

**Lutherville Community Association
General Meeting March 9, 2010**

Present: Board members included Jeff Dier, Marcia Hettinger, Alice Parson, Leslie Storms, Marie Frederick, Colleen Smart, Karen Morrissey, Michelle Shawyer, Mel Timmons, Monica Enoch and Laurie Hooper. Neighbors included: Allen Adams, Paul Beziat, Wyatt DeSantis, Sue Harvey, John Horine, Barry Hunter, Ken Jackson, E. Pen Jones, Mark Malloy, Theodore Rossman and Dan Walko. Also present was County Councilman Bryan McIntire.

The first speaker was John Canoles, an Environmental Ecologist, who talked about the wildlife situation in Lutherville. There are a lot of places for wildlife in the older part of Lutherville, with the old trees and shrubbery. Wildlife can be encouraged to come to a neighborhood if there is sufficient water, food, shelter, sun and room for mating. Wildlife areas can be created by preserving overgrown areas or enhancing existing habitat areas.

The second speakers were Fran Ward and Dave Bond from the State Highway Administration. On or about April 4, there will be a long-term temporary closure of the ramp from the roundabout to westbound I-695. The two-way section of the ramp accessing the business and medical offices will remain open. The ramp closure is expected to be completed by the end of summer, weather permitting. Traffic traveling to westbound I-695 will be directed to York Road or Falls Road. Temporary signs will be installed and the neighborhoods will be monitored. The entire project is projected to be completed in spring, 2012.

Minutes – Minutes of the January 2010 General Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – The balance in the M&T account is \$2,681.28. The T. Rowe Price account balance is \$15,657.15. A withdrawal of \$3,000 from T. Rowe Price was used for expenses, including the Basket Bingo.

Traffic – Laurie Hooper

- The meeting with Keith Link from Baltimore County on February 23 was very useful.
- The crosswalk on Bellona Avenue at Orchard Hills Park will be looked into after the Charles Street Project is completed, in two years.
- Speed limit signs are needed on Bellona Avenue.
- Let Officer McGraw of the Cockeysville District know the make and license number of cars speeding in Country Club Park.
- A “No Parking” sign is needed across from the Royal Farm store on Seminary Avenue because trucks parked there obstruct the view of traffic.
- The speed bumps have not caused traffic to slow, but it is unlikely that anything else will be done because of the budget.
- Contact Laurie if you see speeding to get the street on the list for speed counters.

Security – Monica Enoch

- There are no problems at this time.

History – Karen Morrissey

- Karen has two tentative speakers for the Lecture Series, which will start in the third week of April.

Nominating – Michelle Shawyer

- **The Nominating Committee will meet next month to look at the names that are being considered for election in May.**

Communications – Sharyn Kuczka

- **Sharyn is working on updating the Website.**

Membership –

- **A Chairperson is needed for this Committee.**
- **The possibilities of having electronic sign-up and using PayPal for membership dues were discussed.**

Special Events – Heather Binnix

- **The Spring Party will be held on March 27 from 1:30 to 3:00 at Spangler Hall. The party will be free to members' children, but will cost \$3.00 for children of non-members.**

Public Facilities – Mel Timmons

- **Historic Lutherville Signs – These will be refurbished in phases later in the spring.**
- **Roland Run – The flooding problem and strategy were discussed.**
- **Tree-Mendous MD – The Lutherville-Timonium Recreation Council has granted \$600 to replace trees at Seminary Park. We need a volunteer to take over leadership of the project.**
- **Seminary and Greenspring Park – Eric is spearheading an effort to create a park at the vacant lot. The Baltimore Community Foundation is considering contributing funds toward this.**
- **Adopt-a-Highway – The next clean-up of Seminary Avenue is scheduled for April 17, and volunteers are needed.**

Zoning – Eric Rockel –

- **Pen Jones told us that the buyer for the Cronin House settled last week. The front of the house will be restored and the back will be replicated and have an addition. The lot will be subdivided and a new house will be built next to the Cronin House. This was approved by the Landmarks Committee. Once the builder gets the permits, the new house will be built first and will be for sale. The Cronin House is one of five houses in Lutherville identified as contributing to the reason that Lutherville became a historic district.**
- **Marie said that the empty lot at 219 W. Seminary Ave. will be auctioned tomorrow.**

Basket Bingo –

- **Board members will solicit donors to sponsor baskets, or to donate gift certificates or items to fill the baskets. The cost of a basket is \$65.00. Donors will be listed in the program and Newsletter and maybe on the Website. Report back to Sarah Brown by April 9.**

Cool Kids Run –

- **Monica said they are hoping to have about 500 runners. The event will start at St. Paul's on June 12 and will benefit families of children with cancer.**