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# Edmondson Heights News

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# COVID-19 EDITION

A friend asked me what it was like to be caring for children in this time of social distancing. It is lonely.

We are still having fun, but now I only have one. The others are no longer with us, to protect them and their families; to protect us and our family. We used to have playdates with other children and their mothers. We were busy. We went to the library and on field trips to the park, the farm and museums. Now, no learning experiences beyond the borders of our yard. Our travel and adventures are all on hold. Our lives are on hold.

At first we barely noticed the difference. Until the toilet paper ran out. What is this? What's all the crazy toilet paper buying? When will the toilet paper supply and demand ever normalize?

The next week all the neighborhood children were in the street on their bikes and scooters. That was a fun and joyful time! We could play in the yard and watch the older kids sail by as their laughter trailed behind them! But that didn't last. The schools figured out how to teach the homebound children. They all disappeared into their homes taking their laughter with them. Silence in the street again.

I spoke to friends who are still working in child care centers and some who have a family child care program in their homes. I asked if they are nervous about working in this environment, when you don't know who is sick and contagious for days. They say they are a little afraid. They take precautions; taking children's temperature upon arrival, etc. This has been a hard time for everyone but it has been particularly stressful for child care professionals. They can only care for children of parents who are deemed "essential." They are being paid in a whole new way that throws off their budget. Our society still underappreciates child care workers and on the whole underpays child care professionals and early childhood teachers. I hope that one of the positive things that will arise from this pandemic is an appreciation for the essential, vital role that child care providers play in our lives, in our society, and in the world economy.

I feel very fortunate to be working during the COVID pandemic. Even though my income is reduced, I am really glad that I can take care of one precious child to keep the virus contact pool to a minimum, and keep us all safe.—Susanna Twigg



IMPORTANT BALTIMORE COUNTY INFORMATION DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Baltimore County Health Dept. HOTLINE: 410-887-3816.

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#### **ARE YOU MISSING OUT?**

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- Ensure a safe, attractive community with covenant enforcement actions and community input.
- Sponsor activities of the Edmondson Heights Elementary School.
- Publish our quarterly Edmondson Heights Neighborhood Newsletters.
- Sponsor activities for the benefit of all community members such as Project Clean Stream, 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.

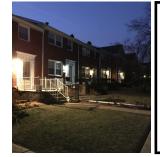
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# **Community Events Dates to Remember**

General meetings are held in the Edmondson Heights Elementary School Cafeteria!

9/1/2020 National Night Out, 7-9 pm EH Park

9/13/2020 Community Picnic EH Park

Fall 2020 Project Clean Stream Date TBD

Sept. 2020 Community Clean up (dumpsters available at school parking lot) Date TBD

10/6/2020 General meeting, 7:30 pm



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## Why wear a face mask?

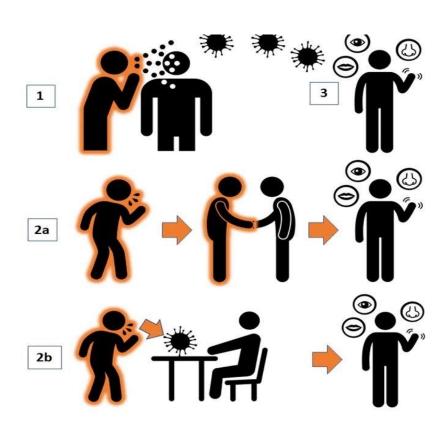
Wearing a face mask will help prevent the spread of infection of COVID-19 and prevent individuals from contracting airborne infectious germs. When someone coughs, talks or sneezes they could release germs into the air that may infect others nearby. Face masks are part of an infection control strategy to eliminate crosscontamination. The argument for broadening the use of face masks is based on what scientists have learned about asymptomatic spread during this pandemic.

It turns out that many people who are infected with the virus have no symptoms — or only mild symptoms. What this means is that there is no good way to know who is infected. It would be helpful to try to be responsible when we go out in public since we may not even know that we're sick and maybe inadvertently shedding the virus every time we talk with someone, like a neighbor, friend, or grocery store clerk. Since we do not know who is asymptomatic, we should wear face masks, to help reduce transmission in the community.

Remember, masks protect the people around you. Me wearing mine protects you and you wearing yours protects me. —Phyllis Green

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#### Virus Transmission



The County has installed external WiFi capacity in the parking lots of 10 library branches, including;
Catonsville—1100 Frederick Road,
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Woodlawn—1811 Woodlawn Drive, Woodlawn, Maryland 21207 **2020 EHCA Officers** 

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Are you looking for a way to plug in to your community?
EHCA is looking for a secretary to take notes at all board meetings and general meetings.
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Quintin Stevens at president@ehcaonline.org or
410.504.4795 if you are interested in serving.

#### Pound Cake (submitted by Wanda DeWitt)

#### **Ingredients:**

1 cup butter

3 cups sugar

6 large eggs

8 oz. sour cream (room temp.)

1/2 tsp. salt

1 tsp. baking powder

3 cups flour

1 tbsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 325.

Coat 10" bundt pan with oil and flour.

Cream butter and sugar until fluffy.

Add eggs one at a time, beating each one in.

Add sour cream.

Combine flour, salt, baking powder in a small bowl, then add to batter 1/2 cup at a time.

Stir in vanilla.

Spoon batter into pan.

Bake for 80-85 min. Test with toothpick at 74 min. Cool on rack for 20 min, before inverting on wire rack to cool completely.

This is your community and we need your news! I look forward to including your articles, photos and information in the newsletter each quarter. If you have something to share, please contact our Edmondson Heights News line at 443-379-4663. Newsletter deadlines for the rest of the year: August 1, November 1.

If your company is interested in an advertisement, please contact William Jacobs, treasurer, at the Edmondson Heights News line listed above.

—Deborah McEachran, Editor

What a tribute to long time neighbors Mary and Austin Twigg, as Councilman Tom Quirk named their wedding anniversary, June 30, as Austin and Mary Twigg Day in Baltimore County! They both died in March, 2017.



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# Herb Gardening in Containers: You can do it!

- shared by Rosa Johnson

Herbs are much easier to grow than many houseplants. All you need is a sunny, warm place and containers large enough for your plants to grow. Sunny decks, patios, and other such areas are great for container gardening. Container gardening requires diligent watering and regular feeding, but it can be easy and fun.

#### The Main Things You Will Need Are:

<u>Large Pots</u> (clay or plastic) 8" to 18" in diameter (It is a good idea to combine several herbs that have the same watering requirements into a single container)

Good Potting Soil (enough to fill your pots)

<u>Plant fertilizer</u> (Organic herb or vegetable fertilizer is recommended)



Mint loves to spread! Keep it in a container!

#### Watering Can or Hose



For planting herbs, you need to allow for at least 8" in diameter for each plant. Later you may want to transplant to larger pots because the herbs will outgrow their pots over time. (Basil can grow to over 2 1/2 feet high.)

**First**, prepare your container by filling it with good potting soil and add fertilizer according to the directions on the package for herbs or for most vegetables. Moisten the potting soil by mixing in water until the soil feels damp all the way through. Place the pot on a saucer, if you need to protect your deck or table, and you are ready to plant.

**Next**, dig holes large enough for each plant. Release the plants from their starter containers by turning them upside down, tapping the bottom, and gently pulling on the base of the stems until the plant comes out of the container. Place the plant in the hole and gently press soil around the edges to fill. **Finally**, water the plant immediately after planting; afterward, water them only when the soil gets dry to the touch. Over-watering can be just as bad for herbs as under-watering.

**Location**: Plants should get at least four hours of sunshine per day (certain plants appreciate a bit of shade in the hot summer months during the afternoon hours). They can grow with less sunshine, but they will not grow as well. For harvesting, you simply cut off about 1/3 of the branches when the plant reaches at least 6-8" tall. By cutting close to a leaf intersection your plants will regrow very quickly.

However, if you are lucky enough to have a great location for a garden, and you like to work outdoors, remember that your plants always prefer to be in the ground. Some plants grow quite large and do much better in the ground for that reason alone.

Enjoy your gardening!

Tip for your azaleas: trim them soon after they finish flowering. They will use the summer months to develop blossoms for next spring!



**Springtime in Edmondson Heights** 

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

**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.



TYPICAL END OF GROUP HOME 2 original design fluted pilasters and 1 plinth block on each side, Acorn pediment, standard crosshead with 6 fluted teeth



TYPICAL MIDDLE OF GROUP HOME 2 original design fluted pilasters and 1 plinth block on each side, standard crosshead with 6 fluted teeth. NO ACORN PEDIMENT.

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**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.

**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.

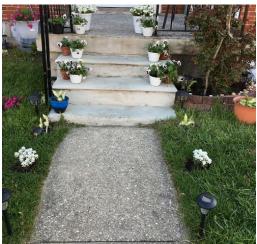
**PAINTING AND STAINING:** All exposed woodwork on the front, side, and rear of a house must be painted white (exception is rear porches). Front porch railings must be painted either black or dark green. Conformity within the group is encouraged. Front porches and the concrete wall below brickwork must 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.

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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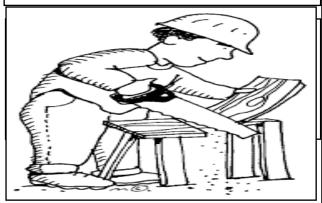
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