



# Edmondson Heights Civic Association

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## Winter 2020 Newsletter



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### VOTE in the 2021 EHCA Board Election

Are you looking for a way to serve our community? The Edmondson Heights Civic Association Board of Governors has openings for the following positions in 2021:

**Board Member**

**President**

**Sergeant of Arms**

**Secretary**

**Vice President**

Board members are expected to attend monthly board meetings, participate in decisions about the community, take part in community events, etc. The prerequisite for being a board member is to care about our neighborhood and invest time in seeing it thrive. If you would like to nominate yourself or another member of the neighborhood to the Board of Governors please contact:

**Email:** [President@ehcaonline.org](mailto:President@ehcaonline.org)

**Subject:** *Board Nomination*

**Nominations are due by December 15, 2020**

Voting will take place at the Community Zoom meeting January 5th

**COMING SOON!**

Please be aware that next year's resident dues invoices will be included in the Spring 2021 newsletter.

### COMING IN 2021: ZOOMING WITH THE NEIGHBORS!!!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we have been unable to gather to discuss community related topics. Beginning Tuesday January 5th, 2021, the Edmondson Heights community meetings will resume virtually. Neighbors will once again have the opportunity to connect on current and future Edmondson Heights related topics. These meetings will be held, on the first available Tuesday of each month. The meetings can only be accessed through using the link provided by the EHCA. If you do not currently receive the newsletter through email the Association does not have an email account for your household. If you would like to attend the community meetings and/ or receive the newsletter virtually, submit an email with your name and address to: **president@ehcaonline.org Subject: ZOOM**

**Have you checked out our social media?**

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Nextdoor: <https://nextdoor.com>

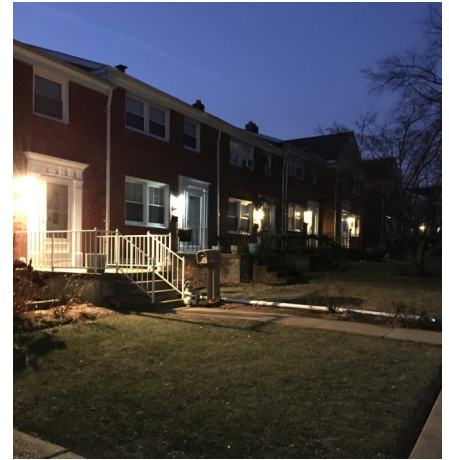
## Neighborhood Safety

It's that time of year again. Days are shorter, darker and colder, leaving us vulnerable. A few things we can do to help ourselves and our neighbors enter and exit our homes safely:

**Be vigilant** – Keep an eye out for package thieves. Channel your inner Mrs. Kravitz. No, not Lenny's mom; the nosy neighbor, from the TV show Bewitched. With the holidays in front of us, package deliveries will be increasing and so are opportunists. If package thieves are bold enough to walk onto the porch of your neighbor they are most certainly bold enough to do the same to you. FYI, consider having your Amazon packages delivered to the lockers at Safeway.

**Timers on indoor lights** - set them to come on prior to the sun setting. This also guards us from returning to or leaving a dark home.

**Outdoor lights and motion sensors** - place solar powered or LED lights in gardens, parking pads, porches. Extra lighting never hurt anyone and it's one of several ways to help ourselves as well as our neighbor. We are all someone's neighbor.



## Mental Health

Mental illness is a condition that plagues the thinking, feeling and mood of a countless number of people daily. It affects energy/sleep, mood, appetite, motivation, etc. The more common disorders include depression and anxiety.

Mental health conditions are not related to any one incident. There is no specific gender, race, age or economic status assigned to mental illness. It is influenced by genetics, environment and lifestyle. Traumatic events, stressful job or homelife are also contributors to mental health conditions.

Mental illness is blameless. It is not a cause for embarrassment and it is more common than we believe. Recovery is possible especially when it's caught early.

If you suspect that you, a member of your family or a friend suffer symptoms of depression, anxiety or other mental health issues do not hesitate to seek help; have an honest conversation with your health care provider. There are many different forms of treatment including therapy and/or medications from a trained professional.

### OUR DUES AT WORK

The Edmondson Heights Civic Association board members have voted unanimously to make a \$1200 donation to the **Edmondson Heights Elementary School**. The donation will help to support the school provide a safer classroom environment as well as general school supplies. We wish a safe school year and return to students and teachers.

Did you forget to pay your 2020 resident dues?

Please send a check or money order to:

**EHCA, Inc.**

**P.O. Box 21150,**

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Or visit

<https://www.ehcaonline.org/ehca-membership/>

### In Memorial



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **M. Michele Connor**. On May 19, 2020 Michele, passed away peacefully in her home where she was surrounded by loved ones. She was our neighbor, by way of Harwall Road and was known to be very active within our community. "Michele" was dedicated to

the children, within the community, as she was active in children's event such as Easter egg hunts, directing plays and making costumes at St. Agnes School and outwardly expressed her devotion to the Athletics Department at Mount St. Joseph High School.



Now it's your turn....

Do you have a recipe, positive message, possible solutions to issues involving our neighborhood or other information to share? Perhaps there's the obituary of a neighbor you think we should know about. Neighbors now have the opportunity to contribute an article or article topic to the EHCA quarterly newsletter. Information must be pertinent to current or upcoming community events. Email: [president@ehcaonline.org](mailto:president@ehcaonline.org) **Subject: Newsletter**

## The Holiday Decoration Contest is BACK!

EHCA is happy to announce the return of the home decoration contest. We love seeing the neighborhood decorated and filled with holiday spirit. Taking a family drive to see the holiday lights is a tradition that never grows old.

This year 1st and 2nd prize awards will be given for :

**BEST Daylight Display**

**BEST Night Time Display**

**MOST Creative Display**

Show us what you've got. We want to see your front yards filled with light, ornaments, wreathes, blowup displays. Make it a family affair. Go WAY overboard. Be that house on your street that makes neighbors take a detour to see. I think we can all agree to needing some holiday cheer. Will you accept the challenge?

Board members will be on the lookout but you can nominate your neighbor or your own decorations. If there's a home you want to make sure gets noticed let us know

Email: [president@ehcaonline.org](mailto:president@ehcaonline.org)  
Subject: Holiday Contest

## PUMPKIN BREAD

3 1/3 cup flour  
2 tsp baking soda  
1 1/2 tsp. Salt  
1 tsp cinnamon  
1 tsp nutmeg  
3 cups sugar.



(Can reduce to 2 cups and still plenty sweet)  
Mix dry ingredients together in large bowl.

Mix the following in a separate bowl:

1 cup vegetable oil,

4 eggs, 2/3 c water,

2 cups mashed pumpkin. (If using fresh pumpkin, use less water).

Grease pans (use 3 one lb. loaf pans, or 5-6 mini loaves, or LOTS of muffins!).

Pour batter into pans and bake at 350 degrees for one hour. (smaller loaves and muffins take less time)



## HOLIDAY TRIVIA

1. What was the name of Clara's uncle in The Nutcracker?
2. In Frosty the Snowman, who brought Frosty back to life?
3. What is the best selling Christmas song of all time?
4. What holiday takes place on March 26th?
5. Celebration of the Jewish New Year is known as what?
6. What Chinese holiday is associated with the consumption of green dumplings?

Uncle Drosselmeyer

Santa Claus

White Christmas

Make up your own holiday

Rosh Hashanah

Qingming Festival

We want your photos. The holidays are ahead of us and although Maryland weather is unpredictable we may even experience a bit of snow. Show us how you see our beautiful neighborhood. Photos received may be added to the Edmondson Heights webpage with the standout being included in the Spring newsletter.

**Submit your favorite winter pictures to:**

Email: [President@ehcaonline.org](mailto:President@ehcaonline.org)

Subject: Winter Pictures

Other: Identify the location and people  
(optional)



Edmondson Heights Circa 1955

## HELPFUL GUIDELINES WHEN ENLISTING CONTRACTORS

*Are you planning to do alterations to your home?*

First, **check our Covenant Guidelines** at: <https://www.ehcaonline.org/covenants-and-guidelines/>

Home alterations such as decks, wall removal, gas, electric, plumbing, fences often require a permit from Code Enforcement. Baltimore County and Maryland also have laws, codes and requirements that apply to a lot of work performed by contractors. If digging holes for fence or deck, Miss Utility (811) must be called first to mark any underground utilities.

These laws and codes are in place to protect **YOU**.

**Request a license number** and check the validity at <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/license/mhic/>

**Contact the Better Business Bureau** to ensure the contractor is reputable.

**Make sure the contractor is bonded and insured.** Ask for the information in writing.

**Request a Certificate of Insurance** naming you as the Loss Payee with the dates they will be working for you.

**DO NOT** pay more than 50% in advance for work to be performed.

For questions about the Covenant Guidelines contact the EHCA President: [president@ehcaonline.org](mailto:president@ehcaonline.org)

Thanks to Ed Syatek Sr for sharing.



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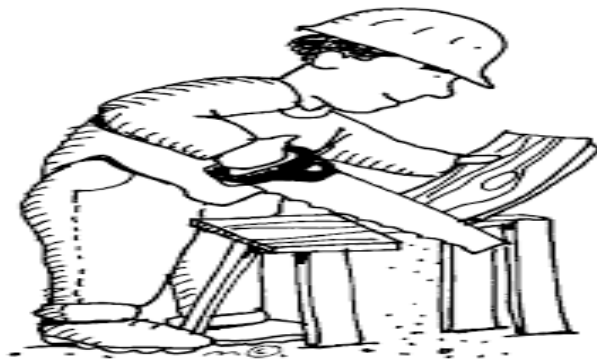
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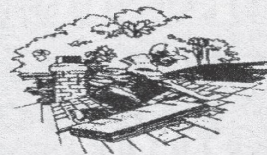
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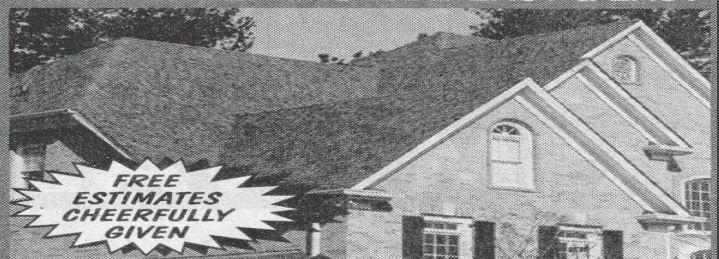


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**Please** join us in a widespread “THANK YOU” to the Edmondson Height Community Association’s President. Quintin Stevens, who has served in the position since 2013! Quintin has decided to step down from the position. Quintin, along with wife Nancy, are long time residents of Edmondson Heights and have both served the Board of Governors faithfully. The Edmondson Heights governing body is appreciative to both Quintin and Nancy for their leadership and commitment to our beautiful neighborhood.

Quintin stepped into active participation in the Edmondson Heights Civic Association when he saw a need for leadership. He worked with the board of governors to review the bylaws and the covenant guidelines, ensuring that they were reviewed by an attorney and recorded appropriately. Under his leadership, we were able to file for a 501 (c)(4) status with the IRS, enabling our civic association to be classified as a non-profit. Quintin went to work enforcing the covenant guidelines, leading our community in seeking uniformity and cohesiveness in the appearance of our homes. As President, of the Board, he was steadfast in his leadership, insisting on compliance of covenant guidelines and maintaining property values in our neighborhood.

Since assuming the role of EHCA President, Quintin initiated consistent communication with residents to increase the payments of community dues. Through his diligence and communication, payments of resident dues continue to increase. Over time, residents, realtors and community leaders have come to rely on Quintin for insight about Edmondson Heights. Quintin set up the data base of all homeowners (nearly 1100!), using it to assist with mailings and keeping up with residents and their concerns. He has worked closely with Baltimore County officials on many fronts; sharing neighbors' concerns and complaints, and arranging for bulk trash dumpsters in the school parking lot.

Quintin has enhanced and administered the community's website, [www.ehcaonline.org](http://www.ehcaonline.org), as well as introduced the NextDoor.com communication platform to the community. Although he is stepping down, from the President’s position, Quintin will remain on the board throughout the next year to transfer leadership to the 2021 EHCA Board of Governors.

### **THANK YOU to the 2020 EHCA Officers**

President:	Quinton Stevens
V. President:	Jacquista Powell
Treasurer:	Williams Jacobs
Secretary:	Vacant
Sargent at Arms:	Vacant

#### **EHCA Board Members:**

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