

VNCA NEWS



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

Honoring our Military!



VNCA FALL GENERAL DINNER MEETING

Thurs., Nov. 16, 2023 @ 6:30PM
The Village at Augsburg
Worship Center



Villa Nova wants to recognize and honor our community veterans and active-duty military persons for their service at the upcoming General Meeting on Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center at Augsburg Village. All military veterans and active-duty personnel, please send us a response to our email at vncaweb@gmail.com. We need your name, email, phone and branch of service no later than November 10th.

SCENES FROM OUR PARTY IN THE PARK



Lifebridge
Sandy Parobeck
Lynn Calvarese
Chuck Calvarese
Audrey Bennett
Lynn Levy
Jeff Levy
Deirdre Peterson
Michael Peterson

Barbara Corbin
Jericka Robinson
Shelly Ann Higgins
Donyel Parrish
Joan Gebhardt
Teneaa Thomas
Dave Harvin
India Artis
Sheila Lewis



VNCA BOARD

President - Sheila Lewis
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Reminder



- Please keep your storm drains clear of leaves and debris. If you are unable to clear them, call 311.
- The cold weather and snow are coming. Please check on your neighbors.
- It is a code violation to keep expired/untagged vehicles or commercial vehicles on your property.
- Parking on the grass in the park areas is prohibited.
- Please be respectful with your music and parking when hosting events at your home. A person may not create domestic noise or allow domestic noise to be created that unreasonably disturbs the peace, quiet, and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants.
- Put your house number on your mailbox.
- During the past few months, the Villa Nova Community has experienced severe weather. In the past few weeks, at least four trees fell because of strong winds and water saturated ground. The fallen trees closed the roads and were a traffic danger. We ask that residents please assess the trees on their property to avoid property damage or injury.
- Consider decorating your home for the holidays.



BALTIMORE COUNTY NEWS

- 1** The Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) announced the expansion of Baltimore County's electronics recycling program under a new partnership with electronics recycling firm, Securis, allowing the County to accept a more comprehensive range of electronics including harder-to-recycle items as CRT televisions that contain leaded glass, hard drives and flat-screen monitors. Baltimore County will be better prepared to serve residents amid the changing face of electronic waste and include modern technology like drones, smart devices, biometric devices such as smart watches, bathroom scales, heart monitors, power tools and electric scooters. Please verify before attempting to dispose of electronic items.
- 2** Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski and the Depart. of Recreation and Parks celebrated the dedication of the newly-renovated basketball court at the Scotts Branch Recreation Activity Center (RAC), honoring NCAA Champion and Randallstown hometown hero, Angel Reese. The court, now known as "Angel Reese Court" is part of an ongoing effort to modernize equipment at every County-managed outdoor basketball court in Baltimore County.

PIKESVILLE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE - PIKESVILLE ARMORY

Following a vote by the Maryland Board of Public Works, Baltimore County acquires ownership of the historic Pikesville Armory from the State of Maryland. Baltimore County transferred ownership to the nonprofit Pikesville Armory Foundation to support reimagining the site into a community hub.

"The Armory's redevelopment represents a once in a generation opportunity to provide much-needed community services and to create an exciting venue for arts, recreation, open space, and historic preservation," said Shelley Morhaim, President of the Board of the Pikesville Armory Foundation. "We look forward continuing our engagement with the entire community to shape the future of the Pikesville Armory."

Originally built in 1903, the 14-acre Pikesville Armory is the second-oldest armory in Maryland and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The site was decommissioned in 2016. To date, over \$15 million in federal, state, and local funding—including \$3 million in Olszewski's FY24 budget—has been secured to support the future of the site. Learn the history and hear redevelopment plans. Contact: kristin@pikesvillearmoryfoundation.org

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BUSWHERE APP

Baltimore Co. Public Schools launched an app - "BusWhere" to let parents and students track their bus in real-time.

BRING YOUR OWN BAG

As of November 1, 2023, Baltimore County will prohibit the distribution of single-use plastic checkout bags at the point of sale in order to reduce the significant negative impact of plastic bag litter and at the County's recycling processing plant. Retail establishments must charge a minimum of \$.05 for each paper or reusable bag distributed.

THANK YOU COUNCILMAN PATOKA

We thank Councilman Patoka for getting new rumble strips on Essex RD to help slow down speeding.

Share your ideas, ask your questions... Email: vncaweb@gmail.com



BALTCO. POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

stay TUNED

**Police:
@BaltCoPolice**

**Fire Dept:
@BaltCoFire**

**DIAL 988 for
Suicide and Mental
Health Emergencies**

**Maryland Crisis
Hotline
1-800-422-0009**

**BALTCO. POLICE
NON-EMERGENCY
410.887.2222**

**DIAL 311 for
BALTIMORE COUNTY
SERVICES**



**BALTCO. POLICE home
security evaluation -
410.887.6775**

PCRC: Attend the Police Community Relations Council meetings, 7PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month, Pikesville Volunteer Fire Co., 40 E Sudbrook Lane, Pikesville, MD 21208.

VILLA NOVA CITIZENS ON PATROL

Contact: vncacop@gmail.com

VILLA NOVA COP

- Did you know that communities with active Citizens On Patrol deter criminal activity?
- COP needs you! We need more patrollers to look for suspicious activity and alert the police.
- Patrols can be done on foot, while walking your dog, exercising, or on your way in or out of the community.
- The police need our extra eyes and ears.
- Please email vncacop@gmail.com to become a part of this fantastic team.
- Together we can keep Villa Nova crime free!



One of the beauties of Villa Nova is the rural feel of the community with the mailboxes at the edge of the road. If you are concerned about mail theft, INFORMED DELIVERY is a free service from the U.S. Postal Service. The agency emails photos of letter-size mail expected to be delivered to you that day or shortly after. This service is a great way to be sure that nothing is stolen from your mailbox. Sign up at: Delivery.usps.com.

Also, it is IMPORTANT that your house number is on your mailbox in case of an emergency. Because of the large lot sizes in Villa Nova, some house numbers may skip. Ex. there is 4105 and 4109 Villa Nova but no 4107.

WE NEED A COP CAPTAIN!

**Villa Nova COP engraver available
Contact- vncacop@gmail.com**

Meet Robert McCullough Baltimore County's 16th Police Chief & 1st African American Chief



Chief Robert McCullough is a West Baltimore native who joined the County department at age 18 in 1985 as a cadet.

In 2021, McCullough retired from the department while serving as a colonel and chief of the operations bureau.

He previously served as bureau chief of criminal investigations, captain of the department's Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Commander, and commander of the department's Eastern Patrol Division.

He holds Bachelor's and Master's of Science in Management from Johns Hopkins University.

"I remember when I was the only African American on my shift; that reality motivated me to be the best I can be in everything I did," McCullough said. "Some would say the chance of someone who looks like me, an 18-year-old kid from West Baltimore, to become chief of police in Baltimore county was less than zero."

Congratulations to Officers Keith Ketterman and Larry Stallings who recently retired from the Pikesville Precinct.



The iWATCH program is designed to help keep our neighborhoods safe. You can report non-emergency criminal activity anonymously at: <http://ow.ly/CCGM50NckPP>

¡HOLA!

NEWSLETTER TRANSLATION

Please contact VNCA at vncaweb@gmail.com if you need or know someone who needs the newsletter in Spanish. Póngase en contacto con VNCA en vncaweb@gmail.com si necesita o conoce a alguien que necesite el boletín en español.

NEW Residents

Please help us welcome our new neighbors. When new residents move in near you, please email vncaweb@gmail.com with the address. VNCA wants to give new residents a small welcome bag.



PRAYERS NEEDED

On September 22nd, our VNCA board members, Calvin and Cynthia Gilliam, suffered a devastating fire at their Raleigh RD home. Please keep them in your prayers.

Service Corner



SEAN SMITH
443.8103346

VNCA 2023 MEMBERS (as of 10/1/23)

BEDFORD
Maysa Leak
Charletta Carter-Brown/Mark Brown
Chatmon & Tenaea Thomas
Edwin Ramos Rios
Robert F. Dashiell
Trulestine P. Jefferson
Sherrie Flood
Drannin & Cheryl Rose
Edwin Ramos Rios
Shelly-Ann Higgins
Anthony & Jacqueline Kiser
Margaret & Keven Pinder
Michael & Deirdre Peterson
Dana Jones
A. Scott & Ashley Moscati
Michael & Annette Lewis
Maxine Campbell
Rana Khan
Stephanie Johansen & Rana Khan
Patricia Hunt
BUCKINGHAM
Brian E. Macklin
Michael Frey
Tony & Mary Jordan
Robert & Sheila Lewis
Ernestine Scott
Denise Cutair
Dexter & Odessa Gaither

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Saundra Phipps-Butler
Earl Torain
Kurt & Cassandra Brooks
Arnett & Linda Jones
Bishop & Lenora Chapman
Richard & Cynthia Williams
Seth & Krista Billingsley
Jean Atkins
Mar A. Drexler
Floyd & Valerie Gilchrist
Alfred C. & Doris Smith
George & Joyce Williams
Curley & Jenny Lucas
Chet & Robin Howard
CAMPFIELD
William & LaToya Butler
Allen & Audrey Bennett
Hazel Randall
Andrea Fenwick
Ernest & Christine Williams
Laura Benson
ESSEX
Antoine Yates
Sonya Gobson
Gertrude Wilson
A.B. Jackson & T.E. Henderson
Robert Henderson
Joyce Akintilo

ESSEX
Jerome & Jerika Robinson
Charles & Vanessa Foust
David & Ke'ena Harvin
Sharon Clay & Michael Jones
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Rodrigo & Melody Brown
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Randa, Aleem & Leslie Allison
Lynn & Chuck Calvarese
Kinston & Darlene Ferguson
PRINCE GEORGE
Manuel Miranda
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QUEEN ANNE
True Fellowship Church
Joanne Martin
RALEIGH
David Campbell, Jr.
Calvin & Pamela McMichael
Wanda Spears & Margaret Lloyd
C. Eric Beve
Greg Tyler
Walter L. & Tomasina Lewis
Corild & Orlene Davis
Calvin & Pamela McMichael
Linnet Kelman
ROCKRIDGE
Guy & Gail Jones
Rayondon Kennedy
Monica Scott
Sandra Wallace

ROCKRIDGE
Robert Rice
Lois Berg & James Dobbs
Anthony & Tennifer Clark
SUSSEX
Matthew & Linda Bowie
Joan Gebhardt
Phil & Gail Gribaudo
VILLA NOVA
Stephanie & Charles Green
Deborah Eisenhour
Pamela Hunter
Juanda & Donyel Parrish
Harvey & Dorothy Richeson
Kimberly & Cedric Tucker
Janice Carter
Henry F. Beard
Sheila R. Jackson-King
G. Henderson & Sandra Parobeck
Doug & Sandy Parks
Talaya & Guy McKinney
India Artis
Betty Matthews
James Branch
Jeff & Lynn Levy
Sylvia Bey
Frank & Joyce Principato
Grace Feinglass
Leander & Gloria Toon

VNCA SUPPORTS YOU THROUGH LIFE CHANGES

VNCA wants to include information regarding births, deaths, marriages, achievements, etc. in our newsletter. Please submit your life events to: vncaweb@gmail.com.

VILLA NOVA HISTORY

We are working on a digital historical book on Villa Nova. Do you have a story to share? Please forward to: vncaweb@gmail.com

If you are a VNCA member, we can give you a free listing in the Service Corner. Email: vncaweb@gmail.com

If you have an issue with your membership, contact deannacalvarese@gmail.com.



VNCA YEARLY DUES - \$25 (You can pay 2024 dues early)

Please pay online: www.villanovaassoc.org

or make checks/money orders payable to VNCA and mail/drop off to: 7013 Lancaster 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 • VNCA Board • Newsletter Distribution • Flower Box Gardening • Dumpster Day • Park/Stream Clean-up • Bulletin Boards • COP

Emergency Contact/Cell _____

BGE SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM

To reach our special needs hotline during emergency events, please call 1-877-213-2610

BGE will attempt to contact those Special Needs customers with a serious illness or that are on life support to notify them of an upcoming planned outage or the possibility of an impending severe storm so the customer may implement back-up plans.

It's the customer's responsibility to make appropriate arrangements such as portable generator, battery backup and a contingency plan, such as identifying places where to go for shelter or care in extreme emergencies. Customers with special needs are located throughout our service area and when there are extensive power outages, it's not possible to provide restoration priority to individual customers.

Additionally, BGE will take extra steps to avoid or delay service termination for Special Needs Customers.

How to Apply

In order to participate, customers with a serious illness or that are on life support must have a physician or certified nurse practitioner submit the required forms below:

1. **Special Needs Form**

<https://www.bge.com/MyAccount/CustomerSupport/Documents/SpecialNeedsForm.pdf>

1. **Special Needs Checklist**

<https://www.bge.com/MyAccount/CustomerSupport/Documents/SpecialNeedsChecklist.pdf>

Please note:

- Disabled customers must submit a copy of their state certification of disability.
- Elderly must submit proof of age and address.

Please fax forms to 1-443-213-3302, email to ActiveCollections@exeloncorp.com, or mail to:

Special Needs Room

720 PO Box 1475

Baltimore, Maryland 21298-9979

Customers requesting Special Needs status have 30 days to return the appropriate forms. During this period, no collection activity will occur for a customer scheduled to be disconnected. For more information, contact us, TTY/TDD (Maryland Relay Service): 1- 800-735-2258.

Hospital Program

If you are in the hospital and worried you won't be able to pay your BGE bill, contact a hospital social worker. The social worker will call BGE to delay collection action until you have returned home and recuperated.