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Springtime in the Heights

Spring was slow in showing up, but it looks like it finally made it to the Heights. Now we can get out and about, catch up with the neighbors and share our blizzard and water outage stories.

This is when our community shines, as everyone finally gets out planting in the gardens, sprucing up the yards and manicuring the lawns. This is what makes Academy Heights so unique and special. It is obvious that homeowners take pride in their home and community.

Our two spring events are the perfect opportunity to assist in clearing out those unwanted items from the house and yard. First, is the community yard sale, and then Dumpster Day for your remaining stuff. Neighbors may want to offer a helping hand to those that are overwhelmed or need assistance in maintaining or sprucing up their home and yard.

This is what makes the Academy Heights community so beautiful; not only the homes, but the people. We are fortunate to live in a desirable and special neighborhood. We should all be proud to live in the Heights.



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All monthly AHCA meetings are held at GOALS on Edmondson Ave. at 7:30 pm. The meeting room is located in the rear of the building. Board officers may be contacted at info@AcademyHeightsMD.org



We want to hear from you.....

Please let us know what you think of your neighborhood newsletter, or offer any suggestions. Email us at NewsAcademyHeights@gmail.com. And If you have yet to do so, signup to receive the newsletter electronically, along with updates , news and reminders from the association. It is easy to signup.....just go to the community website, AcademyHeightsMD.org. Go to the Newsletter page and click the link to the registration form.

Academy Heights EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt

Over a thousand eggs were spread throughout the grass by volunteers alongside Christian Temple. But they were gone within the blink of an eye as a throng of children moved through the grass like vacuum cleaners on legs. The Easter egg hunt was a great success once again thanks to the many volunteers who stuffed and "hid" eggs. A special thanks to Beth McSweeney for continuing to coordinate this annual event. We are fortunate to have Christian Temple and the many AH families support this neighborhood tradition.

SAVE THE DATE

The annual tradition continues and we hope this will be the biggest ever.

The Academy Heights Block Party is scheduled to be held on

Saturday, September 17, 2016.

Please put this on your calendar NOW.....

You won't want to miss out on all of the food and fun!

The kids always have a blast.



Saturday, May 7, 2016

Time for some spring cleaning. Your unwanted stuff could be someone else's treasure. The yard sale will be advertised in local papers, so be prepared for those early risers.

Dumpster Day



Saturday, June 4 8am– Noon

Dumpsters will be placed along Northdale Road at Greenlow Road.

The perfect opportunity to unclutter the basement and attic, and clean up the yard.

The following items are not allowed...

- Electronics, paints, hazardous materials, appliances,
- Acids, caustics, chemicals
- Tires, flammable material, large stumps, liquids or solid waste
- Medical waste, Wood/logs greater than 6 inches in length, 8 inches in diameter.

We are required to keep the dumpster from overflowing, so they may close early.

If you have not yet paid your 2016 dues, you may do so at the dumpsters...

....and No Dumpster Diving!





OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, May 13, 2016

Begins at sun down on Mount De Sales Campus

Suggested \$3 donation

Rain or shine

Bring blankets & lawn chairs

Movie Snacks available

Proceeds benefit Alumnae Assoc. Scholarships.

VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of a few more volunteers for the Architectural Committee. We also want to make sure we have some folks to oversee the July 4th Bike Parade.

Architectural Guidelines

Common Oversights

- ⇒ Trim and doors must be free from peeling paint and no bare wood may be visible
- ⇒ Door trim must conform to the original design.
- ⇒ House numbers must be black or brass, placed on a white piece of wood and attached to the brick in front of the home just below the porch light. *(several current violations)*
- ⇒ Required Storm doors must be of original design of aluminum or wood, painted white with at least half of the construction open for glass or screen. *(few current violations)*
- ⇒ Summer awnings must be removed for the winter season.
- ⇒ When planning an improvement or change to your property, you **MUST SUBMIT** a plan of your project to the ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE 30 DAYS BEFORE you begin work.
- ⇒ The detailed Covenants may be viewed on the community website.



Tree Canopy Project

This past Fall, there were 10 American Elms planted in Academy Heights as part of the Catonsville Tree Canopy Project. The trees can be identified by the green watering bags that were recently installed on each. The next planting will be this Fall, with a goal of planting a dozen trees. If you are interested in having a tree planted on your lawn and making Academy Heights greener, please send us an email.

Community Vehicle Issues

Due to the many recent concerns of Academy Heights residents concerning multiple vehicle issues, we thought this might be a good time for some reminders.

- ◆ It is understood that parking in the community is an ongoing concern, and the board is currently communicating with Baltimore County Traffic Engineering to discuss some parking solutions.
- ◆ Vehicles should not be parked in the alleys during trash or recycle pickups. This is occurring more often, which is preventing entire alleys from receiving service. Please remind others.
- ◆ Many are still receiving citations for parking in the wrong direction throughout the neighborhood, especially on upper Northdale. Yet this is still a common occurrence.
- ◆ Vehicles are not to block the handicap sidewalk curbs at every intersection. This is a towable offense.
- ◆ Motorcycles are not to be driven any distance on sidewalks. This is illegal and unsafe for our children.
- ◆ Unhitched trailers or campers are not to be parked on the street for over 24 hours. This is a towable offense.

Thanks to everyone for their cooperation and for sharing this information with your neighbors.

LIGHT the NIGHT



Keep Your Porch Lights On!

By keeping the front and back porch lights on at our homes, we light up the night! This simple act provides:

- ◆ Visibility both for us and our neighbors who come and go during the evening, night and early morning hours.
- ◆ Provides security for the homeowners/residents.
- ◆ Deterrence for individuals from 'hanging out' in dark, unlit areas.
- ◆ Discourages foot traffic through alleys and dark paths.
- ◆ Helps the police as they patrol the neighborhood.

FLASHBACK

'New Homes for Sale'



1952 Edmondson Ave. at Whitfield Rd.— Sign says
"Whitfield Rd. Exhibition House—Welsh Construction Co."

Now that you have read about the wonderful activities happening in your neighborhood (with more to come), please consider sending in your AHCA annual dues.

It's only \$20.00 per household and \$10.00 for seniors 62+.

Make checks payable to: Academy Heights Civic Association (AHCA)

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You may also pay online via PayPal at AcademyHeightsMD.org.

Support Your Civic Association



2016 Academy Heights CALENDAR

May 3, 2016—AHCA General Meeting

May 07, 2016—Spring Yard Sale (new date)

May 14, 2016—Yard Sale Rain Date

June 4, 2016—Dumpster Day (new date)

May 30, 2016—Memorial Day

June 8, 2016—AHCA General Meeting

July 4, 2016—Independence Day, Bike Parade

September 5—Labor Day

September 6, 2016—AHCA General Meeting

September 17, 2016—AH Block Party

September 24, 2016—Fall Yard Sale

October 4, 2016—AHCA General Meeting

October TBD, 2016—Halloween Party

November 1, 2016—AHCA General Meeting & Nominations

December 6, 2016—AHCA General Meeting & Elections

December 19-23, 2016—Christmas Decoration Contest

Please check the website for the most current details on events, dates and times.