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

Edmondson Heights Civic Assn, Inc. Officers and Board Members Calendar Year 2017

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2016 Holiday Decorations Contest Winners

The homes listed below are the winners of the 2016 Holiday Decorations Contest in the category shown:

1212 Harwall Road– Daytime 1500 Forest Park Avenue-Children's Theme 1110 Newfield Road-Nighttime 1012 Harwall Road-Traditional

Each winner received a \$30.00 gift card.



Come join your neighbors in the Edmondson Heights Park on Saturday, April 22, 2017

(aka EARTH DAY)

Rain date: Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

This is the 7th Annual Project Clean Stream in our community. Your commitment to keeping trash and litter out of our stream and the Chesapeake Bay is FANTASTIC!!

Project Clean Stream, organized by
Blue Water Baltimore and
the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay,
promotes and reinforces the direct relationship between
clean, litter-free streams and woodlands and a clean,
beautiful Chesapeake Bay that
provides a home for fish and wildlife as well as amazing
recreational opportunities for all.

For further information, contact Nancy Stevens at 443-514-5503 or nancy21207@verizon.net. We look forward to seeing you in the park at the cannon on April 22nd at 9AM.

Bring your family, neighbor, and/or a friend This event is eligible for community service hours.

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.

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 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
- 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.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Due to construction to provide central air conditioning in the Edmondson Heights Elementary School, monthly meetings of the Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. will not be held during the months of May through August 2017.

Community Events Dates to Remember

Mark your calendar for EHCA meetings at Edmondson Heights Elementary School (EHES) the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm.
This is your neighborhood.
Join your neighbors to keep it wonderful!

04/04/2017 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm At Fairspring Senior Apartments at St. Agnes & Harwall

04/22/2017 Project Clean Stream At the Edmondson Heights Park (corner of Harwall & Granville Roads) from 9 am—Noon

04/29/2017 Rain Date for Project Clean Stream

08/01/2017 National Night Out at the Edmondson Heights Park (corner of Harwall &

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.

Income & Expense Report 1/1/2016—12/31/2016

Income	
EHCA Annual Dues	\$23, 139
Advertising Income	1,420
Yard Sale in Park	186
PayPal	3
Interest Earned	2
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Total Income	\$24,750
<u>Expenses</u>	
EHCA Community Signs (2)	\$ 5,513
Mowing Contract	2,100
Newsletters (4 Quarterly)	1,459
Office Supplies (toner, stamps & env.)	1,402
Storage Unit Rental	742
EHES Field Trip Fund	400
EH PTA Book Fair	400
Woodlawn HS Marching Bank	100
Liability Insurance	325
Gift Cards—Contest Winners	240
P. O. Box Rental	228
IPower Web Host	190
EHCA Meeting Signs	173
Community Clean-up Fliers	102
Legal Fees	90
Bank Service Charges	<u>30</u>
Total Expenses	\$13,494
Net Income	\$11,256

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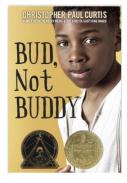
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12 Months Year-to-Date

EDMONDSON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Greetings from Edmondson Heights Elementary School! We have GREAT news: Construction has begun to add air-conditioning to our building! We are so excited to know that by August of 2017, we will have cool air helping us to start the next school year off comfortably. Along with the air-conditioning, our school is also getting all new updated LED lighting in all of our spaces, a new intercom and bell system, and an upgraded clock system. While we would love to have a total renovation or even a new building, we are grateful that we will be having some much needed improvements added this spring and summer. Please help us to spread the word to our community that due to the construction, our building will be closed from the last day of school in June until at least August 4, 2017. All school business which must be conducted in person between June and August will take place at Johnnycake Elementary, where the assistant principal, administrative secretary, and I will be temporarily housed. Our phone numbers will remain unchanged during our relocation.

Again this year we are celebrating the love of reading through the One School, One Book program. We are kicking off this program on March 2 with a family event where we will introduce this year's book, *Bud*, *Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis. This is an award-winning book which addresses many important topics such as loss, the importance of families, and perseverance. Families, students, and the whole school staff will read the book simultaneously. Each day at school we will participate in discussions and other fun activities to enhance the story and build literacy skills. We hope this program will help to build a sense of community as well as foster the love of reading in our youngsters as we all read and experience the book together. Please join us in reading the book!



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

Spring 2017 Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Sunday, April 9, 2017, 9 AM to 1 PM.

Eastern Sanitary Landfill 6259 Days Cove Road White Marsh, Maryland 21162

The following materials will be accepted for collection at this event:

- Ammunition, fireworks and flares
- Automotive Fluids
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Household Chemicals
- Medicines
- Mercury Thermometers and Thermostats
- Paints
- Pesticides
- Rechargeable Batteries

No trash or electronics will be accepted at this event. County residents with additional questions about the recycling or disposal of hazardous materials may email the Bureau of Solid Waste Management at:

solidwaste@baltimorecountymd.Gov or call 410-887-2000.

House Numbers Required

- Front and Rear house numbers are now required by law.
- Signs must be prominently displayed and be at least THREE INCHES IN HEIGHT designating the dress assigned to the property.
- The signs must be clearly visible from any street or alley providing public vehicular access to the property.
- Failure to have a sign may result in a fine of up to \$100.
 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.

HELPFUL GUIDELINES WHEN ENLISTING CONTRACTORS

Several residents are looking for contractors to perform various work at their homes. Most people do not know that there are laws and codes which apply to a lot of work performed by contractors. If some of the codes and requirements are not followed/met, they can lead to penalties and fines to the home owner, as well as delays that are costly.

Any work that involves structural work or electrical work that involves the electrical panel require a permit to be pulled from Baltimore County's Code Enforcement. For any work that involves digging holes such as deck footings, Miss Utility must be called so that all underground utilities (water, electrical, sewage, etc.) are located and properly marked. These laws and codes are in place for the safety and benefit of the home owners. Inspections and sign off of work protects the home owner so they cannot be taken advantage of.

There are other safeguards that home owners should take to ensure they are adequately protected. Check out the contractors by looking up their license number on the Baltimore County website for licensed home repair contractors. Also, check out the Better Business Bureau for any complaints against them.

Residents may also look up and contract their insurance provider to ensure their insurance is current and up to date. As a good safe guard ask the contractor provide you, the home owner, with a current 'Insurance Certificate' that names you as the 'loss payee'. Otherwise, many contractors will use your home owners insurance to cover any and all claims.

REMEMBER BUYER BEWARE: It is never recommended that a contractor be given more than 50% in advance of any work to be done. We are blessed with many honest, hard working contractors in our area who perform excellent work.

Edmondson Heights Next Door

https://edmondsonheights.nextdoor.com/login/?next=/news feed/ Edmondson Heights Next Door is a socially interactive website similar to Facebook but for use only by registered residents of Edmondson Heights sponsored by the Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. 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! This website is free and very easy to join. Check it out and while you are at it, check out our Association website at www.ehcaonline.org and join our email. To join this website, simply go to the above website or send an email to president@ehcaonline.org with name and address and I will send you an email invitation to join. Join your many neighbors on this website for the betterment of our community

What's Going In Our Neighborhood ????

Lots according to residents on *Next Door Edmondson Heights*:

- Break-ins into individual homes.
- Thefts from our vehicles.
- Robberies of individuals returning home from work/ shopping.
- Drivers/passengers in vehicles driving through our community tossing trash out into the streets.
- Individuals tossing trash as they are walking around the community or visiting with friends in the park and on street corners.
- Individuals walking in the streets rather than using the sidewalks, where available.

What can be done about all this ??????

There are many suggestions as to how to better yourself, your property and our community:

- **Report ANY suspicious activity to the police.**They may not catch the perpetrator(s) immediately, but they will be alerted to increased suspicious activity in the neighborhood and respond accordingly.
- If you can, install a home security system that is affordable to you.
- Always lock your vehicles.
- Do **NOT** keep anything of value in your car. It is not your office or home on wheels. Please don't treat it like one. This makes it a target for thieves.
- When walking around the neighborhood, be aware of all activity around you. Put away your cell phone and headphones so your sight and hearing won't be impaired. Unexpected surprises are no fun!!
- Parents/guardians, please teach your children of all ages that trash belongs in the trash/garbage cans. Set the example by ensuring you are putting your trash in the proper place.
- Ask the individual(s) you see dropping trash to pick it up and put it in a trash can. Let them know that we, the residents, care about our community and the environment. We don't want to pollute our stream or the Chesapeake Bay.
- Ask your neighbors to work with you to pick up trash in streets and alleys around your homes. This simple activity does so much to improve the appearance of our neighborhood.
- Take care of your sidewalks to ensure they are walkable. Sweeping them throughout the year helps keep them clean for walkers.
- Remember: Baltimore County does have a program that assists residents in replacing damaged sidewalks. Check out their website for additional information.

Gardening Tips by Deborah McEachran

Looking for a way to enrich your garden's soil without buying bagged compost or having an outdoor compost bin? Look into getting an indoor worm composter! Mine is about 18" square, a stack of 8" deep trays sitting on a stand. The plastic trays are covered and emit no odor.

This is how it works: I bought red worms (you can have them mailed to you!) and started with a bit of soil from my backyard. Then I added scraps from my kitchen (any vegetable, fruit or bread scraps EXCEPT onions or citrus) mixed with torn bits of cardboard or newspaper (dried leaves also work). You need to have a good mix of "green" and "brown". Stir. Then I "put the worms to bed" with a damp layer of newspaper tucked to the edges of the tray and put the top on!. The worms get to work composting the vegetable and fruit scraps and the soil they leave behind is fantastic for my garden! It takes awhile to get enough to fill a tray; but over time, I have had several trays of nutritious soil to add to my garden in the spring.

The worm composter enable me to use the scraps from my kitchen in a way that helps the environment and does not attract vermin in any way. I would be happy to show my worm composter to anyone who would like a visual tour. Contact me at mceachranfive@gmail.com.



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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.

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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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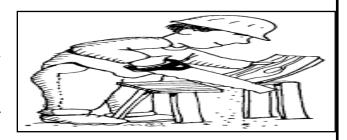
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