

VNCA NEWS

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

2021 CALENDAR

**SPRING GENERAL MEETING - ZOOM
APRIL 22 @ 7PM**

We will email the Zoom link
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SPRING STREAM/PARK CLEAN-UP

MAY 22 @ 9AM - 12PM

Meet @ Buckingham Rd bridge
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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 3 @ 6PM

Flag Pole @ Buckingham Rd
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DUMPSTER DAY

OCTOBER 16 @ 9AM - 11AM

Park @ Villa Nova and
Queen Ann Rds

VNCA BOARD

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

MEMBERS:

Saverio Coletta (1000 Friends of
Pikesville/Armory Revitalization)
David Harvin
Dana Jones
Brian Macklin
Deirdre Peterson (COP)
Tenaea Thomas (Social Media)
Sallie Weaver (1000 Friends of
Pikesville/Armory Revitalization, Pahl's Farm)

www.villanovaasoc.org
Email concerns, ideas:
vncaweb@gmail.com

PAHL'S FARM UPDATE

CHAI informed us in December that they will be selling the Pahl's Farm property because it is not feasible to proceed with their plans for low-income housing. The property has been put up for sale "as is" for the conforming market priced 22 townhouses. With housing prices increasing in our community, this parcel of land could be appealing for developers. Nevertheless, VNCA is requesting that the county work with VNCA and Neighborspacebaltimorecounty.org to preserve and enhance this parcel of land for the benefit and use of the area communities. This will be very challenging project because the cost of the Pahl's Farm parcel will be at least \$500,000 and funding has been significantly reduced on all levels of government as a result of the pandemic. However, we have submitted requests to the county to see what can be done to keep this as open space community property with enhancements that improve the environment and maintain the ecological balance in the area. We need your support!



VNCA - SPRING GENERAL MEETING APRIL 22 @ 7PM EST (ZOOM)

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84166691518?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84166691518?pwd=ajhITkV5ZTdFYldqMi9ZeUtGYWsyQT09)
[pwd=ajhITkV5ZTdFYldqMi9ZeUtGYWsyQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84166691518?pwd=ajhITkV5ZTdFYldqMi9ZeUtGYWsyQT09)
Meeting ID: 841 6669 1518 Passcode: VNCA

(Please email vncaweb@gmail.com so we can email the link)

If you cannot connect via ZOOM, please call in:

1-301-715-8592

ID: 841 6669 1518 Passcode: 832501

LIFEBRIDGE GRANT

VNCA is requesting a grant from Lifebridge for a landscaper to design and install new gardens in the flower boxes at the community signs on Essex and Buckingham Roads, at the flagpole and VNCOP bulletin board on Buckingham Road. We usually use this grant to fund the community picnic, however, because of the pandemic restrictions, we were not able to plan for a community gathering this year. Hopefully, we receive the grant and will ask for residents to come and help dedicate the new features.

PLEASE PAY YOUR VNCA 2021 DUES - \$20 - See page 4

Please visit www.villanovaasoc.org and the Villa Nova Community Association FACEBOOK page for updates. Also, please make sure we have your email address for updates and alerts - forward your name/email to: vncaweb@gmail.com

VILLA NOVA CITIZENS ON PATROL (COP) NEWS

COP PATROLLERS NEEDED!

Contact Deirdre Peterson: vncacop@gmail.com

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

- Value of a volunteer - \$27.20/hour
- Visibility deters those with bad intentions
- Helps to keep our community crime free
- Meet neighbors/develop a sense of community
- Easy to do - patrol as you walk, run, cycle, drive
- Call 911 if you see anything suspicious
- Pick-up magnetic signs at 4123 Bedford RD (driveway bin)
- Notify Deirdre with name, date and time of patrol - vncacop@gmail.com
- There are over 365 households in Villa Nova; if each household picked a day to patrol, we could cover the entire year with one of the best crime prevention tools.



iWatch Baltimore County is a neighborhood awareness program encouraging citizens to be vigilant in identifying and reporting suspicious behaviors. Submit suspicious activity through the iWatch Baltimore County tip form or email your tip to iwatch@baltimorecountymd.gov.

Suspicious Behaviors to Report:

- Unknown individuals loitering or lurking
- People drawing or measuring important buildings
- Strangers asking questions about a home/building
- Abandoned backpack, package, briefcase or suitcase
- Vehicles left or abandoned in No Parking zones
- Intruders in secure areas
- Unusual chemical smells or fumes
- Someone purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons
- Someone purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials
- People who identify themselves but do not have credentials

Baltimore County Police will perform a FREE home security evaluation; call 410.887.6775.

PLEASE JOIN VILLA NOVA CITIZENS ON PATROL

The Villa Nova Citizens on Patrol (VNCOP) was organized in 1994 at the request and with the support of the Baltimore County Police Department and the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention. Research has shown that communities with active Citizens on Patrol are safer. COP is a separate/different organization from the Villa Nova Community Association. COP is focused on crime and works closely with the county police department as a citizen’s watch function, not policing or enforcement function. Villa Nova is served by the Precinct 4, Pikesville, 410.887.1279, Community Outreach 410.887.6775. The first Tuesday in August, VNCOP hosts a National Night Out event featuring a Q & A with the BCoPD and residents receive crime prevention materials please consider signing up for a patrol once a month to help keep our community safe. You may patrol while driving or walking. Car top and magnetic car door signs as well as patrol vests for walkers are available. Donations are always appreciated.

For more information on the Baltimore County Police Department, visit:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/>

YES! I WANT TO BE A COP PATROLLER!

Please complete this form and send to:
Deirdre Peterson, VNCOP, 4123 Bedford RD,
Pikesville, Maryland 21207
or Email: vncacop@gmail.com

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CELLPHONE _____

EMAIL: _____

I can patrol by car

I can patrol while walking, jogging or dog walking

I can patrol on way to work or on my way home from work

BALTIMORE COUNTY NEWS

FREE! FREE! TREES! TREES! TREES!

The county's Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (EPS) is working with residents, landowners and communities in Baltimore Co. to increase our tree canopy and help our environment through free tree planting programs. Planting trees is one of the single best things we can do to protect the environment and beautify our communities as they clean the air and water, capture carbon from the atmosphere, reduce erosion, provide habitat for birds and other wildlife, increase property values, etc. There are no costs for the tree plantings. These programs help the County meet tree-planting goals and requirements. Native tree species are carefully selected by EPS for factors such as ecosystem functions, mature size, native range, safety and aesthetics. We have lost a significant number of trees in Villa Nova and all residents are asked to consider adding at least one tree to their property to help restore Villa Nova to the unique woodland beauty for which it is known. Let us all work together on this project. For more information about the Backyard Tree Application, email: forestmanagement@baltimorecountymd.gov or mail a request to: Forest Management, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 319, Towson, Maryland 21204.

ALERT MDOT MVA SCAM

REPORT SCAM



If you received a text from "Maryland-MDdot Urgent" DO NOT CLICK ON THE LINK - DELETE IT! It was not sent by MDOT or MVA.

MORTGAGE SCAM

The Office of the Attorney General states scammers are calling mortgage company customers, claiming to be representatives of that company, and offering the customer a loan modification or asking the customer to make "trial" payments to them using a debit card, money order, or gift card (major red flag—no legitimate company will ask you to buy gift cards to make payments).

If you have divulged personal or financial information to someone who called you, and suspect they may have been trying to scam you, call or email the Identity Theft Unit at 410-576-6491 or idtheft@oag.state.md.us to learn how to protect your identity and financial information.

BALTIMORE COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT

The following are some code enforcement issues that should not exist on private residential property and will be reported to code enforcement.

Unsanitary or unsafe conditions - Grass and vegetation should not be higher than 2 feet in front, side and back yards. Shrubbery that faces that street, regardless of the height, should be kept neatly trimmed. All grass, vegetation, shrubbery, etc. on residential property within the 3 feet from the road must be kept cut and clear; this is a safety issue as three feet is the sight line for drivers.

Rubbish/garbage not stored in trash receptacles - Trash cans must have lids. Trash receptacles should be set out and taken in no more than 24 hours of pickup day.

Unsound structural exterior - Defective roof, steps, chimney, window, doors and fences

Inoperable vehicle or private property - Cars, trucks and trailers with or without a current registration, (i.e., tags) should not be kept on lawns, back yards, side yards, or driveways.

Fallen trees - Trees that have been cut down or have fallen down must be cleared and removed. Branches, limbs etc. can be picked up on trash collection days (check schedule); they must be cut and no longer that 3 feet and 3 inches in diameter.

WELCOME NEW PIKESVILLE BUSINESSES

Please support our new Pikesville businesses:

STARBUCKS, 1737 Reisterstown RD (Between the Rite Aid and Seven Mile Market)

CROUSTILLE CAFE, 1342 Reisterstown RD (Pikesville Shopping Center where the Staples is located)

COVID-19 VACCINE REGISTRATION

Register for the COVID-19 vaccine registration:

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/c268c6f40463480baae69154b7845ffd>

For information:

<https://covidlink.maryland.gov/content/vaccine/>

WOODMOOR SHOPPING CENTER

As many may have noticed, one section of the Woodmoor Shopping Center has been unkempt (Family Dollar has a separate owner). Over the years, the VNCA has tried to work with the owners to rectify the problem. Last fall, Villa Nova resident Joyce Akintilo, along with others, worked to get resolution to the unkempt landscaping, trash and dumping at the property. We thank Joyce and others for their hard work. **If you see a problem with businesses, road issues, or maintenance along the Liberty Road corridor, please notify District 4 Councilman Julian Jones via email: Council4@baltimorecountymd.gov or vncaweb@gmail.com. Include the name, address, location and the issue or concern.**

VILLA NOVA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - PLEASE JOIN!

The annual VNCA dues of \$20 per household helps cover the maintenance of flower boxes and gardens, operating costs and administrative fees, special projects, etc. for the association. All time, talent, resources and efforts provided by community residents, board members and officers are donated. We need a strong association in order to qualify and maintain standing in compliance with the state regulation. Now, more than ever, we need all households to join so that we can conduct meaningful discussions with county regarding community space and improvements. Please, (either through the website using PayPal or send in the membership form below), renew your membership for this year. Please do not delay.

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 remove any trees
- attend community meetings/volunteer to assist with activities when I can
- support local vendors
- take pride in the Villa Nova community

VNCA DUES PAYING MEMBERS (AS OF 2/13/21)

Artis, India	Villa Nova
Beck, Joseph & Karen	Rockridge
Bennett, Allen & Audrey	Campfield
Benson, Laura	Campfield Place
Coletta, Saverio & Sallie Weaver	Raleigh
Daly, Mark & Jaci	Buckingham
Dixon, Armenta & Tony Brown	Prince George
Gibson, Wavie & Sonya	Essex
Green, Stephanie	Villa Nova
Hare, Andrew	Lancaster
Harvin, David & Ke'ena	Essex
Henderson, George & Sandy	Villa Nova
Howard, Chet & Robin	Buckingham
Jackson, Thomas & Alma	Essex
Jones, Dana	Bedford
Lewis, Robert & Sheila	Buckingham
Matthews, Betty	Villa Nova
McKinney, Guy & Talaya	Villa Nova
Peterson, Michael & Deirdre	Bedford
Robinson, Jericka	Essex
Spears, Wanda & Margaret Lloyd	Raleigh
Williams, Richard & Cynthia	Buckingham

Villa Nova Community Updates...

Helping to Make Villa Nova Great - A few acknowledgements:

- All the walkers who pick up litter and trash
- Audrey and Allen Bennett for working on the traffic calming on Campfield Rd
- Lynn Calvarese for the decorations at the Villa Nova Essex Rd sign each holiday
- Denise Cutair for holiday ideas
- Joyce Akintilo and others for the Woodmoor Shopping Center clean-up
- VNCA - Bedford and Raleigh Rds repaved

Community Notices - Villa Nova residents who have paid the annual household dues can post a notice about the products or services that they provide. Please, after paying your dues, send a request to vncaweb@gmail.com. The information will be updated annually.

**Order your Villa Nova flag.
Send your request to:
vncaweb@gmail.com.**



PLEASE PAY YOUR 2021 DUES YEARLY DUES - \$20

Please pay online: www.villanovaassoc.org

or make checks payable to VNCA and mail/drop off to: 4104 Villa Nova RD. Pikesville, 21207

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

(We want to send you VNCA and Baltimore County updates and alerts)

PHONE (CELL) _____ (HOME) _____

COMMUNITY CONCERNS _____

I WILL VOLUNTEER: Board Newsletter Distribution Flower box gardening

Dumpster Day Park and Stream Clean-up Bulletin Boards

Emergency Contact/Cell _____