

PRESIDENT'S C O R N E R

EXTRA, EXTRA!

Luthervillian Wins Pulitzer Prize!

You know how when you have a particularly vivid dream, you can't tell if it's real or if it's Memorex. Well, I woke up the other day feeling really pumped up. The Pulitzer Prize Committee added an award for best Community Association Newsletter and ours was the inaugural winner! Our Board members have cauliflower ears from taking all the congratulatory calls from colleagues at the Orchard Hills Gazette and the Dulaney Valley Improvement Association Bimonthly Beagle. Even the Stoneleigh Register and Bee gave us a shout. Our editor extraordinaire, Marty Reisinger, was fielding offers from Oprah and Katie for interviews. Next he was going to take on Bill O'Reilly in the "No Spin Zone." Marty's life was suddenly so complicated. What recipe would he debut for Ra-

chel Ray? Should he wear a red or blue tie when he meets with Barack?

As I pondered this exciting development, I started thinking...just how did our little old community newsletter win this prestigious award? What did we do that caught the Committee's attention? And then it struck me! We write about all of the wonderful things happening in beautiful Lutherville. Like the fact that our History Chair, Karen Morrissey, and any other interested folks will be collecting oral histories from long-time residents. We are going to see if we can digitalize the tapes and have clips on our website. The oral histories will be housed at the Baltimore Historical Society where all residents can have access to them. We already have four older tapes that colorfully describe earlier

times in our neighborhood.

We're excited about a possible summer LCA social event in concert with the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Department's popular annual affair. Anyone interested in participating can let me know and I'll put you in touch with Margo Chaney, our Membership Chair and liaison with the Fire Department.

Our Traffic Committee has been very busy at bimonthly meetings. We are tackling such issues as speed on Bellona and the Bellona/Seminary light, possible speed humps on Clark Avenue, safety on Greenspring Drive, and visibility at Lutherville Station. We've arranged speakers from the State Highway Administration and the County Department of Traffic and Engineering at our next General Meeting to talk about

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LCA General Meeting - Tuesday, March 10, 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at Lutherville Elementary School. Refreshments will be served starting at 7:30 p.m.

Speakers will include representatives from State Highway and the County Department of Traffic and Engineering.

Keep Lutherville Beautiful

LCA's participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program with the Maryland State Highway Administration needs participants to pick up trash along Seminary Avenue. The requirements include viewing a training video and signing an LCA Group Agreement. Safety vests, gloves, hats, and trash collection bags are provided. The collection dates for 2009 are 4/4, 7/11 and 10/3. Collection time is 9:00 am until 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.

Community Notes

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday April 11

Hippity, Hoppity. Easter's on its' way. The Lutherville Community Association will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 11th, 2009. 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 9:30 a.m.-10 a.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.

Chamber Music at First Unitarian Church - April 3, 8:00 p.m.

Peabody Director of Chamber Music, Michael Kannen, brings faculty and top students for a unique faculty/student collaboration. The program will include Mozart's Flute Quartet in D major, brass music by Eric Ewazen, and Sextet in G major by Johannes Brahms. The concert takes place at First Unitarian Church of Baltimore at Franklin and Charles Streets. The concert is free and open to the public. Contributions will benefit the Historic Niemann Organ Restoration Fund. For more information: <http://www.firstunitarian.net/calendar.asp>, 410-685-2330 or office@firstunitarian.net.

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Charles Street Bridge Reconstruction Begins

Despite the LCA's efforts to request a further examination of the project, the State Highway Administration has begun construction to replace the Charles Street bridge and realign traffic patterns at Charles Street and Bellona Avenue. The State's plans include a longer bridge to accommodate the future widening of I-695, the removal of the round-a-bout and its replacement with a traffic signal, a second traffic signal at Bellona Avenue and the off ramp from I-695, a change at the intersection of Bellona Avenue/Clarke Avenue and a reworking of the ramp to I-695 west and I-83.

With this project expected to take approximately three years, motorists should be prepared for travel delays and changes in traffic patterns in this area, as well as the continuing construction along York Road, which will hopefully be completed before the end of the year.

Previously, members of the community association expressed concerns that the engineers for the Charles Street bridge project should reexamine the removal of the round-a-bout, should address traffic congestion all the way to Seminary Avenue, should try to minimize tree removal and should examine other

concerns from the immediate neighbors. One resident went so far as to claim that the State representatives negotiated in bad faith regarding the acquisition of a temporary easement from his property. However, letters to the State Highway Administrator and the Governor produced little direct compromise on behalf of the State, and the project forges ahead.

If you experience problems during this lengthy and complex construction project, please express your concerns to Mr. David Bond, Project Engineer, 410-296-9041 or Mr. Bruce Cain, 410-321-2825.



<< How Scenic is This?

In a report published on Maryland State highway's Web site, Maryland has designated 19 Byways that encompass 2,487 miles, which offer a taste of Maryland's scenic beauty, history and culture." On page 90 of the report under Charles St. Project it says " Lutherville to Roland Park, To the north, Charles St. appears as wooded parkway above 695 and south to Baltimore City." Someone forgot to tell the traffic engineers that Charles Street was being promoted as a byway (see sign on Charles St. bridge over the expressway). We are now left with a barren stretch of land and eye sore as our part of the Byway.

Call for Oral Histories of Lutherville

Do you, or a friend or relative, have vivid memories of a Lutherville long gone? Count your years here in decades, rather than years? Love sharing stories of the way things used to be? Wish to achieve some small measure of immortality?

LCA and the Historical Society of Baltimore County are seeking oral histories of Lutherville in any format – audiotape, CD, videotape, DVD – to become part of the Historical Society collection and contribute to our collective community memory. The Historical Society has formed an oral history committee, and is working with Barry Lan-

man, of the Martha Ross Center for Oral History at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

If you are interested in being interviewed for the collection, or volunteering to conduct interviews with long-time Lutherville residents, please contact Karen Morrissey, LCA History Committee, at morrispecht@verizon.net or 443.921.8270. You may also contact the Historical Society directly at info@hsobc.org or 410.666.1878. Either LCA or the Historical Society can provide permission and "deed of gift" forms, which are required for acceptance of oral history materials into the Historical Society collection.

LCA Web Site

In their February meeting, the LCA Board voted to include the minutes from the General meetings on the LCA website. On the home page there is now a link to the "Newsletters and Minutes" webpage. The Board also voted to include a webpage listing our business members and advertisers. Please support them.

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!

Please email to newsletter@luthervillecommunityassociation.org any community notices or photos to be included in the Lutherville Community Association website or newsletter.

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these topics and more, including the Charles Street Project. We're also looking into placing a neighborhood welcome sign at Greenspring Drive, beautifying the park at Greenspring and Seminary and repairing the six Lutherville signs that currently identify our community. Upcoming Traffic Meetings are on Wednesdays March 4 and April 29, 7:30 p.m. at Spangler Hall and all neighbors are invited.

As always, our Public Facilities Committee is hard at work trying to address the flooding at Roland Run. Mel Timmons met recently with a representative of the State Department of the Environment and is following up on recommendations. Eric Rockel is always keeping a watchful eye out for pertinent zoning issues, such as Lutherville.

Our website will soon have added features. We're going to start putting General Association minutes up. And our Security Chair, Michael Mitchell, will spread the word to check the State website when we receive word from the police that a sexual offender has moved into the neighborhood.

Finally, we're committed to providing residents with timely and pertinent information. We've arranged a workshop on energy efficiency and cost savings from BG&E at our May General Meeting. We have arranged a CPR class for our community at the Firehouse. See the add to the left.

Oh well, time to go. I've got a flight to catch to Stockholm.... or is that where they do the Nobel Prize? Now that's another dream.

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CPR Class

A CPR class is being offered by the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Firehouse. The cost is \$35. If there are more than 15 registrants, another class will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Please contact Jeffrey Dier at jeffdier@verizon.net or 410-560-2757 if you are interested.

Towson High Prom Donation

The LCA Board of Directors approved a donation of \$100 for the Towson High School After Prom Party. This donation covers the costs of two students attending a safe and entertaining prom nightcap.

Looking for a Few Good People - May Elections

As residents of Lutherville, are you are aware that every year an active nominating committee works hard to recruit a slate of nominees for the May elections? This year the elections will take place during our meeting at Lutherville Laboratory Elementary School on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 8pm. Lutherville is a very unique community that is nestled in the center of a very active corridor along the Baltimore Beltway and York Road. There are many changes currently happening surrounding our community, some of which have become quite visible recently. It is

very important that residents become involved and volunteer their time to help this community stay strong and heard within our local and state government.

Please look at the list of positions available and contact the Nominating Committee to find a job that may be of interest to you and match your special talent.

The following positions will be up for election at the May 12th meeting: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The following committees chairpersons are available:

Nominating, Traffic, Special Events, Newsletter, and Security.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these positions, please contact mfredrick@comcast.net or call 410-252-1367 by March 31 so that the proper forms can be delivered to you. Feel free to contact the other Nominating Committee members - Dennis Szymaszek at djszy@comcast.net or 410-252-8332 and Marcia Hettinger at mhettinger@comcast.net or 410-828-4849.

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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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