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Lutherville Community Newsletter
January 2006

From the editor's desk...

Hello to all of our readers. A new season is about to begin and pretty soon the smell of flowers, the sound of birds and warmer weather will be arriving in our community. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming soon and we hope to see you all with your kids hunting for eggs and treats! Always remember to get involved in our activities and have some fun volunteering. Also, we still have advertising spaces available! So take advantage and advertise your business within our community newsletter.

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Mark your calendars with the biggest bunny ears you can!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Annual Lutherville Community Association Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8 from 1-3 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, Spangler Hall.

If you are planning on attending, please drop off one dozen plastic eggs per each child participating between 11am-12noon at St. Paul's Church, Spangler Hall.

We'll have an egg hunt and share some activities and treats.

Interested in helping out, contact Aimee Yardley at 410-823-0204 or aimeecreates@yahoo.com. We need help distributing signs and, during the day of the event, hiding eggs and helping to make the event the most fun!

DON'T MISS OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING!

MARCH 14, 2006 at Lutherville Elementary School, 8:00PM

There's news to report on the following topics:

Roland Run Restoration; Public Access along Lutherville Riderwood Drive; Appeal of 510 West Seminary floodplain decision; Safety Concerns/Complaints about Seminary Avenue railroad crossing, the Tree Inventory Project, and more!

Check your calendar MARCH 14, 2006 at Lutherville Elementary School, 8:00PM

MEMBERSHIP

There are 344 individual members of LCA this year, representing 241 families. It's never too late to pay your dues, especially if you wish to vote for new officers at the May meeting! The first request for dues is mailed to you during July or August each year.

A special Thank You goes to those of you who contributed an amount above and beyond the dues amount. The total of extra contributions this year amounts to \$935.00. That's great!

A reminder: Dues amount is \$15.00 per individual. There is no family rate any more. Questions? Call Jan Spigler, membership chair, at 410-252-4093.

Celebrate Style! Home Tour

Sunday, April 2, 2006 from 10am-5pm

\$25.00 / Self Guided

Take an up close and personal look at Baltimore's most exclusive homes on our self-guided home tour featuring historic Lutherville, estates in Greenspring Valley, and General Douglas MacArthur's celebrated residence - Rainbow Hill.

Have you ever flipped through the pages of a design magazine and wondered how the rooms would appear in person? Celebrate Style! gives you the opportunity to step right into the pages of a magazine. Sponsored by the Junior League of Baltimore, Inc. and hosted by Gaines McHale Antiques, Celebrate Style! promotes interior design in homes. You will see that each home has been transformed to create an interior that truly reflects the homeowners' personality and lifestyle. Our featured homes are sure to offer inspiration for everyone. A ticket will be required for entry in all homes.

Contact www.jlbalt.org for more information.

Celebrate Style!

Madhatter's Cocktail Gala & Live Auction

Date: Sat., April 1, 2006 from 7pm - 11pm

\$100.00 / Valet Parking - \$10.00

Come Celebrate Style at the spectacular new home of Gaines McHale Antiques. As you step into our Madhatters's Gala, you will be greeted with our signature cocktail! You'll enjoy delicious food provided by Chef's Expressions Catering, complimentary beer and wine; and a cash bar will be available for top shelf and specialty drinks.

Bring your friends and have a fun-filled evening of live music, silent and live auctions, and of course, a great time!

Contact www.jlbalt.org for more information.

Feng Shui Dismay

By Susan A. Seim

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A couple of years ago Feng Shui (schway) was all the rage. Kind of ironic since this decorating theory has been around for over 3,000 years. Did you get Feng Shui dismay? Did you hire someone who proclaimed to be a practitioner, moved all your stuff around and didn't see any benefit? Or did you simply tire of hearing about it in the media?

Feng Shui literally means wind and water. A few years ago I bought a couple of books and a compass for positioning stuff in my house. And what I found was that a lot of it makes sense. It is basically being thoughtful about your living and working spaces and considering the Chi or energy flowing through your home. I found out you don't want too fast or stagnant Chi. No sir.

Try this. Walk around your living spaces. If you are bumping into furniture, then you have too much. If your living room could be a bowling alley, then you need to pull that furniture off the wall. Like a flowing river, the Chi energy of your house should have room to flow leisurely but purposefully.

Does this sound like just good decorating principles? You bet. But there is more. The Chinese believe in luck. And they believe you can make your own luck by using remedies.

When I began reading about Feng Shui, one of the first things I did was move my bed. I found out that you don't want the bottom of your bed facing towards a bedroom door. When someone dies, the Chinese take you out of the room feet first. So it is bad luck to face your bed towards your door. I have no idea if this is even true, but you better believe I moved my bed as soon as I read that! I can't say that I have had any better luck in the bedroom but I do like where my bed is now better.

So, okay, maybe some of this is hogwash. But whether it is Feng Shui or just plain old good design, there are ways to help you live in better harmony with your surroundings. If friends are important to you, you need to have a comfortable sitting room for entertaining. If health is an issue, a spa-like bathroom to help ease stress may be just the ticket. If life-long learning is a priority for you, then you need to finally create a library in that never-used living room. We at SusanSeimDesigns make it our mission to help people create Intentional Interiors. Let us help.

Essential Tasks to Prepare for Spring Gardening

article from:

<http://www.demesne.info/Garden-Help/Gardening-Checklists/Spring-Essentials.htm>

Ready, set, plan...

After the winter holiday season, most gardeners start itching to get back out in the yard and start their spring gardens. Unless you live in a mild climate though, chances are your garden is still under snow

you live in a mild climate though, chances are your garden is still under snow or too wet and cold to work. As a result, January and February are ideal months for planning, ordering seed, and starting plants indoors to be ready the instant they can jump into the growing season.

Work back six weeks from the last frost date in your area to develop a timeline. The following list will help you get started before you set out a single plant

* Do you want new beds? If so, lay out newspaper 5 or 6 sheets deep, then add several inches of compost over the top. This kills existing vegetation by smothering it. Four months later, you can dig it up to work the compost into the soil. No sod removal is necessary. (This is best done in December or January.)

* Shop for seeds in December and January. Order early for best selection. If you snooze, you'll lose.

* Assess soil. Buy a soil test kit or have soil tested. Most county extension services can test your garden soil or recommend labs if they don't. Healthy soil is essential to a productive plant, so it pays to test especially if your results were unimpressive last year. Call to find out what you need to do and how long it will take, then plan accordingly.

* Check shrubs and woody plants. What needs pruning? For early spring bloomers like forsythia, prune promptly after flowering is complete.

* Do you have a lot of perennials? Do any of them need to be moved? Spring is the time to transplant divisions or move plants around. If you have friends who are gardeners, it's a good time to arrange trades.

* Check your tools. Clean and sharpen blades on hand tools. Have mower serviced if you didn't do it in the fall before you put them away. Budget for new tools or replacements now.

* While you're at it, organize the garden shed. Clean, sterilize, and organize terracotta pots, planters, and starter trays. Sterilize using a bleach and water solution of 1 part bleach to ten parts water. Rinse thoroughly, then dry. (Remember to do this in the fall so you don't have to do it when it's still cold outside.)

* Provide or build gardening supports for peonies, tomatoes, peas, beans, and squash. Supporting flowers with heavy heads prevents breakage. Growing vegetables vertically saves space and prevents bugs and slugs from knocking on your veggies.

* Sow seeds in starter trays according to package instructions and the last frost date for your area.

Don't get anxious and start working in the garden too early. The soil needs to be damp but not soggy or sticky. If you take a handful of soil and make a ball, it should fall apart easily when you open your hand. Also, setting out plants prematurely often results in discouraging losses. Planning and getting ready to go saves time and money you'll want to spend on cool new plants and tools.

From Captain Martin Lurz, Precinct 7, Cockeysville

The Department has announced the agenda and dates for the 22nd Citizens' Academy. For those who are not familiar with this program, it's an 11 week program to give interested citizens an overview of the actual Police Department's Recruit Training Academy that all police recruits attend before assignment to a precinct. Numerous citizens and community/business groups from the Precinct 7 area have attended past academy programs and everyone speaks highly of the experience. Classes generally run from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM and will be held on Wednesdays, starting March 15, 2006. There is one Saturday date of May 20, 2006. I have attached a copy of the agenda for your review.

Anyone interested in participating can email me at jlurz@co.ba.md.us and I will send an application to you. Fill out the application, sign it and fax it back to my attention at 410-584-8922 and we'll take it from there. All applicants are subject to a background check before final approval. This is a worthwhile and interesting program that allows you to see firsthand how the department operates, how we do certain things and, most importantly, why we do certain things. For more information, please email me or call Off. Jen Berg, Precinct 7 Community Outreach Team, at 410-887-1863.

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Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday in September, November, February, and April beginning at 7:30pm 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 8:00pm at Lutherville Elementary School.



