# The Luthervillian



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# ROLAND RUN, THE NEXT STEP

Baltimore County has completed its stream restoration project on the Roland Run, but the project should not be viewed as the final step in getting the stream back to health. In many ways it should be considered the first step. Going forward, there are volunteer groups like the Friends of Roland Run who will initiate on-going projects to improve the water quality of the stream, and we may be able to learn from another group that has been dedicated to improving water quality in Baltimore County's streams since 1989.

The Gunpowder Valley Conservancy is a private non-profit organization that has mobilized thousands of volunteers to improve water quality in a variety of ways, including creating conservation easements on private land that limit development, initiating stream clean-up days that have removed tons of trash from over 700 streams in Baltimore County, and getting individual property owners to take measures to reduce sediment runoff.

The Gunpowder Valley Conservancy will be speaking about their "Clear Creeks" initiative at the next Greater Timonium Community Council meeting, and at our October General Meeting of the LCA, we will provide a summary of their "Clear Creeks" strategy, as well as contact information for anyone interested in getting involved.



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## OCTOBER COMMUNITY MEETING

What makes Lutherville a special neighborhood is the people who live here. LCA residents get involved in a multitude of ways to help keep their community one of the best in Baltimore County.

I am happy to announce the addition of five new board members for this 2019-20 term. The board list is as follows:

| Marcia Hettinger | Membership   | Matt Cimino   |
|------------------|--|---|
| Allen Hicks      |  | Karen Darden  |
| Debbie Darr      |  | Ernie Shea  |
| Mike Deluca      |  | Jeff Dier   |
| Marie Frederick  | Newsletter   | Chrissy Jerbi   |
| Lauretta Evans   | Special Events   | Rita Nabhan   |
| Julie Szymaszek  | Zoning   | Eric Rockel   |
| Amanda Mendat    | Traffic  | Terri Byrd  |
|                  | Debbie Darr<br>Mike Deluca<br>Marie Frederick<br>Lauretta Evans<br>Julie Szymaszek | Allen Hicks Nominating Debbie Darr Public Facilities Mike Deluca Security Marie Frederick Newsletter Lauretta Evans Special Events Julie Szymaszek Zoning |

We look forward to seeing you at the General Association Meeting on Oct. 8th (7pm) at The Lutherville Fire House. Come to the meeting to meet our new board members. Refreshments will be provided.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Annual Fall Fest/Bonfire on Oct. 26th. Rita and her team are working hard behind the scenes to make it another huge success at College Manor. Thank you Bunny and her College Manor staff for putting together a fun evening around the campfire!

Don't forget September is Membership Month. See the big yellow envelope attached to this issue. There are many ways to contribute your time and talents to LCA activities. Please include your contact information on this form. We will be sure to call you so you can help us make Lutherville better then ever for 2020!



## **PUBLIC FACILITIES**

DEAD AND DYING TREES IN LUTHERVILLE



he tree canopy within the boundaries of the Lutherville Community
Association (LCA) is greatly prized as a valuable asset for our community.
Unfortunately, many of our large, older trees are approaching the end of their expected lifespan and dead and dying trees have been identified as a significant hazard to the neighborhood.

To address this challenge, the Lutherville Community Association, Friends of Roland Run and the State Department of Natural Resources have teamed up on the "Greening of Lutherville" project to: identify dead and dying trees near our sidewalks and roadways; facilitate removal of the trees; and support efforts to replace and plant more trees.

The inventory phase of the project has been completed, resulting in the listing of over 100 hazardous and at risk trees along Lutherville's streets and public walkways. The inventory did not include the identification of dead and dying trees away from roads and sidewalks, but estimates are that these would number over 100 as well, meaning the total number of at-risk trees in Old Lutherville exceeds 200.

We are now preparing for the removal phase of the project, where individual property owners can team up and contract with a licensed tree service company to have their trees taken down. Removing dead or endangered trees on private property is ultimately the responsibility of the property owner. No owner will be forced to remove and replace dead or dying trees, but failure to do so could expose the owner to liability.

Or plan is to contract work out in blocks. If you have questions or would like to participate in the first block this fall, please contact LCA Public Facilities Chair Ernie Shea at e.shea@comcast.net

Please join us in helping to reduce risk and improve the environmental health of our community.

Ernie Shea

### DPW SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

The LCA is working on several projects affecting the community: the Department of Public Works (DPW) sewer project, the Maryland Department of Environment FEMA map submissions, and the Department of Environment and Sustainability (DEPS) Roland Run Stream Restoration follow-up.

It is noted here that work on these issues and answers to questions about specific government projects was assisted by our political leaders: Delegate Dana Stein and his staff, and Councilman Wade Kach and his staff. Both were intimately involved in getting the state and county government agencies to respond to LCA inquiries. Also, helping was the staff of Senator West.

The LCA had many issues, concerns and questions about the sewer project. With the help of our elected leaders, the LCA received answers to questions; and later. politicians helped arrange a meeting between residents of Trebor Court and DPW. Below is a summary of the questions asked by LCA:

The Jones Falls Large Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation project involves the lining (rehabilitation) of sewers, mostly large diameter, which run from just north of Timonium Road to the Beltway, roughly paralleling the light rail. No new sewer lines are being constructed. As a sewer rehabilitation project, this is essentially maintenance, involving work on existing lines and manholes. When the work is complete, the area is basically returned to the existing conditions. There were problems with the installation of the liner running down Trebor Court. The contractor will be removing the damaged liner and installing a replacement liner. To do so, the contractor is planning to dig one (or possibly more) pits to access the sewer line and remove the liner. To assist this, Miss Utility has marked other underground utilities. The contractor was planning to start digging this afternoon but has postponed excavation due to the possibility of severe storms and flash floods this afternoon and evening. They plan to begin digging and removal of the liner will follow by the end of

the week. Once the liner has been removed and it's clear that there are no problems with the pipe, the contractor will bring another liner to the site and install it. They hope to do this as expeditiously as possible but they do not yet have a schedule for this work. The contractor will be keeping someone on-site tonight to make sure there aren't any problems with the line.

What is the time-line for starting and completing the project? Construction on the project has begun and should be completed by Fall of 2019.

More detailed information will be handed out at the October meeting.

Maryland Department of Environment

FEMA map submissions. Delegate Stein and Hettleman, their staff and Councilman Kach, along with LCA Vice President Allen Hicks met with MDE to discuss the newly-but as yet, completed, FEMA map of our area. (The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is an agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security). The importance of the FEMA map is that it determines flood insurance for homeowners with mortgages. The LCA requested David Guignet, Maryland Dept of the Environment Water and Science Administration NFIP State Coordinator to present at the October LCA meeting MDE's FEMA map, which is to be presented to FEMA. Development and review of the map is an arduous and long process, so we will have the understanding of where MDE is in the process. There will also be the current MDE developed map for all to see.

The Department of Environment and Sustainability (DEPS), Eric Duce, will present to the community updates on the Roland Run Stream Restoration. Ernie Shea, Chair of the LCA Public Facilities Committee, Allen Hicks LCA VP, and Councilman Kach staff met with DEPS to discuss the erosion of the banks of the Roland Run. The erosion was brought to the attention of Councilman Kach, who requested DEPS meet with the community on why there was so much bank erosion. Eric Duce. the manager of the Roland Run Stream Restoration will provide information on what is expected for the future of the Restoration and answer questions.

Allen Hicks

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## **COMMUNITY HISTORY BEING GATHERED**

long with the beautiful trees and foliage that adorn our community Lutherville also has a rich historical past. As the History chairperson I would like to share interesting facts, stories and pictures of Lutherville in our newsletters and at general meetings. If you have any information you would be willing to share please email me at djszy@comcast.net. I will also be sorting through our community archives housed at the fire station. Look forward to hearing from you.

Julie Szymaszek

# LCA GENERAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

JOIN US FOR THE OCTOBER 8TH LCA GENERAL ASSOCIATION MEETING 7 PM

WHERE: LUTHERVILLE FIRE HOUSE

WHEN: TUES., OCT. 8, 2019

WHAT: DPW SEWER PROJECT

UPDATE

WHO: ALLEN HICKS, V.P. LCA

WHAT: FEMA MAPS UPDATE

WHO: DAVID GUIGNET.

MARYLAND DEPT. OF THE ENVIRONMENT WATER & SCIENCE ADMIN. NFIP STATE COORDINATOR

\* COME SEE THE FEMA MAPS

\* REVIEW THE CURRENT MDE MAP

WHAT: UPDATE ON ROLAND RUN

STREAM

WHO: ERIC DUCE, MANAGER OF

THE ROLAND RUN STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT, DEPS REPRESENTATIVE

\* FIND OUT ABOUT BANK EROSION OF STREAM

\* GET ANSWERS ON FUTURE STREAM WORK

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING** 

sday, October 8, 2019 @ 7pm

LVFD Training Room

esday, March 10, 2020 @ 7pm

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