



January 2016

P.O. Box 3292 \* Catonsville, MD 21228 \* [AcademyHeightsMD.org](http://AcademyHeightsMD.org)

## Hello Neighbors...

My name is Joe Shinault, and I am the new president of the AH Civic Association. My wife and I moved to the Heights a little over a year ago. We had moved to Carroll County from Catonsville twenty-five years ago, and we now return as empty nesters. We look forward to serving the community, along with the other AHCA officers and board members - many of whom are newcomers to the community and the association, as well.

First, I would like to say there have been many residents who have dedicated years to the success of Academy Heights. Some have decided to take a break, others remain, and all of their efforts are greatly appreciated; especially those of the president for the past four years, George Brookhart.

Second, the board officers are all new for 2016, so now is the perfect time for residents to step up and join us as we seek to move forward. When we are an active community, it allows us to have greater input as to what is happening around us. Our neighborhood is desirable and thriving in part because of the continued support of the Association and the sponsored community events. Let's continue to show our pride in AH and its history by coming together often to celebrate.

Finally, I have attended the monthly meetings over the past year and realize there is a need for the board and me to be available to address any concerns you may have. We have monthly meetings - which are open to all - where you can bring any issues or ideas you would like heard. All are welcome!

My hope is that everyone will make an effort to work together to preserve Academy Heights' reputation as a healthy community and maintaining the quality of life for which Academy Heights is known.

### **AHCA Officers**

#### **Board of Directors**

President—Joe Shinault  
Vice Pres.— Matt McKnight  
Treasurer—Chris Waterman  
Secretary—Jamie Kendrick

#### **Board of Governors**

Linda Barnes  
Chris Burk  
Amanda Clark  
Mike Granito  
Nikki Green  
John O'Ferrall  
Beth McSweeney  
John McSweeney  
Patrick Young  
George Brookhart

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#### **AHCA Meetings**

**7:30 PM**

**Goals - Edmondson Ave.  
See calendar for dates  
and location**

### ***Are you on the Academy Heights E-mail List???***

If not, you are not receiving the quarterly newsletter electronically. You are also not getting any updates, news or reminders from the association. It is easy to sign up....just go to the community website, [AcademyHeightsMD.org](http://AcademyHeightsMD.org). Go to the Newsletter page and click the link to the registration form. Emails will only be used for the newsletter and to communicate any news or updates from the AH community.

**The website address has changed—AcademyHeightsMD.org**

# Academy Heights EVENTS

## A FUN Halloween Party

The children and their parents feasted on a hot dog dinner with all the trimmings and enjoyed delicious desserts. Halloween crafts were made, children danced and everyone took home a treat bag. A big thank you to all who gave so generously so the children would have a great party. Another big thank you is extended to Reverend Rick Powell for the use of Christian Temple's parish hall and kitchen. Costume prizes went to:

Cutest—Bumble Bee—Ambrose      Scariest—Grim Reaper—Felix

Prettiest—Green Pixie—Cassandra      Original—Police Car—A.J.      Funniest — Glass Witch—Bea

It is rewarding when the children and parent say 'thank you' for putting on the party and the children give you a hug. A good time was had by all. We greatly appreciate all of your help!

*Linda Barnes & Judi Mahaffey  
Halloween Chairs*

## Christmas Decoration Contest

### 2015 Winners

#### **Best Door—312 Lambeth**

Honorable Mention –350 Greenlow

#### **Best Lights—6124 Regent Park**

Honorable Mention – 401 Greenlow

#### **Most Original—313 Stratford**

Honorable Mention— 409/411 Whitfield

#### **Best Overall—315 Greenlow**

Honorable Mention –401 Greenlow

#### **Best Block—401-411 Greenlow**

We have been very fortunate and thankful to have Karen Dietzius provide her artistic talents to hand paint a Christmas ball for the winner of each category.



*More photos available on  
the website*



## Have you visited the Community Little Library?

There have been nothing but positive responses and quite a bit of activity over at the corner of Northdale & Greenlow! Thanks to those that have contributed to the library and a very special "thank you" to Matt McKnight and his family for pursuing the idea and building a great library box!



## AHCA Membership

What a great value! For only \$20.00 per household and \$10.00 for seniors 62+, the AHCA is able to continue to make Academy Heights a great place to live.

The annual dues pay for many community activities, including...

*The Annual Block Party  
Dumpster Day  
Spring & Fall Yards Sales  
Community Quarterly Newsletter  
Holiday Kids Parades  
Halloween Party  
Christmas Decoration Contest*

Not only are AHCA dues the primary revenue source for these community activities, your paid dues also ensure your vote in your community in accordance to the Academy Heights By-laws. Membership dues also cover administrative cost, including the operation of the community website and community code enforcement.

Thank you and we hope to see you at future Academy Heights community activities.

**A self-addressed enveloped has been included for your convenience.**

Make checks payable to:

Academy Heights Civic Association (AHCA)

P.O. Box 3292, Catonsville, MD 21228

You can also pay online via PayPal at [AcademyHeightsMD.org](http://AcademyHeightsMD.org).

### **SUGGESTION BOX**

Do you have any ideas or suggestions for the newsletter? Would you like to contribute an article? E-mail us: [NewsAcademyHeights@gmail.com](mailto:NewsAcademyHeights@gmail.com)

### **REMINDER**

When off the owners property, all dogs (and cats) must be on a leash...it's the law!

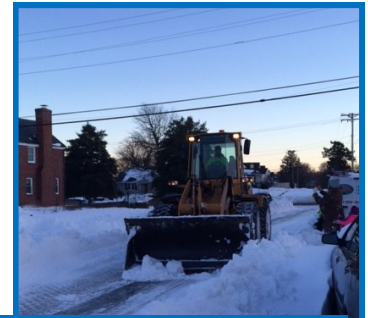
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Please be responsible for your pet and respectful to your neighbors by picking up after your dog.



## WE SURVIVED JONAS!

Many thanks to the Academy Heights community for their show of support and concern for their neighbors during our record breaking snowstorm. As residents slowly worked their way outside on Saturday morning, they immediately began checking on neighbors and working together to dig out. It took the plows some time to appear, but thanks to those that assisted with their snow blowers and even a front loader.



**PARKING** — It is illegal to park facing the opposite direction of traffic. Several vehicles were ticketed earlier this month along Northdale Road . Please make sure that you park facing the proper direction.



## 2016 Academy Heights CALENDAR

**February 2, 2016—AHCA General Meeting**

**March 1, 2016—AHCA General Meeting**

**March 26, 2016—Easter Egg Hunt  
(Christian Temple Park)**

**April 5, 2016—AHCA General Meeting**

**May 3, 2016—AHCA General Meeting**

**May 07, 2016—Spring Yard Sale**

**May 14, 2016—Yard Sale Rain Date**

**May 21, 2016—Dumpster Day**

**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.*