

Elmwood-Belmar Park Community Association

not just a neighborhood . . . we are a community

Spring 2019

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HELLO!

The Elmwood Belmar-Park Community Association has been established to provide a place where neighbors can get together to address certain quality of life issues within our neighborhood. Problems such as crime, zoning and construction issues, housing and other nuisance issues have been addressed, to name a few. We also arrange the annual community cleanup/dumpster day and the National Night Out events. Our goal is to attempt to carry out ways to improve our community in order to make it the best place to live, work and play in Baltimore County!

The success of our community association is completely dependent upon the dedication of the people who are active in it. In fact, its future survival is completely dependent upon it. With that, the association could always use some volunteers who want to help out with the newsletter, newsletter delivery, community cleanup, (dumpster day) and our National Night Out event in August, to name a few. The amount of time is minimal so you can donate as little or as much time as you would like. We are also in need of suggestions or ideas on how to improve our surroundings along with the people to help carry these out. For more info. contact one of our officers listed or better yet, attend the next meeting.

A couple good ways to enhance or maintain good property values in a neighborhood is to have clean and well maintained properties. Limiting crime is another. We know that crime is nothing new and is a topic at most of our meetings with our community resource police officers. They are already familiar with many of our problems and keep stressing that we **call 911 for anything** that may look suspicious, no

matter how insignificant it may seem. You can remain anonymous. We have the benefit of having people with cameras who share their finds and those who go out of their way to check on things now and then. Unfamiliar people loitering in cars for no apparent reason is also considered suspicious activity and should be reported. The more 911 calls the neighborhood gives the more patrol officers come and make their presence known. The goal here is to report smaller, nuisance crimes if possible before they possibly turn into something worse. 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.

Unfortunately, some people who come here do not have any respect for our community or our properties. If we are going to keep our neighborhood a worthwhile place for us and our families to thrive then there may come a time when we will need to step up and take action for our surroundings.

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. Those are the ones who help make this neighborhood a stronger, better place to live. 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. We look forward to hearing your suggestions or concerns. Thank you!

The Elmwood-Belmar Park Community Association meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm · Elmwood Elementary School Library · 531 Dale Ave.

Weather permitting, no meeting during July and August. Please come out and meet your neighbors and help to make a difference in your community!

Holt Park Center for the Arts

The nearby Holt Park has year around nature and arts activities for both children and adults. Activities such as nature and night walks, bonfire events and arts and crafts, to name a few. More info. can be found on their Facebook page or at <http://overleafrc.com/Programs>.

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 web site maintenance fees and newsletter printing. We also donate to The Fullerton Fireworks fund and help to cover supplies for the annual National Night Out event. **Thanks to everyone for your support!!**

EBPCA MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Membership is active from April 2019 through March 2020.

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>.**

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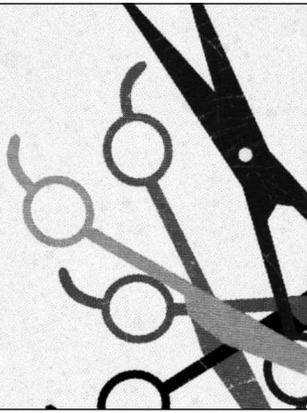
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BG&E WORK

Main gas line replacement will be starting here in 2020 with the construction of an underground gas regulator station at or near St. Patrick's field. Many (possibly all) of the gas lines in the neighborhood will be replaced by running new gas lines next to the older, existing ones. This will of course cause extensive digging/trenching operations in our streets. New pipe inserts (new lines ran inside of the existing lines) will be installed from the new gas main lines to the individual residential gas meters either inside or outside of the dwellings. This should eliminate or at least minimize the need to do any digging in the yards.

BG&E will call ahead and schedule appointments with the residents to make the final connections to their indoor gas meters. BG&E will not appear at random for this procedure. For more info. contact marylandstride.com or at 410-656-9103.

Get a Pooper-Scooper!

Pet waste is a disgusting health hazard. Left alone it can gather maggots, pass parasites to other animals and to us humans. The smell alone is also a good incentive to pick it up as well as to avoid upsetting your neighbors. Please be mindful of other small children in our community and considerate of your neighbors who should not be left with the task of cleaning up these unwelcomed deposits. Per Baltimore County Code Article 12, leaving pet wastes is a serious offense. Pet owners are responsible for the timely removal of pet waste on public and private property. If pet owners are caught not picking up their pets' waste the owner can be subject to fines. For more information about animal control call the Animal Services Division at 410-887-7297 or visit their website: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/animalservices/animal-laws.html>. **Pet waste attracts rats!** The Elmwood school has complained about someone leaving pet waste on the school grounds. The children are stepping in it and bringing it inside the school.

Elmwood's New Community Outreach Officer

Our new community outreach police officer is Officer Reynolds. He will be attending many of our association meetings. He can also be reached by calling (410) 887-5035 or email: creynolds@baltimorecountymd.gov. He can be contacted for any non-emergency issues.

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National Night out - Elmwood Elementary

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 6th 2019, 5-8pm. at Elmwood Elementary. Everyone is welcome to meet and talk to the local police officers and fire department personnel. Food and refreshments will be served. For more information, check with our website, or our Nextdoor site.(listed here) You may also contact one of our EBPCA officers listed below.

Unfortunately, so far we are unable to schedule a dumpster day for the Spring due to county budget restrictions. We will reschedule as soon as the county permits.

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