

Spring 2020 P.O. Box 3292 \* Catonsville, MD 21228 \* AcademyHeightsMD.org

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# Neighborhood Updates & Information

- ♦ Monthly AHCA Community meetings have been cancelled through June. Since there already no scheduled meetings in July or August, the next meeting will not be until September 1, 2020. The AHCA Board will continue to communicate and meet electronically as needed.
- ♦ If any Academy Heights resident is in need of food, groceries, prescriptions, or any other service, please email <a href="info@academyheightsmd.org">info@academyheightsmd.org</a>.

  There are many residents that have already reached out and are ready to offer assistance in any way. The Facebook page has also been a productive tool in connecting residents with needs and assistance.
- ♦ The Maryland Department of Aging has a first-in-the-nation, free Senior Call Check program, which provides peace of mind by checking in on seniors living at home alone. You can register yourself or a loved one. Call 1-866-50-CHECK or go to <a href="mailto:aging.maryland.gov">aging.maryland.gov</a>
- ♦ The Baltimore County Department of Health has opened a hotline for residents to call with questions or concerns regarding COVID-19. The number is 410-887-3816.
- ♦ Baltimore County Government continues to lead an effort to distribute food to the many residents impacted by the outbreak of COVID-19. Since this effort began in March, the County has expanded from 11 sites to 30 sites to reach as many people as possible dealing with food insecurity during this State of Emergency. One of these sites, Westowne Elementary School (401 Harlem Lane), is nearby and has food available each Saturday beginning at 11:00 AM on a first come, first served basis. Recipients will remain in their vehicles and the food will be placed in the trunk. Please share this location with your neighbors so that those who are impacted by the outbreak can supplement their nutritional needs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact 443-844-0446.



Even if you're feeling healthy, social distancing will help us stop the spread of COVID-19.



SAFE
Wash your hands
frequently, cover
coughs and sneezes,

and stay home if

you're feeling ill.



STAY AWARE Reputable sources

Reputable sources include Governor Hogan, Maryland state agencies, and the CDC.



STAY CALM

No need to panic, hoard, or listen to rumors. We will all get through this together.

- ♦ Rumors can spread easily during a crisis. The State of Maryland has created a rumor control page to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic govstatus.egov.com/md-coronavirus-rumor-control
- ♦ Please stay in touch or reach out to your neighbors. We will get through this better together.
- ♦ Informative Websites....

Maryland Dept. of Health - <u>coronavirus.maryland.gov</u>

Baltimore County COVID-19 Updates - www.baltimorecountymd.gov/news/coronavirus.html

Maryland Dept. of Labor- www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/uicovidfags.shtml

Center for Disease Control- www.cdc.gov/COVID19

## **OUR LITTLE FREE LIBRARY**

The Little Free Library is now reopen after being removed for some minor repairs, maintenance and cleaning. Any older and worn books were removed, so it is in need of new books. Please do not place any books that are worn, dirty or oversized. Take appropriate precautions when borrowing, using and returning books. Enjoy!

## REVISED ARCHITECURAL GUIDELINE

The AHCA announced last year that it would be updating the Architectural Guidelines regarding rear deck stairs. At the last community meeting, the Board of Governors unanimously approved the removal of the restriction on perpendicular (straight out) staircases. Rear decks stairs may now be perpendicular or parallel to the deck. A copy of the current AHCA guidelines is located on the community website and Facebook page.

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# **Dumpster Day**

Due to lack of County funding and social distancing concerns, Dumpster Day will hopefully be rescheduled for later in the year.



**RESCHEDULED FOR** Saturday, October 10 8am -1pm

2020 Annual Block Party We still intend to hold the Block Party on Saturday, September 26. Plans will be made soon for a discussion of activities, duties and a budget. As always, we will be in need of volunteers to setup and assist with different activities. We will also be looking for donations and sponsors for the event.



Community Gardens Volunteers will soon be planting new annuals and perennials at the four community sign posts. Assistance is needed throughout the summer to keep the flower beds weeded and watered. Please email info@AcademyHeightsMD.org if you can help out.

National Night Out has been rescheduled from Tuesday, August 4 to Tuesday, October 6. We would like to sponsor a small community event that evening and are open to any suggestions.

## **Architectural Guideline Reminder**

House numbers must be black or brass, placed on a white piece of wood and attached to the brick just below the porch light.

Several just need painting or replacement. Email us if you need assistance.



## What's Happening in the Heights?

Join our Facebook Group www.facebook.com/groups/academyheightsmd

> View our Community Website www.academyheightsmd.org

Join our E-Mailing List www.academyheightsmd.org/newsletter



## Farmers Market

The Catonsville Farmers Market has begun it's summer hours, 8 AM until noon, every Wednesday at Christian Temple. 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!

## 2020 ANNUAL AHCA DUES

The 2020 annual residence dues remain \$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 the quarterly newsletters.

Administrative costs for the website, PO Box, etc.

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



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

Make checks payable to: Academy Heights Civic Association (AHCA) You may also pay online via PayPal at AcademyHeightsMD.org or using the Venmo app.

Thank You for supporting Your community!

# 2020 Academy Heights CALENDAR

May 25 - Memorial Day

July 4 - Independence Day, Bike Parade

September 7 - Labor Day

September 8 - AHCA Community Meeting

September 26 - AH BLOCK PARTY

October 6 - AHCA Community Meeting

October 6 - National Night Out

October 10 - Community Yard Sale

October 25 - Halloween Party (Christian Temple)

October 31 - Halloween in the Heights

November 10 - AHCA Community Meeting & Nominations December 1 - AHCA Community Meeting & Elections

**December 22 - Christmas Decoration Contest** 

Please check the website for the most current details on events, dates and times. Monthly AHCA meetings are held at Mount de Sales Academy at 7:30 pm. Agendas & speaker info on website. Board officers may be contacted at info@AcademyHeightsMD.org