

The Lutherville Community Association

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August, 2008

Lutherville 2008 Yard Sale

Saturday, September 6

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Start gathering and sorting. Yard sale time is upon us. LCA has scheduled that date for Sat. September 6th (rain date is Sat. September, 13th). Please note that in the past the yard sale has been held on Labor Day Saturday. The decision was made to wait until the following Saturday because the date falls in August. If you plan to participate, please contact special events coordinator, Kelley Mackesey, 3bugs@comcast.net by **Saturday, August, 23rd** to insure your inclusion in maps that are distributed the day of the yard sale.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I'd like to update you on developments since our last newsletter. The Board had our annual summer meeting on July 15, 2008 and things are hopping. Within the next few weeks you should be receiving yearly membership forms. We hope you take this opportunity to join the LCA. Please be sure to note any committees that you are interested in participating in. You can also join the neighborhood listserv on your membership card to receive the latest word on community developments, including security issues. This year we are trying to save some trees by offering the option of receiving newsletters by email instead of hard copy.

Our yearly neighborhood yard sale will be on Saturday September 6. This is always a popular event for the community. As we did last year, we'll try to arrange for the Disabled American Veteran's truck to pick up donations afterward. We also talked about having block parties in various parts of the community. Please contact our Special Events Chair if you are interested in planning these types of events, along with our holiday parties. If you know of any new folks in the community, please let our Hospitality Chair know so that we can welcome them.

Plans are being finalized for the House Tour scheduled for October 4, 2008. This is the community's signature event and we'll be raising funds for the firehouse. We have several planning meetings upcoming and volunteers are still needed for various tasks. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter.

College Manor has advised our Subcommittee that they are not actively pursuing a change in zoning from DR2 to DR16. However, the County Council will still vote on their application on August 26. Representatives of College Manor showed our group a somewhat scaled-down plan from their earlier drawing and they intend to submit a Planned Unit Development to the Council. Our Board and Subcommittee are reviewing this proposal and determining a response.

President's Corner (cont'd)

Our Public Facilities Committee continues to attack the problem of Roland Run flooding. Meetings have been conducted with representatives of the County and our State Senator. We have raised concerns with the Federal Emergency Management Agency about the accuracy of their upcoming flood map that will play a critical role in the County's response to our concerns.

As we all know, volume and speed of traffic are key concerns in the community. Our goal is to have bimonthly meetings of the Traffic Committee, beginning in August. We have received permission from the police department to use a signboard to indicate the speed of vehicles on particular streets. You may have seen the board on Bellona Avenue and the board is slated to be on several other high-speed routes. The County has also approved our request for consideration of traffic calming on several area streets including Lincoln Avenue, the 300 block of Melancthon and Front Avenues, and the 200 block of Morris Avenue. Potential modifications to streets include elevated brick pavers and narrowing. Volunteers will be soliciting residents of the streets to sign petitions necessary for implementation of the changes.

As you should have seen by now, we were successful in having the management of the Kohl's Shopping Center install poles to guide cars to the left and right when using the central exit from the center. Previously, cars tended to proceed straight through to Kurtz, presenting a danger to cars turning left from Francke onto Ridgely and pedestrians crossing Kurtz. We are also concerned about the Lutherville Station sign blocking the visibility of cars exiting the parking area in front of Old Navy and Borders. We are pursuing a study of the placement of a stop sign on Ridgely heading to York, at the edge of the Light Rail parking lot.

Finally, you may have noticed that the Sunday Flea Market at Lutherville Elementary has been suspended during the construction of the new parking lot in front of the school. After 20 years, the neighbors are able to enjoy a healthy dose of peace and quiet on their weekends. We are hopeful for a positive resolution after the completion of the construction.

Traffic Calming

The application for traffic calming in Lutherville submitted to the county last fall resulted in traffic speed and volume studies over the last few months. The county has now returned plans to the LCA that the county feels will best address the traffic calming on the requested streets. Under the guidelines of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, 200 block of Morris, 300 block of Melancthon, Front and Lincoln Avenues are recommended for traffic calming. The next step is for the community to gather signatures of approval from 75% of residents on the affected streets before construction can be scheduled. This is one of several traffic issues that LCA is confronting. The next traffic committee meeting will be held Tuesday 8/19 at 7:30 pm at Spangler Hall. If you would like to be apart of the traffic committee, please join us, or call Mark Gedney (410) 560-6871.

Community Notes

Most of you who are long time residents of Lutherville knew Rob Wingard in one capacity or another. It is with much sadness that we report that he passed away on Wednesday, July 30. Rob was active in the preservation of Historic Lutherville and a longtime member of the St. John's United Methodist Church. A memorial service will be planned for a future date.

Welcome New Neighbors

If you know of anyone moving into the neighborhood, please, let the hospitality committee know at mmklamitch@msn.com.

Going Green

Please elect to receive the E- Luthervillian (this newsletter in a PDF format). By opting out of the paper copy, you save paper, ink, and mailing expenses. If you are interested in receiving an email version of the newsletter, send an email to newsletter@luthervillecommunityassociation.org Subject **E-Luthervillian**. Include your street address in the message so that we know what address to stop sending a paper newsletter. You can always return to the paper copy at a later time if you desire.

We will remove your name from the list of names who currently receive the paper newsletter. Note: The LCA will not release email addresses to anyone.

Free House Tour Tickets!

The 2008 Lutherville Historic House Tour is fast approaching on October 4th. Advance tickets (\$20) will go on sale September 2nd at Watson's Garden Center, Consign By Design, and three local Bradford Bank locations. Tickets will be available for \$25 on October 4th. This admission fee entitles you to visit 12 historic homes, four churches, the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company, and College Manor; part of the proceeds benefit the fire company's ability to keep us as safe for the next century as it has for the past one.

We have, however, two opportunities for you to obtain your very own house tour ticket absolutely free.

If you love history and interacting with people, we have openings for docents to serve as guides within the tour houses on the day of the event. Each docent will serve a three-hour, half-day shift in one of the homes, directing traffic and answering visitor questions. The rest of the day is yours to explore our tour locations with a free ticket in hand. Please contact Marie Frederick at mfrederick@comcast.net if you are interested.

If, on the other hand, you love puzzles, we have a chance for you to win two free tickets to the tour. Go to the website: www.luthervillehousetour.org and look for the CONTEST link.

Your challenge is to match detail photos to the correct building on the tour, and submit the answers on the contest web page.



Although some photos are more difficult than others, nearly all are visible from the street, and nearly all are identifiable through color and texture clues from the tour photos at <http://www.luthervillehousetour.org>; please respect owner privacy. On September 15th, we will choose one winner at random from all correct entries to receive two free house tour tickets (a \$50 value).

Our next two house tour committee meeting dates are Wednesday, August 20th and Wednesday, September 17th, both in Room A of Spangler Hall at St. Paul's Church. We especially welcome day-of-event volunteers.

Since we will have a large number of visitors on our sidewalks and streets on the day of the tour, please consider clipping overhanging branches and removing any obstacles from pathways.

Thank you, and we'll see you on October 4th!
The 2008 Lutherville Historic House Tour Committee

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Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday in September, November, February, and April beginning at 7:30 pm and are open to members of the Association. All members and interested parties are invited to attend the Association General Meetings that are held on the second Tuesday in October, January, March and May (the Annual Meeting) beginning at 8:00 pm.

Mark your calendars for the
Yard Sale, Saturday, September 6
& the Lutherville 2008 House Tour on
Saturday, October 4