

# Elmwood-Belmar Park Community Association

not just a neighborhood . . . we are a community

Spring 2017

[www.elmwood-belmar.org](http://www.elmwood-belmar.org)

Happy Spring!

We hope the beginning of the Year has been good to everyone! We would like to start by thanking EBPCA President Tim Loskot and our other helpers for hosting a successful dumpster day last fall at Elmwood Elementary. It was a great opportunity for people to dispose of their unwanted items. Also, a thanks goes out to the pickup trucks who collected items from resident's homes who were unable to do so. Please check with our website, Nextdoor or Facebook pages (listed here) for our next scheduled dumpster day.

Our neighborhood has many good things going for it. One of those things is having people who go out of their way to help others. Another are those who attempt to take reasonable action if they see something wrong. These are some of the people who can be credited for helping to maintain the quality of life in Elmwood-Belmar Park.

The last recession has helped to create a large number of foreclosures or vacants in our area. While many of these have since been rehab/reoccupied many still exist. The bank owned foreclosure process can take years. One thing the community can do is to at least verify that these properties are up to building code and report them to the county. (tall grass, junk piles, structural damage, etc.) If Balto. County code enforcement doesn't bring a satisfactory result then the issue should be forwarded to County Councilwoman Cathy Bevins office at (410) 887-3388. Remember that working with any

government agency requires persistence. A complainant may not agree with an official's final decision or get no results at all. Many times it takes more than one phone call or an online submission to resolve an issue. As always, any neighborhood concerns or questions are welcome and can be discussed at our monthly meetings.

Please remember- Any unkept, neglected property can not only bring down that particular property value, but **can also bring down the property values of the surrounding neighborhood as well!** They also play a role in attracting crime!

The crime in Elmwood-Belmar Park is lower compared to some surrounding areas but still has some issues. The police department attends our community association meetings and are well aware of, have addressed, or are in the process of addressing certain issues. Some issues require a period of investigation before action is carried out. (*over*)

The Next Community Association Meeting is:

Wednesday May 17, 2017 @ 7pm  
Elmwood Elementary School Library  
531 Dale Ave.

The Community Association will meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month (except July and August) at the same place and time. Please come out and meet your neighbors and help to make a difference in your community!

### The Overlea Farmers Market Returns!

Starting Saturday, May 20th - 8am til noon.  
Runs every other Saturday until October  
Natural History Society - 6908 Belair Rd.

OFM is a family-and pet-friendly environment, with free crafts for kids!  
Offerings include local, chemical-free produce, pasture-raised brown eggs, garden plants and flowers, chocolate, Italian groceries from Frank's Pizza & Subs, local honey, locally-made gifts, and more!

Why are we asking for dues?

The Elmwood-Belmar Park Community Association is a registered non profit. Some of the expenses we have met were legal fees, web site maintenance fees and newsletters. We also funded supplies for the annual stream cleanup and the previous National Night Out event.

### EBPCA MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$10 per year for Households / \$40 for Businesses (includes ad)  
Membership is active from April 2017 through March 2018  
Mail your payment with this form to: Elmwood-Belmar Community Assn.,  
1 Belinda Ave., Baltimore, MD 21206. **You can also pay online with Paypal through our website at <http://www.elmwood-belmar.org>.**

Name

Address

E-mail



Do you see or know of something suspicious? BCoPD asks you to partner with us by submitting tips about suspicious activity through our iWatch Baltimore County tip form: [egov.baltimorecountymd.gov/iwatch](http://egov.baltimorecountymd.gov/iwatch). Send us your tips any day and any time. Or, e-mail your tip to [iwatch@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:iwatch@baltimorecountymd.gov).

**The police have always encouraged us to call 911 for anything that looks suspicious, no matter how small it may seem!** In addition, they always stress common sense strategies to at least minimize our chances of being burglary victims. To mention a few; leaving outdoor lights on at night, maybe even installing extra motion detector lights. Having an alarm system or at least having security signs or stickers. Mounting a beware of dog sign. Having security doors and/or heavy duty deadbolts. Making all doors and windows more secure including upstairs windows and windows that have air conditioners. Leaving all windows and doors as visible as possible (not blocked by trees or shrubbery). A fake security camera can be purchased inexpensively, or go with a real one. Most burglaries occur during the day when the occupants are away at work or school.

<https://www.amazon.com> has a very large selection of security, self defense, and surveillance items, some items are inexpensive.

The Citizens on Patrol program or C.O.P has been proven to reduce illegal activity. Here it got its start three years ago when several local residents came together to discuss crime issues in the community. As a result, a few people got active with C.O.P. by walking (or riding) the neighborhood when they could, keeping an eye out for anything suspicious and reporting it if found. That is basically how it works. You can remain anonymous when reporting crime. The good thing about it is volunteers don't have to commit to a schedule, you can do it as much or as little as you like. You can do it on your way to the store or on your way home from work. Anyone who is interested in participating can come to the next meeting or contact Bill Thomas at (410) 299-3116.

### Fullerton Fireworks Foundation

The Fullerton Fireworks Foundation is hosting the 2017 annual July 4th Celebration at Fullerton Elementary School Field.

July 4th Celebration will start at 5pm with music by AWAKEN.

Bring the family for music and great food.

New Vendors: TEX-MEX, PIT BEEF, SEAFOOD plus Hamburgers, Hot dogs and much more.

**NEW THIS YEAR : DRAFT BEER**

See you on the 4th!

Rain Date - Saturday, July 8th

We Need Volunteers to help us out before, during, and after the big day! We are also looking for financial donations. To volunteer or to donate go to: <https://www.fullertonfireworksfoundation.org>. Thanks!

*Little Shop of Hair*

**Bonnie, Sharon & Amy**

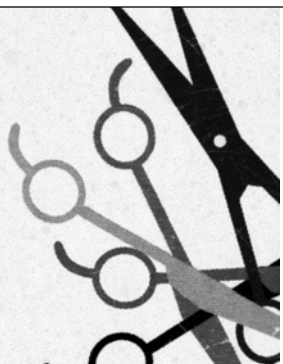
**Appointments preferred**

Mon. 9-4 Thurs. 1-8

Friday 9-5 Saturday 8-3

410-663-4120

4409 Kenwood Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21206



Get connected on Nextdoor

We have our own community network site called Nextdoor. Catch up with what is happening. Go to <https://elmwood.nextdoor.com> or by following the link on our website.

We're also on **Facebook**. You can follow the facebook link on our website.

**Please try to get your point across while being respectful to others when posting on these sites!** Thank you.

*John's* **ELMWOOD TAVERN** "It's all good at the Elmwood!"

4423 Kenwood Avenue (410) 665-2660

### National Night out - Elmwood Elementary

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Last year, more than 16,000 communities across the country came together to improve relations between neighborhood residents and law enforcement officers for the 32nd annual National Night Out. Last year, we had the Baltimore County Police and Fire Departments. Baltimore County councilwoman Cathy Bevins was also in attendance. Also, we served hot dogs, refreshments and had a moon bounce for the kids. **Elmwood's National Night Out event this year will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 1st 2017, 6-8pm. at Elmwood Elementary.** Everyone is welcome to meet and talk to the local police officers. For more information, check with our website, our Nextdoor or Facebook site.(listed here) You may also contact one of our EBPCA officers listed below.

### EBPCA OFFICERS AND NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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