

# Lutherville Community Association

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## President's Corner

That's right! Our Community Association needs residents of our neighborhood to join and participate in our ongoing efforts to strive for truth, justice and the Luthervillian way! Our membership numbers are down. And while we have a dedicated core of volunteers who attend our committee meetings and help plan our endeavors, we need more members to lend their voices and hands to help keep our community on track.

We know that life in the aughts is crazy busy and folks have more than enough on their plates, what with work, kids, school, extracurricular activities and just plain survival in these stressful times.

But the quality of our neighborhood ranks up there as pretty important and we can't just assume that the "other guy or gal" will always carry the load. How important is the LCA to the community? Consider some of our recent accomplishments:

- Traffic – Speed humps for five neighborhood streets, guiding posts at Kohl's to inhibit cut-through traffic, soon to come right turn only lane on Ridgely into Old Navy access road, and working with County Traffic Engineering representative on other issues.
- Roland Run flooding and Charles Street Project - Negotiation and advocacy with federal, State and County officials.
- Zoning issues - Watchdog for community regarding critical development proposals, such as College Manor and Lutherville.  
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## Luminaries

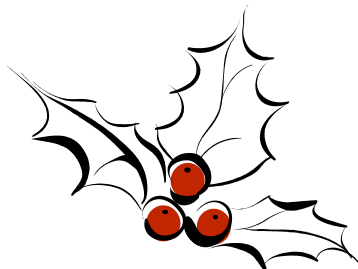
With the holidays upon us it is time to think of the Christmas Eve luminaries. Again as in past years the luminaries will arrive at your doorstep the week or so before/of Christmas. The simple directions along with the bags will be ready for your sand/cat litter and candles. Additionally, we are always looking for volunteers to help distribute the packs to your street and surrounding streets. Please contact Kelley Mackesey at 3bags@comcast.net or 410-560-3504.



## President's Corner (continued)

- House Tour - Conducted another signature event with 11 historic homes, churches, a food court and shuttles that attracted close to 900 visitors, drew rave reviews and contributed \$8,500 to the Volunteer Fire Department's renovation.
- Lutherville Elementary Flea Market - Advocated for the community and our neighborhood school regarding the resolution of this long-standing issue.
- Communication about neighborhood news, events, and security issues via our website, google group, newsletter, and regular meetings. Neighborhood Events - Annual Yard Sale, Halloween and Easter parties, Adopt-A-Highway clean ups, and the upcoming holiday decoration judging, Santa visit, and luminaries.
- Regular meetings provide a forum for discussion of important issues and access to great speakers such as Senator James Brochin, Cockeysville, Corporal Marty Lurz, and Delegate Stephen Lafferty who will talk at our next meeting about the upcoming legislative session.

So please, if you aren't already a member of the LCA, seriously consider joining. The cost is minimal - just \$15 for an individual membership. Information can be found on our website at [luthervillecommunityassociation.org](http://luthervillecommunityassociation.org). If you are currently a member, take a stab at participating on one of our committees: Traffic, Special Events, Nominating, Membership, Security, History, Zoning, and Hospitality, plus our College Manor and Charles Street Project special subcommittees. Information about our organization and upcoming meetings can be found at our website or feel free to give me a call if you have any questions, at 410-560-2757. Have a great holiday season and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting or event.



## LCA House Decorating Contest



On Sunday evening, December 21, the LCA "Christmas House Decorating" judges will tour Lutherville to determine the "best seasonally decorated houses."

Prizes will be awarded for "Naturally Green," "Victorian Elegance," "Simply Charming," and "Best of Show."

## LCA Traffic Committee

The Traffic Committee had an exceptionally productive meeting on November 20. Our special guest was Keith Link of the County Bureau of Traffic Engineering and we expressed our deep appreciation for his help with the installation of speed humps on five neighborhood roads. Streets with speed humps that continue to experience excessive velocity may be eligible for further calming measures. We can also apply for speed humps on additional streets. Mr. Link agreed to check out particular roads for traffic calming measures, including Clark, Greenspring, and Bellona near Orchard Hills. He has already investigated our concerns about visibility for turns onto Ridgely at the Lutherville Station sign. The County will make a right-turn-only lane on Ridgely approaching the Old Navy/Borders access road. He will also look into vehicles parking at Greenspring and Seminary. At his suggestion, we will recommend to the State that left turn signals be installed on Bellona at Seminary, that speed on Seminary near the railroad tracks be investigated, and that our concerns about the Charles Street Project be considered. We will also consider inviting Keith and a representative of the State Highway Administration to our March General Meeting. Our upcoming meetings are set for Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Spangler Hall on January 21, March 18 and May 20 and new members are welcome.

### Join LCA's Listserv (Google Group)

Keep current on what is happening in the neighborhood. To join, click on the "google" **subscribe** link on the LCA homepage. See <http://www.luthervillecommunityassociation.org>

## **LCA Will Present \$8,500 to the LVFC on January 13th**

The Lutherville Community Association is proud to announce that we will be presenting an \$8,500 donation of proceeds from the 2008 Lutherville Historic House Tour to the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company at the first LCA general meeting of the new year: Tuesday, January 13, 2009. Please join us in a short ceremony saluting the LVFC's century of service to Lutherville and surrounding neighborhoods, and wishing them well for the future through our community donation. Well over 100 tour volunteers worked together opening their homes, places of worship, and other public buildings; guiding visitors and narrating the tour experience; crafting unique flower arrangements; donating time and supplies; selling tickets; carting trash; and planning and coordinating the events of the day. We thank the entire community for your support and patience, and for making our 700-plus guests feel so welcome.

Despite our tour donation, the LVFC still has a long road of fundraising ahead, and would benefit greatly from any additional assistance you may be able to provide, whether it be a personal "thank you" donation, or purchase of a commemorative brick or limited-edition Christmas ornament. To learn more about your options for support of these local volunteers, please visit the LVFC website (<http://www.lvfc.com/>) or contact Kiki Worthington, the Capital Campaign Coordinator, at [kiki542@comcast.net](mailto:kiki542@comcast.net).

## **Public Facilities Committee**

Public Facilities continues to discuss the following issues with Baltimore County, State of Maryland, FEMA, and state and Federal Legislators:

- Roland Run flooding in Lutherville and its resulting property erosion and safety conditions
- Proposed reconstruction of the Seminary Avenue bridge near the light rail system. Your committee believes that this reconstruction (fix) will not be sufficient without considering storm water hydraulic and hydrology analysis of the already existing Roland Run severe flooding conditions.

## **Adopt-A-Highway**

LCA is participating in the Adopt-A-Highway program with MD State Highway Administration (SHA). LCA needs participants to pick up trash along Seminary Avenue. The requirements include training (video tape) and signing SHA documentation as the LCA Group Agreement.

Safety vests, gloves and hats are provided as well as trash collection plastic bags. The collection dates for 2009 are Saturday, April 4, 2009; Saturday, July 11, 2009 and Saturday, October 3, 2009. Collection time is 9:00 am to approximately 11:00 am. Meet at St. Paul's parking lot. LCA needs four (4) teams of two (2) persons each. Contact Mel Timmons (410) 252-9380 or [melret@comcast.net](mailto:melret@comcast.net). Help keep Lutherville beautiful.

## **Community Notes**

### **Winter Solstice Celebration**

Sunday, December 21, 7 p.m.; First Unitarian Church of Baltimore (Charles and Franklin Streets); Free and Open to the Public; Signed for deaf people. Celebrate with a seasonal ritual including songs, poetry, and drama. Turn the Wheel of the Year, light the New Year fire, celebrate the return of the sun, bless the newborn babes, taste the sweetness of life. Children and infants are warmly welcome. Food and fellowship will follow. For additional information, contact First Unitarian, 410-685-2330, Pat Montley 410-252-6074, or [office@firstunitarian.net](mailto:office@firstunitarian.net).

### **Welcome New Neighbors**

If you know of anyone moving into the neighborhood, please, let the hospitality committee know at [mmklamitch@msn.com](mailto:mmklamitch@msn.com).

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

Social history is pieced together from multiple sources and multiple points of view. Please contact Karen Morrissey at [morispecht@verizon.net](mailto:morrispecht@verizon.net) or 410.321.5442 if you have stories of the early years of Lutherville, particularly prior to 1950.

### **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](mailto: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.

**Next LCA General Meeting:  
January 13, 2009  
Lutherville Laboratory (Elementary),  
1700 York Road -- 8:00 PM**

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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...  
LCA General Meeting: January 13,  
8PM – Lutherville Elementary  
Delegate Stephen Lafferty will speak