

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The True Character of Lutherville

As the sky continued to pour snow on a recent morning, my daughter Maggie and I pitched our shovels again and again into the heavy drifts on our driveway to try and clear a path to the street. This was becoming a regular routine and my herniated disc was crying out: "no mas." After hours of work, we had finally cleared a path down our long driveway, a path still not wide enough for one of our cars to reach the promised road. Suddenly, from across the street, came a tall, slender figure on a snowplow. Roy Brewer, our kindly neighbor for the last 14 years, was coming to our rescue. He plowed back and forth into the three feet of snow bordering the path we had dug and in a matter of minutes had cleared out most of our driveway.

After Roy finished our drive, he proceeded to do the same for several other neighbors. I thanked him profusely, pronounced him "a saint" and joked that I was picking the Saints over the

Colts in the upcoming Super Bowl. Roy took this all in stride as he always does. We've come to depend on Roy to plow many of the driveways on our patch of Morris Avenue. In fact, before the previous storm, Roy had left a message on our voicemail not to worry, that he would be over to plow our drive as soon as it stopped snowing. As you recall, this was a humdinger of a storm also. I couldn't believe our wonderful fortune that a neighbor would call in advance to let us know that we would be spared a big dig!

After the most recent storm, the foot-and-a-half after the three-foot whopper, Maggie and I again were working on widening the end of the driveway. This is the hardest part of the labor because the highway crews shove piles of packed snow and ice on these sections when they clear the roads. And this part has to be particularly wide so you can turn both ways onto the narrower street. Out of the blue, another

neighbor, Brian Del Grosso, who was working on his drive, came across the street and started helping us chip away. As we chit chatted about sports and kids, we finished off the task and then headed down the street where we saw another neighbor, Bud Nixon, hard at work.

It was at this point that I realized that the kindness of Roy and Brian was contagious. I felt energized to "pay forward" the kind of good deeds they had bestowed on us. It's evident that particularly challenging situations, such as huge snowstorms, bring out the best in neighbors and I've noticed that our neighborhood is filled with people who are kind and considerate and willing to help others without any expectation of return.

After a trip to the bank today, I was sitting in my car in the parking lot at Yorkridge Plaza, talking on my cellphone with a colleague at work. The car battery died because the radio was on

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NEW EARLIER TIME!

General Meeting - Tuesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at Lutherville Elementary School.

Refreshments will be served prior to the meeting starting at 6:30p.m.

Join the LCA for **Basket Bingo!**

**St. Paul's Spangler Hall
May 7 @ 7:00 pm**

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Single Stream Recycling

Find out more about the new recycling program

Baltimore County's only landfill, Eastern Sanitary Landfill, is already half full. We can preserve the life of the County's landfill by recycling as much as possible and reducing our waste. The new program allows residents to set out more materials for recycling collection and also offers new ways to set out these recyclables.

	yes	no
metal	Aluminum and steel food and beverage cans, EMPTY aerosol cans, aluminum foil and pie pans	Propane cylinders, pots and pans, scrap metal
glass	All colors of glass bottles and jars	Dishes, ceramics, drinking glasses, window glass, light bulbs, mirrors, crystal, cookware (e.g., Corning-ware™, Pyrex®)
plastic	Narrow-neck plastic bottles and jugs (number 1 to 7 recycling symbol), wide-mouth plastic containers and rigid plastics	Plastic bags, Styrofoam™, clam shells (e.g., packaging for toys, batteries), CD jewel cases, motor oil containers, VHS tapes, plastic electronics
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Attention Residents along the Roland Run Stream

In the coming weeks the Public Facilities Committee of the LCA will be sending out notices of a meeting to all of those owners whose properties are adjacent to Roland Run. Recent proposed changes to the Federal "Flood Insurance Rate Maps" have changed the boundaries of the flood plain associated with the Roland Run, and these proposed changes may have implications on requirements to carry flood insurance, as well as other implications for your property. Please attempt to attend this meeting after a meeting date has been set and notices have been sent out. Contact Eric with questions: erockel@earthlink.net.

Tax Credit Creates More Opportunities for Buyers

Contributed by: **Carol R. Taylor, Realtor, Coldwell Banker**



When the federal government announced the first-time home buyer's tax credit last year, the housing industry saw a wave of new buyers eager to take advantage of an unprecedented opportunity. Sellers enjoyed a pool of new buyers trying to meet a deadline. It was a great move for buyers, sellers and our economy.

The tax credit is just that - a credit against your tax liability and often results in a refund check. For example, a current homeowner who qualifies for the \$6,500 credit and has a 2009 tax liability of \$4,000, would be allowed a full tax credit of \$4,000 and receive a check for the remaining \$2,500. Check with your tax accountant or attorney about how the credit would work specific to your personal situation.

Now, with the recent extended and expanded tax credit adding current homeowners to the buyer pool, up or down-sizing to a more desirable home is more appealing. We are already beginning to see signs of additional activity in the single-family, condos and town home markets. Current homeowners who have lived in their primary residence for five of the last eight years are eligible for a tax credit of up to \$6,500. First time buyers, which include buyers who have not owned a primary residence in the last three years, are eligible for up to an \$8,000 tax credit.

Please remember, the deadline to take advantage of the tax credit is April 30, 2010.

If you would like to discuss how days on market statistics affect your situation, or if you or anyone you know needs advice about today's housing market, please contact me.

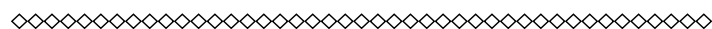
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for a bit. I didn't have jumper cables with me so I called my wife at home to arrange for help to come. While I was waiting, a lady in the car next to mine offered to give me help and another expressed her concern.

Roy Brewer, Brian DeGrosso, the ladies in the parking lot. They all helped to reinforce my belief in the goodness of neighbors and the real strength of our community. We all know that we have a beautiful neighborhood, with unique and historic homes and buildings and gorgeous landscaping. But the truly wondrous part of our community is the kindness and consideration of the people and their willingness to help others in times of need.

If you have a neighbor who performs "good deeds" that you would like mentioned in this column, write to me about it at jeffdier@verizon.net.



Congratulations to the Holiday Decorating Contests winners!

Lutherville was glowing with lights and festively decorated through the month of December. The following homes were selected as winners in the annual decorating contest.

- Most Festive** - 801 Morris Avenue
- Naturally Green** - 505 Starlight Court
- Victorian Elegance** - 319 Melancton
- Simply Elegant** - 806 Morris Avenue
- Best Lights** - 223 Seminary Avenue

Congratulations! The winners were awarded a \$25 gift certificate to Radebaugh Florist.



Lutherville *Nostalgia Quiz*

Why would anyone go to TDI?

To find out the answer, visit the LCA web site.

Welcome New Neighbors

If you know of anyone moving into the neighborhood, please let the hospitality committee know at triciakevin@yahoo.com.

Community Notes

Annual LCA Spring/Easter Party

March 27, 1:30 - 3:00 at Spangler Hall, St. Paul's Church

Join us for snacks, drinks, prizes and fun! LCA members are free and non-members are \$3/child. Please drop off 1 dozen (per child) filled plastic eggs between 12:30 and 1:00.

Chamber Music at First Unitarian Church

April 16, 8 pm at the Sanctuary of First Unitarian Church, Charles and Franklin Streets

Featured: Cellist Michael Kannen, Director of Chamber Music at the Peabody Conservatory of Music. The concert is free and open to the public. Contributions will benefit the Historic Niemann Organ Restoration Fund. Concert details :<http://tinyurl.com/yeppyqf7>. For information contact musiccommittee@firstunitarian.net.

Traffic Committee Meeting

April 20, 7pm at Spangler Hall, St. Paul's Church

Does the amount of traffic or the way that people drive through our community drive you crazy? Do you want to stop trucks from parking on West Seminary to allow proper sight distance for cars turning onto Seminary? If so, get involved with the Traffic Committee and attend our next meeting.

Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up Schedule

2010 Dates: April 17 | July 17 | October 16

Meet at St. John's parking lot at 9:00 am. Bring your safety vest, gloves and hat. Bags for trash will be provided. New participants must sign up with Mel Timmons and review the State Highway Presentation. Equipment will be provided to new participants. Contact Mel at melret@comcast.net or 410-252-9380.

Cool Kids 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run

June 12 through Historic Lutherville

Proceeds from the race will help families involved in the Cool Kids Campaign, an organization dedicated to improving the life for pediatric oncology patients and their families while they are going through cancer diagnosis and its treatments. Join us in helping to provide financial and emotional support to children and families dealing with this horrific disease. Registration details for this event can be found at charmcityrun.com. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact coolkids5k@verizon.net. To find out more information about the Cool Kids Campaign in general, please visit their website at coolkidscampaign.org. More detailed information will follow shortly. See you in June!!

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Join the LCA Listserv
What's happening in the neighborhood? Stay informed and join today! Click on the "google" subscribe link on the LCA homepage.

LCA Meetings
Board meetings are held the second Tuesday in September, November, February, and April at 7:00 pm in Spangler Hall and are open to members of the Association. All members and interested parties are invited to attend the General Meetings held on the second Tuesday in October, January, March and May (the Annual Meeting) at 7:00 pm.

Stay Informed! Get Involved!

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