**NOVEMBER 2021** 

# VNCA NEWS

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



## **2021 CALENDAR**

#### **FALL GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday, Nov. 17th @ 6:30PM JOIN ZOOM MEETING https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87 888316345? pwd=Z2VjUkE5RTNaemJlcDkrY 2t1b0sxZz09

> Meeting ID: 878 8831 6345 Passcode: VNCA

Call in: 1.301.715.8592

#### **VNCA BOARD**

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

Calvin Gilliam
Cynthia Gilliam
David Harvin
Dana Jones
Deirdre Peterson (COP)
Tenaea Thomas (Social Media)

#### **NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTOR**

NEEDED: We need a newsletter distributor for Queen Anne Road. There are approximately 12 houses on this route. Please contact the VNCA at vncaweb@gmail.com.

Did you know that volunteering helps counteract stress, anger and anxiety; makes you happy; increases self confidence; is fun, fulfilling and meaningful thus providing a sense of purpose?

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

#### **VILLA NOVA COMMUNITY SIGNS**

The Villa Nova Community Association has a serious problem. The community signs and boards need to be repaired and painted. After using grants and county services, we still need \$1200 from our treasury. Communities throughout the county often require HOAs or fees to maintain common areas. We only request that each household pay \$20 each year to maintain and improve the common areas in Villa Nova. There is much that needs to be addressed, (e.g., litter, park dumping, community gardens, etc.) but we do not have the funds in the treasury to do more. There are no requirements, duties, liabilities or pledges etc. associated with paying the annual VNCA household dues of \$20. Also, VNCA is an IRS registered non-profit (501c3) so the \$20 household dues are tax deductible. Please do not delay. Do it now! Mail in the dues or use PayPal on the website. See the back page for the form and visit: www.villanovaassoc.org. If you have not paid your dues, you are not a part of the solution.

#### **FALL GENERAL MEETING - NOV. 17th**

The Villa Nova Community Association FALL GENERAL MEETING is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17th at 6:30PM. This meeting will be a ZOOM meeting. Please see the link under the Calendar. We need all residents to attend to hear the latest information on the park, Open Space plan, schools, redistricting and the County's Master Plan. We hope to resume in-person meetings at Augsburg Village next year.

#### LET'S DECORATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays are coming. Let us see how we can dress up our properties and make them radiant for the season. We all can enjoy looking out the window and admiring the view.

#### TRASH ISSUES

The **Bedford Elementary School** is requesting that community residents remove their trash after visiting or using the playing fields, park or playground. The dumpsters at the school are not for community items, they are for the use of the school. Call the County's solid waste management department if you have large items to throw out. Recently, someone had a party and left the streamers, gift paper, disposable food containers, etc. at the school...this is totally unacceptable. When you generate trash in these areas, collect it, bag it, and take it with you, please!

# Please Help with Monthly Clean-up

The Essex Road Bridge accumulates a lot of trash from passing motorists and winds. The trash is an ecological issue that impacts the environment more than most people realize. The bridge is a main entrance to our community and it is our job to take the extra efforts to keep it clean between the routine county cleanings. On the 3rd Saturday of each month (Spring though Winter), we need residents to volunteer to help with the clean-up. The trash, litter and weeds will be bagged and prepared for trash removal. Actions speak louder than words. The "somebody" that needs to do something is "us"—all ages and sizes. It is our responsibility to improve things in our community. Do not let others do the work that you take credit for when people compliment the community. Is there more that needs to be done? Great, meet us there and tell us what it is. We all want to be a part of the solution. Who or what are you waiting for? Oh yeah, 3rd Saturday of every month 9am at the **Essex Road Bridge!** 

#### **SAFETY FIRST!**

When walking or jogging, it is safer to do so facing traffic; doing so will allow you to see a motorist, even if he or she is not aware of you. Also, a reflective vest will help ensure that you may be seen. When riding a bicycle, skate board, etc. on a road, wear a helmet——it is the law.



#### https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/county-news/

- Balto. Co. released the final report of the Solid Waste Work Group, offering 19 recommendations for improving solid waste collection and disposal system and reducing the overall volume of trash.
- The Balto. Co. Residential Truck Traffic Work Group final report details recommendations for reducing truck traffic in residential areas through the implementation of a vehicle height monitoring camera program.
- The Towson Loop free circulator bus service is scheduled to begin service on Tuesday, October 12th.
- A new, state-of-the-art Woodlawn Health Center opened at Security Square Mall and is managed by the Set the Captives Free Outreach Center.
- This summer, the Baltimore County Council voted to approve County Executive Johnny O's nomination of Terry Hickey to serve as Balto. Co.'s first Director of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).
- The Baltimore County Fair Election Fund Work Group released its final report detailing a proposed structure and guidelines for creating Baltimore County's first public financing system for candidates for County

Council and County Executive

# **BALTIMORE COUNTY 311 SERVICE**

BaltCo 311 allows you to quickly report problems or request a service in three easy ways. Call 311, fill out the online form or download and submit using our mobile app. To call locally from outside of Baltimore County, dial 410-887-0311. Service requests are monitored only during normal County business hours.



https://massvax.maryland.gov/

#### LIBERTY ROAD ISSUES

If you see a problem with businesses, road issues, maintenance along the Liberty Road corridor, or other issues, please notify District 4 Councilman Julian Jones via email:

Council4@baltimorecountymd.gov and

cc: vncaweb@gmail.com. Please include your name, address, location of the issue and your concerns.

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# VILLA NOVA CITIZENS ON PATROL (VNCOP) NEWS

Established 1994

# **ABOUT VN CITIZENS ON PATROL!**

Contact: vncacop@gmail.com

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

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. Villa Nova is served by the Precinct 4, Pikesville: 410.887.1279; Community Outreach Department: 410.887.6775.

# **COP PATROLLERS NEEDED!**

#### **COP BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED:**

Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President. Contact: vncacop@gmail.com or Deirdre at 301-793-6650 to receive position descriptions.

# FREE HOME SECURITY EVALUATION

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

#### DUMPING IS AGAINST THE LAW!

We are working on a plan to combat dumping in Villa Nova. If you witness dumping, please call 911.

#### Villa Nova Citizens on Patrol Board

**Deirdre Peterson, President** 

Lynn Calvarese
Bobbe Frasier
Margaret Lloyd
Wanda Spears
Shelly-Ann Higgins
Tenaea Thomas
Jacqueline Kiser
Sheila Lewis
India Artis

Sandy Parobeck
George Henderson
Joan Gebhardt
Jeffrey Levy
Donyel Parrish
Toby Sessoms
Darrin Pryor
James Branch
Laura Benson



Villa Nova National Night Out, August 3, 2021

#### Crime Trend Alert as of 9/28/2021:

The Pikesville Precinct experienced multiple thefts from motor vehicles. Many car thefts are due to cars left unlocked. Most of these thefts occurred in the Milford Mill Road corridor.

#### **Police Community Relations Council (PCRC)**

At the recent PCRC meeting, several car break-ins, car jackings and home invasions were reported. Please take the following precautions:

- Remove all valuables from visibility in your vehicle(s). Lock vehicle doors and set alarms.
- DO NOT LEAVE KEYS IN CAR FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME. These thefts happen fast.
- When parking your car be aware of your surroundings. Stay alert of any suspicious activity.

Remember to set your home alarms and lock ALL windows and doors when leaving your property.

ENGRAVER AVAILABLE - Contact: vncacop@gmail.com





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.

#### **GOING OUT OF TOWN?**

Don't leave your home looking unoccupied. Complete a Vacant House form and email it to the Precinct 4 Community Outreach Team. Officers will check for any unusual activity and will be able to quickly reach you or an emergency contact from the information provided on the form:

https://resources.baltimorecountymd.gov/Documents/Police/2014pdfs/vacanthouseform141119.pdf

#### **BALTO. COUNTY POLICE REPORTS**

You can file a police report online to report lost property, abandoned vehicles, hit and runs, destruction of property and some thefts online.

#### Join BCOPD - \$10,000 Bonus Offered

For more information on the Baltimore County Police Department, visit: https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/

### ILLA NOVA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - PLEASE JOIN! \$20 YEARLY DUES

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.

#### VNCA DUES PAYING MEMBERS (AS OF 10/1/21)

Artis, India Atkins, Jean Badolato, John & Laurie Beck, Joseph & Karen Bennett, Allen & Audrey Benson, Laura Berg, Lois & James Dobbs ve, Carl - Major Billingsley, Seth & Krista Bowie, Matthew & Linda Boyd, Michele Brooks, Kurt & Cassandra Calvarese, Charles & Deanna Campbell, David Jr Clay, Sharon & Michael Jones Coletta, Saverio & Sallie Weaver Craig, Florence Daly, Mark & Jaci Davis, Corild & Orlene Dixon, Armenta & Tony Brown Ebbesen, Victor & Yvonne Feinglass, Grace Ferguson, Darlene Flood, Tim & Sherie Foreman, Mary Fox, Mary Ellen Gaither, Dexter & Odessa Gebhardt, George & Joan Gerald, Phillip & Ruth Gibson, Wavie & Sonva Gilchrist, Floyd & Valerie Gilliam, Calvin & Cynthia Girbaudo, Phil & Gail Green, Stephanie Green-Simmons, Debrita Hammond-Easley, Taisha Hare, Andrew Harris Everett Harvin, David & Ke'ena Henderson, George & Sandy Howard, Chet & Robin Buckingham Hunt, Patricia Hunter, Pamela Jackson, Thomas & Alma Jones, Arnett & Linda Buckingham Jones, Dana Jones, Guy & Gail Jordan, Salvatore & Mary Buckingham Kelman, Linnet Leigh, Brittany & Anthony Jackson Levy, Jeffrey & Lynn Buckingham Lewis, Robert & Sheila Lindsey, Theresa

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Martin, JoAnne Martin, Mattie Matthews, Elizabeth McKinney, Guy & Talaya McMichael, Calvin & Pamela Moscati, Scott & Ashley Muehlberger, Ursula Murray, Cheryl Parks, Douglas & Sandra Peterson, Michael & Deirdre Pridgen, David Principato, Frank & Joyce Randolph, Melinda Rice, Robert Robinson, Jericka Rosenblatt, Arnold & Marilyn Scott, Ernestine Scott, Monica Seeley, William & Theresa Sessoms, Tobiet Smith, Ann Smith, Jean Spears, Wanda & Margaret Lloyd Raleigh Thomas, Tenaea Torain, Earl Tyler, Gregory Wallace, Sandra Williams, George & Joyce Williams, Richard & Cynthia

Queen Anne Villa Nova Villa Nova Raleigh Bedford Bedford Bedford Bedford Rockridge Villa Nova Queen Anne Rockridge Essex Essex Buckingham Rockridge Buckingham Bedford Prince George Rockridge Bedford Buckingham Raleigh Buckingham

#### **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 with a few gifts including a gift

card and information about the

community and county

services.

### **MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

VNCA MEMBERS - Advertise your services in our newsletter

- Gill's Light Moving and Hauling Contact: 443-823-4317
- Revolutionary ART Graphic services. Contact: 410.258.2228

# **COMMUNITY UPDATES**

**DEAD TREES:** Trees are one of Villa Nova's beautiful assets. Do you have dead trees on your property? We strongly recommend removal of the dead trees. Please remember to plant another tree to help the environment and water table in Villa Nova. Trees help keep the air clean and the roots absorb water that could damage your home. Check your insurance about to see about coverage to remove dead trees.

STORM DRAINS: Is there a storm drain in front of or near your home? Fall is here bringing falling leaves. Please help us keep the storm drains clear. If there are issues, please call the County 410.887.7428.

#### PLEASE PAY YOUR 2021 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: $\square$ Board $\square$ Newsletter Distribution $\square$ Flower box gardening
<ul> <li>□ Dumpster Day</li> <li>□ Park and Stream Clean-up</li> <li>□ Bulletin Boards</li> </ul>
Emergency Contact/Cell