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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 Day for Officers and Board of Governors 12/04/2018 EHCA General Meeting

Notice To All Residents: You came out to vote on November 6, 2018 for your choice of elected officials for the State of Maryland and Baltimore County. *Now is your opportunity to come out to vote for the elected officials of our own community Board of Governors on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.* These are the individuals who will be making the important decisions regarding how the Edmondson Heights community is run during the upcoming year 2019. Yes, you have a voice and we respect your right to speak up and let your vote choose the elected officers and board members who you feel will represent the best interests of the community.

The following individuals were nominated at the EHCA General Meeting held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018:

Officers Board of Governors

Quintin Stevens, President Sarah Burns

Deborah McEachran, Vice President Sharon Davis

William Jacobs, Treasurer Rosa Johnson

Phyllis Green, Secretary Marie Kane

Wanda Dewitt, Sergeant-At-Arms Jacquista Powell

Lata Savage

Nancy Stevens, Newsletter Editor

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 more than 500 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.*

Winter Brings Snow & Ice To Our Doorsteps Are You Ready ????

- * Shovel your sidewalks and porch clear within 24 hours of a snow storm. Be certain that you have your shovels and snow/ice melt ready for that first storm (preferably inside your house). If you are unable to take care of this yourself, make arrangements with a neighbor, friend or hired help to clear the walks for you.
- * PLEASE: Remember the postal and package delivery workers. They need safe, snow/ice free conditions to deliver the mail and/or packages safely 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, lend them a helping hand by clearing their walks for them. Remember, one day (we never know when that day might come), we may all 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 properly used. They can be found at Home Depot, Lowe's, Target or even ordered online.

Your neighbors, delivery and mail personnel, as well as those who walk through our neighborhood will appreciate your thoughtful consideration as well as prevent nasty falls and damaged packages.

THANKS FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS

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!

12/04/2018 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.

01/08/2019 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.

02/05/2019 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.

03/05/2019 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.

04/02/2019 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.

Holiday Decoration Contest

The excitement of the holidays includes the beautiful decorations we see on the outside of all the homes in our community. Our judges will be wandering throughout the community during the week between Christmas and New Years. They will be selecting decorated homes from the following categories: Traditional, Children's Theme, Daytime and Nighttime designs.

Councilman Quirk's Contacts Tom Quirk, Councilman, First District

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Dear Community Members of Edmondson Heights:

I am so excited to continue to contribute to the community newsletter during the 2018-2019 school year! We've had a busy first marking period and look forward to continuing our work in the coming months. 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! School safety is a central focus at Edmondson Heights Elementary School always and this year, through recommendations from federal agencies and law enforcement experts, Baltimore County Public Schools has expanded the emergency protocol all schools and office buildings use if ever an active assailant were to gain access to our buildings. The name of this protocol is ALICE and the below image gives an overview:



ALICE

The active assailant protocol selected for Baltimore County Public Schools is called ALICE. ALICE stands for:

- Alert receiving initial notice of a critical event
- Lockdown securing occupants behind closed doors
- Inform notifying staff and students of potential danger throughout the event
- Counter creating noise, movement, distance, and distraction
- Evacuate leaving the area of the danger

These responses are not implemented in any specific order.

Staff were trained this summer in using this new options-based protocol to protect our students. The training taught us to judge threatening situations rationally and to make decisions to protect our students based on the details of an emergency. This protocol differs from our previous protocol because it no longer relies solely on the traditional "lockdown" response and gives us more options to seek safety. Parents/guardians received information on the new ALICE protocol at our Back to School Night in August. Students have also received age-appropriate training on ALICE, with an emphasis on how important it is to follow adult direction in any emergency response.

It is devastating that there is a need in 2018 for a protocol such as ALICE to protect schools and children from an active assailant. The truth, however, is that we have seen time and time again that no public spaces are totally protected from a potentially life-threatening situation involving an active shooter. It is crucial for us as a school community to face the realities of our times, even though we know statistically that the potential for an active assailant event at our school is very low. Even so, we feel more secure with the ALICE protocol because we now have a wider range of options to help us protect our children. We are better prepared this year than ever before and while we never hope to be tested, we are relieved to be equipped with the training and skills to respond effectively in any emergency.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the ALICE protocol. You can also search for it on the Internet and find many more details, including case study information proving it is an effective protocol. I can be reached at jmcdivitt@bcps.org or by phone at 410-887-0818. Thank you!

Happy Holidays,

Julie McDivitt-Principal at Edmondson Heights Elementary School

Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. Annual Residence Dues

The 2019 annual residence dues are still \$20 per residence and are due and payable January 1st through December 31st of calendar year 2019.

Dues letter invoices were mailed to each residence in Edmondson Heights in early February 2019. 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 input.
- Sponsor activities of the Edmondson Heights Elementary School and Parent Teacher Association.
- Publish our quarterly Edmondson Heights Neighborhood Newsletters.
- Sponsor activities for the benefit of the all community members such as Project Clean Spring, Community Picnic, National Night Out, and Fall Community Cleanup.
- Encourage beautification of the community by sponsoring the Holiday Decoration and Summer Garden contests, as well a planting and maintaining the flower gardens under the 3 community signs.

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 PAYPAL (\$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.

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Fall Community Clean Up Results

The Fall Community Clean Up was held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the Edmondson Heights Elementary School parking lot. Approximately 70 households took advantage of this opportunity to clean out their homes and yards, some making multiple trips (on foot or by car). Three dumpsters were filled with items approved for collection.

Eleven volunteers spent their morning efficiently and effectively running this community clean up. They included: M. & M. Kane, M. Poysa, J. & V. Davis, R. Johnson, V. Scuillia, S. Davis, W. Jacobs, W. Dewitt and D. McEachran. We thank these volunteers for their time and friendly, helping spirit.

Surprising Great News for 2019

Baltimore County Department of Waste Management informed the community association that the Edmondson Heights community would be eligible for two (2) bulk trash events in 2019.

The Board of Governors voted to have a spring bulk trash event in the April/May timeframe at the October 2018 Board meeting.

Look for more information in our Spring 2019 *Edmondson Heights Neighborhood Newsletter* to be distributed by the end of March 2019.

Some Thoughts for the New Year......

After the hectic days of the holidays have passed and as you take time to review your dreams, expectations, and thoughts of what you want to do in the coming year, give some consideration to what, if any, contribution you feel you would like to make to our community.

Each year, some residents move out and new residents move in. The Board of Directors is always looking for fresh ideas and new opinions to keep our community vital and attractive to new residents.

If you would like to become more involved or have some ideas to share, please contact the officers and board members either individually, by attending our EHCA monthly meetings, or by contacting us through www.ehcaonline.org.

Christmas Tree Pickup



Baltimore County's collection of Christmas trees for recycling as mulch will take place over two weeks in January 2019.

NOTE Change: Residents must place trees (no lights, tinsel, decorations, bags, tree stands, etc.) at the same location where you place your trash and recycling for collection.

More Street Lights are Coming to the Edmondson Heights Community

The Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. Board of Directors, Councilman Tom Quirk's aide — Margaret Stokes, Baltimore County Department of Street Lighting and BG&E worked throughout 2018 to respond to residents' requests for better street lighting in our community.

Petitions signed by 10 homeowners on each street were obtained in the early spring and forwarded to Margaret Stokes. They were then forwarded to Baltimore County Department of Street Lighting. This department is working with BG&E to determine how many street lights are needed in the community and where they should be located.

By mid-summer, all of Newfield and the 1400 blocks of Barrett and Clairidge had been examined. Between 14—16 locations for new street lights were identified and marked for placement.

Unfortunately, BG&E personnel and light poles were diverted to repair the damage in the Carolinas from Hurricane Florence. Furthermore, the record setting amount of rain received in the Baltimore area has contributed to the slow progress of this project.

The Baltimore County Department of Street Lighting has assured the EHCA President, Quintin Stevens, that more street lights in addition to those already identified were coming.

Many thanks go to all those who have worked so hard to make this improvement to our community.

Keep the Night Lit Up !!!!

Remember to keep your front, back and side porch lights on at night as a simple security to your own home and to friends and neighbors as they come and go at night. BALTIMORE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT (Land Records) JLE 36106, p. 0369, MSA_CE62_35962. Date available 04/30/2015. Printed 05/26/2015.



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.

BALTIMORE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT (Land Records) JLE 36106, p. 0370, MSA_CE62_35962. Date available 04/30/2015. Printed 05/26/2015. Continued from previous page.

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 took effect May 1, 2015 and supersedes all previous versions.

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Edmondson Heights Next Door

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