



The Edmondson Heights Neighborhood News

A Covenant Controlled Community

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.



COMMUNITY SPRING YARD SALE IN THE PARK

Come to the
Edmondson
Heights Park

On Saturday, June 7, 2014
8 AM to 2 PM

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.

Rain date is 6/14/14

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

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.

National Night Out

At the Edmondson Heights Park

“Dessert in the Park”

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

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 5, 2014 for “Dessert in the Park.

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 your 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>,
www.ehcaonline.org and via email from the
Edmondson Heights Email Data Base as we get
closer to the date

EMAIL DATA BASE

Be informed, get informed, join the Edmondson
Heights email data base and start receiving emails
providing current and informative information. Send
an email to: president@ehcaonline.org
with your name and address.

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You ... are the Edmondson Heights Civic Association

Visit *your* website to see more community events, learn more about *your* neighborhood, links to county and
other sites, essential telephone contact numbers and to contact EHCA.

<http://www.ehcaonline.org>



2014 Project Clean Stream

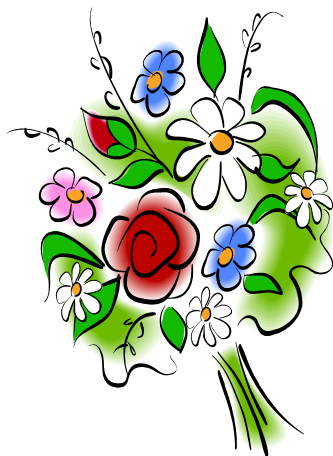
The residents and friends of the Edmondson Heights community

continue to amaze us!!!. On an absolutely perfect, sunny April Saturday, 24 people turned out for Project Clean Stream in the Edmondson Heights Park. These wonderful volunteers not only cleaned the trash out of the stream bed, but they also went through the entire park gathering more than 53 bags of trash, including a child's bike, a child's scooter, a 30 gallon trash can, 2 large, empty flower pots, and a large wooden framed box, plus about 8 or 9 bike tires. That equates to approximately 1200 pounds of trash cleared from our stream and park in just one day.

We give all our many volunteers a huge heartfelt "THANK YOU" for caring so much about our park to keep it clean and a wonderful place to spend some quiet time. It is heartwarming to know how much they care about our community. **See you next year!**

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 fall issue of the Edmondson Heights Neighborhood News Newsletter and each winner will receive a gift certificate in the amount of \$25.00.



EDMONDSON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION \$20.00 ANNUAL RESIDENCE DUES DRIVE

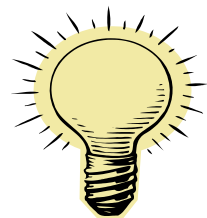
The 2014 annual residence dues drive is ongoing. Dues are \$20.00 per residence due and payable January 1st through December 31st of each year. Your dues enable us to fund the following:

- Four (4) Quarterly Newsletters.
- Spring and Fall Yard Sales in the Park.
- Covenant and Code Enforcement Actions.
- Donations to the EHES and PTA.
- Project Clean Spring in April (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.
- National 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.

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. **Promote safety, reduce crime, keep the lights on.**



COMMUNITY EVENTS DATES TO REMEMBER

Mark your calendar for EHCA Community Meetings at the Edmondson Heights Elementary School the first Tuesday of every month when the school is open.

This is your neighborhood. Join your neighbors to keep it wonderful!

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| 6/03/2014 | Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the Edmondson Heights Elementary School Cafeteria.
(Last meeting until September 2, 2014) |
| 6/07/2014 | Community Yard Sale in the Park. |
| 6/14/2014 | Community Yard Sale in the Park
Rain Date. |
| 8/05/2014 | National Night Out -
"Dessert in the Park" |
| 8/25/2014 | First Day of School |
| 9/02/2014 | Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the Edmondson Heights Elementary School Cafeteria. |
| 9/20/2014 | Community Clean-Up |

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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.

Edmondson Heights Boundaries

If you live on one of the streets listed below and in one of the house numbers shown, ***you are a resident of the Edmondson Heights community and are subject to the Edmondson Heights Covenants as published on pages 6 & 7 of this newsletter.***

1100 thru 1248 Newfield Road

1000 thru 1235 Harwall Road

1101 thru 1197 Granville Road

1400 thru 1654 Forest Park Ave

1080 thru 1196 St Agnes Lane

1000 thru 1012 Sanbourne Rd

1437 thru 1531 Ingleside Ave

1400 thru 1561 Clairridge Road

1400 thru 1561 Barrett Road

1400 thru 1655 Kirkwood Road

1400 thru 1659 Langford Road

PLEASE COMPLY WITH THE COVENANTS

Maryland Homeowners Association Act
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 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 covenants and the current covenant compliance status by the realtor and the home seller.*** 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 in order to avoid a violation notice and legal action.***



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

**Edmondson Heights Civic Assn, Inc.
 Officers and Board Members**

President———Quintin Stevens
 Vice President———Donna Hickson
 Treasurer———Nancy Stevens
 Secretary———Marie Kane
 Sergeant at Arms—Michael Kane

Board of Governors:

Debra Butler
 Michelle Murrill
 Kaon Nelson
 Lisa Young
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 Susanna Twigg
 Kathy King

Website: www.ehcaonline.org

BACKYARD GARDENING TIPS:

by Donna Hickson

(Acquired from Gardening By The Yard and Maryland.gov)

1. Cover young plants with small clay pots to protect from unexpected frosts.
2. Spray vegetable oil on weed trimmer string before installing it to prevent jams.
3. Use flat stones and permanent markers to mark plant names naturally.
4. Use boiled or steamed vegetable water as nutrient plant water.
5. Use leftover tea and coffee grounds to acidify the soil of acid-loving plants such as azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and blueberries.
6. Wrap herbs in newspaper and put in the car with windows up to dry them.
7. Plant bulbs in autumn when the temperature is in the 40-50's to ensure spring flowers over & over again.
8. Put extra cut herbs in ice cube trays w/ boiling water, freeze, and use in soups at a later time.
9. Use a two-inch layer of mulch or compost to prevent evaporation loss. Apply mulches to shrubs, trees, annuals, vegetable gardens, and even containers.
10. Water plants early in the day to prevent burning.
11. Fortify clay soil with additional organic matter to make it more permeable to water.
12. Check out "Maryland Farmer's Planner and Checklist" online at:

http://mda.maryland.gov/resource_conservation/Documents/wintergardenplanner.pdf

House Numbers

*Front and 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. **Comply with the law, put up your house numbers front and rear as soon as possible.***

Baltimore County Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement investigates suspected code and zoning violations within Baltimore County. Goal is to maintain or improve the standards of a community by enforcing the **Baltimore County Code** and **Baltimore County Zoning Regulations**. Code enforcement inspectors perform a number of functions such as:

- Investigating residential/commercial complaints.
- Sweeping/ticketing neighborhoods for code violations
- Approving various licenses, permits (ie motel/hotel, towing, trailer)
- Conducting housing inspections for Section 8 Housing.
- Managing the Rat Attack Extermination Program.

Baltimore County Code Violations Enforced

- Tall grass and weeds over twelve inches high.
- Junk, trash and debris.
- Rat harborage
- Trash cans without lids.
- Excessive dog feces
- No House Number Signs.

Baltimore County Zoning Violations Enforced

- Untagged and inoperable motor vehicles.
- Non-permitted businesses from residences.
- Site plan and final order violation on commercial properties.
- Non-permitted commercial vehicles on residential lots.
- Non-permitted signs.

To report a possible code enforcement or zoning violation, call 410-887-3351, send a fax to Code Enforcement Department at 410-887-2824, and by mail to: Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 213, Towson, Maryland 21204. To file a complaint by internet go to the Association website at **<http://www.ehcaonline.org>**, select **County Support**, **Code Enforcement** and then follow instructions. ***You are not required to include your name, address, phone number or email address on your complaint.*** To report a complaint, you must provide the following information: Location, Zip Code, and Description of the Problem. To receive a written copy of the complaint, you will need to provide your Name, Mailing Address and Email Address. ***Complaints filed with email address provided will receive status updates by email. Baltimore County Code Enforcement website currently does not work with Internet Explorer.. Use Google Chrome.***

Checking Status: To check the status of your complaint you may call 410-887-3351 five working days after filing the complaint: You may also go to the association website at **<http://www.ehcaonline.org>**, select **County Support**, **Code Enforcement**, find check complaint status and follow instructions provided.

EHCA, Inc. Sponsored Websites and Email Address Data Base 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, residence dues information and a calendar of upcoming events. Email link to contact the EHCA president is provided and can be used to get your email address added to the **email data base** that is used to provide timely information to residents of Edmondson Heights.

<https://edmondsonheights.nextdoor.com/login/?next=/news/feed/>

A socially interactive website similar to Facebook but for use only by registered residents of Edmondson Heights. Our neighborhood is using a private online network called Nextdoor Edmondson Heights, and we think you'll benefit from joining us. On our site, neighbors share community events, recommendations, items for sale/free, crime/safety concerns, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better, and more. Please join us to build a better neighborhood!



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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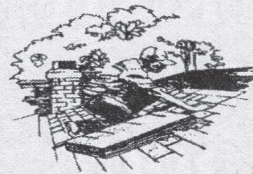
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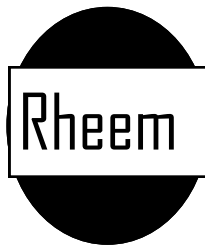
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