

Luthervillian

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Pamela Shaw - President



To all of my neighbors: As I write this, we await a second round of winter snow. This storm is likely to create issues for Schools, County Council meetings, State Legislative meetings and Candidate filing for the upcoming elections. All of these things affect the greater Lutherville Community and the LCA's ability to represent your interests.

County Council candidate filing for the new District 5 seat is planned to close at 9 p.m. Tuesday February 24. However, it may be extended due to the storm.

At this moment there are two Republicans and one Democrat running for our County Council seat. The political newcomers are Shawn McIntosh (D) who's speaking at our March meeting and Theaux M. LeGardeur (R) who's speaking at our May meeting. We'll keep an eye out to see if there are any others who file at the last minute. *(See Meet our Upcoming Speakers for more details.)*

On the State Legislative side, there is still pressure to redistrict the Congressional eight district map. While this "could" put a snaking district line up the center of Baltimore County in this area between the 3rd and 7th districts, it's unclear if it can even get passed out of the State Senate or then succeed an inevitable Court challenge.

We'll be watching.

There are lots of other bills front of house issues in Annapolis, like the budget and redistricting, but everything seems to be moving slower than usual due to weather.

This is budget season. If you have an item of concern or something that needs funding, please reach out to me or post to the LCA Facebook page ASAP. The Council Budget Hearing for this area is March 11 at Dulaney High School.

**NEXT LCA GENERAL MEETINGS - March 10th and May 12th @7pm
Timonium Fair Grounds - Vista Room**

Winter Weather Reminders

Winter isn't over yet. So just a few reminders:

- State roads are pre-treated and plowed by State Highways.
- Baltimore County focuses on “Main Arteries” which are NOT State Roads, THEN Feeder Roads, and FINALLY community streets. Courts and Dead-end (which are last)
- If you can park in your driveway, PLEASE DO. This gives the plows the best opportunity to clear the street curb to curb. It's best to wait for the plows to get a good pass on your side of the street so you don't get plowed back in.

BALTIMORE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION



Baltimore County law (§ 18-3-107) “Removal of Snow and Ice”

requires property owners to clear snow and ice from abutting sidewalks within 24 hours after a storm. Violations can result in a \$25 fine per day, and snow cannot be thrown into the street or obstruct the passage of water in gutters along the street.

NOTE: It does not say, "after the storm ceases" like in many jurisdictions, but that makes sense.

During an average snowfall of two to four inches, it takes six hours for crews to salt all County roads.



Less Than Six inches
24 HOURS



More Than Six inches
48 HOURS



Very Heavy Snowfall
PLOWS FOCUS ON MAIN ARTERIES

REMINDERS FROM YOUR US POSTAL SERVICE AND LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Please keep the full approach and exits to your mailbox and fire hydrants clear! In the case of the latter a life could depend on it!



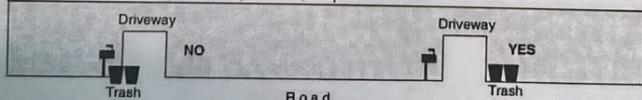
Approaches to Curbside Mailboxes

Dear Customer,
The Postal Service depends on you to meet postal requirements regarding delivery and collection of mail to curbside boxes. *Please keep the full approach and exits to your mailbox clear, as illustrated in the examples below.* Removing trash cans, snow, vehicles, and any other objects from the area allows the carrier to deliver your mail safely and efficiently without exiting the vehicle. Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you. Your Postmaster

Example: Snow Removal



Example: Obstructions (trash cans, vehicles, etc.)



Understanding Housing

Before the holidays, Director Terry Hickey of DHCD gave a briefing to the County Council. A number of interesting facts were presented.

Did you know? That "affordable" housing is based on the percentage of a persons salary. If that percentage is greater than 30%, then the person is considered as "burdened."

Did you know? That in Baltimore County the Area Median Income (AMI) is \$87,056.

Did you know? That based on that figure, for a person not to be burdened they would have to pay less than \$26,117 a year in housing.

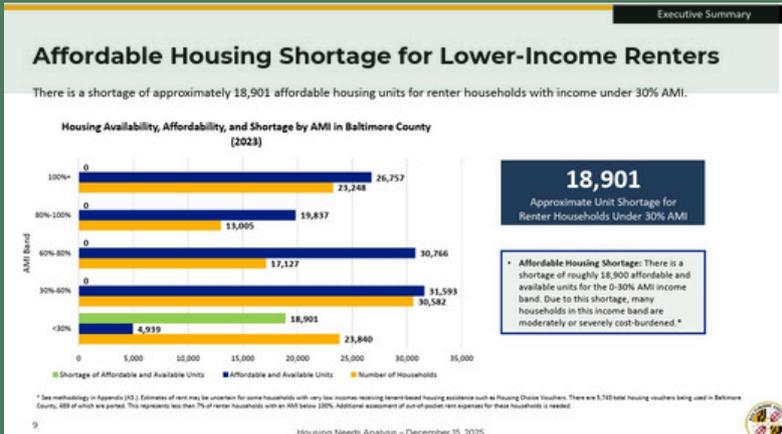
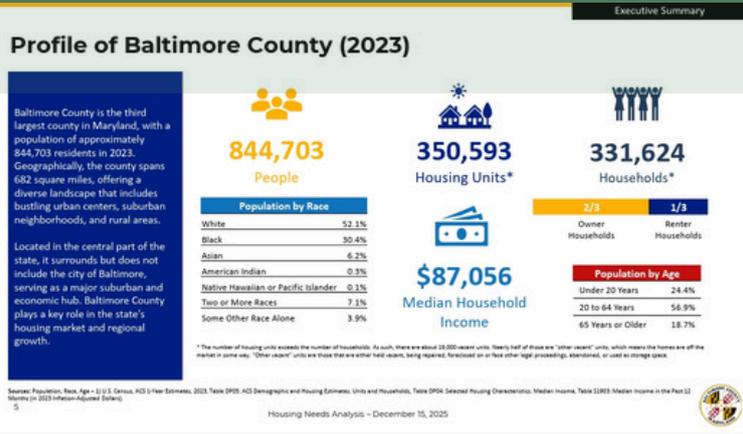
Did you know? That \$26,117 equates to less than \$2,176 month in rent or mortgage.

Did you know? That 60% AMI is the highest level of income which is often cited in discussions of financial support in affordable housing.

Did you know? That based on that 60% AMI figure (which represents an annual salary of \$56,234), for a person not to be burdened they would have to pay less than \$15,670 a year in housing. That equates to less than \$1,306 month in rent or mortgage.

Want to know more?

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/files/departments/housing-and-community-development/documents/housing-needs-analysis.pdf>



High Wind Advisory

Strong winds may cause trees or large branches to fall, especially near roadways. Please use caution, stay indoors when possible, and avoid areas with trees, overhead utilities, or debris.

Our Bureau of Highways has certified arborists or staff ready to respond to trees or branches impacting public roads.

To report a fallen tree or limbs in a County roadway, call 311 or report it online. For emergencies involving power lines or immediate danger, call 911.

Stay safe and stay informed through local weather alerts.

REPORT HERE:

SALTIER isn't SAFER

Over-salting doesn't work better - it just pollutes our streams!

Shovel early and often before ice can form. Salt only when and where necessary.

Spread evenly. Apply salt granules 1 to 2 inches apart for best ice melting.

10 sidewalk squares = 12 oz. mug

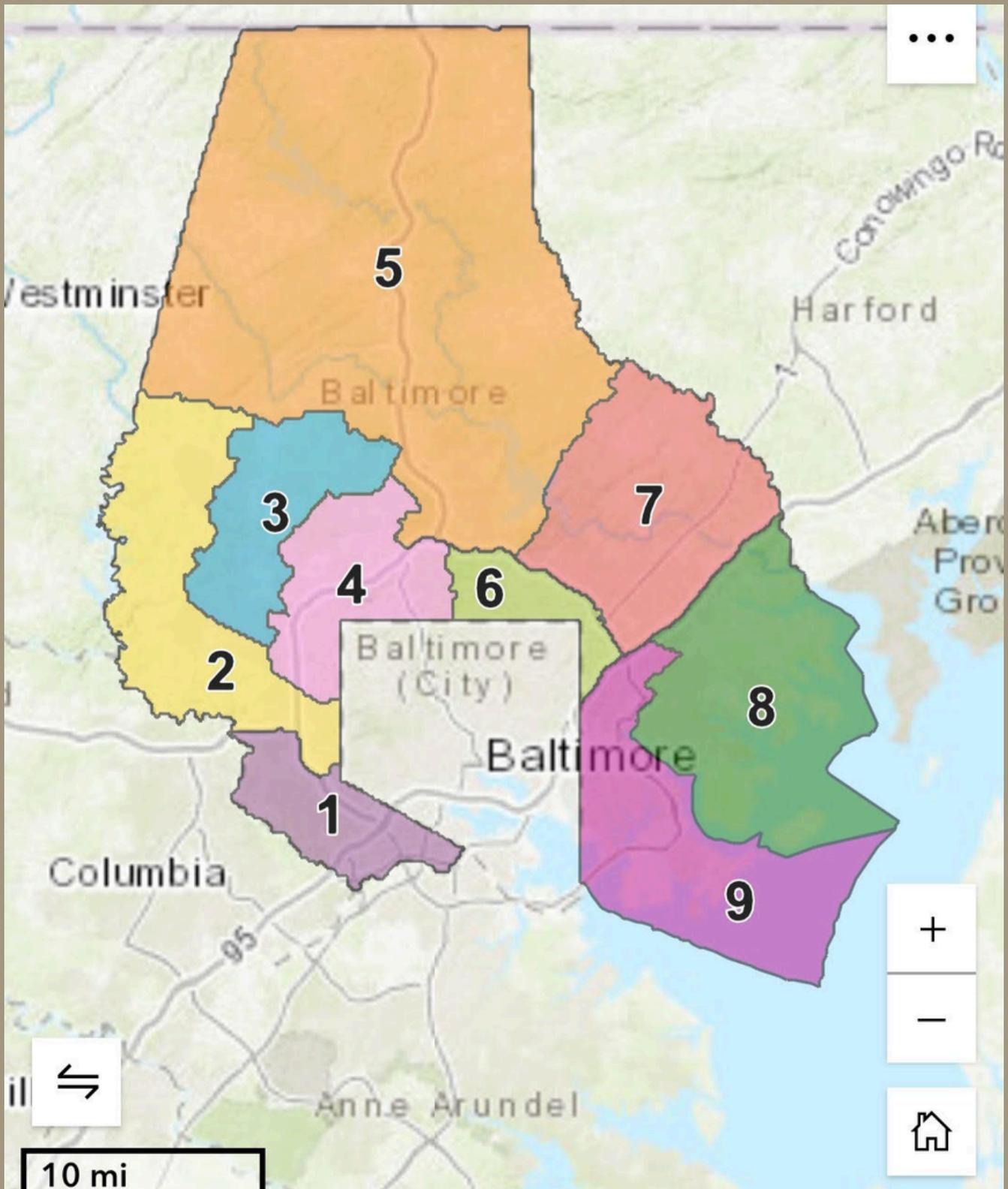
Salt doesn't work well below 15°F!

HEALTHY STREAMS BALTIMORE COUNTY

For more tips and resources, visit bit.ly/MDEsaltsmart

From District 3 to 5 - ONE LUTHERVILLE!

Our familiar District 3 moves to a new designation as we move to the new expanded County Council with seven council persons. We're now District 5, and we're still One Lutherville!



Continue on in our newsletter where we introduce the candidates hoping to represent District 5!

West Lutherville Playground Survey Results

Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey for the renovation of the Children's Park. The park design has been posted and it has so much of what we asked for; we're still working to improve the parking, particularly from an ADA perspective.

We are proud to be getting a new park where accessibility is the primary focus, in fact recently received new accessible picnic tables!

The full design can be seen at: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/files/departments/recreation-and-parks/documents/west-lutherville-park-public-input-survey-2025.pdf>

2025 West Lutherville Park Community Feedback Snapshot

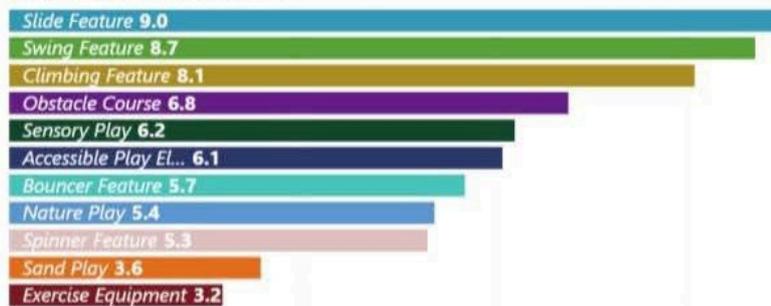
75 responses
80% walk to the playground



What people like about the playground

- Variety of activities for different age groups
- **Swings**
- Slides, including the variety
- Monkey bars
- **Nearby stream**
- **Open space**
- **Benches in the shade**
- **Proximity to home**
- Children's Little Library

Key playground features



Other comments:

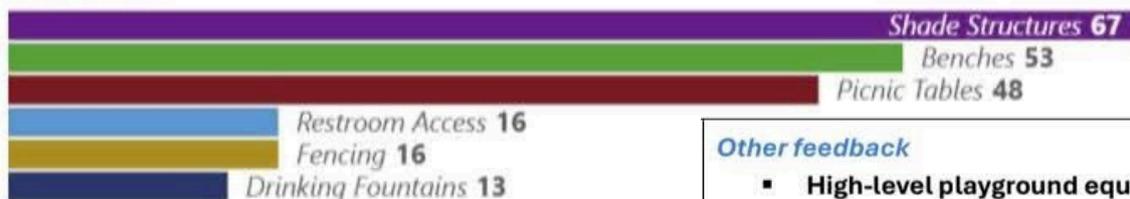
- Zipline
- See-saws
- Better climbing equipment needed, esp. for older children

Design recommendations based on feedback:

Many respondents stressed shade needed. Prioritize making the park more accessible for family in the neighborhood that have children in wheelchairs. Improve safety by adding fencing by the stream. Evaluate opportunity to develop land across the street for additional recreation. Create separate area for younger children and older children. Replace current mobius strip/Swiss cheese climbing feature with balance features, rope climbing structures, spinners, spring riders, sensory panels, etc.

***Bolded** items highlight feedback shared by multiple respondents

Amenities



Other comments:

- Fencing by street and stream

Other feedback

- **High-level playground equipment for older children**
- Improve inclusivity (e.g., inclusive play equipment, wheelchair accessible entrances and paths, etc.)
- Clear, visible signage
- Improve street safety with crosswalks and speed deterrents
- **Seating and shade**
- Rubber/pour-in-place surface
- **Separate area for kids under 5 and 6-12**
- Native wildflower garden
- **Remove ribbon climbing structure; concerns for safety**
- Lookout pier
- Fencing (esp. by creek)
- Walking/bike ride loop around playground
- **Potential use of lot across the street for sports equipment (courts, soccer goals, bocce courts, etc.)**

West Lutherville Playground Reveal

Preliminary plans for the renovation of West Lutherville Park Revealed!



What's Good in the Neighborhood 1 of 2

Are you looking for a way to volunteer? Did you know there is a fabulous organization working out of Lutherville Station that provides backpacks and food to children in our schools? Its right nearby, at the old Big Lots location, in with Peake Physical Therapy.



Weekend Backpacks
Hunger doesn't take the weekend off

Contact Information:

- P.O. Box 21486
Baltimore, MD 21282
- 130 W Ridgely Rd
Timonium, MD 21093
- [410-231-3134](tel:410-231-3134)
- info@weekendbackpacks.org

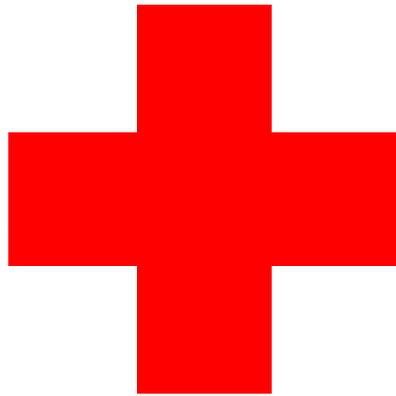


Our mission is to improve the lives of students affected by food insecurity in Baltimore by delivering bags of nutritious and child-friendly food to schools weekly.

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Blood Drive
Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church

Church Hall
130 W Seminary Avenue
Lutherville, MD 21093

Saturday, March 14, 2026
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Thanks to our hometown hero who repaired the damage to our Little Library at West Lutherville Children's Park.



Lutherville Community Association

EASTER *Egg Hunt*

GAMES- PRIZES -FUN

SATURDAY, MARCH 28th, 2026

WEST LUTHERVILLE PARK

1-2pm Egg Drop Off

3-3:15pm Easter Egg Hunt

3:15-4pm Park & Play Time!

Contact Maija for more info:

GetSuperSimple@gmail.com



LUTHERVILLE COMMUNITY
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Meet our Upcoming LCA Speakers

Hear them & speak at the next LCA General Meetings:
Tuesday 3/11
Tuesday 5/12
Timonium Fair Grounds
Vista Room
7pm



MARCH SPEAKER

Shawn McIntosh

Candidate for New Council District #5

Shawn McIntosh for County Council – Shawn is running for Baltimore County Council to fight for working families. Join her to move the 5th District in a new way forward! Find out more about Shawn at:<https://share.google/oCEIEpr6YtfPa1iYt>

MARCH SPEAKER

Captain Chad Miller

New Captain at Cockeysville Precinct

He will be present to introduce himself and to address concerns about the Police Department's use of Lutherville Station.

Captain Chad Miller is a 20-year veteran of law enforcement. He joined the Baltimore County Police Department in December 2005 as a member of the 121st class, and began his career assigned to the Pikesville Precinct as a Patrol Officer. Most recently, he was assigned to the Traffic Management Section as the Commander.



MAY SPEAKER

Theaux Le Gardeur

Candidate for Our New Council District #5

Theaux M. Le Gardeur is the Gunpowder Riverkeeper who actively collaborates with the Baltimore County Council and local officials on environmental issues.

Thank you to our LCA Business Members

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P.O. BOX 6
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ANNUALLY

LCA BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY!

- Free Logo Presence on the LCA Website
- Free Logo or Banner on our Newsletter
- Free Social Media Posts
- Recognitions as a supporter of the LCA

<https://luthervillecommunityassociation.org/join>

PARTNER WITH US TODAY!

Welcome to our business members:

- Adolph's Citgo
- Cakes by Jason
- Church of the Holy Comforter
- Church of the Nativity
- Coon and Cole Law
- Galeria Subway
- Ginny Robertson LLC
- Hollow Point Farms
- HomeSlyce
- Jackie Dalsimer - Certified Health Coach
- Michael Deluca - MD Remodeling and Cummings&Co Realtors
- Well for the Journey

Continued thanks to our Honorary Members for their continued support

- St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- College Manor
- Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company
- Cockeysville Precinct Community Outreach

New Year RESOLUTIONS

1. **JOIN THE**
2. **LUTHERVILLE**
3. **COMMUNITY**
4. **ASSOCIATION**
- 5.
- 6.

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

JOIN OR
↓ RENEW TODAY ↓

LuthervilleCommunityAssociation.org

Trash Collection Schedule UPDATE



10 VISITS PER YEAR:

**A SUSTAINABLE STEP FORWARD
FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Baltimore County is updating its waste disposal policy to allow 10 visits per year instead of 6, aiming to encourage responsible waste management. This change supports environmental sustainability by reducing landfill overflow and promoting awareness of waste reduction. Limiting visits also ensures equitable access to drop-off centers and reduces congestion for all residents. As our community grows, these measures help us plan more effectively for future waste management needs.



CORRECTION NOTICE: TRASH AND RECYCLING HOLIDAY SLIDE COLLECTION

An error was identified in the 2026 Trash & Recycling Collection Calendar related to holiday slide collections. We apologize for the confusion this has caused and ask residents to review the corrected information below.

Collections will operate as normal on Presidents' Day, Indigenous Peoples' Day, and Veterans Day, with trash and recycling collected on the holiday.

- **Presidents' Day – Monday, February 16, 2026 – Normal collection**
- **Indigenous Peoples' Day – Monday, October 12, 2026 – Normal collection**
- **Veterans Day – Wednesday, November 11, 2026 – Normal collection**

The History of Country Club Park - continued

The farmland became fallow and remained available for several years. A city resident reported that he took the train to the Lutherville Station and then walked to the racetrack. Local history notes that the first Maryland State Fair took place in Lutherville. Could the Talbott land racetrack have been the site of the first fair? It is also likely that this location hosted a small amusement park built by the railroad company to encourage city ridership, lasting until the opening of PennMar.

In 1924, a family-owned real estate company in Baltimore, The Peoples Co-Operative Realty Company, Inc., purchased the land through a straw purchase from the estate of J. Ellen Talbott for \$176.05 per acre, totaling \$25,668.00. The firm was controlled by the Hammerman family, who developed other tracts in the area, including West Timonium Heights, situated north of the State Fair and south of Padonia Road. One of the original subdivision plats for the site promoted the Lutherville property as “The Green Spring Valley Home Spot.” To ensure the quality of the subdivision, the developer established a series of covenants and restrictions that all subsequent owners were required to comply with, including:

- Building plans must be approved by the company, and residences must cost a minimum of \$3,500.00 in 1924 dollars, with any home built on Morris Avenue needing to cost at least \$4,000.00.
- No business could be conducted on any lot, and residents were not allowed to keep livestock on their properties.
- African Americans could not reside in the area unless they were servants of residents. (This last covenant was later repealed.)

The development was promoted under several names: Luthervillia, Talbott Manor, and finally, Country Club Park. Some have asked, “Where was the country club?” The truth is, there never was a country club; it was merely an advertising exaggeration.

The streets were named after nearby colleges: Towson, Goucher, and Notre Dame, to highlight the community’s proximity to these institutions. Over the years, the project changed hands multiple times, with most lots being sold after World War II. The buildings on each lot reflected the interests and desires of individual owners, resulting in a pleasing variety of styles and construction. This contrasts with other mass developments, where each house is identical. The community is enclosed by highways and train tracks, giving it the feel of a country village.

The History of Country Club Park - continued

Notable Properties in Country Club Park

that have reached the century mark in age or will in the next few years.

1601 Riderwood Drive - Built in 1873

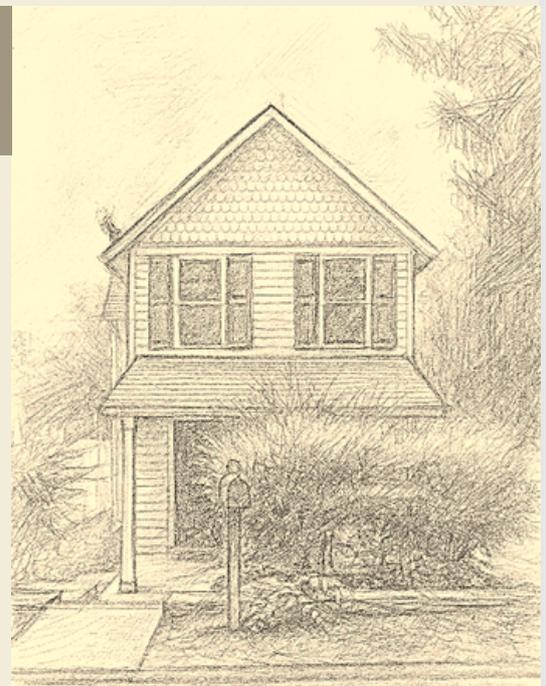


Originally the Lutherville train station built using Cockeysville limestone schist.

- Converted into a residence with pine floors, 10-foot ceilings, and preserved architectural details.
- Part of the Lutherville Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- This structure reflects the town's railroad-centered origins and adaptive reuse of civic buildings

1512 Riderwood Drive - Built in 1912

- Featuring colonial architecture.
- Located between Karma and the Jehovah's Witness Hall.
- Originally had a twin house next door, which was demolished.
- Represents early 20th-century suburban expansion.



The History of Country Club Park - continued

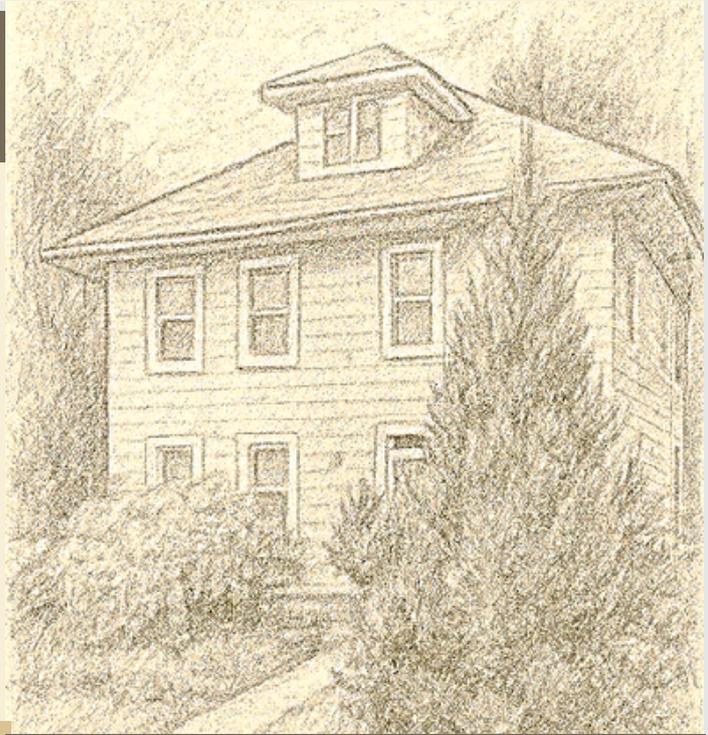


612 Morris Avenue -
Constructed in 1927

- Reflects the district's architectural continuity and residential growth during the interwar period.

709 Morris Avenue
- Built in 1928

- This home contributes to the district's historic fabric and suburban character.



1511 Greenspring Avenue -
Built in 1912

- A two-story single-family residence. Retains its early 20th-century charm.
- Exemplifies the transition from rural estate to suburban housing

