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BYLAWS & COVENANT VOTE

The Board of Governors will hold a vote of homeowners at the March 6, 2018, meeting for several proposed amendments to the AHCA by-laws. This vote had been postponed from the December meeting in order to give more residents the opportunity to be included in the vote after paying their 2018 dues. The specific proposed by-law changes are being distributed along with this newsletter to each household, per Article X of the current by-law guidelines. The Board itself will be also voting on five changes to the AHCA Covenant Restrictions recommended by the Architectural Committee. These are also included for review with the by-law proposals.

BGE PIPELINE PROJECT

BGE has begun a project to upgrade the natural gas lines in Academy Heights. This is part of BGE's Operation Pipeline initiative to modernize gas equipment to ensure continued delivery of natural gas safely and reliably.

For some homes, they will be installing a new service line from the gas main in the street to the gas meter. If this work is necessary, you will be contacted by BGE's contractor to arrange for the work. Additionally, some properties may require a brief disconnection of natural gas service as the service is transferred. You will be contacted to schedule the service transfer and relighting of any gas appliances.

There is no charge for this upgrade beyond the distribution charges shared by all natural gas customers. They will try to minimize disturbance to the neighborhood as much as possible. However, the work may require significant excavation of the roadways and sidewalks to access underground lines. At times, on-street parking could be temporarily restricted in sections.

ROYAL FARM STORE

The AHCA board has been having discussions, along with the Ingleside Neighborhood Association, with Royal Farms regarding their plans to build a new store on Edmondson Avenue near Harlem Lane. Many residents have expressed concerns about the lack of communication regarding the recent special exemption hearing. We have shared those concerns with Councilman Quirk and board members will be meeting to discuss how to improve the notification process in this case and any others going forward. We hope to have representatives from Royal Farms at a commu-

2018 ANNUAL DUES

We strongly urge residents to take a moment now to pay your yearly dues so that we can properly plan functions for the year, especially the annual Block Party. The 2018 annual residence dues are \$20 per household, \$10.00 for seniors 62+.

Your dues support your Academy Heights Civic Association in many ways....

Ensure a safe, attractive community by enforcing community covenants. Publish and disburse our quarterly Newsletters.

Promote the Spring & Fall community Yard Sales.

Sponsor the annual Dumpster Day.

Sponsor the annual Halloween Party.

Sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Hold the annual Christmas Decoration Contest.

Administrative costs for the website, PO Box, etc.

Ensure Your vote in community issues in accordance to the AH bylaws.

Sponsor the annual Block party.

All funds raised go towards ensuring the safety and quality of life in Academy Heights.

A self-addressed enveloped has been attached for your convenience. 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.

ARE YOU IN THE LOOP?

The AHCA occasionally sends informative or urgent communications to the neighborhood via email or the community Facebook page. It is highly recommended that you join these lists so that you are aware of the happenings within Academy Heights. To join the email list, go to the website, AcademyHeightsMD.org or email info@AcademyHeightsMD.org. To join the Facebook group, search for "Academy Heights Civic Association" or click the link on the website homepage.

Academy Heights EVENTS

Decoration Contest Winners

Best Door—453 Whitfield

Honorable Mention -312 Lambeth & 360 Greenlow

Best Lights—6124 Regent Park

Honorable Mention - 353 Whitfield

Most Original—349 Whitfield

Honorable Mention- 6150 Regent Park

Best Overall—316 Greenlow



The Annual Block Party

In order to resume the annual tradition of the Academy Heights Block Party this year, we need residents to volunteer to begin the planning now. A kick-off meeting will be scheduled within the next month once we have enough volunteers step forward to coordinate the function. As was mentioned last year, this event strongly depends on dues participation and possibly gathering sponsors for the event. These will decisions that will be discussed in preparing a budget at the initial meeting.

Please let us know if you would like to participate in the planning and/or volunteer for the 2018 Block Party by emailing info@AcademyHeightsMD.org.

If you are unable to do neither, we ask that you pay your annual dues as soon as possible. This is always an enjoyable day to celebrate with our neighbors, and with the efforts and talents of our residents , the 2018 Block Party can be a great success.



Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, March 31

at 10:00 am

*Christian Temple Church
Playground*

Bring the kids and a basket or



The LITTLE LIBRARY is in in need of additional children's books. Please remember to return your books so that others may enjoy.

Thank you for supporting the Academy Heights

Just a Short Walk Up the Hill

We hope that residents can make an effort to attend a monthly AHCA meeting. Everyone is always welcome..no need to participate, just come check it out, or bring your questions, suggestions, ideas or comments. Meetings are once again held regularly at Mount de Sales Academy at 7:30 pm. The Bird Room is located directly inside the main entrance.

The AHCA thanks MDSA for their generosity in letting our community meet in



2018 Academy Heights CALENDAR

February 6 - AHCA Community Meeting

March 6 - AHCA Community Meeting & By-laws Vote

March 31 - Easter Egg Hunt (Christian Temple Park)

April 10 - AHCA Community Meeting

May 1 - AHCA Community Meeting

May 12 - Spring Yard Sale

May 28 - Memorial Day

June 2 - Dumpster Day

September 3 - Labor Day

September 4 - AHCA Community Meeting

September 22 - Fall Yard Sale

October 2 - AHCA Community Meeting

October 6 - AH Block Party

October 28 - Halloween Party (Christian Temple)

October 31 - Halloween in the Heights

November 6 - AHCA Community Meeting & Nominations

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