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Dear Lutherville Residents,

Summer is winding down and Fall is just around the corner. Before we bid adieu to the summer make sure you find time to visit the fairgrounds, site of the historic Maryland State Fair. One of the best family events ever!!

This June we once again welcomed in summer with a frozen treat on the last day of school. Thank you to Rita Nabhan and her team for another successful event. A special Shout Out and thank you to resident Pam Shaw for working with Next Door to establish a Next Door Lutherville. Please take the time to sign up for Next Door. Any Lutherville resident can go to www.nextdoor.com to sign-up or download the app. We now have several ways to stay connected to happenings in the community; LCA website, listserv, Lutherville Facebook page and Next Door.

Following these social media sites will aide you in being the first to hear any community news.

Our annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday September 8, 2018 rain date September 9, 2018. If you are interested in having your house on the Yard Sale map please email Rita Nabhan at Rita.m.omalley@gmail.com or contact Rita on our Facebook page. It is also the same day as St. Paul's Flea Market. I hope everyone will support both events.

Mark your calendar for our General Meeting on **Tuesday October 9, 2018 at the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Station beginning at 7pm.** Check our website and our other social media resources for details about the meeting. Thank you to LVFD for hosting our meetings.

September begins our annual membership drive. Look for the LCA membership envelope in your newsletter for paying your dues.

Communities are best defined by its people and their commitment to ensuring that we live in a beautiful and safe Lutherville. Like many of us, we age and so do our homes and landscaping. Our community only remains beautiful if we all put a little more time into looking our best. Thank you for making Lutherville a special place to live.

I look forward to seeing you in the community.
Julie Szymaszek
President

YARD SALE

Date: Saturday August 8th

Time: 8-2pm

Rain date: Sunday August 9th same times

Please contact Rita Nabhan at

Rita.m.omalley@gmail.com or

410-252-8623 so we can add addresses to the yard sale map No Later Than 9/3.

REMINDER – MARK YOUR CALENDAR – LCA GENERAL ASSOC. MEETING

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 9, 7pm
LUTHERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

2018 Fall Fest

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27,

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28



"There is a Current Regulatory Floodplain as defined on the FEMA map from the 1990s.

The County over the last several years has completed a new analysis for certain parts of the County that they use for permitting that shows a different floodplain boundary. Baltimore County submitted their smaller Roland Run floodplain restudy to FEMA for an earlier approval than their larger map update, but it was recently rejected by FEMA. The County may still decide to appeal FEMA's decision and re-submit their smaller floodplain restudy.

MDE is preparing a County-wide map update that meets FEMA standards, and includes Roland Run (and the entirety of the county).

FRIENDS OF ROLAND RUN UPDATE

MDE anticipates having a new map and model out for public review/comment and are targeting a date later this fall, but the FEMA final approval is still a couple years out (that is the normal length of time from preliminary proposal to final effective).

MDE is trying to finalize our schedule for the MDE maps, go to FEMA with our schedule with the MDE maps, and get published in the Federal Register for defining a schedule for our updates. Part of this has included trying to work with Baltimore County on the maps for the Roland Run area.

MDE has been waiting for some resolution on the Baltimore County Roland Run vs. FEMA review process before completing our preliminary maps. MDE has requested additional data/analysis from the County for this area to justify their mapping request but have not received it to date.

FEMA has not recognized anything but the effective older map. For now that map is the current map until the maps are changed by MDE or the County (with FEMA approval). "

Additionally, the Friends of Roland Run has requested a community-wide meeting within the next 3 months to discuss FEMA, MDE and Baltimore County maps for the Roland Run.

FROM YOUR ST. PAUL'S NEIGHBORS

The time is upon us: Back to School Time! Whether you have young people in your home or not, this time of year often brings a sense of newness and the anticipation of what might be. It's a blank slate, a chance to start fresh... a time of new expectations and opportunities after a time of summer rest.

In the Old Testament, the writer of the book of Ecclesiastes reminds us of these different seasons of time. It is helpful or a reminder when we move into these new seasons in the world around us: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven... a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 NRSV).

In a contemporary translation, I would add that there's a time for work, and a time for rest; a time for summer break, and a time for school.

At St. Paul's, we've been getting ready for this new school year in a variety of ways. This summer, we worked to collect school supplies for our partner congregation in East Baltimore, Amazing Grace Lutheran Church. We're also gearing up to continue our participation with the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) in their "Food For Thought" program, which helps to provide food for homeless students in BCPS schools over the weekends when their school nutrition assistance isn't available.

This year, we'll be continuing to support 8 students at Dulaney High School. We're even going to bless backpacks on Sunday, September 9th (9:00am & 11:00am) if you would like to come and be a part of it! And of course, we'll be a hub of activity during the neighborhood yard sale on Saturday, September 8th.

The Fall brings new schedules and new routines and a new rhythm of life in our schools, our homes, our churches, and throughout our community. May you be blessed and fulfilled in this new season of life.

In Community Together,
Pastor Ed Kay
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

ZONING UPDATES: DON'T RUN AFOUL OF...

Raising chickens seems to be gaining in popularity on some streets in the community. However, the Baltimore County Code contains certain regulations regarding public nuisances that many residents may not be aware of. The County Code, under Sec. 13-7-311, places restrictions on the housing of "fowl and livestock." Specifically, one is not allowed to raise chickens unless your lot is one acre or greater in size. Owners of lots smaller than one acre can apply for a variance to this regulation, but there is no guarantee that the variance will be granted. Additionally the variance hearing is costly and neighbors can express their support or disapproval of the variance. So consider this factor when thinking about raising chickens.

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY -- JOIN THE LCA TODAY!
Membership fees are \$15 for individuals or \$25 for families
Visit the website and become a LCA member: luthervillecommunityassociation.org/join

TRAFFIC STOP

At the last LCA General Meeting in May there was a presentation by and discussion with officials of the offices of County Traffic Engineering and the State Highway Administration on Lutherville traffic. In order to focus in on the specific issues of our community, the discussion was continued at a Traffic Meeting on June 7 with those same officials. Approximately 30 neighbors participated in a wide-ranging dialogue.

1. Intersection of Bellona and Seminary—The left lane is reserved for traffic turning left and also traveling straight, while the right lane is for right turning vehicles. In a typical rush hour, there are about 60 vehicles turning left while 266 went straight thru and 232 turned right. Cars going straight regularly veer over to the right lane to bypass cars backed up behind left turning vehicles, presenting a danger to cars appropriately passing straight thru the intersection from the left lane at the same time. We discussed designating the right lane for traffic going straight as well as right. However, this would result in an unduly severe and dangerous angle from the right lane thru to the single northbound lane. SHA reviewed the signal a few weeks ago and additional green time was added to the Bellona Avenue approaches, which, according to peak period site reviews, has helped to clear out the traffic queued along the northbound approach.

Baltimore County will refresh the pavement markings along the northbound Bellona Avenue approach during the upcoming painting season so that drivers are aware that the right lane is a right turn only. The County will also refresh the right turn arrows, and add the word ONLY to these markings. Finally, County speed enforcement has been requested.

2. Speed on Seminary Avenue--Lutherville will be on a regular rotation for the speed trailer for Seminary near the railroad tracks approximately every 60 days. The trailers can be set up to collect speed and volume data and a request will be made through the Chief of Police or Baltimore County Traffic Engineering.

3. Speeding on Greenspring Avenue—The County conducted a traffic volume and speed study even though it is not a through street. The traffic volumes were high enough but the average speeds were only 24 mph. and the street would not qualify for traffic calming. The police can be contacted about habitual speeders from within the neighborhood.

4. Difficulties exiting Greenspring onto Seminary during rush hours—We discussed a variety of options about this difficulty as well as exiting Riderwood. The County will be conducting a turning movement count for Seminary at Greenspring to pinpoint the average delay exiting Greenspring. We will also be exploring parking options for residents parking on the street near the intersection.

5. Francke, and Kurtz Avenues—Until 2016, these streets were classified as “collector streets” ineligible for consideration for traffic calming, including speed humps. However, in 2016, the County rules were changed and now the streets are eligible for consideration. Applications are being made for their study, along with another study of Front Avenue. Furthermore, an application has been made for a speed camera on Francke, near the ball fields in back of Lutherville Elementary School and the police are studying the matter.

6. We are also looking into the purchase of more signs to slow drivers in the neighborhood, the replacement of the directional poles at the Yorkridge Shopping Center exit across from Francke and Kurtz, and the landscaping and maintenance of plants in the berms on one-way streets.

Please feel free to ask any questions or provide feedback on our activities.

SECURITY BRIEFING

The Lutherville Community Association arranged a training session by Officer Kevin Kahl, the Cockeysville Precinct 7 liaison for our neighborhood, regarding the Citizens on Patrol (COP) Program on July 10, 2018. Officer Kahl provided guidance on the role of community members in identifying suspicious activities and alerting the appropriate authorities so that remedial action can be initiated. He urged neighbors to call 911 if there is a situation that requires a police response. Although he is usually in the field, residents can attempt to contact him at *410-887-1863* or kkahl@baltimorecountymd.gov to answer a pressing question. All other inquiries should be routed through the Lutherville Community Association Security liaison, Jeff Dier at Jeffdier@verizon.net. Officer Kahl offered to train any other neighbors interested in participating in the program.

Officer Kahl relayed information on recent security concerns about Seminary Avenue and the Cardiff Charles Apartments, as well as crime at the Light Rail Station and its impact on Country Club Park. He also discussed other services of benefit to the community such as free Security Surveys and the Police Department’s involvement with the Greater Timonium Community Council. Officer Kahl will be making a presentation to the LCA at the next General Meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

The following documents can be viewed on the LCA website: a Welcome Letter from Officer Kahl, a COP Brochure and COP General Rules of Conduct.

LCA MOVIE NIGHT MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

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