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# VOTE

NOVEMBER 8th

## **FALL GENERAL MEETING**

November 17 7:15 PM

Augsburg Village, 6825 Campfield RD, West Assembly Room

#### Villa Nova Community Association www.villanovaassoc.org

Sheila Lewis, President Betty Matthews, Vice Pres. Sandy Parobeck, Treasurer India Artis, Secretary



Any dues paying member of the VNCA may join the board. The board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month (March, May, June, September, October) Augsburg Village Town Center, Campfield RD, Building 11, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room

## **Villa Nova Community Association**

A Publication of the Villa Nova Community Association (VNCA) & Citizens on Patrol (COP)

**October/November 2016** 



Do you see or know of something suspicious? Baltimore County Police Department asks you to partner with us by submitting tips about suspicious activity through the iWatch Baltimore County tip form. Email your tip to iwatch@baltimorecountymd.gov.

October 27 - Explorer Meeting, 7PM - 9PM, 215 Milford Rd. October 28, 2016 - BCoPD Safety Talk (All Day), Bedford Elementary, 7407 Dorman Dr. Info: 410-887-6775

#### **HOMICIDE IN VILLA NOVA**

With sadness, we report the stabbing death of Christopher Jones, a resident of N. Alter ST in a neighboring community Christopher was often seen walking in Villa Nova.

On the morning of July 26<sup>th</sup>, Christopher was approached by two men as he walked down Villa Nova RD, a fight erupted and Christopher was stabbed. He succumbed to his injuries. Our hearts go out to his family.

Christopher's death serves to impress upon all of us the importance of Citizens On Patrol (COP). If we had more volunteers to patrol, someone just may have been in the area to report the

incident and maybe save Christopher's

Please contact Deirdre Peterson to join COP: 301-793-6650.

### SAY SOMETHING IF YOU SEE SOMETHING!

**EMERGENCY CALL 911 Non-Emergency** CALL 410-887-2222

#### TRAFFIC AND ROADS

We have heard from you about traffic and road concerns. Speeding is a big problem. VNCA is working to make our roads safer through the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. We are working on road improvements, too.



SCHOOL IS IN **SESSION**;

STOP

FOR SCHOOL **BUSSES!** 

#### SERVICE CHANGES

TRASH - By now, you know the bureau of Thank you to Joyce Akintilo of Essex RD who public waste has changed our collection days in Villa Nova:

- Recycle and Yard Monday
- Trash Wednesday

WATER BILL - Water bills have a new look and arrive monthly starting in October.

#### **OUR NEIGHBORS**

has volunteered to deliver newsletters.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of William Davis of Campfield RD who recently passed.

# JOIN CITIZENS ON PATROL COP

Contact:
Deirdre Peterson
Decael7@yahoo.com
vncop@villanovaassoc.org

COP serves as a visible presence and is a crime deterrent. Burglars are opportunistic and will move to another area if they see people driving or walking nearby. Police departments have documented that communities with COP patrol have significantly reduced break-ins and other property crimes. So grab a COP sign and patrol by car or grab a COP vest and patrol as you walk. There is usually nothing to report but if you see something suspicious, call 911!

Baltimore County Police Department offers

#### **FREE**

Home Security Surveys. Call: 410-887-6775

#### Police Community Relations Council, Precinct 4

Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7PM at the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation on 7401 Park Heights Ave. @ Slade Ave. (Parking lot in rear)

Do you have a complaint about a Liberty Rd. business? The LIBERTY ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (LRCC) is an organization representing the interests of community associations and citizens residing along the western Liberty Road corridor. LRCC cannot do its job unless we speak up. Submit your complaint to:

Betty Matthews 4106 Villa Nova Rd Pikesville, MD 21207

## **VNCA GENERAL MEETING – November 17<sup>th</sup>**

## DOOR PRIZES...DOOR PRIZES... REFRESHMENTS!!!!!

Please join us at the VNCA fall general meeting on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:15PM at the Augsburg Village, 6825 Campfield RD, West Assembly Room. Come hear from elected officials; solar power experts; Baltimore County Police; and updates on traffic and roads in Villa Nova.

DID YOU REMEMBER TO ...

- pick up after your pet
- set out recycle on Tuesdays
- put a lid on your trash can
- check on elderly neighbors
- put your house number on your mailbox
- turn your porch light on at night
- Obey zoning laws
- Register your rental property

#### THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY

It is the responsibility of all of us to keep Villa Nova attractive and safe. Please keep grass cut, bushes trimmed and plant native perennials.

Please check nearby storm drain outlets after heavy rains and flooding to ensure that the drains are kept clear of branches and other debris so that water does not back up and/or erode land.

There has been recent dumping in the park areas. Please keep an eye out, take down a tag number if you witness dumping and report it to Sheila: 410-653-2488. We have received numerous complaints about loud music and rowdy parties. Please respect your neighbors! Call 911 if the

problem persists.

VNCA needs one volunteer to distribute the newsletter in the 4100 block of Essex RD.

#### THE STORM IS COMING... PREPARE

- Earthquakes can happen in all states at any time; "Drop, cover and hold on"
- Floods the most common natural disaster that can hit anywhere but especially low-lying areas; move valuables to higher floors; shut off main power; disconnect appliances; never walk through moving water or touch electrical equipment
- Thunderstorm get inside a hardtop auto or building; avoid showering since pipes and fixtures can conduct electricity; if outside, avoid tall trees, open fields, the beach and anything metal
- Tornadoes "Tornado Alley" includes TX, OK, IA, KS, NE and OH and on alert March to August; go to basement or put as many walls between you and the outside as possible; avoid windows and doors; get under sturdy table and cover head
- Blizzards can occur whenever temperature drops below freezing
- Storms and Hurricanes the East and Gulf Coasts are at high risk June to November; secure doors; go to a small room, closet or hallway on the lowest level; keep blinds closed and stay away from windows
- Sign up for emergency alerts sent to your cell phone via free apps from FEMA or RED CROSS
- Write down emergency numbers and important contacts from your cell phone in case you lose power
- Keep a 3-day supply of medicines, food, water, clean clothes and blankets
- Store water, first aid kit, battery powered or turn crank radio, flashlight
- Food items (don't forget the can opener): can veggies, meats, broths, seasonings, peanut butter, crackers,
- If expecting a flood, turn off main electric breaker; if water is already in the basement, don't touch the panel
- Fill your tub with water just in case water lines are affected
- Follow instructions from trained emergency responders

#### **BALTIMORE COUNTY NEWS**

#### Incentives encourage LifeBridge employees to live near Northwest Hospital

A new "Live Near Your Work" program offers incentives ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to help LifeBridge employees with down payment and closing costs when they buy a home near Northwest Hospital.

"Live Near Your Work" is a Baltimore County partnership with LifeBridge Health, the largest employer in the Liberty Road area. By providing buyer incentives in communities near Northwest Hospital, we are encouraging LifeBridge employees to invest in the neighborhoods near their work place," said Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz.

The highest incentives are available to homebuyers in the Stevenswood, Courtleigh, Green Lane, Fieldstone, Lochearn, Gwynn Oak and Colonial Village communities – all close to Northwest Hospital. To be eligible, home buyers must work for LifeBridge Health, purchase a home in the designated area, contribute at least \$1,000 towards the home purchase and use the property as their principal residence.

More information about the program for LifeBridge Health employees: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/planning or call LifeBridge Employee Services at 410-601-8000.

## Important connection between Owings Mills and Liberty Road Corridor completed

The final stretch of Owings Mills Boulevard is now open. This new 1.2 mile roadway connects Winands Road to Liberty Road (Route 26), joining existing portions of the boulevard to form a continuous 3.8-mile route from Reisterstown Road to Liberty Road and connecting two centers of development. Construction for the \$13 million dollar construction project began in the fall of 2013 and has been part of the County's Master Plan since the County purchased the land for highway construction in the 1980s. The landscaped roadway is four lanes, has a raised median and features sidewalks on both sides – one designated for both pedestrians and bicycles. The retaining walls feature an attractive faux-stone finish.

#### Northwest Hospital expansion

As part of the multi-phase expansion of the Northwest Hospital's campus, an office building has been transformed into a modern urgent care center and medical offices. The Liberty Center building launches a multi-million dollar campus expansion that will bring new jobs, improved service and more convenient health and wellness options to the community. Plans include additional buildings with an integrated design, landscaping and art to unify and revitalize the campus.

## County plans major pedestrian safety and traffic congestion improvements for Windsor Mill Road

The Department of Public Works plans major improvements to Windsor Mill Road between Woodlawn Drive and Featherbed Lane to address decades-old pedestrian safety and traffic issues. The proposed work will include widening the roadway from 22 feet to 36 feet and installing curbs, gutters and other necessary drainage improvements. The project is currently in the design phase, and tangible improvements are not anticipated for several years, pending a consensus of adjacent property owners. At that point, the County will negotiate right-of-way agreements with property owners, relocate utility poles and begin construction. Windsor Mill Road is currently funded only for design, and the project's progress will hinge on local support. This is a capital project and there is no cost to the property owners.

#### **BALTIMORE COUNTY NEWS BRIEFS**

- > The new Wegman's and other new stores at Foundrey Row in Owings Mills are open and hiring.
- Baltimore County Schools pass heat closure policy.
- For the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row, Baltimore County government is ranked in the top ten counties in the nation as a "digital leader."
- Road naming...most roads in the County were named long ago for the landowners and family names; neighborhood roads are named for the developer; in the early 2000's, these road suffixes were retired: Terrace, Place, Garth, Green and numbered streets. North and west sides of roads have even numbers and the south and west sides have odd numbers.
- Part of Windsor Mill RD will be getting sidewalks in a three-year project.
- A proposal to demolish the Golden Dragon Sports Bar on Liberty RD and build a convenience store with gas station is among current zoning change requests.
- A request to rezone the 225-acre property at Woodholme Country Club in Pikesville to accommodate 40 acres of townhomes and single-family homes is opposed. Research suggests there is an African American gravesite for slaves is nearby; however, developers feel it is their right to build on as desired.

## Keep in Touch with Baltimore County Government

www.baltimorecountymd.gov Facebook.com/baltimorecounty Twitter: @BCgov "Hello Baltimore County" on Cable Channel 25

## HOMES FOR SALE IN VILLA NOVA

4024 Essex Rd - \$269,900 7005 Lancaster Rd - \$340,000 7011 Lancaster Rd - \$250,000 4132 Buckingham Rd - \$ 275,000 4126 Bedford Rd Pahl's Farm

(Some sales are pending)

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE and www.villanovaassoc.org

#### **VNCA Newsletter**

Please send all news for the newsletter to: vncamembers@villanovaassoc.org You can find the newsletters online at: www.villanovaassoc.org

## 2016 Annual Dues - \$15

Villa Nova
Community Association

Name
Address
Phone
Cell
Email
Emergency Contact/Phone
I want to Volunteer:  □ Board □ Block Captain □ Newsletter Distributor □ COP
☐ Spring Clean-up

**Dues Are Tax Deductible!** 

☐ Dumpster/Shredder Day

☐ National Night Out

☐ Flea Market

Mail along with your check: VNCA, 4106 Villa Nova Rd, Pikesville, MD 21207

#### **CURRENT 2016 DUES PAYING MEMBERS of VNCA**

**THANK YOU** to Villa Nova residents who signed the petition at the picnic. Also, thank you to all who have paid their 2016 dues. We are making a special appeal for you to pay your dues. Dues help cover the administrative costs and materials to present the concerns and interests of the community to the county, state and federal agencies.

This year, we have had the added expense of legal fees to fight the erection of a non-permitted sign on Buckingham Rd. We are protecting Villa Nova from the encroachment of commercial establishments and helping to keep property values up. We won; however, we had legal fees to cover. Your dues and donations help! Dues also supply materials for maintenance of the community gardens, picnic, flea market, spring/stream clean-up, dumpster/shredder day and bulletin boards.

Living in Villa Nova makes you a member of the Villa Nova Community Association (VNCA) but paying your \$15 dues to the association gives you voting rights! DUES PAYING MEMBERS LISTED BELOW:

Akintilo, Joyce Artis, India Atkins, Jean Badolato, John & Laurie Beck, Joseph & Karen Belt-Jackson, Cheryl Bennett, Allen & Audrey Beve, Major C. Eric Jr Blankman, Richard Bowie, Matthew & Linda Branch, James Branch, Roslyn Brillon, Joseph & Emily Brownley, Mattie Campbell, David Daly, Mark & Jaci Davis, Corild & Orlene Dixon, Armeta Dobbs, James & Lois Berg Downes, Melinda Ebbesen, Victor & Sarah Heaggans Feinglass, Grace Findley, Leon & Nicole Forman, Mary Fox, Harry & Mary Ellen Gaither, Dexter & Odessa Gebhardt, George & Joan Gibson, Wavie & Sonva Gilliam, Calvin & Cynthia Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart Gribaudo, Philip & Gail Hawkins, William & Theresa Henderson, George & Sandy Holmes. Ben & Jovce Hunt, Patricia Jackson, Thomas & Alma Jackson-Chapman, Bishop & Lenora Jefferson, Trulestine Jenkins, Joe Johnson, Louise Johnson, Mark & Sandi Jones, Arnett & Linda Jones, Guy & Gail Jordan, Salvatore & Mary

Landergren, Diana

Latane, Robert & Mary

Essex Villa Nova Buckingham Raleigh Rockridge Prince Georges Campfield Raleigh Villa Nova Sussex Villa Nova Queen Anne Raleigh Queen Anne Raleigh Buckingham Raleigh Prince George Rockridge Campfield Villa Nova Villa Nova **Oueen Anne** Villa Nova Raleigh Buckingham Sussex Essex Raleigh Bedford Sussex Bedford Villa Nova Common Bark Rd Bedford Essex Buckingham Bedford Lancaster Campfield Sussex Buckingham Rockridge Buckingham Buckingham Villa Nova

Levy, Jeff & Lynn Lewis, Robert & Sheila Lewis, Walter & Tomasena Lindsey, Theresa Lucas, Curley & Jenny Lyon, Rebecca Mack-Craig, Florence Martin, Joanne Matthews, Elizabeth Maybin, Regina McKinney, Guy & Talaya McMichael, Calvin & Pamela Moscati, Scott & Ashley Parks, Doug & Sandra Peterson, Michael & Deirdre Pettit, Bill Phipps, Saundra Porta, Richard & Carol Pridgen, David Principato, Frank & Joyce Roper, Stephanie Rosenblatt, Arnold & Marilyn Schreibman, Julian & Gloria Seeley, William & Theresa Shaw, Robert & Shiva Smith, Jean Snodderly, Paula Spears, Wanda Thomas, James & Katie Tooles, Asena & Brian Macklin Weaver, Sallie Wedlock, Harry & Alice Williams, Ernest Williams, George & Joyce Williams, Richard & Cynthia Wilson, Gertrude

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Reminder, it is almost
time to pay
your 2017 dues!
Remember, dues paying
members
of VNCA have voting
rights!
Exercise your right to