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ACADEMY HEIGHTS CAN PARTY

We hope that everyone enjoyed the 2018 Block Party, it was the biggest ever. This event would not have been possible without the help and contributions of so many residents, sponsors & friends. Thank you to all the residents that attended and made this such a wonderful, fun and successful event. **SPECIAL THANKS to...**



Rita Hall
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Ravens Roost #117
Marybeth Brohawn of the Beacon Home Team
Glynn Taft & Ridgeway Manor
All the volunteers that assisted in so many ways



YOUR AHCA NEEDS YOU

Academy Heights has thrived as a community for 68 years because of the dedicated efforts of many homeowners willing to serve on the AHCA Board. Now is your chance to be a part in continuing the growth, success and traditions of Academy Heights.

At the November 6th meeting of the Academy Heights Civic Association, nominations will be taken for the Board of Governors and officer positions. Since the By-laws were updated earlier this year, the Board of Governors will now consist of a maximum of eleven members, including four officers. Therefore, there will be one open position on the Board of Governors, and all officer positions are up for election (President, Vice Pres., Treasurer & Secretary). Remember, we are a civic association, *not* a homeowner's association. A civic association works to improve its neighborhood through work by volunteer members.

Please consider joining the board to highlight and engage in neighborhood efforts, issues and initiatives. This is an excellent opportunity to become involved with your neighbors and those in the surrounding communities.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact info@AcademyHeightsMD

Academy Heights EVENTS

Halloween on the Hill

**Wear your best costume
and win a prize!!**

(Prizes for age groups
0 to 12 years old and >12 years old)

Games! Parade! Prizes! Crafts!!

**Sunday, October 28th
at Christian Temple, 3pm - 5pm**

Holiday Decoration Contest

How will you be decorating your door, porch and yard for the holiday season? Once again, the Mount de Sales Photography Club will be judging outdoor displays as part of the annual AH Decoration Contest. They will select winners in four categories, Best Door, Best Lights, Best All-Around and Most Original. Signs will announce the winning display at each home, and winners will receive an exclusive hand painted AH ornament.

OCTOBER is National Crime Prevention Month

Neighborhood Awareness: The Key To Crime Prevention

A good neighbor can be one of the best crime prevention tools. This is particularly true when various criminals and con artists take advantage of residents, particularly the elderly. Watchful eyes in the neighborhood can spot criminals and alert police and the community to their presence.

Keep a check on your neighbors. If, for example, you see an elderly resident in conversation with a stranger, politely inquire about what is going on. If residents see strangers sizing up their neighbor's home, that could also be a sign something is wrong.

A call to 911 will get an officer to the scene to check things out. Involvement such as this builds stronger bonds between neighbors, and helps maintain safe neighborhoods.

Got a Bike, Lawn Mower or Other Equipment? Engrave It, Lock It or Lose It

Here are a few suggestions for keeping your bike and other valuables safe and secure.

- Record the make, model and serial numbers of your bike, mower and other equipment. Take pictures of your equipment and keep the information in a safe place. Engrave your valuables. Engraving is simple and fast. You can even borrow an engraving tool from your local Baltimore County Police precinct. Officers say using the ID numbers from a driver's license or Maryland ID card is the best way to mark your personal belongings. Never use a social security number as an ID number.
- When storing your bike in a shed or garage, secure it to another large piece of equipment, like a lawn mower or workbench. Attaching it to a piece of heavy equipment makes it more difficult to just walk or ride away from the area.

Working Outside? Stop a Burglar

Often, burglars watch and wait to see where you are and what you are doing. Lock up while you spruce up!

- Out working in the yard or garden? Make sure all doors and windows – sheds, garages, patio and house – are closed and locked. This is especially true if you are in the front yard and the storage area is in the back, or vice versa. Carry a key with you to lock and unlock these doors.
- Finished with that yard work? Remember to clean up and lock up behind you. An open door is an invitation to a thief. When you put your tools away, don't forget to lock the doors.

Dial 911 if you see anyone suspicious lurking around your neighborhood. An officer can cruise through the area to check things out. You can even remain anonymous.



LIGHT UP THE HEIGHTS....Before you turn in at night,
TURN ON YOUR OUTDOOR LIGHTS, FRONT & BACK. If you cannot remember, try a light switch timer or a dusk to dawn sensor. Some alley areas can become extremely dark. This small effort assists in making our neighborhood a little safer and helps deter unwanted activity.

HELP PROMOTE SAFETY AND SECURITY