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## Elections & 2017

At the upcoming December 6th AH Community meeting, officers and board members will be elected. We appreciate and thank those residents that have stepped up to fill some open positions. The Heights has a reputation as a wonderful and friendly place to call home. To continue that tradition into 2017, we ask that you and your neighbors consider volunteering any amount of time for the benefit of your community. Not just for the AHCA, but for your neighbors. We look forward to a fun and safe year in AH. Let's all make an effort to continue our annual neighborhood traditions and be proud of Academy Heights. The Board wishes everyone a wonderful Holiday Season.



## HALLOWEEN IN THE HEIGHTS



### AHCA Officers

#### Board of Directors

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

#### Board of Governors

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

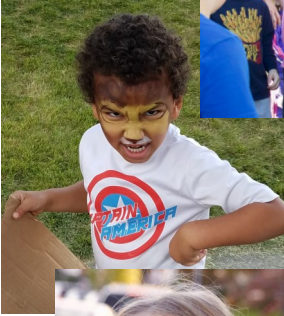
*All monthly AHCA meetings are held at GOALS on Edmondson Ave. at 7:30 pm. The meeting room is located in the rear of the building. Board officers may be contacted at [info@AcademyHeightsMD.org](mailto:info@AcademyHeightsMD.org)*

### Code Enforcement Sweep

A community wide Code Enforcement Sweep was requested by the AHCA Board of Governor's and Officers. It was conducted in early September by Baltimore Co. Code Enforcement. The sweep was a general review of the neighborhood for visible code enforcement violations which can be easily corrected in most instances. Corrective notices were issued with the possibility for fines and citations during a follow-up inspection. These inspections help to ensure that we are addressing any rodent issues and keep 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](mailto:paiennforce@baltimorecountymd.gov), or go to [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/codeenforcement](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/codeenforcement)



# Academy Heights EVENTS



The annual Block Party was a little later this year on October 15, but was a huge success. It was a wonderful sight to see so many neighbors come out to share in the food and fun.

## Architectural Committee's Top Ten Tips to Prepare for Old Man Winter

1. Repair the concrete and patch cracks on front porches and walkways. Salt will damage concrete.
2. Clean gutters and maybe call the roofer to inspect the slate shingles.
3. All residents are required to have storm doors on the front door to help keep those winter winds out.
4. Say goodbye to the summer vegetable plants and make sure all yard debris is cleared out. Rats are looking for warm places for the winter.
5. Inspect your garbage can, get new ones if needed, and make sure that they have lids.
6. Front porch railings may be in need of a fresh coat of paint. (Black or Forest Green)
7. Take down awnings...Freezing temperatures, snow and ice will cause tears and damage. Install winter awning if available.
8. Check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they are operating properly.
9. Inspect the furnace and replace the furnace filter.
10. Remove hoses from hose bibs and shutoff outside water lines.

## Holiday Decoration Contest

Soon, many residents will begin the tradition of decorating their homes exterior for the Holiday season. During the week prior to Christmas, students from Mt. de Sales Academy will be canvassing the community to judge displays as part of the annual 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. Also, this year, new signs will be designed by art students from MDSA. So, get out there and start decorating!

We would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Timbers apartment complex for clearing the hillside on upper Northdale Rd. of debris and overgrowth.