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## The Edmondson Heights Neighborhood News A Covenant Controlled Community http://www.ehcaonline.org

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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.

#### The 9th Annual Project Clean Stream In the Edmondson Heights Park Will be held on Saturday April 27, 2019 (rain date, May 4, 2019) From 9 AM to 12 Noon



Project Clean Stream, organized by 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 our citizens.

The residents of Edmondson Heights have been awesome supporters of this project in the past. We plan to continue our tradition of supporting this worthwhile project that benefits our beautiful park and stream. So, bring your friends, neighbors, relatives, a school group, a Scout troop, etc. Let's join together to do our part to make this a wonderful place to live.

Service hours are available for any individual who needs them.

You can sign up at https://www.allianceforthebay.org/our-work/key-program-focuses/building-stewardship/ project-clean-stream/ and click on the yellow "Click Here to Volunteer" button. Or you can contact Nancy Stevens at 443-514-5503 or nancy21207@gmail.com

The Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. 2019 Officers

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#### 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 600 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.

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## 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 homeowner of property within 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 all community members such as Project Clean Spring, Community Picnic, National Night Out, and Spring and Fall Dumpster Community Cleanups.
- Encourage beautification of the community by sponsoring the Holiday Decoration and Summer Garden contests, as well as planting and maintaining the flower gardens under the 3 community signs.

## **REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES**

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 and selecting the PayPal Link. All funds raised go back to support 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. Folks, please pay your dues as soon as possible. We thank you.

### **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!

- 04/02/2019 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.
- 4/27/2019 Project Clean Stream in the Edmondson Heights Park from 9 am to Noon.
- 5/4/2019 Rain date for Project Clean Stream
- 5/7/2019 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.
- 5/11/2019 Spring Community Clean Up in the EHES Parking lot from 8 am to Noon
- 6/4/2019 Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.

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

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## The Principal's Corner

**Dears Community Members:** 



Have you heard the excellent news about Edmondson Heights Elementary School? The state of Maryland has a new school rating system which produces a "report card" for every school in the state. Along with that report card, a star rating is assigned from 1-5 stars, with 5-stars being the highest rating. Edmondson Heights has been rated as a 4-star school! This rating is based largely on academic data, including both academic growth and achievement. Other factors, such as student attendance, are also a part of the rating system. We are very proud of our rating, especially since we are rated higher than many other schools in the southwest area of Baltimore County who have similar profiles as our school. Additionally, we are rated similarly as many schools who traditionally carry the reputation as being excellent schools. We are grateful to finally see the hard work of our students and teachers rewarded with public acknowledgement of our success! Please see the full report card for the Edmondson Heights Elementary School and the star-rating list of all schools in Baltimore County Public Schools by visiting the website <a href="http://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/">http://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/</a>.

Thank you and HAPPY SPRING!

Julie McDivitt-Principal of Edmondson Heights Elementary School

## **Remember to Lock Your Sheds/Garages**

The long awaited **SPRING** has finally arrived !!! Now is the time for the lawn and garden work to begin for the year. If you have a shed or garage, make certain that you keep them locked when you are not using them. Other ways to protect your property in the shed or garage include:

- Use a good secure lock on the doors
- Secure lawn mowers, generators, snow blowers and bicycles to fixed objected in the shed using a good chain and padlock.
- Keep rear gates closed and secured when working in the front yard
- Mark all property such as lawn mowers, generators, bicycles, snow blowers, saws, leaf blowers, weed eaters, power tools, etc. with your drivers license number and state abbreviation.
- INSTALL MOTIONS SENSOR LIGHTS ON SHEDS AND GARAGEES to discourage unwanted guests from surveying your shed/garage.

You have the power to protect your property USE IT !

## Keep the Night Lit Up !!!!

Daylight Savings Time has come again. Daylight is lasting longer into the evening much to everyone's delight.

When you go inside for the night, remember to turn on your front, back and side porch lights and even the lights on your shed or garage, if you have them.

Residents in our community come and go at all hours of the day or night from early morning work shifts to late evening work shifts. Exterior lights on throughout the neighborhood, contribute to a safer environment for those who come and go throughout the late evening or early morning hours.

Each homeowner may also want to consider exterior cameras that record all activity in front or behind their homes throughout the day or night as an additional protection of their property. These cameras can also discourage the "porch package thieves" who take advantage or those who order packages online for delivery to their homes when no one may be at home.

#### Income & Expense Report 01/01/2018 through 12/31/18 12 Month Year-to-Date

#### Income

Advertising Revenue Donations/Gifts Dues Prior to 2017 Dues 2017 Dues 2018 Dues 2019	\$ 1,799 5 3,834 1,553 8,469 40
Interest Income	3
Paypal Income	2
Total Income	\$15,705
Expenses	
Lawn & Garden Care	\$ 3,018
Postage	1,867
Newsletter Expenses	1,528
EZ Storage Fees	1,172
<b>Professional Fees</b>	742
<b>EHES Book Fair Donation</b>	500
EHES Field Trip Fund	500
<b>Community Signs Replacemen</b>	t 496
Office Supplies	341
Gift Cards for Contests	330
Liability Insurance	325
Post Office Box Rental	250
Community Activity Events	<u>90</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$11,159</u>
Net Income	\$ 4,547

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## 2018 Holiday Decoration Contest Winners

The homes listed below are the winners of the 2018 Holiday Decorations Contest in the category shown:

> 1425 Kirkwood Road—Day time 1212 Harwall Road—Night time 1115 Harwall Road—Traditional 1417 Langford—Children's Theme



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### **EDMONDSON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP**

DATE: PLACE: TIME: SPECIAL NOTE: Saturday, May 11, 2019 Parking Lot Edmondson Heights Elementary School 8:00 AM until 12 AM or until dumpsters are full. Please be prepared to show proof of Edmondson Heights residency with any document showing your address in hand.

The dumpsters will be at the school for this event Rain or Shine. Remember, first come, first served. Once the dumpsters are full you will be turned away. Per Baltimore County, the dumpsters cannot be overflowing.

#### THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE EDMONDSON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### **ACCEPTABLE FOR DISPOSAL**

Yard Waste: Includes brush, leaves, small tree stumps, logs and wood pieces under 6 feet long. Brush must be cut down, no full size tree limbs.

SCRAP METAL: Includes metal furniture, lawn chairs, lawn mowers without fluids, washers, dryers and household junk that is primarily metal.

**RESIDENTIAL WASTE:** Includes non-metal appliances, furniture, repair and remodeling scraps, old rugs and carpeting.

#### **UNACCEPTABLE FOR DISPOSAL**

Electronic Equipment Hazardous Substances Paint, Chemicals, Pesticides Oil, Gasoline, Anti-freeze Concrete and Stone bigger than 18 inches Reinforcing Bars, Steel Rods Railroad Ties Food Waste Food Contaminated Refuse Tree Stumps larger than 36 inches Wood longer than 6 feet Medical Waste Explosive or Flammable Materials Tires Refrigerators Computer Equipment Monitors, Laptops, Printers Telephones, Cell Phones Stereos Fax Machines Video Devices Asphalt Air Conditioners Recyclable Materials

## **Upcoming Summer Events in the Park**

#### **Community Picnic in the Park -In late June (date to be determined):**

Come join us for a neighborhood picnic in the park, near the cannon at the corner Granville and Harwall Roads. Bring a lawn chair to sit and enjoy the food. Bring your family. Encourage your friends to join us. Come meet new residents in our neighborhood. Hot dogs with/without buns and drinks will be provided as well as paper goods. There will be games for everyone to join in. Take this chance to sit back, visit with others in the neighborhood and enjoy a lovely early summer evening outside (mosquitoes will be dealt with by the civic association).

#### National Night Out—August 6, 2019 (rain date 8/13/2019): Dessert in the Park

Come celebrate National Night Out with us in the Edmondson Heights Park, near the cannon at the corner of Granville and Harwall Roads. Bring a dessert or fresh fruit to share with the community. Encourage your neighbors, friends, and family to come join us. National Night Out celebrates the relationship our community has with local elected officials, fire, and police. By working together we can keep Edmondson Heights a warm, welcoming and safe community to live in. There will be games for the children as well as the adults (some will challenge your balance and eyesight).

## Let's Put Some Fun in Summer !!

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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 at ed 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. Draper's Painting and Home Repairs In business since 1973

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#### **Edmondson Heights Next Door**

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