

Elmwood-Belmar Park Community Association

not just a neighborhood . . . we are a community

Spring 2018

www.elmwood-belmar.org

HELLO!

The purpose of the Elmwood-Belmar Park Community Association is to help bring the community together for the reason of improving the quality of life and maintaining the property values in the neighborhood. One way we do this by conducting monthly meetings. The Baltimore County Police Dept. attends many of our gatherings and provides crime updates and suggestions. They are also there to listen to local complaints and concerns. We have, in the past been able to address many issues this way. Officer Rawleigh, our community outreach police officer, has told us that the communication levels here between our residents and the police are better then compared to many of the surrounding neighborhoods.

We have been able to maintain a good working relationship with Baltimore County Councilwoman Cathy Bevins' office regarding various other issues effecting our community. We have had varying degrees of success in dealing with certain issues however more work needs to be done. Some of the other issues we have addressed are street repair, rezoning, rats, foreclosures, speeding problems, and street lighting. The County Fire Dept. came and gave us a presentation on the legal and safe way to build an outdoor fire so as not to disturb others.

The best way to minimize rats are to eliminate their food source. The two major offenders are uncleaned pet feces, trash bags left out and uncovered trash cans, to name a few. Some people do everything right when it comes to rats but still have them nesting/burrowing on their property because they're feeding off an adjacent property. Please remove all outside junk or debris, rats can nest in these also.

**The Next Community Association Meeting is:
Wednesday March 21, 2018 @ 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!

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 newsletter printing. We also donate to The Fullerton Fireworks fund and cover supplies for the annual National Night Out event.

We are asking people to take a few minutes out of their busy day to keep an extra watch on the neighborhood and to report any activity that does not seem right. The Baltimore County Police Dept. has always told us to call 911 for **anything** that looks suspicious, no matter how insignificant it may seem. Call and let the 911 dispatcher determine whether it is a legitimate issue or not! You can also remain anonymous.

The C.O.P. or Citizens On Patrol program is active in many parts of the country and has a few active members here. It is a great way to become involved for the better of the community. It is very flexible and you can donate as little or as much time as you want. For more information you can come to our monthly meeting or call Bill Thomas at (410) 299-3116.

The quality of the Elmwood-Belmar Park Community Association is only as good as what the local residents contribute to it. Our officers are volunteers. **We don't work for the community we work with the community.** We are always eager to hear anyone's concerns or complaints. Remember, working with many issues can sometimes be a slow and frustrating process. We have little control over outside influences that come into the neighborhood and cause problems but we do have control over the way we respond to them.

We would like to thank those who have in some way contributed to the well being of the community and for those who have helped the people living within it. Thanks to those who pick up trash and keep their properties cleaned and well maintained. **Remember, an unkept, trashy property not only brings down the property value of that particular property but also brings down the property values of the surrounding neighborhood as well!**

All are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. It's a good place to find out what is happening in the neighborhood and to meet the local police and various government officials, as they often attend as well. Also, we could always use a little help. If you have a question, issue or suggestion and are unable to attend the meetings, contact one of our officers listed here. Thank you.

EBPCA MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$10 per year for Households / \$40 for Businesses (includes ad)

Membership is active from April 2018 through March 2019.

Mail your payment with this form to: Elmwood-Belmar Community Assn., 1 Belinda Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21206. **You can also pay online with Paypal through our web site at <http://www.elmwood-belmar.org>.**

Name

Address

**Elmwood Community Cleanup / Dumpster Day
Saturday, April 14, 2018 7:30am to 12noon
Elmwood Elementary, 531 Dale Ave.**

For Elmwood residents only! Come and deposit your general household waste or furniture that is *not* normally picked up by the usual trash/recycle pickups.

Prohibited items are:

- Explosive or flammable materials, acids, pesticides, chemicals, batteries.
- Liquids of any type.
- Medical, radioactive waste
- Tanks or drums, unless clean and cut in half.
- Animal carcasses
- Wood/logs greater than 8" in diameter and 6 foot in length.
- Refrigerators, air conditioners or any **gas** powered equipment.
- Household electronics, including tv's, radios and computer equipment.
- Tires, pickup or boat caps.
- Brush/yard waste, cardboard or paper.
- Asphalt, blacktop, concrete, brick, dirt or rock.
- Large items that cannot be lifted manually.

For more information call: (410) 319-7832

Get connected on 

We have our own community network site called Nextdoor. Catch up on what is happening within our local area. Go to www.elmwood.nextdoor.com or by following the link on our website, www.elmwood-belmar.org. We are also working on establishing a crime watch interlink on the Nextdoor site in the near future.

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.



4423 Kenwood Avenue

(410) 665-2660

Cub Scouts Flea Market

Cub Scout Pack 16 Donation Drive/Flea Market & Vendor Sale is planned for April 21st, 8am-1pm at Kenwood Presbyterian Church, 4601 Fullerton Ave. Donate your unwanted items, Shop at our 35+ vendors and find out how your child can join Scouts. For more information Visit: www.cubscoutspack16.wordpress.com or email: pack16bac@gmail.com.

2018 Fullerton Fireworks

The mission of the Fullerton Fireworks Foundation is to plan, promote and execute the annual July 4th Celebration. It will be held at Fullerton Elementary School Field. The July 4th Celebration will start at 5pm with music by AWAKEN.

Bring the family for music and great food! Tex-Mex, Greek, Pit Beef, Seafood, plus Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and much more! **DRAFT BEER & WINE!**

See you on the 4th! The fireworks start at 9:15 pm.
Rain Date - Saturday, July 7th.

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>. Thank you.

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 the police, the fire dept and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Elmwood's National Night Out event this year will take place on Tuesday, August 7th 2018, 5-8pm. at Elmwood Elementary. Everyone is welcome to meet and talk to the local police and fire department. There will be food and refreshments catered by The Elmwood Tavern. There will also be a moon bounce for the kids. 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

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