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Our community newsletter

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General Meeting | March 8, 2016 | Lutherville Volunteer Fire Station | 7pm

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy 2016!!! Our Maryland winters seem to feel longer and longer with mother nature showering us with more "white stuff" than our sore backs, snow blowers, and trusty snow shovels can handle. Hopefully by the time you are reading this newsletter you will be seeing the first signs of spring and the beauties of our community. Rest assured it won't be long before we are marveling at the bloom of tulips and daffodils.

In this newsletter there is an update on the proposal on putting Off Track Betting at Timonium Fairgrounds. Please read Eric's article on this issue as well as some legislation proposed by Councilman Kach to preserve small parcels of open space in our communities. Zoning and Physical Facilities continues to be extremely busy addressing issues related to new and existing residences always working to support fair results for all involved.

The Association is giving a "shout out" to residents who are members of the community association. If you are not on the list and want to join, please go to our website for membership information.

Also, if you know of any new residents in our community, please contact our Hospitality Chair, Christine Tennies, with the resident's name and address so she can give them a welcoming gift. You can contact Christine at christinetennies@yahoo.com.

There has been an increase in the number of break-ins and thefts as reported by BCPD Cockeysville District, so please remember to keep your cars locked at all times. We have also included other safety hints in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our March 8, 2016 General Meeting at our lovely, state of the art Lutherville Volunteer Fire Station beginning at 7pm. Councilman Wade Kach will be our guest speaker, and will be updating us on legislative issues including the Off Track Betting proposal at the Fairgrounds.

See you around the neighborhood.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Please check the LCA website and Listserv soon for details!

Interested in volunteering? Please contact Michelle Brooks at mudpot69@gmail.com.



TRAFFIC STOP

by Jeff Dier

The Traffic Stop has been a busy bee. We're still working on addressing the interference to the line of sight for vehicles exiting the access road from Old Navy onto Ridgely caused by a plywood sign of the rental agents for Lutherville Station. The large concrete Lutherville Station sign already obstructs the view of vehicles traveling from the Light Rail Station and bus stop. The rental agent backed down on a pledge to move the sign. We've been negotiating with the property manager who is trying to come up with another location for the sign. We're also following up with the State Highway Administration on concerns about debris and tree trunks possibly being left over after the completion of storm drain repair on Bellona near Seminary.

The next Traffic Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 7 pm in Room A of Spangler Hall of St. Paul's Church (down the left hallway). Please let me know if you have any issues you would like discussed and RSVP to jeffdier@verizon.net. We'll be discussing the canvassing of residents of Francke and Kurtz Avenues about their thoughts on contributing to and placing radar speed signs on one or both of their one-way streets to help reduce the speed of traffic. You are welcome to check out the website Radarsign.com for information on the devices.

PREVENTING MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

BCPD Cockeysville District has alerted community associations that there continues to be an increase in car break-in and thefts. Here are some helpful hints:

- Secure your vehicle by locking all doors and rolling up the windows.
- Remove all portable equipment, CDs, cell phones, iPods and any other similar equipment from your vehicle.
- Remove all personal property such as purses, wallet and other valuables.
- Do not leave any personal information inside of your vehicle.
- Do not leave packages visible in your car. Park in well-lit areas or areas of high traffic/visibility.
- Do not leave your car running or your keys in the vehicle unattended.
- Check your vehicle daily for damage or broken into.

ZOMING & PUBLIC FACILITIES UPDATE

by Eric Rockel

Residents along the Roland Run may have received a recent notice from Baltimore County concerning a possible zoning change. Let me explain what that notice was about. Councilman Wade Kach is attempting to provide some extra protection to properties owned by Baltimore County and properties owned by homeowners associations by placing a “neighborhood commons” designation on those properties. This designation provides an extra level of protection so that the property will remain as open space. Councilman Kach is concerned that without this designation, these properties could be sold for development purposes and be lost as useful parks for the communities in which they are located. The property along the Roland Run that is owned by the County, will receive that extra level of protection.

Residents in the historic district have challenged a request for zoning variances that would allow a dwelling to be built in the 200 block of Morris Avenue. Current zoning for new construction requires that all lots be 20,000 square feet in size, with 100 feet of width. This particular lot on Morris Avenue is less than 14,500 square feet in size, and it has a width of only 63 feet. The homebuilder who owns this lot has requested variances in order to build on the lot. He has offered two different home designs for the lot: one that would feature a 23 foot-wide home and a second design for a much wider home that would need variances for the side-yard setbacks. The case is now before the County Board of Appeals. The Office of People’s Counsel, who have joined the LCA in its appeal, raised a legal challenge as to whether the other side has followed the proper notice and hearing requirements. There will be a “public deliberation,” on March 9 at 9:30 AM in suite 206 at 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, by the Board of Appeals to decide if the homebuilder followed the correct procedural requirements. This matter may take more than one additional hearing, before a final decision is rendered by the Board of Appeals.

Many residents have shown interest in the proposed Off Track Betting proposal at the Timonium Fairgrounds. If permitted this facility would operate most days of the year, and it would run from 11 AM until 8 PM on five days a week and from 11AM until 11 PM on Friday and Saturdays. The public meeting held by the Racing Commission was attended by more than 350 people, with a very vocal contingent against the Off Track Betting proposal. Further news on a decision is still unwinding, but opponents question whether County zoning laws will allow such a facility. **If you are interested in opposing this facility,** go to **Change .org.** and under the “**search option**” enter **Timonium**, which will take you to an **online petition** started by the Yorkshire/Haverford Community Association. You can post comments and sign the petition.

Coming Fall 2017

LUTHERVILLE HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR

More details to follow at the general meeting at 7pm on March 8th at the Lutherville Volunteer Firehouse

John Alexander
Ann Alcaraz
Katherine Armstrong
Linda Brown
Leslie Bracken
Sue Battye
Rubin & Michelle Bard

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

The LCA would like to say thank you and acknowledge you as a member of the association for the year 2015- 2016. We are very appreciative of your support and commitment to the community. If you are not already a member please consider joining your friends and neighbors in supporting the association and participating in the good work of the community. We look forward to seeing you at the next community meeting and upcoming events.

William & Roxanne Robbins
Stuart Ray
Eric Rockel
Sally Russell
Matthew & Annette Stromberg
Julie Szymaszek
Pam Shaw

Theresa Bauernschub
Margaret Carlin
Kim Cooper
Charles Caskey
Perry & Katherine Conley
Wanda Collado
Janet Daley
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Donald & Dawn Slaughter
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Karen Stevenson
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Membership fees are \$15 for individuals or \$25 for families

Visit the website and become a LCA member: luthervillecommunityassociation.org/join

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