

The Lutherville Community Association

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General Meeting

Tuesday, May 8, at 7:45 pm at College Manor

- 7:45 p.m. – Refreshments – mingle with your friends & neighbors
- 8:00 p.m. – Speaker: Carrie Engel, from Valley View will speak on gardening topics including how to cope with deer.
- 8:30 p.m. Business Meeting:
Minutes Approved
Treasurer's Report
Traffic Committee Report
Zoning Committee Report
Facility Committee Report
Special Events Update
Future Association Meeting Locations
- 8:45 p.m. – Voting for Officers**
- 9:30 p.m. – Adjourn
- Mark your calendar! Come hear the SHA speak about the Charles Street roundabout and related plans. Mingle with your neighbors and learn what's happening in the neighborhood.

The Lutherville Community Association greatly appreciates the hospitality of College Manor who graciously offered to host our spring general meetings. Mark your calendar! The next meeting date is May 8, College Manor, 8:00 p.m.

Nominating Committee Report

Under the provisions of the 2002 Bylaws of the Lutherville Community Association, the Nominating Committee presents the following slate of Officers and Board Member nominations for election at the Annual Membership Meeting at 7:45pm on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at College Manor.

President: Jeff Dier – 209 Morris Ave.

Jeff is our current Vice President. He is an attorney and worked on the LCA Traffic and Bylaws Committees. He has served on the LTRC rec council and enjoys running and various sports.

Vice President: Vacant

The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of incapacity of the President and shall be the liaison between LCA and the various churches and organizations within the community.

Secretary: Cindy Piazza – 1603 Francke Ave.

Cindy is our current secretary. She has lived in the community for 3 years. She has served as PTA secretary for Heritage Montessori school and room mother for her boys at St. Paul's school.

Treasurer: Alice Parson – 500 Talbott Ave.

Alice has been our treasurer for the past 2 years. She has lived in Lutherville for 37 years. She is a retired CPA and was a former employee of H&R Block.

Newsletter: Marty Reisinger – 207 Melancthon

Marty is our current Newsletter Chair. He has lived in the community for 5 years. He is currently on the church council at St. Paul's Church and is a training consultant.

Security: Marie Frederick – 223 Morris Ave.

Marie is our current security chairperson. She has lived in Lutherville for 21 years. She is also secretary of the Lutherville Historic District Committee.

Special Events: Kelly Mackesey – 700 Goucher

Kelly has lived in Lutherville for 12 years. She has served on various committees both at Lutherville Elementary and Towson High School. Kelly has her business in decorative painting.

Traffic: Mark Gedney – 319 Melancthon Ave.

Mark is our current Traffic Chairperson and has lived in the neighborhood for 7 years. He has his own commercial construction business and enjoys coaching youth lacrosse.

Nominating: Vacant

The chairperson must have four other people on the committee. The committee is responsible for finding nominees for vacant positions within the LCA and committee members.

We urge all residents of the community to come out and vote. All current dues paying members (2006-07) are allowed to vote. Membership will be checked at the door, so please bring your card. LCA members who have not yet paid their current dues may do so at the door in order to vote.

The elections will take place at 8:45 pm. Nominations will be taken from the floor for all vacant positions.

If anyone is interested in filling one of those positions, please contact either Laretta Evans at 410-821-9017 or Marie Frederick at 410-252-1367 or email at mfrederick@comcast.net. I encourage you all to participate in the community.

**Laretta Evans, Chairperson
Marie Frederick
Ann Moore
Barbara Sterne**

Thanks to Retiring Board Members!

A special thank you goes to the retiring board members, especially our president Marcia Hettinger. Marcia served as president for two terms. Aimee Yardley, who chaired the Special Events committee for the past two years, had this to say about her experience: "...I have lived in Lutherville for only 5 years and when I started this position, I was a new member to the association I am grateful to have become more involved and have enjoyed meeting more people in the community and learning about all the great things our Association does..."

Reminder: the May 8 General Meeting will be held at College Manor.

The Sadtlers of Lutherville

Part I

Karen Morrissey, History Committee

Anyone familiar with the Lutherville story knows the drill: John and Charles Morris and Benjamin Kurtz founded Lutherville in 1852 to finance a Lutheran women's theological seminary. Even those entirely unfamiliar with Lutherville history probably know Kurtz as a shortcut home from Kohl's. But have you ever heard of the Sadtlers?

Neither had I. But the Sadtlers, prominent silversmiths and opticians in Baltimore City, once owned all the land from Francke to Front between Seminary and Lincoln Avenues. They built at least three of the houses still extant in "old Lutherville": 307 Seminary, the gatehouse to George T. Sadtler's mansion; 311 Seminary, the mansion itself; and 308 Morris, now called "Twin Gates." In addition, the first owner of 308 Morris, Benjamin Sadtler, served as principal of the "Ladies' seminary" (College Manor) from 1862 until 1875, when he became president of Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania.

Sadtler history in Baltimore began when the family patriarch, Philip Benjamin Sadtler, emigrated from Germany in 1799, aged approximately 28, opening a silversmithing and optical shop in Baltimore by 1800. [See <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~ruppert/surnamess-z/sadtlerphoto03.html> for reputed images of Sadtler and his wife, Catherine Sauerwein Sadtler.] At first he stamped his silver pieces "P.S." or "P.B. Sadtler [Baltimore]", but gradually migrated to "P.B. Sadtler & Sons" after 1824 as sons John P. (21 in 1824, according to the census of 1870) and later George T. (13 in 1824) joined the family business.

The family appears to have been fairly prominent in Baltimore. While Sadtler silver is neither as famous nor as pricey today as pieces by Baltimore compatriot Samuel Kirk, the Baltimore Museum of Art is said to have Sadtler pieces in its collection, and Sadtler items typically sell in the \$20 to \$50 range on eBay for a salt cellar or a few spoons. In addition, in their other capacity as opticians, the Sadtlers are listed in the Webster Instrument Makers Database as vendors of glass to the Adler Planetarium in Chicago.

Editor's Note: See the Lutherville community website for more photos: <http://www.luthervillecommunityassociation.org/history.htm>



311 West Seminary Ave: George T. Sadtler's House

As opticians, the Sadtlers were classified as "medical professionals" of their day, so their addresses were listed in the Baltimore City Directory of 1855-1856. It appears that the shop was located at 212 W. Baltimore Street, while George T. is listed at 273 Madison Avenue, John P. at 74 Park Street, and P.B. at 91 Saratoga Street. None of the Sadtler buildings appear to have survived to the present day, at least if Google satellite images are to be trusted, but some older buildings remain in the vicinity: the First Presbyterian Church at West Madison Street and Park Avenue, built in 1853; and St Alphonus Catholic Church in the 100 block of West Saratoga, for example.

On 1 June 1859, 38-year-old George T. purchased a rectangle of land now bordered by Francke, Lincoln, Front, and Seminary for \$3,500. In September 1861 he sold the western downhill half (roughly from present-day Barts Court and Starlight Place down to Front) to his brother John P. for \$1,900, a pretty good deal – for George – since Louise Morris Leisenring Reese (Memories of Lutherville, Maryland, written in 1942 for her children) remembered the land along Seminary as "a low swampy meadow" from her childhood in the 1860s. I can personally confirm that certain parts of it are still a low swampy meadow.

– To be continued –

“Qualified” Ruling by Court Buoy Lutherville Residents

“Fighting City Hall” is never easy, especially when it involves approval of a housing development. But the Lutherville Community Association and residents of Trebor Court and Riderwood-Lutherville Drive are encouraged by a recent ruling by Judge Susan Souder of the Baltimore County Circuit Court.

The ruling concerns Baltimore County’s approval of an administrative variance that would permit the construction of eight homes on Riderwood-Lutherville Drive. Previously, the County’s Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management granted a variance concerning forest buffer requirements and building setbacks for the construction of these homes. Some of the residents feared that this construction would further exacerbate the flooding problems that already exist along Roland Run and questioned the loss of forest that would accompany the home construction.

After having lost at the first level of appeal, the Baltimore County Board of Appeals, residents were uncertain if they would find a different conclusion if they appealed to the Circuit Court. Yet their conviction that the builder’s plan was not accurate gave the residents the fuel to continue the fight.

At the Circuit Court the builder’s attorney argued that the County’s forest buffer law shouldn’t apply in this instance and that the community did not have the right to appeal the variance. Fortunately for the residents, Judge Souder ruled against the builder on both counts. As to the specific complaints about the builder’s plan and inaccurate information shown thereon, the Judge’s ruling was less specific.

Resident Eric Rockel had hoped the Judge would rule against the builder, thereby requiring revisions to the plan. Instead, the Court ruled that the Board of Appeals failed to articulate sufficient findings in its decision so as to permit judicial review. That part of the ruling was termed a “qualified” victory by Rockel. “It’s a ruling that doesn’t answer the heart of our complaint,” says Rockel, “so in that sense it is a ‘qualified’ victory.” But it will require the Board of Appeals to address the points we raised rather than just ignore the specifics of the evidence presented. “Is the case closed once and for all? No it isn’t,” noted Rockel. “But it is a victory in an on-going saga – we will have to see how this plays out.”

Community Notes

Antiques Roadshow, the popular PBS traveling appraisal show, is coming to Baltimore on June 16. Applications to enter the lottery for free tickets are available at <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/roadshow/series/highlights/2008/tickets/index.html> through 11:59 PM on May 3rd.

Wanted: a few good Luthervillians and their houses. Anyone willing to share stories of an old house remodeling experience, share photos of an older home on a “virtual house tour”, or share an interesting attic find, please contact Karen Morrissey at [morispecht@verizon.net](mailto:morrispecht@verizon.net). We can all benefit from sharing our common heritage. Homes and objects (and owners) of all ages welcome.

St. Paul’s Construction Begins

St. Paul’s held its ground breaking ceremony on Sunday, April 22 and began its renovation project the following week. “Parish Hall” which is used extensively for weekday school, offices, and many community and congregational meetings, has become seriously outdated. Modern codes make it necessary for the building to have additional stairs, a sprinkler system, and other significant changes. As the historic church building does not have water, a level walkway between the church building and Parish Hall will make the restrooms accessible to the elderly or those with handicaps. Most of the construction will occur during the summer months with completion expected in November.

Contract Postal Unit Announces Later Hours

The White Mountain Trading Company, who operates the contract postal unit at 142 W. Ridgely Road, underneath Borders, announced that their hours have been expanded. They are now open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Look for upcoming events in the Lutherville Community Association’s soon-to-be-redesigned website. Community and church events are welcome. Please send them to newsletter@luthervillecommunityassociation.org
Bookmark the site:
www.luthervillecommunityassociation.org

Welcome New Business Members And Advertisers

Please support the following businesses who are members or advertisers with the Association:

Bradford Bank	11 W. Ridgely Rd.
Hopscotch Children's Consignment Shop	2 Oakway Rd.
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LVFD News – Bullroast –



A Capital Campaign for Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company

There will be a Bull and Oyster Roast to support the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company's Capital Campaign on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Timonium Fairgrounds. They are raising \$3.2 million to renovate and expand the fire station on Bellona Avenue. In addition to great food, there will be a DJ, a band, auctions, raffles, wheels and tables. Two of the feature raffles have a 2007 Convertible Ford Mustang and \$10,000 for their first prize. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. To purchase tickets call 410-252-2195 or 410-561-1066 or eMail lvfcbullroast@comcast.net. For more information see <http://www.lvfc.com/bullroast/index.php>.

Lutherville Trivia Quiz

We will have an ongoing "quiz" of Lutherville trivia questions. These and many more were supplied by Rob Wingard, a former long term Lutherville resident.

6. The ranch houses in the 900 block of Morris Avenue (beyond Talbott) had a specific model name. What was it?
7. What local television personality lived for many years near the corner of Goucher and Spring Avenues?
8. Where was the Lutherville Lumber Company's original hardware store?
9. Lutherville's Post Office had two homes in the 1950s before it moved to its own building (now Hollywood Video). What were the two previous locations?
10. Where did the Toonerville Trolley pass under Seminary Avenue?

For answers, go online at www.luthervillecommunityassociation.org

The answers to March trivia Quiz:

1. The Maple Rest was a Mom 'n Pop Restaurant/Diner at the corner of York and Bellona now Nationwide Kia. They made the best milk shakes.

2. Garland and Mabel Hogge (pronounced hoag) at 701 Morris Avenue.
3. Sinclair Gas. The logo was a dinosaur (they called the gas Dino and Dino Supreme).
4. The little convenience store was just about where the Lutherville Animal Hospital is now.
5. Marie Webb was Lutherville's "Snowball Lady". Her snowball stand was right in front of her home at 513 W. Seminary Avenue. It just wasn't summer till she raised the flaps showing off 50 or more flavors of syrup.

Capital Gains Tax on the Sale of Your Home

Kim Caspari, Community Realtor

Capital gains tax is a tax on your investments. The gain is the profit realized upon selling an investment like your house, and then the IRS taxes that gain. A lot of homeowners still remember the older capital gains rules for selling a principal residence. That old "rollover residency replacement rule" allowed a seller a one-time deferral of paying capital gains taxes on profits from a home sale by purchasing a new home of equal or greater value.

In 1997, the Taxpayer Relief Act substantially changed the rules on the capital gains exemption. Married couples who sell their homes can keep up to \$500,000 in profits tax free, and single filers can keep up to \$250,000. These exemptions apply regardless of whether the sellers buy another home. To qualify for the exemption, the home must have been a principal residence for two of the past five years. Also, homeowners may claim the exclusion no more frequently than every two years. This change in the law helped to facilitate frequent home selling, because the exemption applies no matter how many times you move (subject to the exemption rules above).

Any sale that either does not fall in the above category (e.g. vacation home) or a sale exceeds the limit amounts (\$500,000; \$250,000 based on purchase price, not actual gain) will be reported to the IRS on Form 1099-S by the title company or attorney handling the settlement. The IRS will then reconcile the Form 1099-S to the taxpayer's final tax return.

When the sale of the house exceeds \$500,000 for married couples or \$250,000 for single filers, and a 1099-S is issued, I often hear the comment "Oh don't worry. You can roll that gain into your new house." So essentially, this statement mixes the two capital gains rules -- the old and the new. This is not correct. The old "rollover residency replacement" rule was repealed. Any discussion about capital gains tax or other taxes should absolutely be double-checked with proper tax or accounting advisors prior to listing your home for sale. The "new" rule has been around for 10 years now. It's about time we stopped hearing about the "old" rule.

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Alice Parson, Treasurer
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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. The March and May 2007 meetings will be held at College Manor.

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