



Winter 2021  
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### 2021 AHCA Officers

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Photo Courtesy of resident Nick Forster

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the board and community have been unable to gather in person to discuss community related topics. In addition, our meeting space at Mount de Sales Academy has been unavailable and we do not know when that will change. The board did begin to meet virtually last summer via Zoom video conferencing. Community meetings resumed in the fall, also via Zoom.

We will continue to have monthly community meetings through June virtually on Zoom. The meetings will begin at 7pm and usually last no more than one hour. We are hoping to schedule some guest speakers over the next few months, and are open to any suggestions.

The meetings can only be accessed through using the link provided by the AHCA. If you would like to attend a meeting, please email us a few days prior, and you will be sent the link on the day of the meeting. Reminders will be sent out to the Facebook page and the email list.

### OUR MISSION & COVENANT VIOLATIONS

The Academy Heights Civic Association was formed 70 years ago, primarily to enforce the community covenants which have greatly evolved over the decades. The association has also evolved to make sure that Academy Heights remains a enjoyable, safe and desirable neighborhood. In recognition of the 70th anniversary of our neighborhood, we have developed a mission statement for the association.....

*The mission of the Academy Heights Civic Association is to preserve and maintain property values by enforcing our covenants and restrictions; protect and improve the quality of life within our community by enhancing the public safety, welfare and interests of our homeowners; to gain consensus and speak as a uniform voice to local government and communities; and to enhance community life by sponsoring gatherings and events that promote active engagement with residents.*

We appreciate the residents that follow the legally binding covenants and the process for making changes to property. As we enter 2021, the number of covenant violations are at the lowest we have seen in some time. We understand that most violations are usually an oversight, and residents will resolve quickly. Other violations may take more time to resolve, and the board and Architecture Committee are patient and cooperative in working with residents. Enforcement can sometimes be difficult since we are unable to levy fines on violations, and association funding depends on volunteered dues. Therefore, our very last resort to ensure that covenant violations are addressed is to pursue legal action.

We need to inform the community that the Association may soon be pursuing legal action that will involve a large cost from the Association funds. During the summer of 2019, several residents reported that a rear deck was extended; it was determined to be three feet beyond the allowed guideline dimensions. This was without any application or approval from the Architecture Committee. We have been in discussions with the homeowner since then to resolve the issue by making the deck compliant. The next step is to pursue legal action which, we hope will be avoidable. Over the past two years, over a dozen residents have constructed new decks in compliance with the required dimensions. We hope that this issue will be resolved without a great cost to the community and homeowner.

### Holiday Decoration Contest Winners

**Best Door: 411 Greenlow**

Honorable Mention: 442 Greenlow

**Best Lights: 415 Lambeth**

Honorable Mention: 329 Greenlow

**Most Original: 333 Stratford**

Honorable Mention: 422 Academy

**Best Overall: 6124 Regent Park**

Honorable Mention: 415 Lambeth

**Best Block: 401-411 Greenlow**

Each winner received a hand-painted Christmas ornament showing the year and category. Thanks to the students of Mount de Sales Academy for being judges again, and to everyone that made the effort to brighten our community during the holiday season. We once again thank neighbor Karen Dietzius for her talent and time in creating the beautiful ornaments.



# Academy Heights EVENTS



## COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

**Saturday, March 13 Noon until 3pm**

Start your spring cleaning! Get rid of all those canceled checks, bank statements, everything you're afraid to put-out with the recycling. Watch your documents destroyed in seconds and feel good that they will be recycled.

\*Please remove non-paper items & bindings like check covers, 3-ring binders, etc. when possible.

## Whats Happening in the Heights?

[Join our Facebook Group](#)

[www.facebook.com/groups/academyheightsmd](http://www.facebook.com/groups/academyheightsmd)

[View our Community Website](#)

[www.academyheightsmd.org](http://www.academyheightsmd.org)

[Join our E-Mailing List](#)

[www.academyheightsmd.org/newsletter](http://www.academyheightsmd.org/newsletter)

## 2021 NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

Unfortunately, some upcoming events may still have to be canceled due to the pandemic. That includes the Easter Egg Hunt. The Community Yard Sale may be held in the Fall. We will be having a Shredder Day in March and Dumpster Day will return in June.

We will soon be scheduling the return of Food Truck Tuesday, which was the unexpected success of 2020. After our inaugural National Night Out last October, we will continue the tradition this August. Then our intentions are to resume our Annual Block Party in September. We have reserved the caterer and will soon be planning the event, but time will tell how the party details will pan out.

## PARKING ETIQUETTE REMINDER

It is always a hot topic and stirs up much debate. But the fact is that we have limited space, so we need to show some respect and park wisely.

Residents should be able to park one car in front (or near) their home. Multi-car residents should be using the alleys, parking in areas not in front of homes (Northdale, open sides of Whitfield or Northdale, end of street) or a parking pad.

A vehicle not being used for some extended time should also be parked elsewhere and not take up a space on your block or in front of a neighbor. Residents should be aware of spacing when parking their vehicles, so that we are maximizing the space available. Obviously, it is difficult to control guest and work vehicle parking.

Yes, these are public streets and the parking situation will always be a challenge.

**We just ask that all residents be courteous and respectful of their neighbors when parking vehicles.**

## 2021 ANNUAL AHCA DUES

**The 2021 annual residence dues remain \$20 per household, \$10 for seniors 62+**

Your dues support your Academy Heights Civic Association in many ways. *Ensuring a safe, attractive community by enforcing community covenants.*

*Sponsoring community events, 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)  
PO Box 3292, Catonsville, MD 21228

You may also pay online via PayPal at [AcademyHeightsMD.org](http://AcademyHeightsMD.org) or using the Venmo app. (@Academy-Heights)



**Thank You for supporting Your community!**

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## 2021 Academy Heights CALENDAR

March 2 - AHCA Community Meeting  
March 13 - Shredder Day  
April 6 - AHCA Community Meeting  
May 4 - AHCA Community Meeting  
May 31 - Memorial Day - No Recycle  
June 1 - AHCA Community Meeting  
June 5 - Dumpster Day  
July 4 - Independence Day, Bike Parade

September 6 - Labor Day - No Recycle  
September 7 - AHCA Community Meeting  
September 25 - AH BLOCK PARTY  
October 5 - AHCA Community Meeting  
October 31 - Halloween in the Heights  
November 2 - AHCA Community Meeting & Nominations  
November 25 - Thanksgiving - Trash Pickup 11/26  
December 7 - AHCA Community Meeting & Elections

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

**Monthly AHCA meetings are currently held via Zoom beginning at 7pm. Agendas & speaker info on website.**

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