



October 2017

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CRIME WATCH

This year has seen a spike in criminal activity within Academy Heights; actually throughout the Catonsville area. This has been uncomfortable and disturbing to our residents. Many of you have reached out to express your concerns. Officer Boone of the BCPD Community Outreach Team keeps the association regularly informed of issues, and updates the neighborhood at AHCA meetings and via email.

There has been some interest in resuming a neighborhood watch program. Please email us if you are interested, and a future meeting will be scheduled. We are also investigating a Community Crime Prevention Grant and could use some ideas from programs to reduce crime in Academy Heights.

Always keep your vehicle locked and keep your valuables out of sight. If you see anyone suspicious near a vehicle or any other unusual activity, call 9-1-1 immediately.

AHCA ELECTIONS

Consider helping out in your own community. Volunteer to become an Officer or Board member. Elections for officers and board members for 2018 will be held at our 12/5/17 community meeting. Nominations are open now. If you are interested in becoming an officer or board member or have any questions, please email info@AcademyHeightsMD

BYLAWS & COVENANTS

The Board of Governors will hold a vote of homeowners at the December 5, 2017, meeting for several proposed amendments to the AHCA by-laws. (the by-laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of present members in good standing) The specific by-law changes will be distributed to each household at least 35 days prior to the vote, per Article X of the current by-law guidelines. Additionally, the Board will be voting on changes to the AHCA Covenant Restrictions recommended by the Architectural Committee.

AHCA Officers

Board of Directors

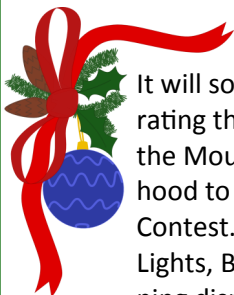
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Board of Governors

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Chris Burk
Mike Granito
Nikki Green
John O'Ferrall
Beth McSweeney
John McSweeney
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Becky Stoll
Patrick Young

*All monthly AHCA meetings
are now held at
Mount de Sales Academy at 7:30 pm.
Board officers may be contacted at
info@AcademyHeightsMD.org*

Holiday Decoration Contest



It will soon be time for many residents to begin the tradition of decorating their homes for the holiday season. Ten days prior to Christmas, the Mount de Sales Photography Club will be canvassing the neighborhood to judge 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.



PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY IN OUR ALLEYS
Children could be at play at anytime

Our REPRESENTATIVES

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Sunday, October 29
5:00pm
Christian Temple
Fellowship Hall

Come join the fun at our annual Kids Halloween Party.
There will be hot dogs, snacks, dessert and punch.
Wear your costumes—there will be prizes.
Christian Temple will be sponsoring a “Trunk or Treat”
in the parking lot prior at 4pm

Adults—Please contact Linda at 443-604-3402 if you can assist in any way.

BLOCK PARTY
Unfortunately, the annual Block Party had to be cancelled due to lack of funding and volunteers. We are hoping to get a jump on planning the 2018 event in early Spring. Please let us know if you would like to participate in the planning and/or volunteer for the 2018 Block Party. This is always an anticipated day to celebrate with our neighbors, but we need the efforts and talents of residents to make it happen.

Mount de Sales An update will be provided at the AHCA November meeting on Phase 3 of the MDSA “Charting our Future” Capital Campaign. This final phase will include a new Performing Arts Center on the campus. The AHCA would also like to thank Mount de Sales Academy for their generosity in providing meeting space during the year for the monthly meetings.

Code Enforcement Sweep
A community wide Code Enforcement Sweep will soon be conducted by Baltimore Co. Code Enforcement. The sweep is a general review of the neighborhood for visible code enforcement violations which can be easily corrected in most instances. Corrective notices with the possibility for fines and citations may be issued. These inspections help to ensure that we are addressing any rodent issues and keeping our neighborhood beautiful. Residents with concerns about code violations can contact Code Enforcement and file a complaint. Call 410-887-3351, or email at paiennforce@baltimorecountymd.gov

 **facebook.** The Academy Heights Facebook page has been updated and is now a private group, which will allow for more functionality and efficient communication within the Heights. Residents are now able to communicate to the association and with other neighbors. The association will only communicate through community e-mail, the AHCA Facebook group and AcademyHeightsMD.org. Make sure that you are signed up for emails and Facebook by visiting the AH website.

Please Support Your Civic Association

AHCA Dues are now being accepted for 2018. Your payment will assist in various neighborhood events throughout the year, as well as the website, mailings and the newsletter. These are just a few of the items that ensure that Academy Heights continues the tradition of a pleasant, respected and desirable community.

AHCA annual dues...\$20.00 per household and \$10.00 for seniors 62+.
Make checks payable to: Academy Heights Civic Association (AHCA),
P.O. Box 3292, Catonsville, MD 21228

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

2017 Academy Heights CALENDAR

October 29 - Halloween Party (Christian Temple)

October 31 - Halloween in the Heights

November 7 - AHCA General Meeting
& Nominations

December 5 - AHCA General Meeting & Elections

December 14-15 - Christmas Decoration Contest

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

AS THE NIGHTS GET LONGER....
Just a reminder, before you turn in at night,
**TURN ON YOUR OUTDOOR LIGHTS,
FRONT & BACK.**
This small effort assists in making our neighborhood a little safer and helps keep the crooks away.
**PROMOTE SAFETY AND SECURITY,
TURN YOUR LIGHTS ON**