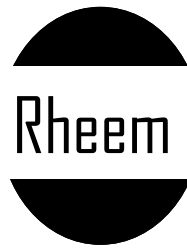
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