

VNCA NEWS

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



JOIN US

VNCA DUES - \$25
PayPal - www.villanovaassoc.org

ESSEX RD CLEAN UP
Saturday, April 15, 2023, 9am-Noon
Essex RD Bridge

VNCA SPRING GENERAL DINNER MEETING
Thursday, April 20, 2023 @ 6:30PM
Worship Center @ Augsburg Village
6825 Campfield RD (Bring a dessert to share!)
Come hear about plans for the Pikesville Armory and County Housing Repair Loans

VNCA SPRING CLEAN UP
Saturday, May 20, 2023, 9am-Noon
Meet at Essex & Queen Anne RDS.



VNCA FLEA MARKET
Saturday, June 10, 2023, 9am-2pm
Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 7200 Liberty RD



VNCA PARTY IN THE PARK
Saturday, June 24, 2023, Noon-4pm
Villa Nova Park, Essex & Queen Anne RDs
Food, contests & fun; bring your lawn chair!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! vncaweb@gmail.com
All are welcome!



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (COP)
Tuesday, August 1, 2023 @ 6pm
Villa Nova Park, Buckingham & Prince George RDs



vncaweb@gmail.com
www.villanovaassoc.org



THE BEAUTY OF VILLA NOVA



This edition of the newsletter is featuring and spotlighting a special guest, the Villa Nova Community. We live, play, work and rest in this natural wonder. It surrounds us each day with comfort and peace of mind. Villa Nova has sturdy unique homes and properties. No cookie cutter lots here. There are deer, rabbits, foxes, birds, and other abundant wildlife. Villa Nova has stood the test of time. After all, Villa Nova is over 100 years old, established in 1910.

This community has endured and lived through a lot of changes. Larger lots were divided to the size they are now; they will not get any smaller. The devastating and destructive flooding caused by Hurricane Agnes in 1972 tore into the community and permanently removed approximately 25 percent of the homes. These properties became what is known today as the Villa Nova Park.

Although the earth is good at repairing itself, in order for the community to be at its best, it needs our help and attention. Many trees have reached the end of their natural lives. Large tall trees may be over 50 years old and may produce sparse leaves during the growing season as they are dying a slow death from the inside out. Other trees have completely died, may still be standing but have deteriorated to the point that it is just a skeleton of what it was. These trees can be dangerous when strong winds or saturated grounds make them fall and cause property damage or physical harm. In addition, piles of leaves, branches, and yard waste thrown in the back yards, along property fences and lines, against buildings, etc. destroys the grass and ground cover, thus causing muddy saturated grounds after moderate to heavy rain. There is no grass, ground cover, etc. to absorb water causing a muddy mess. Also, storing old equipment, furniture, car parts, etc. in back and side yards, is an environmental hazard allowing harmful chemicals to seep into the ground after storms and kills vegetation. (Cont. pg. 2)

WHAT CAN WE DO TO PRESERVE, IMPROVE AND PASS THE LAND IN VILLA NOVA ON TO THE NEXT GENERATIONS? TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO CLEAN UP.

Bulk Trash Pick Up - Twice each year, the County will pick up three large items. The next one will be 8/17/23. You do not need to call and there is no cost, just set your items out the evening before the scheduled date.

Dumpster Day - In October, the County will provide a walk-in dumpster in Villa Nova Park. A free service, there is no limit to the number of items. NOTE: There are restrictions which will be listed in the Fall newsletter.

Yard Waste Collection - Leaves, branches, bushes, etc. are collected each 2nd and 4th Monday from April - December. The yard waste must be set out as prescribed on the county website and in the bulletin mailed by the County to each household in January. No plastic bags - yard waste must be in large paper sacks or tied in bundles.

Dead/dying Tree Removal - Some homeowners' insurance may include tree removal. VNCA may be able to get a discount from a tree service if there are at least eight requests. If you are interested, please send a message to vncaweb@gmail.com. Also, if you use firewood, send your information to vncaweb@gmail.com.

Restore Tree Canopy - Plant one or two trees to replace trees that have died. Plant the trees beside the road or anywhere that is not too close to your house. VNCA may be able to get free trees from the State. If you want trees, send a message to vncaweb@gmail.com. If VNCA gets at least 10 requests, we can send in a group request. The trees will be provided, planted, and fertilized by the state for 18 months.

Restore Villa Nova Park - This year, the County will be allowing and helping us to clear the overgrowth in the park and along the trails so that the grassy area will be available for activities. Join us the third weekend in March through October as we clean up the park area near the Essex RD bridge. May is our annual Spring/Stream Clean-up. We need everyone to help!



We will do what we can to keep Villa Nova Strong and Beautiful.



BALTIMORE COUNTY

NEWS

- 1** Baltimore County broke ground for the expansion of the Woodlawn Senior Center. The renovation will add approximately 9,200 square feet of additional space to the existing 3,600 square foot center and include a large multipurpose room capable of housing two pickleball courts, large line dancing or aerobics classes, parties and celebrations, as well as a fitness center, two additional classrooms and council office space. In addition, the center will have a new parking area with 50 spaces, double its current number.
- 2** Baltimore County launched a water quality dashboard, a new online tool that allows the public to easily review waterway monitoring data from chemical and bacteria samples collected routinely by the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (DEPS).
<https://bceps-bc-gis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/wqoverview>
- 3** Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski Issues Executive Order to Raise Baltimore County's Minority- and-Women Owned Business Participation Goals to 30 Percent by Fiscal Year 2026.

Pikesville Redevelopment Plan - Pikesville Armory

The Pikesville Armory, located at 610 Reisterstown Road, is a 14-acre campus that includes buildings that total approximately 225,000 square feet. The Armory redevelopment is a public-private partnership of the Pikesville Armory Foundation, Baltimore County, and the State of Maryland. When completed, the Armory campus will be a center for recreation, cultural arts, historic preservation, and community engagement.

The Pikesville Armory Redevelopment will: Unite a diverse community; Support equitable economic development; Celebrate and honor military service; Advance youth development; Establish a destination venue for cultural arts & recreation; Create dynamic public open space for people of all ages; Revitalize a declining commercial corridor; Browse the website to get a better idea about the vision for the Pikesville Armory: <https://www.pikesvillearmoryfoundation.org/>

There will be more information at the upcoming VNCA General meeting on April 20 at Augsburg.

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

BALTCO. POLICE AND 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!

HYUNDAI & KIA OWNERS



In response to increasing thefts targeting its vehicles without push-button ignitions and immobilizing anti-theft devices, Hyundai and Kia have introduced free anti-theft software upgrades to restrict unauthorized operation.

Hyundai Software Upgrade:
2017-2020 Elantra; 2015-2019 Sonata; 2020-2021 Venue

The free upgrade will be installed by Hyundai dealers in about one hour. Each vehicle will be affixed with window decals to alert would-be thieves that the vehicle is equipped with enhanced anti-theft technology.

Kia Software Upgrade:
Kia owners may contact 1-800-333-4542. In addition, visit the Owner's Portal at Kia.com to research software upgrade eligibility and availability at:
<https://owners.kia.com/us/en/kia-owner-portal.html>.

Kia Steering Wheel Lock Giveaway:
Information to obtain a steering wheel lock for a Kia is available at the following link
<https://owners.kia.com/us/en/kia-owner-portal.html>.



A common scam involves fake job postings for lucrative work-from-home jobs. Fraudsters pose as recruiters and fool victims into providing personal information or sending money to pay for "supplies and training."

How the scam works:

- Fraudsters create fake job listings that offer attention-grabbing perks. Scammers impersonate recruiters or employers and reach out directly to users on job websites like LinkedIn.
- When someone accepts the job, scammers collect sensitive information like the victim's credit card numbers or account information, Social Security numbers (SSNs), and other sensitive documents that can be used to commit identity theft.
- Victims of job scams are often prompted to make payments for expenses as job training or supplies — requests a legitimate company would never make.

Here's how to stay safe:

- Do your research before getting too far into the interview process with a potential employer. Search for the name of the business or recruiting company on the Better Business Bureau (BBB), as well as on job rating and review websites like Glassdoor.
- Finally, never give a recruiter your personal or financial information via email, text message, or phone call.

COP CAPTAIN NEEDED!

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



WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW COP CAPTAIN!

Communities with active Citizens On Patrol (COP) deter criminal activity? Citizens On Patrol is a very effective community crime prevention tool where citizens patrol their communities acting as "Eyes and Ears" for the community.

COP is one of the best deterrents to crime - sending a strong message that residents are united and care about their community. 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.

- **QUALIFICATIONS:**
 - Must live in Villa Nova
 - No criminal record
- **SKILLS:**
 - Time management
 - Organization/Planning/Execution
 - Proficient with computer
 - Able to communicate - verbal & written
- **RESPONSIBILITIES**
 - Prepare documents for yearly grant/manage the grant
 - Meet with COP volunteers regularly
 - Solicit COP patrollers & train
 - Track patrols
 - Respond to residents' concerns and follow-up on incidences
 - Track funding
 - Submit quarterly reports
 - Maintain COP bulletin board
 - Liaison & actively involved with the Police Community Relations Council (PCRC)/monthly meetings
 - Plan National Night Out (August)
 - Able to prepare & execute presentations as needed

COP also needs more patrollers to look for suspicious activity and alert the police. Patrols can be done on foot, while walking your dog, while exercising, or on your way in or out of the community. The police cannot be everywhere all the time. They need our extra eyes and ears. Please email vncacop@gmail.com to become a part of this fantastic surveillance team.

CONTACT VNCOP - vncacop@gmail.com

TOGETHER WE CAN KEEP VILLA NOVA CRIME FREE!



February 2023

Villa Nova Community Association: Innovative Leadership & Dedication to Public Service

Sheila Lewis, Pres., VNCA

The Villa Nova Community Association is a neighborhood organization in Baltimore County, Maryland that is dedicated to promoting the welfare and interests of the residents of the Villa Nova community. Villa Nova was established in 1910. The Villa Nova Community Association is made up of volunteers from the community who work to address the concerns and issues facing the residents living in Villa Nova.

"I live in this community because it is very unique" says Sheila Lewis, President of the Villa Nova Community Association. "Villa Nova has a lot of open space. It has a park and a forest-like area that is extremely attractive and makes the air fresh. The weather in Villa Nova is more moderate and we enjoy a variety of wild life and home styles."



The Villa Nova Community Association is focused on addressing a wide range of issues that affect the community, such as public safety, zoning, land use, and civic engagement. The association works closely with local government officials, community leaders, and other organizations to address issues and to improve the quality of life for the residents of Villa Nova.

Villa Nova is an old community which has gone through challenges. "A significant part of the community was wiped out in the 1970's due to Hurricane Agnes which changed the geographical nature and the way Villa Nova looks. There are houses near the floodplain so we work to keep Villa Nova looking good and we rely on residents to step up." Mrs. Lewis noted that the hurricane knocked out the bridge to the community. She said "By the early 1990's when Roger Hayden was Baltimore County Executive, the bridge to Villa Nova was still not replaced. It was just a temporary wooden bridge which broke in the 1990s. The wooden bridge stayed broke for about five or six years until the community came together and lobbied the county to replace the bridge."

The Villa Nova Community Association has successfully resolved several issues facing their community. "We had to file a case and had an ALJ hearing to get the county to follow the code enforcement and have a large business sign removed from our community," said Sheila Lewis. "We also worked really hard to challenge the development of low-income housing in our community and we prevailed because we used the 2015 housing consent decree with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to successfully challenge the low-income housing project. Thanks to our state representatives, Delegate Ruth and Senator Sydnor the county received money to purchase back what was intended to be low-income housing which could not be low-income housing because of the HUD consent decree. Now it will be a part of the county's open space."

Mrs. Lewis said "Our goal and purpose are to keep our community strong and vital, preserve the great and wonderful things about it, always strive to be better and to be neighborly. We make a special effort to focus on building a sense of community, being a good neighbor that is open and accepting to everyone."

Mrs. Lewis is excited about working with Baltimore County on its open space project. She said "we know it's going to help a lot and enhance the community because we are getting a new school to replace Bedford Elementary School. The open space land is going to allow families to have more opportunities to do outdoor activities together." She also noted "We have great hope and excitement for adding the park and increasing student capacity at Bedford Elementary School."

Thanks to you Mrs. Lewis and your board for its leadership in Villa Nova.

VNCA says "Thank you" Sen. Charles Sydnor!

Villa Nova...

**It's a FAMILY AFFAIR!
Come, bring the children
& enjoy a light meal at the ...**

**DOOR
PRIZES!**

DINNER!

VNCA

General Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

6:30 PM

THE AUGSBURG VILLAGE

6825 CAMPFIELD ROAD, WORSHIP LIFE CENTER

Please join us and bring your children to enjoy a light meal and share in our discussions and activities for our children.

Come share and discuss ideas for improving Villa Nova and making it a better place to live and enjoy!

Feel free to bring a dessert to share!

Please RSVP by April 13th so we can order the correct amount of food:

vncaweb@gmail.com

VNCAWEB@GMAIL.COM

WWW.VILLANOVAASSOC.ORG

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.

DO YOU PROVIDE A SERVICE?

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

Service Corner

BISHOP BARRY PEST CONTROL
Bishop Barry Chapman
410.292.3029

Tree log removal, contact
Calvin Gilliam, 443.823.5215

Christopher Green - lawn care & other services
443.224.6002

VNCA 2023 MEMBERS (as of 3/12/23)

BEDFORD
Maysa Leak
Edwin Ramos Rios
Michael & Dierdre Peterson
Maxine Campbell
Rana Khan
Stephanie Johansen
Patricia Hunt
BUCKINGHAM
Tony & Mary Jordan
Robert & Sheila Lewis
Ernestine Scott
Earl Torain
Richard & Cynthia Williams
CAMPFIELD
Hazel Randall
Andrea Fenwick
Laura Benson
ESSEX
Antoine Yates
A.B. Jackson & T.E. Henderson
David Harvin
LANCASTER
Andrew Hare
Lynn & Chuck Calvarese
PRINCE GEORGE
Manuel Miranda
QUEEN ANNE
Joanne Martin

RALEIGH
David Campbell, Jr.
Corild & Orlene Davis
Calvin & Pamela McMichael
Linnet Kelman
ROCKRIDGE
Guy & Gail Jones
Monica Scott
Sandra Wallace
Robert Rice
Lois Berg & James Dobbs
SUSSEX
Matthew Bowie
Joan Gebhardt
Phil & Gail Gribaudo
VILLA NOVA
Stephanie & Charles Green
Sheila R. Jackson-King
George Henderson
Sandra Parobeck
Doug & Sandy Parks
India Artis
Betty Matthews

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



VNCA BOARD
President - Sheila Lewis
Vice President - Audrey Bennett
Secretary - India Artis
Treasurer - Sandy Parobeck

Lynn Calvarese
Calvin Gilliam
Cynthia Gilliam
Andrew Hare
David Harvin
Lynn Levy
Talaya McKinney
Deirdre Peterson
Tenaea Thomas

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



VNCA 2023 YEARLY DUES - \$25

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 _____