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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.

Upcoming Summer Events in the Park

Neighborhood Picnic in the Park Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 4 pm



Come join us for a neighborhood picnic in the park, near the cannon at the corner of Granville and Harwall Roads. Bring your friends. Bring your family. Encourage your neighbors to join us. Come meet new residents in our neighborhood. We will be cooking hot dogs. Drinks will be provided as well as paper goods. Bring a side dish to share with everyone.

So bring a chair or a blanket and meet the interesting people who live in our neighborhood. Children will be playing various games and getting their faces painted. Join us and take this opportunity to sit back and enjoy a lovely summer evening outside in the shade of the trees eating dinner together. (mosquitoes will be dealt with by the civic association).



National Night Out August 6, 2019 from 7-9 pm (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. We will have games (including face painting) for children.

National Night Out celebrates the relationship our community has with local elected officials, as well as our local fire and police departments. By working together we can keep Edmondson Heights a warm, welcoming and safe community to live in.

Let's Have Some Fun Together This Summer!!

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.

Spring 2019 Bulk Trash Collection

The Spring 2019 Bulk Trash Collection held on Saturday, May 11,2019 had a **huge turnout** and was a **big success!** In an effort to stay on top of our community's needs, this second bulk trash collection was added this year. The hours ran from 8 am—Noon or until the dumpsters were full. Four dumpsters were provided. By 9:10 am, the first dumpster was completely full and on its way to the dump. All four dumpsters were eventually FILLED by the end of the morning.

Fortunately, the weather cooperated. There was plenty of sunshine with absolutely no rain. It was a bit breezy. The day turned out to be a great opportunity to chat, meet new neighbors and encourage more participation in the community. More than 80 households participated in this event.

17 households used this opportunity to pay their annual dues of \$20.

A "Big Shout Out" to our 12 volunteers who helped to check people in, collected dues, provided snacks and helped unload item from the vehicles into the dumpsters. Also, thanks to Wanda DeWitt, our community Avon representative. She donated a gift bag that included Avon products to be raffled to one volunteer worker.

A second bulk trash collection will be held in the Fall of 2019 (date to be determined). We'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome our neighbors to future monthly community meetings to voice their concerns and/or express appreciation to those who make the Edmondson Heights Community a neighborhood you enjoy living in.

"Let Your Voice Be Heard"

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!

6/4/2019	Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.
7/14/2019	Edmondson Heights Neighborhood Picnic In the Park at 4 pm.
8/6/2019	National Night Out's "Dessert in the Park" to be held in the Edmondson Heights Park from 7 pm to 9 pm.
9/3/2019	Edmondson Heights Community Meeting at 7:30 pm in the EHES Cafeteria.

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Wow!!! We had 16 excited and eager volunteers who came out on the gorgeous spring morning of Saturday, April 27, 2019 to volunteer their time and hard work cleaning up trash in the Edmondson Heights park and stream.

A total of 25 bags of trash, plus shopping carts, the seat of a car, brake rotors and several other large items were collected. Approximate total weight of these items was 725 pounds.

Earth Day (April 22nd of each year) is a reminder to all of us of our responsibilities to care for the planet Earth. This includes our yards, sidewalks, streets, parks, streams & watersheds as well as other places where we work and play. Remember to teach your children to respect the earth by placing trash in the proper receptacles.

Throughout the year, many individuals take the time to pick up trash carelessly tossed from passing vehicles, blown in by the wind, or escaped from trash receptacles. These are the unsung heroes of our community who are dedicated to maintaining the Edmondson Heights community as a clean, healthy, and attractive place to live. We salute these silent, caring individuals. All of our residents can take part in this effort to maximize the positive aspects of living in our community.

No one single event in a year, such as Project Clean Stream, can ever hope to keep the entire completely clear of unwanted trash. However, individuals working individually or together as a team can and do make a tremendous difference.

> Thanks to all of you for your efforts. Keep up the wonderful work you do to keep our community beautiful.



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.

Summertime is Here Just a Reminder: Please Protect Your Pets

Baltimore County's Oscar's Law defines 'adverse environmental conditions" that are unsafe for animals to be left outside without shelter, including temperatures below 32 degrees or above 90 degrees (Fahrenheit)., wind, snow, ice, sleet, hail and exposure to direct sunlight or hot pavement. Under those conditions, pet would have to be brought inside within minutes of the onset of those conditions.

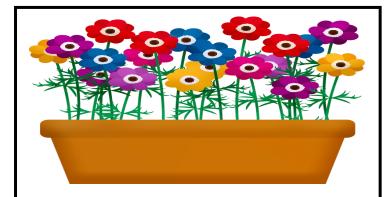
This law was the result of Baltimore County citizens reporting a dog named Oscar who died during the winter of 2017 after being left outside in the cold to Baltimore County Animal Services. Animal welfare activists expressed frustration that Animal Services took no action.

Former Baltimore County Executive, Kevin Kamenetz, announced that an animal abuse unit was to be formed within the Baltimore County Police Department to investigate allegations of animal cruelty. The Baltimore County Police Department's animal abuse unit was put in place at the end of May 2018. It include a police sergeant, a police officer and three civilian investigators.

Reports of



Animal abuse Can be reported Directly to the **Animal Abuse Unit by Calling** 410-887-7297 directly



The Edmondson Heights Neighborhood **Annual Garden Contest is Coming !!!**

The Edmondson Heights Civic Association, Inc. likes to recognize the beautiful gardens and lawns that make our community so attractive. The Garden Committee volunteers will tour the neighborhood throughout the summer months to select winners. These winners will each receive a \$30 gift certificate and will be announced in the fall issues of the Edmondson Heights Neighborhood News, on Next Door Edmondson Heights, at www.ehcaonline.org, and by email.

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Remember to Protect your home and shed/ garages and other property this summer!!

Summer time is finally here!! Time to open the windows, set up the back decks for gatherings with family and friends, planting your gardens and getting the yard work done.

But remember to be aware and exercise caution to protect your property. Some suggestions include:

- If you are away from home, close and lock your windows and doors.
- Use timers to automatically turn on/off lights to make the home appear lived in.
- Have a neighbor, relative or close friend pick up your mail if you are away for any length of time or request the Post Office to hold your mail until your return.
- Install motion sensor lights on the front/back of your home and on sheds or garages.
- Install security cameras on your property.
- Use good secure locks on all external doors in your home and shed/garage.
- Secure valuable items on porches/decks with a good chain and lock.
- Secure lawn mowers, generators, snow blowers and bicycles to fixed objects 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 grills, deck furniture, lawn mowers, generators, bicycles, snow blowers, saws, leaf blowers, weed eaters, power tools, etc. with your drivers license number and state abbreviation.
- .Remember to roll up windows and lock your vehicles when not use.
- Do not leave any valuables such as cell phones, computers, etc. in your unattended car.

You have the power to protect your property USE IT!

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.

House Numbers Required

- Front and Rear house numbers are required by law.
- Signs must be prominently displayed and be at least THREE INCHES IN HEIGHT designating the address 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

Keep the Night Lit Up !!!!

Warm summer nights are a wonderful time to take a long walk around the neighborhood after dinner or just sit outside and talk with family and friends.

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 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.

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





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