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DRUID HEIGHTS Spotlight

Eddie Lewis



In our continued efforts to acknowledge residents and merchants in the community who are making significant contributions, *The Trumpet* salutes Mr. Eddie Lewis Jr., owner of Hardware Plus, Inc. This shop located at 2211 Pennsylvania Avenue was awarded the "Best of Baltimore 2007" by CityPaper. The store has a reputation for friendly professional service and affordable products. Mr. Lewis began in 1989 as a carpenter working for the original owner of the shop. In 1992, he became a contractor and acquired more than three hundred houses in Baltimore City. Four years later, Mr. Lewis purchased the store and changed it from a warehouse that stored lumber and building material into a hardware store to serve the needs of the residents in the community. Most

impressively, Mr. Lewis has employed more than 100 people over the years with a preference for hiring the residents of Druid Heights.

He refers to the store as a needed resource in the community. "The shop has given me the opportunity to educate, uplift and serve the people in and around the community. In the last fifteen years, I have witnessed an evolution on Pennsylvania Avenue and a complete turn around in Druid Heights." Mr. Lewis recalled when he first started his business it required him to confront the drug dealers in order to clear the front of the store. Now he sees a thriving business corridor where people are respectful and supportive. When you enter Hardware Plus you feel a sense of trust and family warmth from a knowledgeable staff.

Mr. Lewis is a respectful, humble and honest business man who cares about the people he serves. His business is a landmark with a legacy that the residents of the community are proud to support. He is happily married to his beautiful wife, Melody and the proud father of one son, Eddie Lewis III. Druid Heights Community Development Corporation is proud of Hardware Plus and extends sincere congratulations to Mr. Lewis, his family and staff for their outstanding successes and exemplary services.

Executive Director's Corner Kelly D. Little

This is a very busy season for the Druid Heights Community Development Corporation. As we move forward, I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported Druid Heights CDC over the past thirty six years and I solicit your ongoing assistance. Your financial contributions, in-kind services and volunteerism made a big difference. Our strength as an organization is attributed to the hard work and backing of our residents. This

quarter, we have noticed an improvement in public safety, community beautification and organizational development. Our mission is to build people, real estate and programs while encouraging community self empowerment. One way we measure our ability to empower residents is through their increased participation in the many activities to improve the quality of life in the community. With the support of the residents, we envision this community as a great place to live, work and worship.

We are proud of our extensive community revitalization achievements along with the many services we provide throughout Baltimore City. Additional resources include after school homework assistance, summer camp, housing development, transitional housing for the homeless, senior housing, social programs, the arts, environmental stewardship community cleaning, business development, financial literacy courses, home ownership opportunities, adult literacy, computer literacy, drug treatment referral, re-entry assistance for ex-offenders, property management, job search assistance, LLC partnerships, four Community School Initiatives, collaborations and much more. Our organization has grown to new levels and we foresee a great future as we continue to develop our staff and broaden our exposure.

My request is for neighbors to reach out to each other and share the responsibility of building this community. Invite your family and friends to attend our community meetings and join our efforts. You may also make a financial contribution on our website at www.druidheights.com

Again, I thank everyone for supporting Druid Heights CDC. Let's keep moving forward!

Druid Heights Community

Please Plan to Attend

Fri., Dec., 10th @ 6:00PM

Tree Lighting Ceremony
Charles Uncles Senior Plaza
607 Pennsylvania Ave.

Sat., Dec., 18th @ 1:00PM

Monthly Community Meeting

Sat., Dec., 18th @ 3:00PM

"Unity in the Community
Christmas Cantata"
St. Martin's Church of Christ
2118 Madison Avenue

Druid Heights Educational & Cultural Enrichment Summer Fun Camp Served and Benefited Eighty Young People

The Druid Heights Educational and Cultural Enrichment Summer Fun Camp operated from Monday, July 7th through Friday, August 7, 2010. The camp provided breakfast, lunch, nutritious snacks, academic enhancement, literacy building skills, reading exercises, math games, cultural exchange, books, music, entertainment, personal tutorials, trips and lots of fun to sixty children from the community. St. Katherine's of Alexandria Episcopal Church located at 2001 Division Street continued to open its doors for fifteen years to this needed camp in the community. Twenty young people hired by the Mayor's Office of Youth Employment received a prior two week training at Druid Heights CDC to become camp counselors to children. These Youth Works employees were given the opportunity to learn about the operations of a non profit community development corporation and the responsibility of teaching and counseling younger children. Druid Heights Community Development Corporation would like to thank The Allegis Group, State Farm Bank and Jason's Liquors for their financial contributions to the camp. Our special appreciation is extended to Total Health Care for their art supplies and workshops presented to the children. The children enjoyed bicycles donated to the camp by Mike's Bikes. The camp began with a trip to Six Flags Amusement Park in Largo, Maryland as all campers and counselors passed the necessary academic and social requirements to attend this event which included complimentary admission and lunch.



The Camp Closing Day Ceremony took place in the playground adjacent to the community center that was donated by the Home Depot Foundation, KaBoom, the NFL and Druid Heights CDC established three years ago. The following day, Friday, August 7, 2010 eighty youth were escorted by parents and staff to Hershey Park, Pennsylvania. The camp enjoyed breakfast, a buffet lunch reserved in a private pavilion in the Main Street of the park and fun for everyone. In order for Druid Heights CDC to make this program possible for children next year, we need your support now and then. Let's help the children.

Druid Heights After-School Homework and Tutorial Program



Druid Heights CDC's after school program serves a great need in the community. Each year, we register at least twenty five children in the community providing school supplies, a hot supper, homework assistance, professional tutoring, books and literacy building skills. The Urban Youth Initiative Project has joined in a partnership to assist with this program.

In the Druid Heights community many children return home from school without supervision and academic support. Most children do not have an adult available to assist with homework, reading and math exercises. Children are often left alone to get on computers and watch television. Many students in the inner city are often behind in reading and math scores because they do not have the necessary reinforcement at home. The After School program operates Monday through Fridays from 2:30 to 5:30 pm. The broader gain is that more children will be excited about going to school and will have the academic support they need to improve their grades and literacy building skills. Please contribute to the program by donating online at www.druidheights.com

Thanks Very Much! It looked so beautiful after you finished cutting the glass off of that lot. We truly appreciate everything you all did to help make our block look good. With all of us working together this helps to make a difference. —The McKnights Leavonia, Poinsetta, Hiawatha, Deacon, Dr. Ronald McKnight, DVM Sept. 2010

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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

St. Martin's Church sponsors 2nd Annual Intergenerational Family Reunion

On an unusually hot day, families still gathered on the corner of North and Madison Avenues to enjoy a fun filled day of activity sponsored by St. Martin's Church, Druid Heights CDC and Madison Park Community Association.



The purpose of the celebration was to unite generations in families to other families. Tables were set for families to enjoy their meals in front of a big stage placed on the corner for open microphone performances. Pictured above are



Anthony Pressley, Director of Community Resources for Druid Heights CDC; Mrs. Laura Scott and Mrs. Virginia Rollins, Co-Chair Persons for the 2000 Etting Street Willing Workers Club; Dr. Kevin Daniels, Senior Episcopal Pastor of St. Martin's Church of Christ; Ms. Pamela Johnson, President of the Marble Hill Community Association and Ms. Cynthia Lundy, DHCCDC staff person and member of the planning committee.

Druid Heights Successful Senior Fashion Show

The seniors of Druid Heights and the Charles Uncles communities presented a fashion show extravaganza. Travis Winkey, Fashion Guru, coordinated this event with Mrs. Jerilyn Manning, Senior Program Coordinator for Druid Heights CDC. The affair included a Silent Auction, buffet lunch and celebrity models. The runway was graced with the elegance of State Senator Verna Jones of the 44th Legislative District, City Councilperson Sharon Green Middleton, Central District Police Sergeant Charles Hess, and Candidate for Sheriff Frances "Jean" Hamilton. The show included a full display of coats by Xavier Furs. Vendors were Margaret Goodman, Independent Consultant for Cookie Lee Jewelry, Ernest Leach, Proprietor, Ernest Boutique, Maria M'Bouje of M'Bouje's Boutique, Classique' .IS Boutique. The program was supported by Towner Management.



Druid Heights CDC Argus Team



attends Eisenhower Foundation's 30th Anniversary National Workshop in Washington, D.C.

The Conference emphasized bringing the Argus Model into action through the organization and development of enterprise learning environments and the cultivation of participatory communities. Druid Heights CDC's Argus program serves young men ages 14 to 18 years old who are not in school and in need of assistance and direction. The staff attended four days of workshops and meetings to discover new ways to improve service for the Quantum Youth Opportunities and the Argus program which are both funded by the Eisenhower Foundation.

Druid Heights CDC appreciates the financial contributions provided by BP Gas Station, Burger King and Bruce's Carry-Out, businesses on North Avenue, to support the Argus program.

Pictured above are Adrian Muldrow, Asst. Director for Druid Heights Argus Program; Wilson Parasiuk, Trustee for the Eisenhower Foundation; Lewis Hudnell, Director of the Argus Program, Allen Curtis, CEO Eisenhower Foundation and Kelly D. Little, Executive Director of Druid Heights Community Development Corporation.

Druid Heights Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program

Each Saturday morning a group of volunteers come out to serve the basic needs of the residents in the community. If you are in need of assistance with a project, please call 410-523-1350 on extension 224. We will send volunteers to assist.

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