



Villa Nova Community Association

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VILLA NOVA NEWS

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Villa Nova Community Association, Inc. (VNCA)

MAY 2015

VNCA BOARD: President-Fred Ware Newsome; Vice President-Betty Matthews; Treasurer-Sandy Parobeck; Secretary-India Artis

2015 CALENDAR

MAY 16

SPRING/STREAM CLEAN-UP

9:00AM - NOON

Buckingham RD Bridge

JUNE 27

VNCA PICNIC NOON - 4PM

Park @ Prince George & Buckingham RDs

AUGUST 4

NAT. NIGHT OUT 6:45PM

Park @ Prince George & Buckingham RDs

Flea Market - TBD

November Gen. Meeting - TBD

Dumpster/Shredder Day - TBD

Holiday Decorations - Dec. 19

HOLIDAY DECORATION WINNERS:

First Prize: 4100 Buckingham RD - \$25

Second Prize: 4000 Buckingham RD - \$15

Third Prize: 4117 Villa Nova RD - \$10

APRIL 16th GENERAL MEETING NOTES

Tony Baysmore, Special Assistant to County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, thanked all for supporting Mr. Kamenetz. Tony reports a solid 2016 budget with no layoffs, no furloughs, and no tax increases. The County has a \$1.1 billion 10-year plan to improve schools adding Wi-Fi and A/C. Road repaving will continue as well as public safety modernization initiatives. While the population is increasing in the County, serious crime is decreasing. State Delegate Charles Sydnor sponsored the body-camera bill which passed and along with State Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, has sponsored a pilot program to have trained mental health officers available for police situations involving mental health issues.

SPRING/STREAM CLEAN-UP - MAY 16th

Did you know the Gwynns Falls stream runs through Villa Nova? Come join us for the annual Spring/Stream Clean-Up. We need help clearing the stream and park of debris, weeding the flower gardens, and planting flowers. Certificates for Service Learning Hours available for students who participate.

2015 VNCA BOARD

President: Fred Newsome - vncapres@villanovaassoc.org

Vice Pres.: Betty Matthews - vncavp@villanovaassoc.org

Secretary: India Artis • Treasurer: Sandy Parobeck

COMMITTEES:

Members: Betty Matthews - vncamembers@villanovaassoc.org

Zoning: Sheila Lewis - vncazone@villanovaassoc.org

COP: James Branch - vncop@villanovaassoc.org

Any VNCA member may join the board; join us the 3rd

Wednesday of the month, 7:30PM, Augsburg Home Town Center, Campfield RD, Building 11, 2nd floor meeting room.

SPECIAL THANK YOU. . . BOB LANDAU

Thank you to Bob Landau for his many, many, many years of service to the Villa Nova Community Association and Citizens on Patrol (COP). For over 20 years, Bob was the newsletter editor. Bob assisted with many of the positive changes in our community and kept Villa Nova safe through COP. James Branch is the new COP Captain.

CITIZENS ON PATROL NEWS

KEEP VILLA NOVA SAFE! COP NEEDS YOU NOW!

Contact: James Branch, Director
443-857-7419/vncop@villanovaassoc.org
COP CAR SIGNS LOCATION:
7017 Queen Anne RD in the rear (next to the church)

**PIKESVILLE POLICE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL**

The Pikesville Police Community Relations Council meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation on Slade Ave. just past Park Heights Ave. **NOTE:** In Nov. & Dec., the meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday because of the holidays.

HOME SECURITY CHECKS

Baltimore County Police offers **FREE** Home Security Surveys to make your home safer.
Call: 410-887-8775.

BGE – TREE TRIMMING

Reminder, BGE will be in the area this spring to trim limbs away from the power lines.

YARD MATERIAL COLLECTION

Bag or bundle yard material into loads 3 ft. long and place on the curb on yard pick up day - Wednesdays starting April 1.

SPRINGTIME...SUMMERTIME SAFETY

As the weather gets warmer, we will see more people out and about.

- Please stay vigilant and call the police if something appears out of the ordinary.
- Watch out for home improvement scams. Call the police.
- While gardening in your back yard, don't leave the front door unlocked and vice versa.
- Don't leave windows open while not at home.
- Remember to close your car windows and lock the doors.

SERVICE CORNER

Please support our neighbors!

Deirdre Elvis-Peterson

Arbonne Independent Consultant ID#18028600
arbonne.com
PURE|SAFE|BENEFICIAL
Ultra-Premium Swiss Skin Care & Wellness
-and-

"Wee! The Children..." Family Childcare

Care for children ages infant to school-age. Before and after care is considered as well with pick up offered at Sudbrook Magnet Middle School & Bedford Elementary School.
Visit my website at www.weethechildren.webs.com for more info.
-and-

Frankferd Farm Organic Buying Group

Join the Frankferd Farm Organic Buying Group:
www.frankferd.com. The Villa Nova Buying Group Name is **ELVIS-PETERSON**. Order by phone: 724-352-9500; fax: 724-352-9510 or online. Orders placed by Friday are available for pick-up the next Wednesday from the home of Deirdre Peterson (Bedford RD). Contact Deirdre @ 301-793-6650 or email: TheTempleCS@gmail.com. Frankferd Farms is a family-owned operation in western Pennsylvania that specializes in organic, local, bulk and specialty foods.
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Grass Fed Beef

Order your grass-fed beef from a PA farmer. Contact Deirdre @ 301-793-6650 or email: TheTempleCS@gmail.com

Caregiver

Willing to care for an adult female. Offering clients to live in my home. 20 years of experience working with developmentally disabled, mental health and geriatric residents. Reasonable rates and excellent references.
Contact: Darlene of Lancaster RD, 410-484-8746.

Tutoring and Avon Sales

Jasmine is your Independent Avon Sales Representative
Math tutoring up to Pre-Calculus
Contact: Jasmine of Essex RD, 410-375-5291 or jazz5s@aol.com

Landscaping, hauling, light jobs

Contact: Lawrence Greer of Rockridge RD, 443-653-1071

Cleaning Service

Contact: Keisha Winston of Raleigh RD, 410-340-3112

To list your service, email:

vncamembers@villanovaassoc.org

BALTIMORE COUNTY NEWS

UPGRADE TO AGING WATER/SEWER PIPES

Expect an estimated 15% increase in your water bill beginning July 1, 2015 as federally required upgrades to the aging water/sewer pipes take place.

RESOURCES FOR SENIORS AND DISABLED

Do you need information or resources for seniors or those with disabilities? Contact Maryland Access Point (MAP) @ 410.877.2594; www.baltimorecountymd.gov or email: aginginfo@baltimorecountymd.gov

CAREER HELP – LIBERTY CENTER

Free to the public, the Liberty Center located at 3637 Offutt RD, focuses on career paths – not merely placing jobs. For more information: 443.840.4700.

PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM ELECTRICAL FIRES

We often hear in the aftermath of a house fire that the cause of the fire was electrical. Since we all have electricity in our homes it's easy to we feel vulnerable and helpless if you don't understand how electrical fires get started.

Most electric fires are caused by loose connections, dryer lint, improper use of extension cords, old, non UL approved appliances, or worn out and broken switches and receptacles. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, there are more than 26,000 residential fires each year linked to electrical problems. In 2012, 8.3% of fatal residential fires were due to electrical malfunctions.

A little knowledge and some diligence on your part can prevent most fires in your home.

- 1) Empty the dryer lint tray after each load. Lint is extremely flammable and can be ignited by the heat from the dryer.
- 2) Never use extension cords as a permanent wiring method. The wires in a cord are significantly smaller than the wiring in your walls and, over time will heat up and catch fire. Also consider the use of UL rated cords and the addition of surge protected power strips.
- 3) Old appliances, switches, and receptacles should be replaced periodically.* They wear out and the connections inside separate slightly. When this happens, the electricity has to jump through the air to make the connection heating the air around the connection and starting a fire.

How often to change them depends on how often the device is used. Usually, light switches should be changed every 10 years at the latest. They crack internally and dry out. You can't see the problem so it's impossible to know that it needs to be changed. Use your best judgment with switches - the older switches were more solid and actually able to withstand much more than modern switches. Receptacles are a little bit easier. When the plugs no longer fit firmly in the socket it's time to replace the receptacle. When appliance cords become worn or the appliance begins behaving badly, it's time to replace or repair it.

- 4) If you have aluminum wiring in your home always have a licensed electrician make any repairs. Improper connections, or connection to devices that are not designed for aluminum wiring can start a fire.
- 5) If you observe your lights continually dim then grow bright, this could be a loose connection. Contact your utility company.

- 6) If you hear a sizzling noise coming from a switch or appliance; Find the circuit breaker for that circuit and turn it off. Contact a licensed electrician to check the circuit.
- 7) If you smell ozone, or an unusual electrical smell, this means that something electrical is heating up. Find the source and turn it off. Call a licensed electrician.
- 8) If you observe smoke or sparking contact the Fire Department. It is always a good practice to make sure that the circuits in the breaker box are properly identified. This will help you find the source of a circuit quickly if you have an emergency. Always check to make sure any appliance you purchase is approved by UL or some other recognized testing laboratory. Never use unlicensed electrical contractors. Baltimore County licenses over 4400 qualified electrical contractors. If you have any questions or concerns you may call 410.887.3960 Monday through Friday 8 am to 3 pm.

BALTIMORE COUNTY BUDGET

Baltimore County's General Fund Operating Budget for FY 2016 is \$1.9 billion, a 4.7% increase. Also:

- NO increase in property tax rate – 27th year in a row
- NO increase in income tax rate – 23rd year in a row

YOUR PERSONAL LIBRARIAN

Personalized help is available through the Baltimore County "My Librarian" program. This new program at Baltimore County Libraries allows you to schedule FREE 60-minute appointments with a librarian to assist with downloads, job searches, resumes, email set-up, research, basic computer help, etc. Request an appointment in person or at: www.bcpl.info/mylibrarian.

FARMERS MARKETS

For a complete list of Farmers Markets in the area: <http://visitmaryland.org/events/pages/marylandfarmersmarkets.aspx>

TOUR OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Visit the link below and take a 2 ½ minute tour of Baltimore County - a great place to live, work and raise a family. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_dMDm3YXjo&list=UUIKD1jaFTzM-z_vSFphn4bw

Keep in Touch with Baltimore County Government:

www.baltimorecountymd.gov

Facebook.com/baltimorecounty; Twitter@BCgov;

"Hello Baltimore County" on Cable Channel 25

Send NEWS for the VNCA NEWSLETTER to:

vnccamembers@villanovaassoc.org and find the newsletter online at: www.villanovaassoc.org

LIBERTY ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (LRCC)

The LRCC represents the interests of community associations and citizens along the western Liberty Road corridor and meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM at the Randallstown Recreation Center. All are welcome.

DO YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT ABOUT A LIBERTY ROAD BUSINESS?



The LIBERTY ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL 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. Please complete this form and mail it or place it in the mailbox of Betty Matthews, 4106 Villa Nova Rd, Pikesville, MD 21207. Betty represents Villa Nova at the monthly meetings but all are welcome to attend.

As a resident and customer in the area, I am asking you to take pride in your business and clean it up. If you want me to continue to shop here, you will show me you care about this community and your customers.

MY COMMUNITY IS: VILLA NOVA

The LIBERTY ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL and VILLA NOVA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ask the LIBERTY ROAD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION to present this form to the business listed below and work with the business to improve relations with their customers, the appearance of their business and their community.

NAME OF BUSINESS: _____

COMPLAINT: _____

VNCA YEARLY DUES ARE DUE NOW!

It's 2015 and VNCA dues are due for 2015. Help us continue the great work of this association by paying your dues. Dues paying members: may vote; attend the annual picnic for free; free table at the flea market; and have access to the Shredder on Dumpster Day. The accomplishments of the VNCA over the past years: Buckingham RD Bridge repaired and reopened; installation of flag pole and war

memorial; speed humps on Buckingham RD; 4-way STOP sign at Buckingham and Rockridge RDs; traffic calming humps on Buckingham RD; tree planting along stream banks to prevent erosion and protect stream environment; installation of wood duck houses to encourage repopulation; block captain team created; shredder added to Dumpster Day; USPS change to Pikesville, Maryland; repair of war memorial monument and new Villa Nova Welcome sign at the Buckingham RD Bridge. Thank you Villa Nova! All accomplished because of you!

Current VNCA Dues Paying Members:

Artis, India	Villa Nova
Branch, James	Villa Nova
Brownley, Mattie	Queen Anne
Calvarese, Lynn	Lancaster
Chapman, Bishop & Lenora	Buckingham
Daly, Jaci & Mark	Buckingham
Dixon, Armeta	Prince George
Dobbs, James	Rockridge
Downes, Melinda	Augsburg
Gibson, Wavie and Sonya	Essex
Gilchrist, Floyd & Valerie	Buckingham
Jackson, Thomas & Alma	Essex
Jenkins, Joe	Lancaster
Jones, John & Marian	Queen Anne
Latane, Robert & Mary	Villa Nova
Levi, Jeff & Lynn	Villa Nova
Lewis, Robert & Sheila	Buckingham
Martin, Joanne	Queen Anne
Matthews, Betty	Villa Nova
McKinney, Guy & Talaya	Villa Nova
McMichael, Calvin & Pamela	Raleigh
Parks, Doug & Sandi	Villa Nova
Porta, Carol	Buckingham
Sanders, Christie/Steese, Robert	Campfield PL
Smith, Jean	Rockridge
Wedlock	Raleigh

2015 VNCA DUES ARE DUE! I WANT TO PAY MY DUES

Thank you to Villa Nova residents who have paid their 2015 dues. Dues help cover the administrative cost and materials to present the concerns and interests of the community to the county, state and federal agencies. Dues also supply materials for the maintenance of the community gardens and bulletin boards. Living in Villa Nova makes you a member of the VNCA but paying your dues to the association makes you a supporter of the programs and projects and gives you voting rights. If you have not paid, please send your \$15 annual dues to: VNCA, P.O. Box 32721, Pikesville, MD 21282.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

(Your information will only be used by the VNCA)

I want to volunteer to help:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Join Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spring/Stream Clean-Up | <input type="checkbox"/> Flea Market |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dumpster/Shredder Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribute Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COP Patroller | <input type="checkbox"/> Become Block Captain |