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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As the October Goblins, Pumpkins and Halloween Tricks or Treats bestow their last scare our thoughts turn to the upcoming Holiday Season. We hope you will mark your calendar for our Fall Festival on Saturday November 12, 2016 sponsored jointly by the community association and our neighbor College Manor. We are very excited about this joint event and very appreciative to Bunny and her staff for their partnership and holding the event on the lawn at College Manor. The event will include a bonfire, live music, and lots of activities for children and adults. Read more about the details in our special events article.

The LCA will again welcome Santa to the neighborhood courtesy of our wonderful Lutherville Volunteer Fire Department. The LCA will also sponsor our annual house decorating contest in December. Houses in Lutherville are always so nicely

decorated showcasing our beautiful community. Look for information about both events on the LCA Facebook group, the Listserv and the website.

Make sure you read Eric Rockel's article on zoning issues related to Lutherville. Eric is monitoring Grace Fellowship Church zoning request and a Cannabis Growing Facility on Aylesbury Road. Also we continue to work on storm water management. Three members of the LCA board (Julie Szymaszek, Eric Rockel, Jeff Dier) serve on a Task Force chaired by resident Ernie Shea. The committee has put together an action plan to lobby the county for funds to correct the storm management problems occurring on Seminary, Norman, Melanchton and Division Avenues. The Lutherville Fire Department has also been instrumental in requesting funds to correct the problem. We continue to be hopeful that our plan

will yield some action by the county. Special thanks to Councilman Kach for his continued support.

In the near future you may begin to see small yellow children signs on the main roads through Lutherville asking drivers to slow down. There have been concerns about the speed of traffic and children who walk to school and play in the neighborhood. I know we don't want to see a tragic accident.

On behalf of the LCA Board I wish you a wonderful Holiday Season filled with treasured moments with family and friends.

See you around the neighborhood.

Julie Szymaszek
President

FALL FEST COMMUNITY BONFIRE

College Manor together with the LCA will be hosting this fun filled event for all ages!

Where: College Manor Lawn

When: Saturday, November 12

Time: TBD

Entry: Free (we will be accepting can good donations & warm socks for those in need)

Food: LCA will provide Cider and S'more supplies. Food trucks to be

invited.

Activities: Subject to participation and volunteer assistance. Ideas include: Pumpkin Chunkin - bring your old pumpkins for a pumpkin tossing contest! | Pumpkin Piñata and some kid activities | Corn Hole | Fall Food Baking Contest/Bake Sale: Share your favorite fall snack, pumpkin spice recipe etc. (Pending participation)

NOTE: In the event of uncooperative weather we are seeking an alternative location. Otherwise we may need to cancel.

Contact Rita Naban to volunteer
Rita.m.omalley@gmail.com



LCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The LCA is again soliciting your membership and support. With the start of our new fiscal year, 2016-17, your support is greatly appreciated and vital to the success of our programs for improvement in Lutherville as a residential community. Please see the attached envelope for your contribution to our organization. To volunteer see our web site for committee chairperson names and contact numbers.

As the new chairperson for membership, I can be contacted at mhettinger@comcast.net for any questions or concerns.

Note that again this year one can join the association by using Pay Pal or by sending a check.

See you at the General Association meeting on March 14th.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND ZONING

Residents along Melancthon, Division and Bellona Avenues, along with the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company, continue to explore ways to encourage the Baltimore County Department of Public Works to address the storm water and drainage problems that plague part of the community. Areas along Seminary Avenue, Norman Avenue and the three aforementioned streets have few or no storm drain inlets and insufficient drainage pipes to handle runoff in many storms. Meetings by the Fire Company and community residents with Public Works officials did not result in a commitment to fund the needed improvements, and even a letter writing campaign to the County Executive failed to garner support. County Councilman, Wade Kach, has specifically met with the County Executive in support of the storm drain project, but not even Kach's backing has changed the minds of the Executive or the Director of Public Works. At each turn supporters are told that since this project had not been programmed into past budget plans, the County would not fund it currently.

Undaunted, supporters plan to appear before the Planning Board to urge that the County program funding for this project in the future. With many communities throughout the County facing similar needs, the competition for a limited amount of funding will be

a challenge.

On a related topic, several residents have met with Councilman Kach about the stream restoration project for Roland Run, which does have County funding programmed. Those residents expressed concern that this stream restoration project does not have stronger emphasis on flood control and water quality improvement. Sixty years ago, the Roland Run carried fish and other aquatic life, but currently it has been degraded due to overdevelopment upstream. Councilman Kach plans to speak with the County's Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability about a more holistic approach for the project.

The County completed its Comprehensive Zoning Map Process just after the publication of the last newsletter. Several properties zoning was changed as a result of this process, which happens every four years. The property at 1625 Bellona Avenue was changed to a Residential Office classification, as was 1519 Norman Avenue, which was changed to Residential Office-A (RO-A). The distinction between the two residential office classifications is that RO-A only allows office use out of an existing, previously residentially-used, building. Whereas, RO would allow the construction of a new office structure on the site. Also, the 3.6 acres of DR

16 zoning at 300 W. Seminary Avenue was changed back to a DR 2 classification. Finally, a parcel of County-owned property running north of the 500 block of Morris Avenue was given a designation of "Neighborhood Commons", which effectively prohibits any building on the parcel so long as it carries the Neighborhood Commons designation.

Finally, at the October General Meeting we updated the community about plans for a medical cannabis growing and processing facility, licensed by the State, that will be opening in the area in 2017. The processor, Curio Wellness, plans to open this facility at 5 West Aylesbury Road. Curio Wellness indicates that they plan to provide adequate security for the facility through fencing, guards and a sophisticated camera system, and they are sensitive to air quality concerns because they will install a state of the art filtration system to purify the air exhaust from the facility. While this use of the property is certainly uncharted water for our community, and the State in general, Curio Wellness brings a background of pharmaceutical technology to this use that leads us to believe that the facility will be managed effectively.

Information on Grace Fellowship Church will be covered in the next issue.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS IN BALTIMORE COUNTY

Animal Control	410-887-7297	Recycling Programs	410-887-2000
Civil Defense – Office of Emergency Preparedness	410-887-5996	Refuse & Trash Collections Bulky Items	410-887-2000 410-887-3185
Courts – Circuit Court	410-887-2602	Road & Street Repairs	410-887-3560
Drug Abuse Program	410-887-3828	Schools	410-887-4020
Employment Opportunities	410-887-JOBS	Seniors Information & Serv.	410-887-5555
Fire Information	410-887-4500	States Attorney	410-887-6600
Health Department	410-887-2243	Taxpayers Services	410-887-2403
Information Operator	410-887-0000	Voter Registration	410-887-5700
Land Records	410-887-2650	Water Bill Information	410-396-5398
Police Information	410-887-2214	Zoning Enforcement	410-887-8099

FROM YOUR ST. PAUL'S NEIGHBOR

It's hard to believe that we're already in the time of cooler weather, raking leaves, and stealing, I mean sorting, our kid's Halloween candy that will be with us well into 2017! Honestly this is one of my favorite times of the year. A season that begins with giving thanks, and continues with a celebration of Jesus' birth, and then the promise of a fresh, new year.

Thanksgiving is bust around St. Paul's, and you're welcome to help participate! We partner with the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (aka ACTC) to help feed our neighbors

in need and make their Thanksgiving a little more bright. If you'd like to be a part of this work, come and check-out the bulletin board off of our parking lot while you're on your daily walk and you can see what we're collecting.

Christmas is one of the grandest times of the year at St. Paul's, and you are invited to come and join our celebration! The Sundays in December leading up to Christmas help prepare the way for Jesus to be born in our hearts once again, culminating in a number of worship opportunities on Christmas

Eve. And this year, we'll also have a quiet, come-as-you-are, service on Christmas morning.

There is something magical about this time of year, and I hope you're able to find times to gather with those whom you love to give thanks and celebrate. And whether it's at St. Paul's or another community of faith, our prayers and God's blessings for this season and for the new year to you and your home.

In Community Together,
Pastor Ed Kay

BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF THE AGING

Mission Statement:

The Baltimore County Department of Aging strengthens lives by connecting individuals to community resources, programs and services.

Community Service:

With the ever-increasing number of individuals age 65 and up, it is inevitable that you know of an older individual in need of additional resources to maintain independence in the community. The Baltimore County Department of Aging (BCDA) is committed to provide information and resources to promote the best quality of life for Baltimore County's senior residents as well as disabled individuals.

The Baltimore County Department of Aging is designed to provide easy access to information about many programs and services. BCDA has information regarding; eligibility requirements and contact information for a wide variety of service that range from benefits and services, senior centers, health insurance counseling, health and fitness, housing alternatives, caregiver, community assistance, volunteering, senior employment options, long term care

options and safety, CountyRide transportation and much more.

To learn about the many resources our agency offers, please call 410-887-2594.

Ombudsman Program

Ombudsman is an advocacy program created to protect the rights and promote the well being of long term care residents. Staff and volunteers in the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program serve as advocates for residents of long term care facilities like nursing homes, assisted living facilities (ALF) and continuing care retirement centers (CCRC). They investigate and attempt to resolve problems and complaints made by or on behalf of residents.

Staff answer inquiries about long term care residents' rights, quality of care, long term care housing alternatives, financing and pre-placement planning. Over 160 videos, books and other materials are available to borrow from the Ombudsman Lending Library.

Ombudsmen are Here to Serve You - Trained Ombudsmen work to:

- help residents investigate and resolve complaints through the use of advocacy, negotiation and mediation skills
- educate residents, family members and nursing home staff about residents' rights
- aid resident and family councils to identify and resolve group concerns
- clarify and communicate concerns to appropriate staff members and help all parties involved find acceptable solutions to problems
- improve the quality of life of nursing home residents
- provide trained volunteers to visit, educate and advocate for nursing home residents

All information is kept confidential. There is no charge for Ombudsman services.

If you have questions or concerns about Baltimore County nursing homes or if you wish to file a complaint, contact the Ombudsman Program by emailing ombudsman@baltimorecountymd.gov or by calling 410-887-4200.

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