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### Community Meetings

The last community meeting was on March 3. Due to the pandemic, the community has been unable to meet since then and we cannot depend on our meeting space at Mount de Sales at this time. The Board has met twice via Zoom and will do so again in August. We are looking at the possibility of having a community meeting in September using Zoom, but will need to work out that process.

### Block Party Update

The Board has been having discussions for some time now to see how we could still hold our Annual Block Party in these times of COVID and social distancing. Many of the suggested restrictions and alternatives would make the event much less of a community party. We also had to consider the safety and concerns of our residents. Therefore, unfortunately, the Board has decided to cancel the event for this year. We will instead focus on our community Outdoor Movie Night which will bring the neighborhood together and still allow for social distancing.

### Relief Sewer Project Update

The Relief Sewer Project was completed a few months ago by the Baltimore County Dept. of Public Works. The project included the installation of a wider sewer line between Overbrook Rd. and Stratford Rd. This improvement is intended to prevent the sewage backup and flooding issues that many residents have experienced over the past several years. The County also reinstalled the 'Children at Play' sign that they had removed on Lambeth. Currently, sewer line inspections are occurring throughout the neighborhood. This involves inspecting house connections via video and resealing joints.

### Fox Shirts

Thanks to Keely Brelsford for creating the AH Fox t-shirts and to those who purchased one. A donation of \$26 was made to AHCA.

### New Committees

Two sub-committees have been suggested that would enhance the quality of life in AH. An Environmental Committee that would assist in 'dog bag' stations, litter pickup and other beautification projects. Also, a Dog Park Committee that would pursue an area close to AH to be officially designated and labeled a dog park. If you would be interested in participating in either of these committees or have questions, please email [info@academyheightsmd.org](mailto:info@academyheightsmd.org)

### Slate Roofing

Thanks to everyone that participated in the Facebook 'Roofing' poll and emailed their comments. I just wanted to let everyone know where we are and where we have been.

The natural slate covenant has been in place for 70 years, but due to the rising cost of replacement and maintenance, it is always a topic of concern. The covenant is in place to ensure the aesthetics of the neighborhood. Academy Heights roofs were all covered with Bangor slate out of Pennsylvania. This was an inexpensive slate at the time with a lifespan of about 50 years. But now, after 70 years, over half of our 462 homes still have the original roof. It is debatable to say how slate roofs affect our property values. An original roof is a concern at sale, and a replaced roof is a selling point. However, AH homes have been selling very quickly.

The Board last investigated roofing alternatives in 2015. It was a very extensive process that involved speaking and visiting with other communities with the same issue, speaking to local contractors, and participating in presentations of slate, synthetic and asphalt. Modern synthetic slate has been around for a few decades and has a varied history. Some early versions have been failures, discontinued, and included lawsuits. The Board reviewed the most common synthetic slates used at the time that had a 50-year warranty. When put alongside natural slate, they look like synthetic slate. They could fade quickly and did not have a proven history or life cycle. Our natural slate is sized at 12"x24", not a common size in synthetic. Also, synthetic slate will not integrate into natural slate, which would involve a seam (inverted tee) between roofs. The initial cost of synthetic slate was not much different than natural slate; even though there would be minimal maintenance costs. The Board decided against pursuing synthetic slate.

Over the past several years, similar 'slate' neighborhoods such as Rodgers Forge (same builder & National Historical District) and Loch Raven Village have updated their covenants with very specific guidelines on allowing some alternative roofing.

The AHCA Board has decided to reach out to local roofing contractors to discuss updates and improvements to synthetic slate roofing and readdress previous concerns. We will keep the community updated.

*Joe Shinault*

# Academy Heights EVENTS

Academy Heights Civic Association  
presents

## OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, August 22  
Showtime 8:00pm  
Christian Temple Ballfield

All Academy Heights residents are invited  
to enjoy this free family-friendly event.

BEGINNING AT 7PM  
SNOWIE SHAVED ICE  
SNACKS & GIVEAWAYS

BRING BLANKETS OR LAWN CHAIRS



PLEASE FOLLOW  
SOCIAL DISTANCING  
GUIDELINES



The Academy Heights Facebook Group has now hit a milestone of over 500 members! We encourage everyone to be a part of our the private Facebook group. We also encourage the many residents that have not paid dues to consider supporting Your neighborhood community association today. You may pay via check, PayPal or Venmo. Dues will also be collected on Dumpster Day and Movie Night.

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Saturday, Aug. 15  
8am-noon (or until filled)  
Northdale  
at Greenlow

Thanks to residents Kelli & Mike Kulnich of Corner House Realty for co-sponsoring our traditional Dumpster Day. There will be 2 dumpsters, so take advantage of this opportunity to discard bulky items from your home and yard. Acceptable and prohibited items will be listed on the website and Facebook page.

## FOOD TRUCK Days



Location: Northdale at Greenlow

Food Trucks have been an unforeseen success after just scheduling one in June. Many thanks to everyone that has come out to enjoy the food and support the trucks. AHCA does not receive any reimbursement; we are inviting the food trucks since their business is affected by the pandemic, and they are very appreciative.

July 27, Monday	4-7pm	Pasta La Vista Baby
August 4, Tuesday	4:30-7:30pm	Bebo's Mac
August 11, Tuesday	3-7pm	Greek on the Street
August 17, Monday	3-7pm	Wanna Pizza This
August 25, Tuesday	4-8pm	Chowhound Burgers
Sept. 14, Monday	3-7pm	Taco Bar
Sept. 22, Tuesday	3-7pm	Chowhound Burgers
Sept. 28, Monday	4-8pm	Smoke Stacks BBQ

## YARD SALE

Saturday, October 10  
8am - 1pm

It's never too early to start preparing. Our Spring Yard Sale has now become our Fall Yard Sale.

**National Night Out** is now scheduled for Tuesday, October 6. We would like to sponsor a small community event that evening and are open to any suggestions.

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## 2020 Academy Heights CALENDAR

August 15—Dumpster Day  
August 22 — Outdoor Movie Night  
September 7 - Labor Day  
September 8 - AHCA Community Meeting TBD  
October 6 - AHCA Community Meeting  
October 6 - National Night Out

October 10 - Community Yard Sale  
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.  
Board officers may be contacted at [info@AcademyHeightsMD.org](mailto:info@AcademyHeightsMD.org)