

# Luthervillian

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Dear Lutherville Residents,

Spring is here and it's about time. I know we can't wait to see our gardens in full bloom and new growth and color on the many trees that adorn our community. Speaking of trees there is an article in this newsletter about an opportunity to buy a tree. The program is sponsored by Blue Water Baltimore.

April 21<sup>st</sup> was a great day in Lutherville. The LCA partnered with Towson University for a day of community service. Twelve sites in Lutherville benefitted from TU students assisting families with household task such as painting, yard work, planting and mulching. It was an outstanding day for the residents who received this wonderful service. Special thank you to board members Marcia Hettinger and Jeff Dier for their leadership of this event.

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a big success for our youngest citizens.

Every hunter walked away with a basket full of colorful eggs and treats. Thank you to Rita Nabhan and the many neighbors who helped to make this event a success. If you like this kind of activity, please join the LCA. It is very easy to do on our website using PayPal. It would be great if our membership reflected the 750 families, the community serves.

Along with many acts of kindness that happen in our neighborhood recently, our community experienced some inappropriate defacing of playground equipment in Country Club Park. Thank you to Baltimore County personnel for their swift reaction and local residents who repainted the affected areas. As a community we are very concerned to see any hateful expressions and defacement of our property. Lutherville is a vibrant neighborhood with a multitude of backgrounds all working cooperatively to safeguard our families, and enrich their lives in an inclusive community. Always report any kind of inappropriate activity to the police.

Our **Annual Meeting** will be on **Tuesday May 8, 2018 7pm at the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Station.** Our guest speakers will be candidates for the upcoming election in June. See Jeff Dier's report on the candidates attending. There will also be a presentation by the Department of Transportation to address traffic concerns. You don't want to miss this very important meeting. **Thank You...LVFD** for hosting our general meetings.

Finally, May is LCA Board Elections. Detailed information about the candidates can be found in the nominating committee report.

Look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

Julie Szymaszek  
President  
Lutherville Community Association

## CANDIDATE FORUM & SEMINARY TRAFFIC DISCUSSION MAY 8, 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

Our Tuesday, May 8 Annual Meeting will feature speakers from the State Highway Administration and the County Bureau of Traffic Engineering & Transportation Planning to discuss concerns about traffic speed and congestion and pedestrian safety in the area surrounding Seminary Avenue. We will also have as guests virtually all of the candidates for our State Senate and House of Delegates and County Council districts. Democratic and Republican primaries are slated for June 26, 2018 and the General Election will be on Nov. 6, 2018. The following candidates have indicated they will be in attendance:

### State Senate District 42

Chris West (R)  
Robbie Leonard (D)

### State House of Delegates District 42B (two representatives)

Ray Boccelli(R)

Justin Kinsey(R)  
Nino Mangione(R)  
Tim Robinson(R)  
Michelle Guyton(D)  
Sachin Hebbar(D)  
Daniel Nemec(D)

### County Council District 3

Ed Hale(R)  
Wade Kach(R)  
Doug Zinn(R) (read statement)  
Colleen Ebacher(D)  
Bronwyn Mitchell-Strong(D)

## LCA NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of Officers and Board Member nominations for election at the Annual Membership Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at Lutherville Volunteer Fire Department.

**HOSPITALITY:** Chrissy Jerba: She is a long time resident of Lutherville & wishes to share her talent & experience as chair of the Hospitality committee.

**MEMBER AT LARGE:** Marie Frederick LCA Nominating Membership, Lutherville Historic District Secretary & a member of Lutherville Garden Club, Corresponding Secretary. Ms. Frederick has lived in Lutherville 33 years.

**MEMBER AT LARGE:** Laoretta Evans: Part Time Cafeteria Worker & a member of Eric Waddell & Abundant Life Choir. Ms. Evans has lived in Lutherville 35 years.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Marcia Hettinger: Marcia has held several positions on the LCA including past President. She has been a resident for 38 years. In the past year she was co-chair of The Senior Project.

**PUBLIC FACILITIES CHAIR:** Allen Hicks: Allen is retired and has worked at the Baltimore County Department of the Aging as an Ombudsman, Baltimore County Medicare Consultant – Dept of Aging and Maryland Office of Attorney General (Help Desk). Mr. Hicks is also interested in Art.

**HISTORIAN:** Jennifer Liles: Ms. Liles has lived in Lutherville 9 years. She is currently a member of Lutherville Lab PTA & Ridgely Middle School PTA. Ms. Liles is also a member of the National Council Public History.

She is completing her second Bachelor's Degree in Public History in 2018.

**TRAFFIC:** John Alexander: John Alexander has served two terms Chairman of the Security Committee for the LCA. Currently he is a member of the Lutherville Historic District Committee in Baltimore County

**SECURITY:** Jeff Dier: Jeff was our traffic chairman. He is an attorney & has served on many LCA committees including President. He has served on the LTRC (Rec Council) & he enjoys running & various sports.

**ZONING:** Eric Rockel/Rubin Bard: Rubin Bard will be acting Chair until Eric can resume the position. Rubin has served as Zoning Chair & has lived in Lutherville for 19 years. He has also served on the Subcommittee for College Manor & works in Real Estate.

During the past several months, I have focused attention on longstanding concerns about traffic speed and congestion in the area surrounding Seminary Avenue. At our May 8, 2018 Annual Meeting we will have as our guests representatives of the State Highway Administration and the County Bureau of Traffic Engineering & Transportation Planning to discuss this topic.

In March, I joined the hundreds of thousands of people at the March For Our Lives in Washington, DC. A number of people from our neighboring churches in the Synod (Lutheran speak for geographical area / diocese) answered a call from our Bishop, the young people from Parkland, FL and across our country who have grown weary of the constant anxiety of school shootings. The day was an inspiring one to see young people take up the mantle for something they were passionate and articulate about.

### TRAFFIC STOP

Please spread the word to your neighbors about this special opportunity to address their concerns with authorities and please email me at [Jeffdier@verizon.net](mailto:Jeffdier@verizon.net) any specific proposals regarding Seminary Avenue in advance of the meeting so that we can organize our time efficiently.

Recently, there has also been significant discussion about safety at the intersection of Seminary and Bellona Avenues on NextDoor that led to a request for the County to evaluate the site. You can read the March 29, 2018 response from the County Bureau of Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning on the [Luthervillecommunityassociation.org](http://Luthervillecommunityassociation.org) website.

### FROM YOUR ST. PAUL'S NEIGHBORS

I was struck by one conversation in particular with a gentleman who saw me in my clerical collar, and asked why I was there. I responded that I had worked with and cared about young people in the Church for much of my adult life, and for the lives of my own children. He told me what he was there for too - that he was there thinking about his own grandchildren as well when he looked into the faces of those young people from Parkland, or as the news replayed footage of other school shootings in Newtown, Columbine... He sort of trailed off, and started to tear up.

It was an incredibly powerful and holy moment we had, and all of that was before the March even began.

That's the power of what community can do and be together - understanding what is broken in our world and finding ways to better the path forward for one another. I'm grateful to be a part of a community in our church and our neighborhood that looks for ways to do this every day.

In Community Together,  
Pastor Ed Kay  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
[www.stpaulslutherville.org](http://www.stpaulslutherville.org)

## LUTHERVILLE CLEAN UP AND REPAIR DAY CAPS SENIOR PROJECT

On April 21, LCA capped our yearlong Senior Project by partnering with Towson University's Annual Big Event, local churches and several other organizations to clean up and make repairs to our community. Towson University's annual Big Event features over two thousand student volunteers who go into local communities to perform outdoor chores. The Lutherville Community Association identified neighborhood projects including the clean up of Edgewood United Methodist Church and two large sites on Roland Run, and the repair and sprucing up of Lutherville Elementary School and Lutherville Historical School #24 Museum on School Lane. The projects on 13 outdoor sites included painting, spreading mulch, raking leaves,

bundling broken branches, planting flowers, weeding and digging a garden plot. Approximately 200 students were assigned to Lutherville projects and were supervised by site managers from the LCA.

Our partners included The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, which supplied equipment including gloves and bags, the Baltimore Tool Bank which supplied rakes, shovels, clippers, paint rollers and trays, Holy Comforter and St. Paul's Churches which provided parking and rest rooms, and Baltimore County, which hauled away the debris.

We want to thank Sue Willis and Pastor Christopher Tang of Holy Comforter Church, Pastor Ed Kay of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Pastor Ernest Lievers and Norma Yates of Edgewood United Methodist Church, and Allen Hicks, Karen Darden, Sharon Plano, Julie Szymaszek and Rita Nabhan of Lutherville for their special help in organizing the clean up and repair. We are considering making this an annual event to include a community clean up and also restarting our Adopt-A-Highway Program.

April 21 was the last part of our yearlong effort to help seniors and vulnerable adults and revitalize the neighborhood. Events included a community forum with the directors of county social service agencies, distribution of informational materials to seniors and vulnerable adults in the community and a seminar on emergency planning in Baltimore County.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

The Church of the Holy Comforter (CHC) was approached by Kol HaLev (KHL), a Jewish congregation looking for a new location. Since 2009, KHL has been worshipping at Brown Memorial Woodbrook Presbyterian Church. In 2017 Brown Memorial decided to sell the property.

KHL then embarked on a new location search effort.

When the Reverend Christopher Tang of CHC met with KHL's rabbi and other members of their space exploration team, he was "immediately impressed with their warmth, sense of humor and the similarities to our own values and ethos."

Leaders of both groups agreed that KHL would relocate to 130 W. Seminary Avenue and share space with CHC. We are all very excited about sharing one location. We hope you will join with us in welcoming KHL to the Lutherville community. To learn more about our new neighbors, check out their website at <https://www.kolhalevmd.org/>.

## LUTHERVILLE CANOPY SHADE TREE PROGRAM

Our neighborhood has a terrific opportunity this year, to add beautiful native shade trees to our tree canopy. For a copay of only \$75 per tree, you can have shade trees planted in your yard this autumn through our watershed association, Blue Water Baltimore, and organized through Green Towson Alliance.

Canopy shade trees create healthier and more attractive neighborhoods, and support birds and butterflies. And they contribute to the health of our streams and the Chesapeake Bay.

Want a tree or trees planted in your yard this autumn? Fill out the form that is on our website and send it to John Alexander by May 15. We will contact you to discuss species selection and locations for your tree(s).

Copay of \$75 per tree includes purchase (of 1-1.5" caliper, 5-8 ft tall tree), planting, mulching, and installing tree stakes and watering ring.

Possible trees include American Elm cultivar, Oaks (Northern Red, Shumard, or Willow Oaks), Tulip poplar, London Plane, and Bald Cypress. A few other species may be available depending on specific features of your land. The tree form is available on our website: [luthervillecommunityassociation.org](http://luthervillecommunityassociation.org)

Why plant trees? Canopy shade trees increase property values, decrease air conditioning cost, reduce street noise, clean the air, and filter and absorb rainwater.

**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](http://luthervillecommunityassociation.org/join)

## 2018 Fall Fest

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27,

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28



### LCA MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE: MOVIE NIGHTS

The LCA would like to sponsor free movies on the lawn at College Manor for our community. If we can get 100 new memberships or \$2500 in commitments we can make that happen! JOIN NOW!

### REMINDER – MARK YOUR CALENDAR – LCA GENERAL ASSOC. MEETING

May 8<sup>th</sup> 7 PM

Speaker: Candidates for the upcoming election in June

There will also be a presentation by the Department of Transportation to address traffic concerns.



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