

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Summer Update

I hope you're all having a great summer break. The weather certainly has been wonderful and Lutherville has never looked better. On June 23, we had our annual summer Board meeting to set the stage for the 2009-10 LCA year. This year's Board has a great mixture of seasoned veterans and energetic newcomers and we have really big plans for the community. First up is a community picnic in partnership with the Fire Department. Hold the date of Saturday, August 16 from 1-7 in Seminary Park. We'll have all kinds of food (including crabs), entertainment, games, and of course, this is a wonderful chance to commune with your neighbors. You'll receive a flier shortly describing the event and also our ever-popular neighborhood yard sale that will be on Saturday September 5. This is a great opportunity to pass along your "priceless treasures" to new beneficiaries, and again is a nice way to meet and greet neighbors. Be

sure to sign up quickly so you can be listed on the map. We'll arrange for a charitable donation truck to pick up your unwanted leftover items afterward.

We have a couple of other exciting events that are in the planning stages. One is a community raffle, the proceeds of which would benefit LCA and another cause. We have also discussed a combination history lecture and art show. If you are interested in planning or participating in these kinds of events, please contact me at jeffdier@verizon.net.

On the environmental front, we have been grappling with the issue of flooding at Roland Run for many years and, despite our concerted efforts, have not been able to receive satisfactory responses from County, State, and federal officials. We recently consulted with an attorney and are hopeful of formulating a strategic action plan to bring the problem to a head.

We have decided to refurbish the Historic Lutherville signs and spruce up the associated plantings in concert with the Lutherville Garden Club. Furthermore, plans are in the offing to enhance the appearance of the park area at Seminary and Greenspring and install a sign for Country Club Park. We will be working through Tree-Mendous Maryland to plant trees in this vicinity. We'd also like to pass along many thanks to Eric Rockel, Marcia Hettinger, Bob Ruppel, Tricia Smith and Barbara and Dick Penhallegon for their great efforts at the Adopt-A-Highway clean up of Seminary Avenue on Saturday, July 12.

Be on the lookout for your membership registration forms being sent out in the beginning of August. We're making a big push to reach out to all of our neighbors, recruit new members, and be more responsive to community concerns. Along with the registrations will

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LCA General Meeting - Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at Lutherville Elementary School. Refreshments will be served prior to the meeting at starting at 6:30p.m. Guest speaker will be Captain Marty Lurz of the Cockeysville Police

First Summer Picnic

The Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company has graciously allowed the community to participate in their annual picnic. The picnic will be held on Sunday, August 16, 2009 from 1:00-7:00pm at Seminary Park. It plans to be a fun event featuring: food, music, crabs, games, and entertainment, performed by the Jokesters. (www.jokesters.org) The cost for LCA members is \$15 per person and non-members is \$20 per person. Children 12 and under are free! Please make checks payable to Lutherville Community Association and send payment with your membership dues for 2009-2010 by Wednesday, August 12, 2009. If you have additional questions, please contact margochaney@verizon.net.

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Nostalgia Quiz

Who were the first residents of Country Club Park to have an in-ground swimming pool?

To find out the answer, visit the Lutherville Community Association web site at www.luthervillecommunityassociation.org

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Security Update

Since the end of June, there have been several incidents of crime in our neighborhood and the surrounding areas. The criminals have entered both cars and homes. In all of the cases of thefts from vehicles, the cars have been unlocked. The house burglaries have included both forced and unforced entry. Entry to the locked homes was gained by breaking out basement windows. While additional officers in both marked and unmarked cars are patrolling the area, please try to protect yourself and your family by securing your homes and your vehicles. Outside lighting can be an effective deterrent as well. If you witness ANY suspicious activity, you are urged to call 911 immediately.

The Baltimore County Police Department is sending updates on any criminal goings-on that affect our area. Any information received is being disseminated to the larger community through our Lutherville Community Association website. We will continue to update the site as is appropriate. If you are not currently signed up to receive these notifica-

tions, it is recommended that you do so. The website is user friendly and the only thing that you need to join is a Google log in. The url to the website is <http://groups.google.com/group/Lutherville?hl=en>. Once you are signed up as a member of the neighborhood Google Group or listserv, you will receive automatic email notifications on any security issues/updates as well as other important information about what is going on in our community. Please be mindful of the fact that this site is meant to be a helpful communication tool and is not meant as an avenue to air grievances.

In an effort to address the many concerns and/or questions that Lutherville residents have regarding crime in our area we have asked Captain Martin Lurz of the Baltimore County Police Department to speak at our next LCA meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 13th at Lutherville Elementary. Please note that in response to requests from the community the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM rather than 8:00 PM.

Facebook... Will you Friend Us?

The LCA is in the process of creating an LCA Facebook group, in order to offer our members an additional means for publicizing events, raising issues, and letting the community know of crime statistics or development plans that affect us all. The Facebook group is designed to augment current communication methods – including the LISTSERV, newsletter, and web site – not to replace them, and joining the group will be entirely optional.

Our strength as a community lies in our ability to band together in support of our community values and ideals, so it helps us all to publicize these issues as widely as possible. Facebook is popular with younger members of our community, who often cannot attend LCA meetings due to schedule conflicts or family obligations, but it also posted 513 percent growth among users 55 and over in the first six months of 2009.

The Facebook LCA group will be for community members only. Facebook has privacy settings that can be manipulated to restrict membership to an approved population. Since each user has a profile and is an approved group member, it is much more difficult to post the type of anonymous comments that have sometimes caused acrimony on the LISTSERV.

We are continuing to work on usage guidelines for the group and would value community input. Please send any suggestions for usage guidelines or other comments to me at morrispect@verizon.net, or send a Facebook message to Karen.Morrissey.

Welcome New Neighbors

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

Get Involved

LCA Web Site

Look for upcoming events in the Lutherville Community Association's website. Community and church events are welcome. Please send them to newsletter@luthervillecommunityassociation.org "Lutherville" photos are also welcome.

Join the LCA Listserv Google Group

Keep current on what is happening in the neighborhood. To join, click on the "google" subscribe link on the LCA homepage.

Submit Your News!

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Traffic Committee Update

The schedule for the Fall 2009 through Spring 2010 meetings of the Traffic Committee has been set. The meeting dates are: Tuesday, September 29, 2009, Tuesday, December 1, 2009, Tuesday, February 23, 2010 and Tuesday, April 20, 2010. All of the meetings will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in Spangler Hall. Please come and join us. Traffic in our community, especially cut through traffic, is a critical issue and your input in coming up with ways to address it can help to make a difference.

The Seminary Road closures for the bridge replacement generated a great deal of commentary on the LCA list serve as the amount of weekend cut through traffic in the Country Club Park neighborhood was very intense. The LCA got right on the issue and contacted the State and County officials responsible for the project, and we were able to get more signage and detour demarcations to help deal with the problem. These are the types of situations that the Traffic Committee is concerned with, so please join us in our efforts.

Membership Applications

Lutherville residents, membership applications were mailed during the 3rd week in July. If you did not receive membership information please contact margochaney@verizon.net. Enclosed with the application is a survey that allows you to express your opinion based on your interests and needs of the community. LCA suggests that you return these surveys with your membership dues so that we may better serve you. Also, if you have provided your email address to LCA as part of your contact information for the Listserv and newsletter, please contact margochaney@verizon.net, if your email needs updated.

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be a survey to gauge how we can serve you better. We want to know the issues that you care about and the activities that you would like us to focus on. Please take the time to complete and return the survey so that we can be as responsive as possible. If at all possible, we ask you to sign up for one of our committees, where the real "spade work" of the Association is performed. We have the following standing committees: History, Hospitality, Membership, Newsletter, Nominating, Public Facilities, Security, Traffic, and Zoning. Or perhaps you are available to serve as a "Block Captain," to help facilitate and spread the word about community activities and provide feedback to the Board. We truly believe that small donations of commitment and time from many neighbors add up to make for a truly great community.

Finally, due to popular demand, General Meetings will now begin at 7 p.m., instead of 8 p.m., so that folks can get home earlier. Meetings are scheduled the second Tuesdays in October, January, March and May. The first meeting of the season will be on October 13 at the Lutherville Elementary School. Our guest speaker will be Captain Marty Lurz of the Cockeysville Police Precinct to talk about security concerns. Social time will begin at 6:30. Please visit our website, www.luthervillecommunityassociation.org, to keep tabs on community meetings and events and I hope to see you around the neighborhood and at community events in the near future.

Community Notes

Annual Yard Sale - Saturday 9/5 from 8 - 2

The raindate is set for September 12th. There is a \$5 fee to have your house placed on the Yard Sale Map. A truck from AmVets will visit homes listed on the map after the yard sale to pick up donations. Contact Heather Binnix for more information or if you would like to be on the map at binnixhome@hotmail.com or 410-337-9215.

Joint Project with Lutherville Garden Club

We are happy to announce a joint project - LCA with the Lutherville Garden Club beginning in the fall. The project involves doing plantings around our seven historic signs in the community. Volunteers will tackle each of the signs with preparation of the beds and planting of seasonal flowers. If you are interested in helping with the annual maintenance of the beds/flowers contact mhettinger@comcast.net. Thank you Lutherville Garden Club!

Wanted: Block Captains

Time requirement: 8-12 hours/year

Job demand: volunteers will need to have an interest in keeping abreast of the news in lutherville. Volunteers will be willing to spread the news to their neighbors as it comes in from lca.

Calendar of commitment:

- August-distribute flyers concerning community wide yard sale to your neighbors
- September-post signs regarding LCA meeting
- October-make reminder calls about upcoming events
- Nov/Dec-distribute luminary bags to your neighbors
- Jan/Feb-post signs regarding general assoc. meeting
- Mar/Apr-distribute flyers concerning spring event
- May/June-post signs regarding elections/year end meeting

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LCA Meetings

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.

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