



# Academy Heights NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Spring 2023

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## 2023 AHCA Board of Directors

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## Street Safety

The Academy Heights Civic Association has been communicating resident’s concerns of our community roadways to county officials over the past several years. These issues include traffic calming measures on Edmondson and Academy, specifically at the intersection of the two. Pedestrian crosswalks on Edmondson need to be repainted with added signage for oncoming traffic, or visually distinctive crosswalks as recently install on the western end of Edmondson. Auto accidents on Edmondson alongside our community are becoming too common, and speeding continues to increase on Edmondson and Academy, as well as our interior roads such as Northdale. BCPD has issued over 100 speeding citations over the past month on Edmondson Ave. These conditions are extremely concerning by putting the safety of our residents at risk. We are hoping that funding will be approved for fiscal 2024 for improvements to Edmondson, including repaving. We will continue to pursue these road and safety improvements, and keep the community updated of any progress.

## Roofing

The AHCA Board has initiated a full review of possible alternate roofing materials for Academy Heights homes. The last extensive review occurred in 2015 and did not result in any changes to the restrictive covenants. This current investigation is to determine if there have been any improvements in materials over the past eight years that may address the rising costs of replacing and maintaining our slate roofs while still regarding the historical aesthetic appearance of Academy Heights. The board is currently reviewing information compiled from various resources, communities and roofers. Fick Brothers Roofing attended the May community meeting to discuss roofing options and answer questions. The board will keep the community updated on any future discussions or presentations. Meanwhile, Interested residents may review the ‘Alternate Roofing Report’ link on the community website.

## Welcome Booklets

New homeowners in Academy Heights receive a Welcome Booklet containing valuable information for first time residents. The newest edition is available to the entire neighborhood on our community website...[academyheightsmd.org/welcome-booklet](http://academyheightsmd.org/welcome-booklet)

## We Need Your Support

**Thank You** to the residents and homeowners that have contributed to their community association in 2023, allowing us to continue support of our community mission. We would hope more residents would take the opportunity to assist their community by paying annual dues of **ONLY \$20/\$10 for Seniors**. Pay with Zelle to [info@academyheightsmd.org](mailto:info@academyheightsmd.org), or Venmo, PayPal or check.

## Architectural Guidelines

Academy Heights is a beautiful community which reflects the care, respect and pride that residents take in their property. Many thanks to those that have resolved violations this year and to those that are keeping us updated on their progress. This is a good time of year for residents to review the conditions of their railings, porches and foundations. A little maintenance and cleaning can prevent larger issues down the road.

## Community Gardens

Thank You to our residents for making Academy Heights brighter and more colorful by planting and maintaining the gardens at our community signs. Great Job to Rita Hall, Kim Shinault, Meg Dandy & Cathy Plane. We still need someone to adopt the garden on Edmondson alongside the playground. Please email us if you are able to assist.

Academy Heights Civic Association presents

# FOOD TRUCK Tuesdays 2023



Located at Northdale & Greenlow Roads

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|----------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Apr 11, 4-8pm  | Jimmy's Seafood        | July 25, 4-7pm | Chowhound Burger  |
| Apr 25, 4-8pm  | Chowhound Burger       | Aug 8, 4-8pm   | Bullhead Pit Beef |
| May 9, 4-7pm   | Craving Potato Factory | Aug 15, 4-8pm  | Jimmy's Seafood   |
| May 16, 4-7pm  | Bullhead Pit Beef      | Aug 22, 4-7pm  | Chowhound Burger  |
| May 23, 4-8pm  | Jimmy's Seafood        | Sept 5, 4-7pm  | Bullhead Pit Beef |
| May 30, 4-7pm  | Chowhound Burger       | Sept 12, 4-7pm | Chowhound Burger  |
| June 6, 4-8pm  | Jimmy's Seafood        | Sept 26, 4-8pm | Jimmy's Seafood   |
| June 13, 4-7pm | Bullhead Pit Beef      | Oct 3, 4-7pm   | Bullhead Pit Beef |
| June 20, 4-7pm | Chowhound Burger       | Oct 10, 4-7pm  | Chowhound Burger  |
| June 27, 4-7pm | Craving Potato Factory | Oct 17, 3-7pm  | Jimmy's Seafood   |
| July 11, 4-8pm | Jimmy's Seafood        | Nov 7, 4-7pm   | Taco Bar          |
| July 18, 4-7pm | Craving Potato Factory | Nov 14, 4-7pm  | Jimmy's Seafood   |

## ACADEMY HEIGHTS BLOCK PARTY

The annual community Block Party is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 3—6pm. However, the only way to make it happen is to have community involvement. We need volunteers and we need sponsors! Last years event barely happened until the final hours due to a few overworked volunteers. As was mentioned previously, we need residents to organize and coordinate activities, and enough sponsorship to make this a fun and successful event for everyone. If you can assist in any way, or know of possible sponsors, please email [info@academyheightsmd.org](mailto:info@academyheightsmd.org). A planning meeting will be organized if there are enough interested residents.

### YARD SALE

**Saturday, May 6  
8am -1pm**

Time for some spring cleaning. Your unwanted items could be someone else's treasure. The community yard sale will be advertised in the newspaper and local social media.

### DUMPSTER DAY



**Saturday, May 13, 8am -12pm (or until filled)  
Northdale & Greenlow**

There will be 2 dumpsters, so take advantage of this opportunity to discard bulky items from your home and yard. The dumpsters cannot be overfilled. 2023 dues can be paid onsite.

*The following items are **not** allowed...*

- Electronics, appliances.
- Paints, hazardous materials, acids, chemicals, dirt, rocks.
- Tires, flammable material, large stumps, liquids or solid waste & medical waste.
- Wood/logs greater than 6 inches in length, 8 inches in diameter.



### National Night Out

**Tuesday Evening, August 1  
Christian Temple Church Parking Lot**

Mark your calendar for this annual neighborhood event. Plan to come out and meet your neighbors and our community's first responders.

### A Thousand Eggs Found

It was great to see the community children enjoying our Easter Egg Hunt again after a few years absence. Thanks to Rita Hall for coordinating the event, and Kim Shinault & Adrienne Vedeloff for stuffing eggs, and Meg Dandy & Son for hiding eggs.



Many thanks to the volunteers in our Citizens on Patrol program. These residents will be keeping an eye out for the safety of our neighborhood. More activity on our streets, such as walking and patrolling, is a deterrent to crime. We ask every resident to do your part in creating a safer and more secure Academy Heights.

### The "Original" Catonsville Farmers Market Every Wednesday 9am—noon Christian Temple Parking Lot

Local vendors and farmers offer a bounty of food including a variety of meats, eggs, fruits, and vegetables, breads & pastries, honey, flowers, wine, spices, cakes, cookies and so much more!

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### Bulk Pickup

Baltimore County's 2nd bulk item collection is on **Wednesday, July 19**. There is a limit of three bulk items per collection. Bulk items should be set out after 6pm on the night before collection.

### Whats Happening in the Heights?

[Join our Facebook Group  
www.facebook.com/groups/academyheightsmd](https://www.facebook.com/groups/academyheightsmd)  
[View our Community Website  
www.academyheightsmd.org](http://www.academyheightsmd.org)  
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## 2023 Academy Heights CALENDAR

May 6 - Community Yard Sale  
May 13 - Dumpster Day  
May 29 - Memorial Day - (Recycle 5/30, Trash Pickup 6/2)  
June 6 - AHCA Community Meeting  
July 4 - Independence Day, Bike Parade (Trash Pickup 7/7)  
July 19 - Bulk Pickup  
August 1 - National Night Out  
September 4 - Labor Day (Recycle 8/5, Trash Pickup 8/8)

September 5 - AHCA Community Meeting  
September 23 - BLOCK PARTY  
October 3 - AHCA Community Meeting  
October 31 - Halloween in the Heights  
November 7 - AHCA Community Meeting & Nominations  
November 23 - Thanksgiving (Trash Pickup 11/24)  
December 5 - AHCA Community Meeting & Elections  
December 20 - Christmas Decoration Contest

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

*Monthly AHCA meetings are currently held at Christian Temple Church at 7:30pm. Agendas on website.*

*Board officers may be contacted at [info@AcademyHeightsMD.org](mailto:info@AcademyHeightsMD.org)*