
**General Meeting – March 19, 7:30
St. Paul’s Spangler Hall**

PRESIDENTS CORNER.....ANTICIPATION

If you're like me, you may find that the period of anticipation before a special event can be even more enjoyable than the event itself. For example, I find that the time leading up to a vacation is particularly fun. The vacation itself goes by very quickly and often doesn't live up to expectations. But, the time before the trip when I am dreaming about and planning for it; this is when anything is possible and is truly the time to savor.

The same holds true for the seasons. I've always favored the spring. My twin brother and I were born in April. I like outdoor activities and longer periods of sunlight. These days, I enjoy coaching my daughter's softball team in the LTRC. Spring is the time of beautiful days, flowers; perfection is in the air. Yet we all know that spring in Maryland comes and goes quickly. It seems that one day it's frigid and then, before we know it, the dog days of summer hit. That's why this time of year, early March, holds so much promise and is to be relished. We can almost taste the onset of spring, which we know to be so fleeting.

We have a couple of important issues in our community that are heating up and we anticipate their resolutions soon. College Manor has proposed expanding from family assisted living into senior independent housing. They plan on building 250 units on eight of their eleven acres by erecting three additional four-story buildings and growing from 30,000 to 250,000-300,000 square feet. The development may include such amenities as a health club, swimming pool, theater, beauty shop and dining facilities, plus sufficient parking for residents, staff and visitors. Arrangements for storm water management and expanded utilities would be required. The canopy of mature trees that currently presents a buffer to the neighborhood would be a casualty.

The Community Association's workgroup met with College Manor's development team several times. We met as a group numerous times and developed relevant information.

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Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 15, 2008



Easter egg hunt before St. Patrick's Day? Who knew? The Lutherville Community Association will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 15th, 2008. The snow date will be Saturday, March 22nd. The event will be held at St Paul's Lutheran Church will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Please drop off your filled or unfilled eggs between 9:30a.m.-10a.m. at Spangler Hall the morning of the hunt. Please join us for the hunt as well as games, treats, and pizza! Interested in helping out? Contact special events coordinator at 3bugs@comcast.net.

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We conducted a community forum to elicit feedback from neighbors and met with County officials. Based on an extensive evaluation, our Association has decided to oppose College Manor's request to rezone from their current DR2 (two units per acre) to DR16. We believe that the large structures would be incompatible with our historic, low density, residential community and would swallow up the celebrated landmark of the area.

We recently circulated a message to the community urging a letter-writing campaign to make our position known to County officials. We included sample letters and recommend residents compose their own or use these models. We also want neighbors to attend the County Planning Board meeting on Tuesday March 11 at 7 p.m. at Loch Raven High School to show support for our position. Several members of our workgroup will testify at this hearing.

Our second issue concerns the Sunday Flea Market at Lutherville Elementary School. This event started 20 years ago when Lutherville was a surplus school and the flea market was a low-key neighborhood affair. It has evolved into an all-day mega-market with up to 150 vendors selling all manner of used and manufactured goods with hundreds of patrons shopping at a time. The damage inside and to the grounds of the school is substantial. Neighbors report that they cannot park in front of their homes or have guests on Sundays. Concerns have been expressed about school and community security and trash.

Our Association met with LTRC and County officials, neighbors, and the PTA and we received feedback from Association members. The Board decided to recommend the cessation of the event and we communicated our position to County officials. Recently we have met with the Director of the County Department of Recreation and Parks and also with the Board of Recreation and Parks, which is charged with deciding the issue. Our Association will continue to give voice to the concerns of our members.

LCA Board Nominations

Your chance to make a difference

-- Aimee Yardley, Chair Nominating Committee

As residents of Lutherville, I hope you are aware that every year an active nominating committee works to hard to recruit a slate of nominees for the May elections. This year we'll be having our elections during our meeting at Lutherville Laboratory Elementary School on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 8pm. Our community is a gem. We're situated in a bustling area but we remain a community with a great mixture of homes and people with varied opinions. There is a great range of our community interest and directives. It's nearly impossible not to find an area that would be of interest to you. I urge you to become more involved in this community. There are many changes happening in our area and there couldn't be a better time to become more active. Take this opportunity to find out more about your neighborhood and make a difference.

The following positions will be up for election at the May 6th meeting:

Member at Large (2): The two Directors at Large shall be responsible for recording attendance at LCA meetings and encouraging members to attend and participate in LCA functions.

Chairpersons for the following committees:

Membership: This committee is responsible for all membership solicitation and keeps records of current members.

Hospitality: This committee is responsible for welcoming new residents to the community, informing them of LCA membership eligibility and furnishing refreshments at LCA meetings.

Public Facilities: This committee is responsible for all matters concerning open space, streams, parks, playgrounds and walkways within the boundaries of the community.

Zoning: This committee is responsible for all matters concerning zoning or development within the boundaries of the LCA. It is responsible for the implementation of the Lutherville Master Plan and for proposing changes thereto.

History: This committee is responsible for LCA archives and all activities of a historical nature within the boundaries of the LCA.

LCA Board Nominations (continued)

We need nominees for all of these positions. If anyone is interested in learning more about any of these positions or ready to commit, please let me know by March 28 so that I may get the proper forms to you. My contact information is 410-823-0204 or aimeeyardley@yahoo.com. Or feel free to contact the other Nominating Committee members: Kelley Mackeysay, 3bugs@comcast.net; Marie Frederick mfrederick@comcast.net; or Rose Boutilier, jrboutilier@aol.com.

BYLAWS Article Ten: Nominations: All voting members of the LCA may be nominated to run for any office or vacancy within the Board of Directors of the LCA. All members who wish to run in an election must complete and submit a biographical summary to the Nominating Committee no later than April 1st preceding the annual meeting.

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. Questions? Contact newsletter@luthervillecommunityassociation.org.

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

Bookmark the LCA site:
www.luthervillecommunityassociation.org

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.



2008 Lutherville House Tour



Visit the former cockfighting center of Lutherville!

Learn the purported health benefits of living in an Octagon house!

Peruse original oil paintings in a working artist's studio!

See the greatest collection of Halloween memorabilia known to man!

Support the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company and help these brave volunteers to protect our homes, our community, and our persons! (See the company's capital campaign video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K15_zfkl_lo.)

The 2008 Lutherville House Tour – scheduled for October 4, 2008 from 10am to 4pm – will enable you to do all this and more. We already have 12 beautiful and historic homes committed to the tour, but there is still time to join the list. If interested, please e-mail mfrederick@comcast.net to volunteer your house.

We have greater need, however, of volunteers to staff and run our organizing committees, and work with us to ensure a successful house tour and a generous donation to the fire company. Responsibilities range from logistics, to publicity, to graphic design, to historic research, to map making, to finance. We welcome anyone with the desire to contribute to a good cause.

Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Room B of Spangler Hall at St. Paul's Church to learn how you can be a part of this charitable and community event.

Thank you, and hope to see you there!
Karen Morrissey & Cindy Piazza, Co-chairs
housetour2008@luthervillecommunityassociation.org

Charles Street Bridge Project

In the Spring of 2007, the State Highway Administration (SHA) made the community aware that it planned to replace the bridge at the northern end of Charles Street. The project will also include removal of the roundabout, to be replaced by a traffic signal, as well as some minor widening of Bellona Avenue near the Charles Street to Beltway ramp.

An ad hoc committee met with SHA to call to their attention concerns such as a change in the configuration of the turning movement from Bellona Avenue onto Clarke Avenue, a second traffic signal at the ramp from the Beltway, and property acquisition at Clarke and Bellona. They also requested SHA to examine traffic movements all the way to Seminary at Bellona Avenue.

Recently, the SHA received approval from the Maryland Historic Trust that the project would create no adverse impacts. The SHA has committed to work with the owners of the properties at Clarke and Bellona to minimize any impacts associated with grading during the construction. While SHA's commitment remains to be seen, it does appear that they are sensitive to the owners concerns. However, SHA wants no part of examining traffic beyond the Othoridge Road limit of their project, so the intersection of Seminary and Bellona will not be studied, or improved, as a part of this project.

Community Notes

St. Paul's Tour and Open House

St. Paul's Lutheran Church invites you to join your Lutherville neighbors for a special "VIP" open house to celebrate the renovated Parish Hall and recently restored stained glass windows. On Sunday, April 13, beginning at 7:00 p.m., St. Paul's is hosting an open house with guided tours, wine, and hors d'oeuvres. Childcare will be provided. RSVP by phone or email; contact Marty Reisinger at 410.666.0100 or mar@rrginc.com.



On Sunday, April 27 St. Paul's is also planning a celebration service followed by a dedication, special activities for children, and a brunch. Everyone is welcome to participate in this festive event.

Zoning

By now all residents should have received information about the upcoming Comprehensive Zoning Hearing scheduled for March 11 at Loch Raven High School. While several issues may receive most of the attention, there are a few issues that have flown under the radar because they are not of a controversial nature. These include several issues recommended by Councilman Brian McIntire. Basically, Councilman McIntire has taken several county-owned parcels and requested that each be down zoned to create less housing density on the properties. Typically, these parcels are zoned currently to allow either three and one half or five and one half dwelling units per acre. Under the requests put forward by Councilman McIntire, the zoning would be changed to allow two dwelling units per acre in one instance and one dwelling unit for every twenty five acres in the other instances. So in effect the Councilman is hoping that by down zoning these parcels, they would be less attractive for development in the future. These properties, all Baltimore County owned, include Issue 3-163, the northeast corner of Country Club Park; Issue 3-204, Lutherville Laboratory School; Issue 3-206, orchard Hills Park; Issue 3-209, Seminary Avenue Park; Issue 3-211, the eastern corner of Seminary Avenue and Greenspring Drive and Issue 3-233, the area west of the Light Rail line at Ridgely Avenue. If you appreciate Councilman McIntire's efforts, it might be a good idea to drop him a letter expressing your approval.

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Welcome New Neighbors

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Bach Recital

Spring into Bach at First Unitarian Church

– Free and Open to the Public

On Sunday, April 13 at 1 p.m., award winning pianist, William Larsen, will perform an all Bach recital as the final event of the 2007-2008 Cultural Series of the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore. The free performance (contributions accepted) will take place in the church's Parrish Hall, 514 N. Charles St. The program includes Bach's Italian Concerto in F major, BWV 971; Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue in D minor, BWV 903, and Overture in the French Style in B minor, BWV 831.

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Advice from Captain Marty Lurz, Precinct 7

Lock doors and windows on houses, garages, sheds and vehicles. Nearly 35% of the burglary incidents reported this year to Precinct 7 officers involved entry through an unlocked door or window.

Call 911 to report any suspicious activity. You do not need to provide a name when the call is made.

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This spring, Parks & People will be offering high performance trees for sale. Red buds, Red Maples, Oak trees and more will be available. The native trees have been grown using a specialized, natural production method that results in faster growth, an increased ability to absorb carbon and higher survivability rates. Order before March 28. See (http://www.parksandpeople.org/programs_social_enterprises.html) to order your tree today!

To find out more information, please contact Jessica Walbridge at 410-448-5663, ext. 114 or email her at Jessica.Walbridge@parksandpeople.org.



Hazardous Waste Collection

A household hazardous waste collection will take place at the Baltimore County Resource Recovery Facility in Cockeysville on Sunday, April 13, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. More details are available at <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/recycling/hhwinformation.html>

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Join us at the next General Meeting,
March 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Spangler
Hall, St. Paul's Lutheran Church at
1609 Kurtz Avenue, 21093