

VILLA NOVA  
110 YEARS

SEPTEMBER 2020

# VNCA NEWS

A Newsletter of the  
Villa Nova Community  
Association and  
Villa Nova Citizens on Patrol

## 2020 CALENDAR

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (Bulletin Board Dedication)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

6:00PM

Villa Nova Park - Buckingham and  
Prince George Rds.

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### DUMPSTER DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

9AM - 11AM

Villa Nova Park - Villa Nova and  
Queen Ann Rds.

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### VNCA FALL

### GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 19 @ 7PM

(ZOOM Meeting)

THE VILLA NOVA COMMUNITY  
SPRING/STREAM CLEAN-UP and FLEA  
MARKET WILL BE BACK in 2021!

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[www.villanovaassoc.org](http://www.villanovaassoc.org)

Email concerns, ideas:

[vncaweb@gmail.com](mailto:vncaweb@gmail.com)

## COVID-19/CORONA VIRUS

We hope you are doing well and we hope all residents continue to follow the state's guidelines to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

There are several properties with inoperable and/or unlicensed vehicles in driveways, side or back yards. These vehicles are in violation of Baltimore County law, (i.e., B.C.Z.R 428: All outside storage of un-licensed and/or All vehicles must display current tags and be operative.). Code Enforcement is working to improve the appearance and value of residential communities including Villa Nova. Studies have indicated that improvements in maintenance of residential properties are accompanied by reductions in petty and nuisance incidents. Please help us improve the appearance and value of Villa Nova.

## DUMPSTER DAY - OCT. 17TH, 9AM - 11AM

The dumpster is coming...here is a list of PROHIBITED items:  
Acids, caustics, pesticides, chemicals, animal carcasses, drums or tanks (unless clean and cut in half), explosive or flammable materials, large stumps, liquids or liquid waste, medical or radioactive waste, wood or logs greater than eight inches in diameter and six feet in length, tv's, computers, anti-freeze, asbestos materials (including shingles), batteries (vehicle and marine), household hazardous chemicals, oil, paint, asphalt, black top, brush/yard waste, concrete, rock, large items that cannot be lifted manually.

## 2020 CENSUS

CENSUS and VOTE--- Two of the most important things that Villa Nova residents can do is to complete the Census and Vote in the November Election. Census deadline to respond is September 30. You may complete the form online, by phone or by mail. To complete the 2020 Census over the phone with a Census Questionnaire Assistance representative, call 1-844-330-2020. If you would like more information about the 2020 Census or completing the Census online, please visit [my2020census.org](http://my2020census.org).



**GENERAL  
ELECTION:  
NOVEMBER 3rd**

VOTER REGISTRATION and  
REQUEST MAIL-IN BALLOT  
Deadline: October 20, 2020  
Visit:

[voterservices.elections.maryland.gov](http://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov)

### VNCA BOARD

President - Sheila Lewis  
Vice President - Talaya McKinney  
Secretary - India Artis  
Treasurer - Sandy Parobeck

**PLEASE PAY YOUR VNCA 2020 DUES - \$20**  
**Please pay online: [www.villanovaassoc.org](http://www.villanovaassoc.org) or**  
**mail/drop off your yearly dues to:**  
**Talaya McKinney, 4104 Villa Nova RD., Pikesville 21207**

# VILLA NOVA COP NEWS

## CITIZENS ON PATROL PATROLLERS NEEDED!

Contact Deirdre Peterson: [vncacop@gmail.com](mailto:vncacop@gmail.com)

The Citizens on Patrol program is a very effective community crime prevention tool. COP acts as "eyes and ears" for the police and is the best deterrent to crime - sending a strong message that residents care about their community.

Patrol by car, on a run, on a walk or walking the dog. Just notify Deirdre of the date and time of your patrol. COP patrollers are observers only, reporting criminal and suspicious activity or needs for emergency assistance to the police. They are not vigilantes. They do not carry weapons or confront persons engaged in criminal or suspicious activity.

**COP EVENT - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Tuesday, October 6th @ 6PM @ Villa Nova Park at Buckingham & Prince George Roads. Join us for an evening of solidarity as we will dedicate our new community bulletin board donated through a Lifebridge grant and VNCA flag.**

## BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Since July 1 in Baltimore County, 84 thefts have been reported involving vehicles left unattended while running and vehicles with keys and key fobs left inside. Woodlawn is one area experiencing the increase. The Baltimore County Police Department stresses that residents should always lock their car doors, never leave cars running, remove valuables, never leave keys inside and install anti-theft equipment.

## HELP - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

HELP! We need volunteers to help with the planting, mulching and care of the Villa Nova Community Gardens located on Essex and Buckingham Roads. India Artis, Chuck and Lynn Calvarese, and Deirdre Peterson have been doing a great job, but there is much more that can be achieved with a few more volunteers. Please contact VNCA at [vncaweb@gmail.com](mailto:vncaweb@gmail.com) to lend a helping hand...the rewards are great.

## FALL GENERAL MEETING - NOV. 19 (ZOOM)

We will host the Fall General Meeting by ZOOM. Please email us at [vncaweb@gmail.com](mailto:vncaweb@gmail.com) to make sure we have your correct email address so you can receive the log-in information. The meeting will include elections for President and Treasurer. If unable to join, let us know so we can forward meeting minutes. Call Talaya: 301-760-0932.

# VOTE NOVEMBER 3, MY VOTE COUNTS!

## VOTER REGISTRATION and REQUEST MAIL-IN BALLOT Deadline: October 20, 2020

Visit:

[voterservices.elections.maryland.gov](https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov)

You can submit an application to request a ballot by mail. Just text VBM to 77788 for a link to apply online.

The county is also providing ballot drop-off boxes. The closest ones to us are:

- Randallstown Community Center  
3505 Resource Drive, Randallstown, MD 21133
- Reisterstown Senior Center – Hannah More Campus  
12035 Reisterstown Road, Reisterstown, MD 21136
- Woodlawn Community Center  
2120 Gwynn Oak Avenue, Woodlawn, MD 21207
- County Campus Metro Centre at Owings Mills  
10302 Grand Central Ave. Owings Mills, MD 21117

Election Judges Needed - An election judge is someone who makes sure elections take place smoothly and fairly. They report one hour before elections start on election day and are finished by 8:00PM. This is a paid position for anyone 18 years and older. To apply, visit:

[https://elections.maryland.gov/get\\_involved/election\\_judges](https://elections.maryland.gov/get_involved/election_judges)

## VNCA UPDATES

- TREE PLANTINGS: Did you sign up for the tree plantings? COVID-19 has delayed this project. Look for updates.
- NEW BULLETIN BOARD: Thank you to Lifebridge for funding our new bulletin board in the park at Buckingham and Prince George Roads. We will dedicate the bulletin board and new VN flag at National Night Out on October 6th.
- BEDFORD, RALEIGH ROADS: Wonderful news! VNCA was successful in getting Bedford and Raleigh Roads repaved.
- TRAFFIC CALMING: VNCA is moving forward with the traffic calming project on Campfield Road.
- PROPERTIES: Several properties are being renovated (three on Buckingham and one on Villa Nova) and selling well. Let us update our properties with repairs, paint, and plantings to keep the community looking great.
- TREE STUMPS: Please remove the decaying tree stumps from trees cut down in your yard...they detract from the beauty of Villa Nova.
- PAHLS' FARM: VNCA insisted they keep the grass cut and install fencing to prevent dumping on the property.

## INTERESTED IN A VNCA FLAG?



Would you like a VNCA flag to hang at your home and show pride in the community. Send your request to: [vncaweb@gmail.com](mailto:vncaweb@gmail.com).

# BALTIMORE COUNTY NEWS

## LIBERTY ROAD CORRIDOR

The communities along the Liberty Road corridor have consistently expressed interest in the need for improvements to the appearance of properties along Liberty Road. In 2019, the Baltimore County Department of Planning hosted public meetings to gather input in order to identify specific improvements and policies for guiding future investment and redevelopment. One of the top community concerns was the appearance of parking lots, shopping centers, and buildings. This concern led to a recommendation for the creation of design guidelines and designation as a Baltimore County Design Review Panel (DRP) area.

Given the size of the corridor, the Design Review Panel (DRP) area for Liberty Road will be explored in phases, starting with a focus on the central area. The design elements would include architecture, signage and landscaping. The guidelines, once adopted, would require Design Review Panel review for new projects or improvements to commercial properties within the boundaries.

## PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS

Did your assessment decrease...yes, good for lower taxes; bad for property value!

## EDUCATION

The county issued a request for information about local childcare providers – and how much it would cost to provide space for students who have working parents that need childcare. The county executive's office said it's reviewing centers that "could provide supervision for remote learning, recreation, meals and transportation." And the county says—officials are looking to move fast possibly opening this up in the fall.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Baltimore County Crisis Response System: 410-931-2214
- Baltimore County Domestic Violence Hotline: 410-828-6390
- First Call for Help: 410-685-0525 or 211
- Grassroots Crisis Line - suicide intervention hotline: 410-531-6677
- Maryland Youth Crisis - suicide and other interventions: 1-800-422-0009
- Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Hotline: 410-828-6390
- REACH Hotline (Substance Use Information): 410-887-3224
- Turnaround, Inc. (Domestic Violence/Human Trafficking): 443-279-0379
- The Family Tree: 1-800-243-7337

## REMINDERS:

- Do not rake or blow leaves or other yard materials into the public street. Doing so is a violation of County Code Section 18-3-109. Such unlawful acts may result in fines being issued.
- When there is a weather forecast of heavy rains or flooding, please clear the storm drain near your property to facilitate the water entering the Storm Water Management system and help prevent standing water or flooding streets. When you see standing water on a road, "Don't Drown-Turn Around." It takes only six inches of water to make a car flood.
- There are more residents of all ages walking and biking recently. When driving, please SLOW DOWN and WATCH OUT for them. Bike riders of all ages are required by law to wear a helmet. Please follow the law to be safe.
- Please obey the speed limit in Villa Nova - 25MPH

## VILLA NOVA COMMUNITY ASSOC. BOARD

The following is the current Board of the Villa Nova Community Association (VNCA). Any Villa Nova resident who has paid the annual VNCA dues is eligible to be on the VNCA Board. The resident must be able to attend the four to seven yearly Board meetings. Board members will find information and discuss and determine collectively, actions to improve and enhance the community. Board members may need to represent, discuss and advocate for Villa Nova with governmental, public and private agencies or organizations. We welcome all residents. Please email [vncaweb@gmail.com](mailto:vncaweb@gmail.com) to join the Board. 2020 VNCA Board: Sheila Lewis (Buckingham), President; Talaya McKinney (Villa Nova), Vice President; India Artis (Villa Nova), Secretary; Sandy Parobeck (Villa Nova), Treasurer; Saverio Coletta (Raleigh); David Harvin (Essex); Dana Jones (Bedford); Brian Macklin (Buckingham); Deirdre Peterson (Bedford); Teneaa Thomas (Bedford); Sallie Weaver (Raleigh).

## THANK YOU TO VN VOLUNTEERS

THANK YOU! The Villa Nova Community extends love and appreciation to the walkers---with and without pets---who make the effort to keep Villa Nova clean by picking up litter as they go through the community. It is small addition to a walking habit that pays big dividends for the community.

The following residents help ensure that the newsletters and other important notices are available to the Villa Nova Community. We appreciate that they volunteer their time, ability and talent. If you would like to volunteer, please contact VNCA at [vncaweb@gmail.com](mailto:vncaweb@gmail.com). Thank you to: Joyce Akintilo (Essex); India Artis (Villa Nova) Newsletter Editor, webmaster; Audrey Bennett (Campfield); Emily Drillon (Raleigh); Joan Gebhardt (Sussex); Calvin Gilliam (Raleigh); Lawrence Greer (Rockridge); Cheryl Harrison-Murray (Bedford); David Harvin (Essex); Tony Jordan (Buckingham); Jeff Levy (Villa Nova); Jenny Lucas (Buckingham); Donyel Parrish (Villa Nova); Deirdre Peterson (Bedford); Christine Saunders (Campfield Place); Scott Theiman (Prince George); Teneaa Thomas (Bedford) Social Media; Cindy Williams (Buckingham).

# VNCA DUES PAYING MEMBERS

Your support has helped VNCA stay in compliance with the state law and cover the operating costs and fees for the year. All board and committee members volunteer their time, talent and efforts. If you have not yet paid dues for this year, please complete and mail the membership form below.

## WILL YOU TAKE THE VILLA NOVA PLEDGE?

As a resident of Villa Nova, I am a stakeholder in the community and I pledge to:

- abide by the Baltimore County zoning codes
- know and respect my neighbors; be a good neighbor
- keep my property in good repair
- clear trash when I see it
- pick-up after my pet
- recycle
- obey the speed limit in the community
- call 911 if I see anything suspicious
- plant new trees to help maintain the water table when I have to remove any from my yard
- attend community meetings
- volunteer to assist with activities when I can
- support local vendors
- take pride in the Villa Nova community

*Congratulations to Sallie Weaver and Saverio Coletta on the birth of their baby girl.*

**In Memoriam: Ruth Cassell, long time resident of Villa Nova Road who passed at 104 years old.**

## CURRENT VNCA DUES PAYING MEMBERS:

Akintilo, Joyce	Essex	Howard, Chet & Robin	Buckingham
Artis, India	Villa Nova	Hunt, Patricia	Bedford
Bennett, Allen & Audrey	Campfield	Jones, Dana	Bedford
Billingsley, Seth & Krista	Buckingham	Jordan, Tony & Mary	Buckingham
Brooks, Cassandra & Kurt	Buckingham	Lewis, Robert & Sheila	Buckingham
Brown, Chere	Bedford	Martin, Mattie	Queen Anne
Butler, William & LaToya	Campfield	Matthews, Betty	Villa Nova
Campbell, Maxine	Bedford	McKinney, Guy & Talaya	Villa Nova
Cutair, Denise	Buckingham	Peterson, Michael & Deirdre	Bedford
Davis, Corild & Orlene	Raleigh	Randolph, Melinda	Queen Anne
Dixon, Armenta & Tony Brown	Prince George	Robinson, Jericka	Essex
Dyer, Dara & Tony	Bedford	Rose, Cheryl	Bedford
Feinglass, Grace	Villa Nova	Saverio Coletta & Sallie Weaver	Raleigh
Foreman, Mary	Villa Nova	Sessoms, Tobiet	Bedford
Gaither, Dexter	Buckingham	Williams, Attlay	Essex
Gibson, Wavie & Sonya	Essex	Williams, George & Joyce	Buckingham
Green, Stephanie	Villa Nova	Williams, Richard & Cynthia	Buckingham
Hare, Andrew	Lancaster	Wilson, Gertrude	Essex
Harvin, David & Ke'ena	Essex		
Henderson, George & Sandy	Villa Nova		

## PIKESVILLE FACTS:

- **Population: 30,764**
  - **Male: 13,860**
  - **Female: 16,904**
  - **White: 70.6%**
  - **Black: 16.8%**
  - **Hispanic: 4.5%**
- **Asian: 4.3%**
- **Median Age: 44.9**
- **Median Income: \$85,358 (MD: \$80,776)**
- **Median Home Value: \$314,450 (MD: \$312,500)**

Courtesy: city-data.com

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or mail/drop off your yearly dues to: Talaya McKinney, 4104 Villa Nova RD. Pikesville, 21207

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

(We want to add you to our email list to send you updated information and alerts)

PHONE (CELL) \_\_\_\_\_ (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNITY CONCERNS \_\_\_\_\_

**I WILL: Join the Board \_\_\_\_\_ Join VNCOP \_\_\_\_\_ Park/flowerbed clean-up \_\_\_\_\_**