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President's Corner

Welcome to the Merry Month of May!!!

As we try to shake off the drudges of winter springtime colors are in full bloom in our beautiful community. I am very pleased to welcome Jeff Beeson as our new board member in the position Vice President. Jeff is Assistant Vice President, Division of Innovation and Applied Research at Towson University. He and his family have lived in Lutherville for 5 years. Jeff has served on other community boards and has been a member of several civic associations including the Governors Workforce Investment Board and The Greater Baltimore Education and Workforce Committee. We are very happy to welcome Jeff to the LCA Board. We have also lost one board member, Eric Dana our nominating chairmen. We thank Eric for his time and service as a board member.

On March 20, 2016 LCA held its annual Easter Egg Hunt. Even though the weather was chilly it didn't damper the enthusiasm of our children hunting for Easter treats. Country Club Park was packed with parents and children enjoying a springtime tradition. Special thank you to Michelle Brooks, Rita Nabhan and Debbie Darr for all the time and effort they devoted to a very successful event for our children. Thank you as well to all the community folks who donated eggs for the hunt.

We are so fortunate to live in a very beautiful community. Please take some time this spring to make sure your street is clean. Trash seems to be an issue on many of our streets and light rail path. The appearance of our community sets an impression for everyone who comes to Lutherville. Let's all try to do our part to make Lutherville a premier community we know it is.

Our next **General Meeting** will be on **Tuesday May 10, 2016 7pm at the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Station. Councilman Wade Kach** will be our main agenda item and guest for the evening. He was unable to attend the meeting in March due to illness so we are very pleased that he will be with us for our May meeting. We will also vote on selected board positions. Detailed information about the candidates for board positions can be found in the nominating committee report.

I hope you will be able to join the board and your neighbors for an evening with Councilman Kach.

See you around the neighborhood.

Julie Szymaszek

UPCOMING EVENTS

School's Out Ice Cream Party

Date: June 17

Where: West Lutherville Park

Time: 4-6

Please contact Michelle Brooks at mudpot69@gmail.com or Rita Nabhan at rita.m.omalley@gmail.com if you have any questions about volunteering or donating for this event.

LCA Yard Sale

Date: Sept 10

Time: 9-2

Rain Date: Sept 17

Time: 9-2

Please contact Michelle Brooks at mudpot69@gmail.com so that she can add you to the Yard Sale Map NLT 9/5.

HOPPY EGG HUNT

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the playground in Country Club Park for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Despite the chilly (and even snowy) weather, we had an outstanding crowd of about 75 children searching for treat-filled eggs. Thank you to Michelle Brooks who donated homemade cupcakes, 200 treat-filled plastic eggs, hard boiled eggs, AND hand made 13 dozen "Cascarones" or handmade confetti-filled eggs. The kids loved finding these special eggs (and smashing them over the head of someone special)! We also appreciate Glaubers Fine Candies & Cards for donating chocolate bunnies which were awarded to those lucky children who found the golden eggs. . Also, thank you to Rita Nabhan for all of her hard work on the event, and to our community volunteers who helped hide over approximately 1,000 eggs! It was a great day for our children and community.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Under the provisions of the 2012 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 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at Lutherville Volunteer Fire Department.

HOSPITALITY: Christine Tennies - 507 Talbott Ave.

Christine has lived in Lutherville for 11 years. She enjoys volunteering at the SPCA and serves as a Trustee at the Roland Park Presbyterian Church. She is our current Hospitality Chair.

MEMBER AT LARGE: Marie Frederick – 223 Morris Ave.

Marie has held various positions on the Board. She has lived in Lutherville for 30 years.

She also serves on the Lutherville Historic Advisory Committee and the Lutherville Garden Club.



TRAFFIC STOP

We are still addressing the interference to the line of sight at Lutherville Station caused by the large plywood sign of the rental agents. Not having received satisfaction from the rental agents or property manager, the County Traffic Office has been contacted to see if there is a Code violation. A County subcontractor did clean up debris and tree trunks left over after the completion of storm drain repair on Bellona Avenue near Seminary. Further follow-up will be requested regarding leaves and damage to the environment.

The most recent meeting of the Traffic Committee was held on March 4. I'd like to express appreciation for the continued outstanding participation of Marcia Hettinger, but disappointment that no other neighbors were able to attend. We had a very informative discussion with the President of Radarsign about their line of products designed to reduce traffic speed. The County allows neighborhoods to install such devices on "feeder roads" such as Francke and Kurtz Avenues. The company has operated for 11 years, markets all over the country and Canada and will begin worldwide sales soon. 80% of sales are to municipalities and police departments and 30% are to repeat customers. Nearby references can be provided and research supports the performance of the product.

The sign recommended for our use is the TC 600S. Information can be found on the company website at www.radarsign.com. The cost for 2 signs and equipment is \$9000. The life expectancy of the sign and battery is about five years and there is a two-year warranty from the manufacturing plant. The company can perform total overhauls of the devices, including a new battery for \$950. A key feature of the product is a "bash plate," that withstands inclement weather and is vandalism resistant. The battery is solar charged with a back-up that powers for two weeks. "Street smart" data collection is provided for 15 and 30 minute intervals including the number of vehicles, average speed, peak speeds, and a count of violators. We are also exploring whether the State will permit use of this device on Seminary Avenue.

Feel free to apprise me of any neighborhood traffic issues or let me know if you would like to participate our traffic group at Jeffdier@verizon.net.

REPORT ON PUBLIC FACILITIES AND ZONING

The administrative and zoning case that would allow the construction of a single family dwelling on a vacant lot at 206 Morris Avenue took another turn last month when the County Board of Appeals ruled against the developer on a technical, procedural basis. The Board found that the developer's attorney did not follow the proper procedural grounds in seeking zoning relief in order to build a home on the lot that is undersized given its DR 2 zoning classification. This ruling does prohibit the developer from building, but merely requires that his attorney return to the Administrative Law Judge to seek zoning relief under a different section of the zoning regulations. So on May 13, at 1:30 PM, a new hearing will take place in room 205 at 105 West Chesapeake Avenue in Towson.

Overall, this ruling does not signal a victory for either side because the facts and the arguments in the case were not ruled upon by the Board of Appeals. So the timeline on this matter was merely prolonged because the proper procedures were not followed in the Board's opinion. More than likely, both sides will return to the Board of Appeals after this second appearance before the Administrative Law Judge to argue the merits of the case.

At the last general meeting, some members expressed a desire to clean up certain segments of the Roland Run of the trash and debris that accumulates over time. If sufficient members want to take part in this clean up, we will organize a clean up day at some point latter in the year. Please see Eric Rockel at the next general meeting, or notify him at erockel@earthlink.net, if you want to participate in the clean up. Trash bags will be provided, but those who participate are urged to bring work gloves and wear appropriate clothing.

FROM YOUR ST. PAUL'S NEIGHBOR

Hello from your neighbor at St. Paul's! Since I began serving as our church's pastor in August, I have been working to get to know this unique community a little better. I have been grateful for the welcome I have received into the many incarnations of community that happen around us!

For the last 4 years, I have been invested in a community of fellow pastors and preachers from across the country for a doctoral program at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. The 12 of us in this cohort of learning and study have also supported one another through the changes and struggles with family, work, health, and rediscovering a sense of purpose for our lives and ministry. It is a community without which I would not have been able to make some major life changes in these last couple of years. And right now I'm celebrating with this community as we all have just passed our thesis defenses and are ready to graduate in May!

I think that's one of the best things about living in community, isn't it? That we're all in this together... that we work to support one another in the celebrations and challenges that we face... that we're always looking out for one another and not just ourselves. It's certainly one of the values we try to uphold at St. Paul's, taking our guidance from a God who created and formed us into a community together. In the church, we often talk about this community being the "Body of Christ" - the embodiment of the presence of people of faith who care deeply about our neighbor. It's one of the things that drew me to come to St. Paul's, and continues to encourage me as we try to expand our connection to and understanding of the wider Lutherville community.

Especially now that we're moving into Springtime, we'll all be spending more time outside and have the opportunity to interact more with one another on a daily basis. Let's look for ways to interact, support, and celebrate our community life together! And feel free to stop in to St. Paul's - you'll know I'm there if you see my bright yellow car in the parking lot :-)

In Community Together,
Pastor Ed Kay

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