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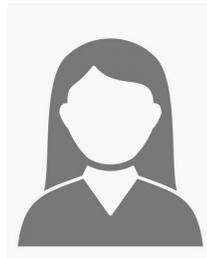
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A Message From LCA President, Pamela Shaw



Such a busy summer! The new LCA board members have been finding their legs and running with their new expanded roles. The Executive Officers have been cleaning up a lot of loose ends and have completed the annual financial audit.

We also conducted a Listening Tour at four different locations: Burton Ave/West Seminary, Country Club Park, Old Lutherville Non-Historic, and Historic Lutherville. The purpose was to open the floor to LCA members who we don't hear from or attend meetings. We got a lot of feedback from both in-person events and from return emails.

As always, traffic was the number one issue at all locations. We've tackled overgrowth, blocked signs, missing signs, sight distance and of course speed issues.

Right now we need your help in a different traffic issue. There is a proposal for new types of transit for the Lutherville to downtown Baltimore transit routes. There are seven proposals, three of which come all the way to the Lutherville Light Rail Station. The rest start/stop in Towson. All three involve losing a lane on Ridgley and York roads to another Light Rail or a dedicated bus service that would run every 15 mins / 24 hours a day / 7 days a week.

As presented at the virtual meeting held September 22 these new transit options:

- would reduce available car volume on these roads due to loss of an existing lane,
- would have priority at intersections over cross traffic, extending the lights on York, or stopping traffic to allow the turn to/from Ridgley.
- could eliminate access to existing businesses due to construction or the final lane design.

They were not prepared to discuss impact to local businesses or homeowners. They could not discuss how these dedicated lanes would impact vehicle or foot traffic to Lutherville Lab Elementary. All of the proposals duplicate the existing standard service / final destinations on the Light Rail, RED and 93 lines. My assessment is that any of these three choices will push more vehicle traffic into the communities not just in the immediate area but above Ridgley to avoid the bottlenecked traffic below.

We need each of you to complete the online survey which can be found at:
<https://rtpcorridors.com/northsouth>

EVERY VOICE COUNTS!

The next on-line meeting is 10/3, 6 p.m. You can register at:
<https://rtpcorridors.com/northsouth/meetings>

Don't forget of next LCA General Meeting is **October 11, 7 p.m. at the Vista Room** at the Fairgrounds. As many of us are in new state legislative districts this year. We are having a candidates forum so you will have an opportunity to hear from all the State District 11B and County District 3 candidates.

See you there!

Public Facilities Report

LCA's ten-year quest to get Baltimore County to manage stormwater flows along Bellona, Division and Melancthon Avenues has reached a successful conclusion. Work is now underway to relocate water, natural gas, and fiber optic lines in the project area, ahead of the installation of a new section for storm drains. This project will mitigate the damage created by the increasingly intense storm events our community and others are experiencing. Special thanks to Wade Kach and Wayne McGinnis for their help in getting this project funded and scheduled. Be on the lookout for construction activity and temporary road closures over the next several months.

On a related note, LCA is again seeking volunteers to "adopt a storm drain and/or fire hydrant". We need your help in removing leaves and other debris from the storm drains and clearing snow from around fire hydrants this winter. Please feel free to follow up with me if you would like to volunteer.

Lastly, you may have noticed the purple glow emanating from many of the streetlights in our community. While some have suggested the bulbs may have been switched out to show our support for the Baltimore Ravens, the real reason is that the bulbs casting a purple light are defective. If you see one on your street please, please report it to BGE at <https://bge.streetlightoutages.com>.

- Step 1: Type the address of where you saw the defective streetlight in the search box at the top of the page.
- Step 2: Select the street light you want to report.
- Step 3: Press the "REPORT THIS LIGHT" button

Thanks for helping keep Lutherville functioning and safe.
Ernie Shea e.shea@comcast.net
LCA Public Facilities Chair



Two above images: Photos of the utility work that has begun in our neighborhood.

Two right images: Storm drain and fire hydrant waiting to be adopted for the winter.

LCA General Meeting: Candidate Forum

The agenda for the next LCA General Meeting will be a candidates forum. There was extensive redistricting this year both State and Locally so meeting the candidates and hearing their stance on issues like these is important to our community!

All of Lutherville is now in ONE legislative district both for the State (separated before) and in the County (where they originally, split the community in half during the redistricting process).

We fought the redistricting process and successfully won so that we would be ONE LUTHERVILLE!

Candidate Speakers:

Baltimore County for District 3

- Wade Kach (R)
- Paul Henderson (D)

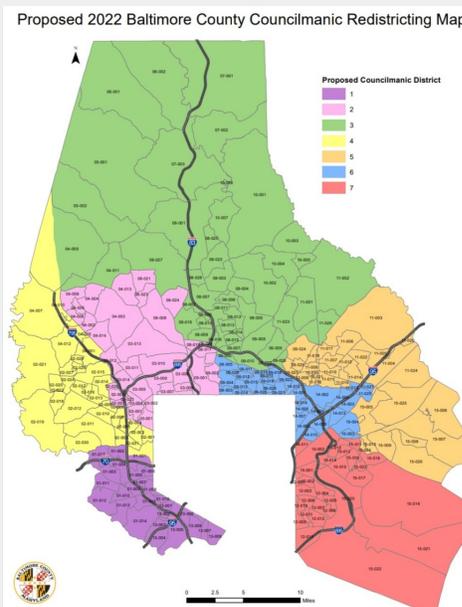
House of Delegates District 11B (Voting to fill two positions)

- Jim Simpson (R)
- Tyler Stiff (R)
- Jon Cardin (D)
- Dana Stein (D)

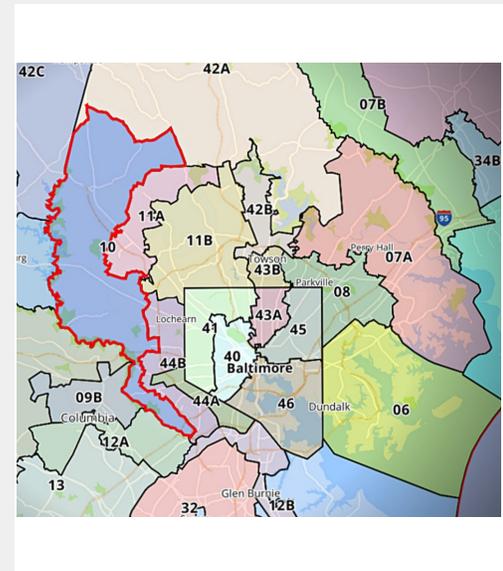
State Senate for District 11

- Ruth Goetz (R)
- Shelly Hettleman (D)

District 3 (County Council)



District 11 (State Legislative)
This district is divided into 11A and 11B
Lutherville is in 11B

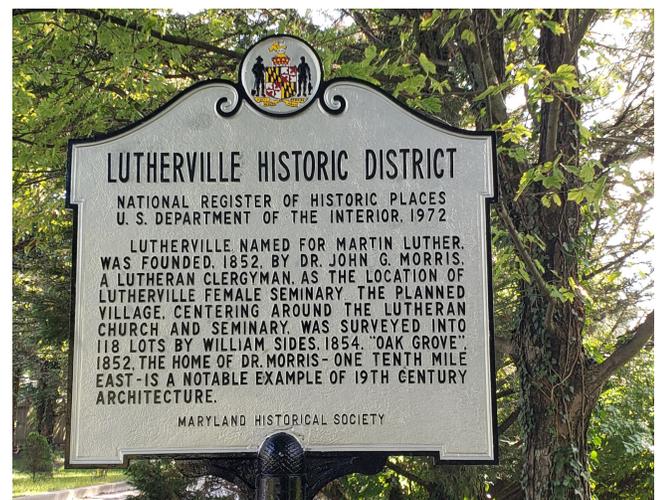


Register to Vote: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/elections/voting/>

Historic Lutherville Sign Receives Facelift

Did you happen to notice that our Historic District sign had gone missing? Well, it wasn't gone for long and now it's back and it's better than ever! The Maryland Historic Trust recently took and refurbished and restored our sign on Front Ave and now it has returned to its home.

Be sure to stop by on your next walk to check it out and learn about how Lutherville got its name! Thank you to the Maryland Historic Trust for keeping our community signage looking great!



Historic Colored Schoolhouse #24 To Open To Public

Historic Colored Schoolhouse #24, 1426 School Lane will be open to public, during the LCA Fall Festival, Saturday October 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Constructed in 1908, Lutherville Colored School No. 24 is a simple two-room schoolhouse located on School Lane.

The first three grades met in one room while, grades four through seven met in the second, larger room of the school.



From 1909 when the school first opened up until 1955, black students enrolled in grades one through seven walked from nearby homes on Railroad Ave, Seminary Ave, and from near Edgewood Methodist Church on Bellona Ave.

Since it was the only colored school for miles students came from around the county including the communities of Texas, Beaver Dam, Cockeysville, Riderwood, Ruxton, Brightside and Bare Hills, for their first seven years of education in Baltimore County's racially segregated public school until Baltimore County desegregated public schools in the area when Lutherville Elementary opened in 1956.

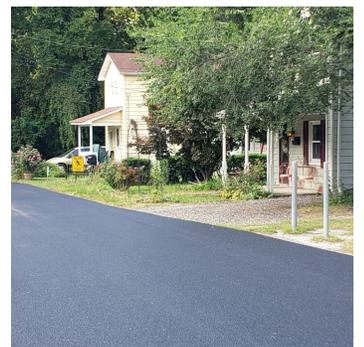
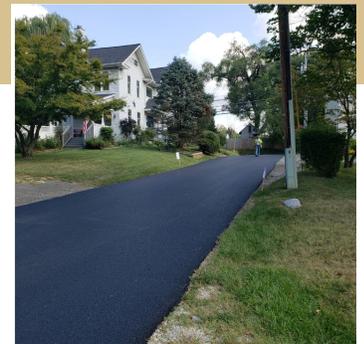
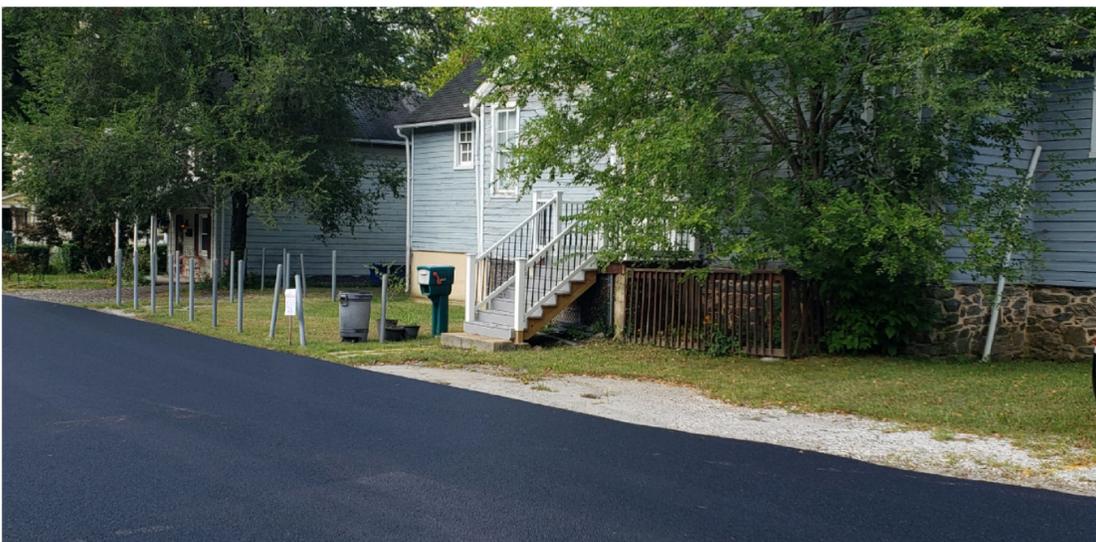
In 1994, Arthur and Helen Chapman purchased the property and converted it into a museum that continues to occupy the building today.

Lutherville Colored Schoolhouse/Yard (School 24, District 8) was added to the Baltimore County Final Landmark's list July 22, 1995, BA-2565, in County Council Bill 78-96.

Our thanks go out to the Chapman Foundation for this opportunity to visit this historic property.

Karen Darden
Chair of Nominations Committee

Thanks to Councilman Wade Kach and County Executive Johnny Olszewski, School Lane got a fresh paving!



MDOT Survey For Transit

From Eric Rockel, President Greater Timonium Community Council (GTTC)

If you were unable to attend the GTCC meeting last week, I wanted to make you aware of an important survey being undertaken by Maryland's Dept. of Transportation.

According to MDOT there is a demand for additional transit in the central corridor from Towson to downtown Baltimore, and they have identified nine routes from which they are seeking public comment.

Even though the stated goal is to connect Towson, three of the routes would impact Lutherville and start on Ridgely Road, near the existing light rail.

However, MDOT would not use the existing light rail line but create new routes. Two of the three routes affecting Lutherville would travel on Ridgely Road and York Road in a dedicated light rail lane to south of the Beltway.

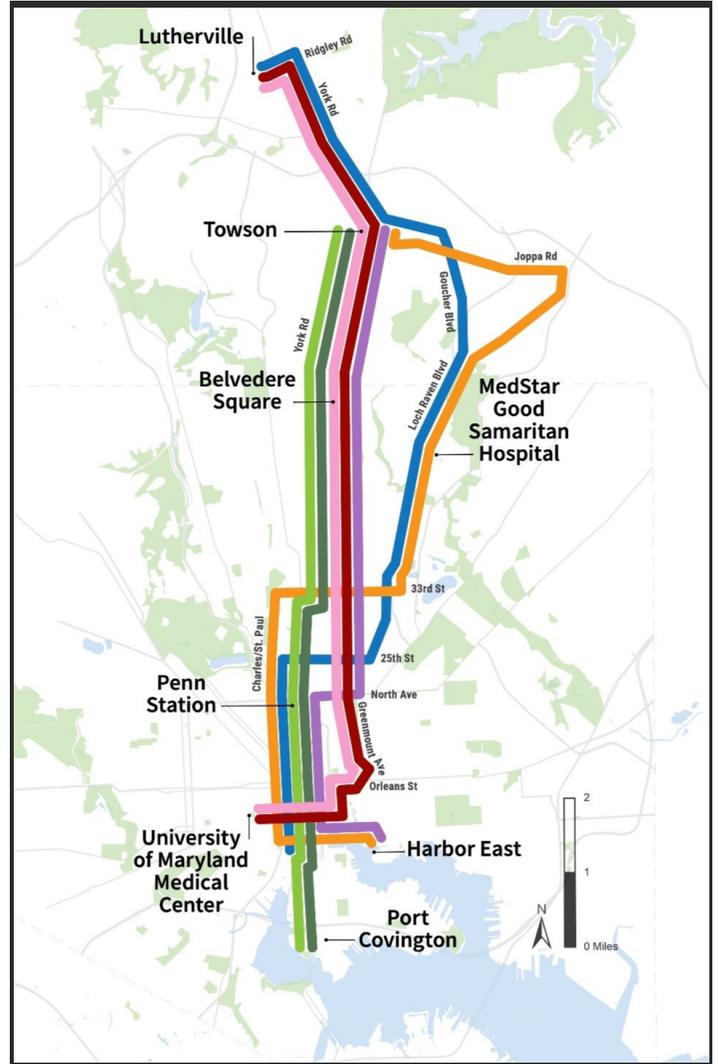
MDOT does not explain how these alignments will be constructed, but I have to assume they would either use an existing lane of York Road or acquire additional property to create a new right of way along York Road.

Either of these alternatives would be very disruptive to the existing landscape. These two alternatives are routes 1 & 6. The third alternative is a rapid bus route along Ridgely and York. It is known as route 2.

In neither case did the MDOT contact the GTCC or the Lutherville Community Assoc. about starting these routes on Ridgely Road, and keep in mind the stated objective was to connect Towson with downtown, not Lutherville.

I am asking for concerned citizens to look at the MDOT alignments and express your opinions. Hopefully many of you share the concerns that I have. I encourage you to share this information with other members in your association and ask them to take the survey.

To take the survey, go to: <https://rtpcorridors.com/northsouth>



Whose Berm is it Anyway?

In response to questions from newer home owners we requested clarification from the County on the responsibility for maintenance of the Berms / Bike-walking paths.

The official answer is that they are the responsibility of the County year round. Although some neighbors maintain them cutting the grass or maintaining a garden, please feel free to contact the county regarding any which need maintenance, repair or go under plowed after snow.



LCA's Annual Community Yard Sale

Our Community Yard Sale on September 10th was a success! It was a beautiful day and we really enjoyed seeing all of our neighbors out and about throughout the day. We hope you found some new treasures and made a little extra cash too! Thank you to everyone who participated!



50th Anniversary of Lutherville as a Historic District!

FALL FESTIVAL

Presented by College Manor & Lutherville Community Assoc.

When: Saturday, October 22nd

Where: College Manor Lawn

**Bonfire | BYOB | Food Trucks
Vendors | Live Music
Pumpkin Chunkin' | and more!**



Tentative Schedule of Events

- 11-2pm- LCA Corny Tourney- Corn Hole Tournament (TBD)
- 4:00pm- Vendors & Games
Boss Burger & El Jefe
- 4:30pm- Local Band: Green
- 5:30pm- Lighting of Bonfire
- 6:00pm- Local Band: John & the Legends
- 7:00pm- Raffle Drawing
- 9:00pm- Wind down the evening



We awarded St. Paul's Lutheran Church an honorary membership to the Lutherville Community Association.



New speed sign on Seminary Ave



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The Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company is pleased to offer our supporters an easy way to help our department. With every purchase you make at Amazon.com, a portion of the proceeds can support the LVFC.

Every time you make a purchase on Amazon (including Amazon Prime), Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible Amazon purchase cost to the Lutherville VFC. The prices you'll pay are exactly the same.



Lutherville Community Assoc.

General Meeting

October 11, 2022
7pm

**Vista Room
Administration Building
Maryland State Fairgrounds
2200 York Rd
Timonium, MD 21093**

Please look for more information on our Facebook page, on Nextdoor, or by signing up for our listserve by emailing us at luthervillecommunity@gmail.com. General meetings are open to members and interested parties.

www.luthervillecommunityassociation.org



Lutherville Community Assoc.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS STARTING NOW!

BENEFITS OF JOINING THE LCA

- Creates a unified voice
- Helps maintain home values
- Addresses neighborhood concerns
- Advocate concerns with local government
- Build bonds within the community
- Increases respect for neighborhoods and security
- Discounts from local businesses
- Not an HOA

Business Discounts Coming Soon:

- Baltimore County Credit Union
- Lowes Home Improvement
- The Muse (Gym)

INTERESTED JOINING US?

Residence: \$25

Business: \$35

The LCA offers two types of membership – residence or business. Our membership year aligns with the LCA's fiscal year, October 1 to September 30 (per LCA bylaws). Please note: any payments made beginning July 1 will be applied to the upcoming fiscal year.

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