

The Lutherville Community Association

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General Meeting Tuesday, January 9th at 7:45 pm at the Lutherville Vol. Fire Department Firehouse

We have a great meeting planned on the 9th at the firehouse. Come at 7:45 to enjoy refreshments and meet your neighbors.

- 8:00 p.m. – Fire Department Presentation. Tim Mullin will discuss an overview of the department's expansion plan followed by a question and answer session.
- 8:45 p.m. – Business Meeting:
Lutherville court hearing
Traffic Committee Report
Tree Project Report
Roland Run & FEMA's new Flood Insurance Rate Maps
House Tour 2008
Elections Spring 2007
- 9:30 p.m. – Adjourn

We look forward to seeing you there. It's a new year and there is much happening in the neighborhood.

Did you enjoy seeing the streets of Lutherville shining brightly on Dec. 24? It is such a beautiful sight to see our neighborhood looking even better than usual. Thanks to all who participated and the following neighbors who distributed bags: Sara and Jim Brown, Cindy West, Lauren Lynch, Kate Morrill, Sally Wall, Caroline Sugarman, Kathy Ramirez, Eileen Hogan, Kelley Mackeysay, Barbara Sterne, William Anderson, Ann Moore, Marie Frederick, Colleen Smart, Amanda Aleala, Marcia Hettinger, Pamela Jenkins, Clide Manz, Barrett Rudd, Leslie Meyers and Aimie Zinzi.

We are looking forward to getting your input on future events at the January 9 meeting.

-- Aimee Yardley

Roland Run, Lutherville's Own Floodplain

Many of the residents of Trebor Court along Roland Run hold their breaths during an extended rain event. They hope that the stream does not overflow its banks, or in a worse case scenario start to flood their rear yards and approach their homes.

For years, Baltimore County's floodplain maps seemed to minimize the flooding that some residents experienced. Mel Timmons, Chairman of the LCA's Public Facilities Committee, wondered whether upstream development was dumping more rain runoff into the stream. His attempts to answer that question have gone largely unsatisfied.

The newly-produced Flood Insurance rate maps, developed by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) in conjunction with the Baltimore County Department of Public Works, detail that the flood plain has increased along

Roland Run. At West Seminary Avenue the new map shows a floodplain width of 375 feet. The previous map published in 1993 depicts a flood plain width of 300 feet. Just north of Morris Avenue, the flood plain is depicted as 100 feet wider than the original version, and at Ridgely Road the flood plain is shown to be 200 feet greater than the 1993 map.

Residents who live along the Roland Run, including its tributaries east of the Light Rail tracks, are urged to inspect these new Flood Insurance Rate Maps and offer comments. If you are required to carry flood insurance the new maps may impact the level of insurance that you carry or may affect the amount of any claim that you receive in the event of damage. Similarly, if you do not carry insurance presently, once the maps become official, your lender may require that you start carrying flood insurance. Although the maps attempt to model the extent of flooding in a 100 year storm, think of Hurricanes Agnes or David; storms of less severity offer predictive value of what may occur during a storm of greater magnitude.

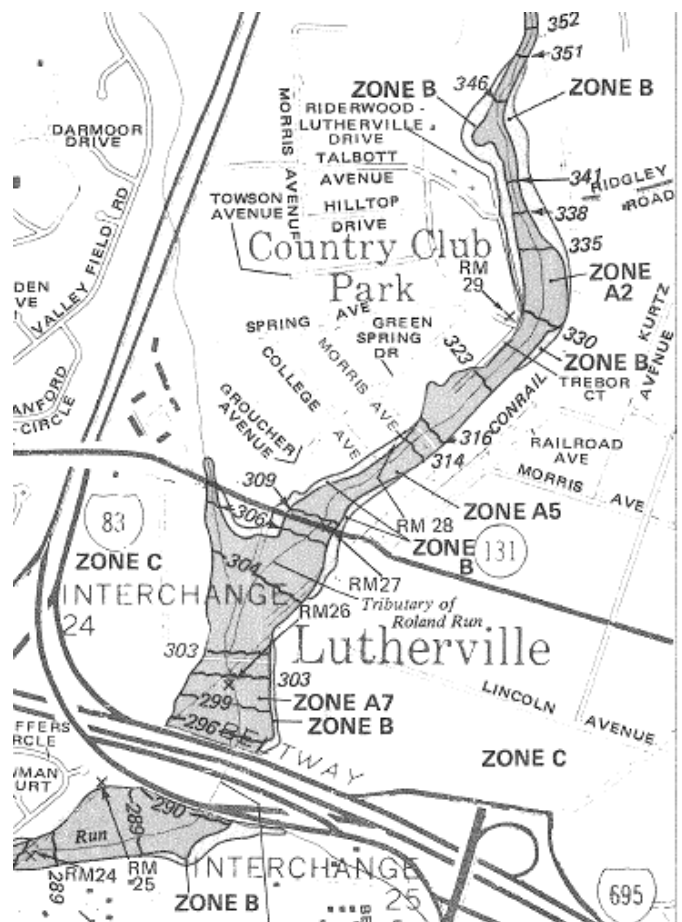
Attention: Property Owners Adjacent To Roland Run & Its Tributaries

Requirements by your mortgage lender to carry flood insurance or your ability to construct an addition to your home could be affected by *proposed* new editions of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS).

These FIRMS will serve as the official indicator if your property is impacted by a riverine floodplain, and they document the potential for flooding.

We urge each household adjacent to a stream to inspect the proposed map for this area to learn of potential flooding and to measure any past flooding with the map's predictive imagery. These maps can be viewed in the office of the Director of Public Works, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson. Please contact Mr. David Thomas, P.E., Assistant to the Director, for more information or to arrange a meeting (410.887.3984).

Comments or appeals of the map can be submitted until February 7, 2006. Your comments should be directed to Mr. Thomas, with a copy to the Lutherville Community Association (P.O. Box 6, ZIP: 21094). Please don't let this opportunity pass – your property and its value could be affected.



Lutherville Tree Project



There are a large number of trees along the roadways within the Lutherville community. Many of these trees are young and healthy, others are ancient, old, damaged and failing. This project is intended to identify the trees

along the roadways and inventory them into a useable format. That format will serve as a guide for any future corrective actions. The project is proposed by the Public Facilities Committee as a necessary safety action that will help to prevent accidental damage to health and property of the Lutherville residents and their guests. The survey was completed during the spring and summer of 2006 by a member of The Boy Scouts of America, in fulfillment of his Eagle Scout Project. The scout will present his report at the LCA general meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2007.

Senator Brochin Town Hall Meeting Planned

Patrick Stone, Legislative Aide for Senator Brochin of the 42nd Legislative District, indicated that the Senator is planning a town hall meeting, tentatively scheduled for the last week in January. For more information, call the senator's District Office in Towson at 410.823.7087. [Note: when the details become available we will post the time and location on the Lutherville website:
www.luthervillecommunityassociation.org]

Lutherville Volunteer Fire Department – Then

(source: Baltimore County Public Library's website, excerpt by William A. Andersen, 1999.)
http://www.bcplonline.org/info/history/hist_local_lutherville.html

The Lutherville Volunteer Fire Department (LVFD) was organized in 1909 with equipment housed in a garage at 301 Morris Avenue, a building that is still standing. The department's first motorized fire truck was purchased in 1913. It was not until 1928 that a new Engine House was built on Bellona Avenue at Division.

Look for upcoming events in the Lutherville Community Association's soon-to-be-redesigned website. Community and church events are welcome. Please send them to newsletter@luthervillecommunityassociation.org

Bookmark the site:
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LVFD: Top Reasons Why They Need to Expand

(as reported in the supplement to the Towson Times, November 8, 2006)

- communities served cover 45 square miles
- number of communities: 34
- number of residents: more than 30,000
- response calls increased from 1,642 in 2001 to 1,904 in 2005
- estimated increase in calls: 10% yearly

To meet these growing demands, they need to:

- acquire up-to-date emergency equipment
- provide proper facilities to house the equipment
- set aside an on-site area for continuous training
- provide adequate sleeping quarters for men and women volunteers

LVFD: Then and Now

	1909	2006
Population	600	15,814
Resident homes	100	6,485
# of fire calls	6	1,904
# of medic calls	0	500
# of volunteer firefighters	12	100
# of emergency apparatus	2	6
Cost of basic fire engine	\$1,500	\$350,000
Cost of basic rescue truck	didn't exist	\$500,000+
Communities served	5	62
Cost of turn-out gear	\$7.00	\$3,500/set
Cost of safety clothing	didn't exist	\$100-\$500
Fire station operating exp.	\$200	\$200,000
Cost of recruiting, training & certifying one firefighter	\$0	\$500

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