



2016 CALENDAR

PICNIC

June 25: Noon – 4PM

Park @ Buckingham &
Prince George Rds.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 2 @ 6:45PM

Park @ Buckingham &
Prince George Rds.

FLEA MARKET

September 24
8AM – 2PM

DUMPSTER- SHREDDER DAY

September 24
9AM – 11AM

FALL GENERAL MEETING

November : 7PM

Villa Nova Community
Association
www.villanovaassoc.org

Sheila Lewis, President
Betty Matthews, Vice Pres.
Sandy Parobeck, Treasurer
India Artis, Secretary



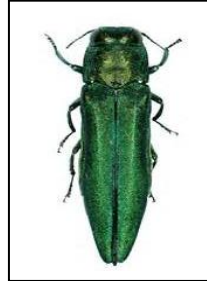
Any dues paying member of
the VNCA may join the board.

The board meets the 3rd
Wednesday of the month
(March, May, June,
September, October)
Augsburg Village Town Center,
Campfield RD, Building 11,
2nd floor meeting room

Villa Nova Community Association

A Publication of the Villa Nova Community Association (VNCA)
& Citizens on Patrol (COP)

May/June 2016



Pictured Above: Leaves from the Ash tree; Emerald Ash Borer; holes bored into Ash tree by Emerald Ash Borer

BEWARE the Emerald Ash Borer

Villa Nova is full of ash trees. The emerald ash borer (EAB) is a green jewel beetle that infests and feeds on the ash species including green ash, black ash, white ash, and blue ash causing considerable damage. Damage occurs in infested trees due to larval feeding.

Adult beetles are typically bright metallic green and about 0.33 in long. A female can live around six weeks or longer and lay up to 200 eggs. Eggs are deposited between bark crevices, flakes, or cracks and hatch about two weeks later. After hatching, larvae chew through the bark

disrupting the flow of nutrients and water thus killing the tree.

Ash trees are primarily treated by direct injection of insecticides into the tree or soil drench. Some insecticides cannot be applied by homeowners and must be applied by licensed applicators. Initially, tree injections will not compromise tree health, but over many years drilling and chemical wounds will compromise the tree's health. Damage from EAB can continue to increase over time even with insecticide applications. Please contact a pest control specialist.

ZONING BATTLE – VNCA WORKING FOR YOU!

Last year, an assisted living facility installed a large (6 feet by 4 feet) sign on the front lawn of their property. This large type enterprise or business sign is not allowed in a strictly residential area such as Villa Nova. VNCA had to request the removal of the sign because if the sign was allowed to stay, because of precedence and practice, other home businesses in Villa Nova would also be allowed to install similar large signs. We knew that the installation of these signs would detract from the attractiveness of the community and possibly decrease the property values. However, this violation came at a significant cost to the VNCA. Because of irregularities in the zoning application and the zoning

departments handling of this case, it required that VNCA hire a lawyer. This case took over a year, however, VNCA did prevail and the sign is to be removed. This is part of the work that the volunteers of the VNCA do to maintain, enhance, and improve the entire community. In order for VNCA to be prepared to act in these types of situations, it is imperative to rebuild our resources. **We are requesting that every household pay the \$15 annual dues. Your dues are tax deductible because VNCA is a 501c3 non-profit incorporated organization; also, any additional amount donated above the \$15 dues is also tax deductible.** Please don't delay, but handle it today!



HELP KEEP VILLA NOVA SAFE! JOIN CITIZENS ON PATROL (COP)

vncop@villanovaassoc.org


COP serves as a visible presence and is a crime deterrent. Burglars are opportunistic and will move to another area if they see people driving or walking nearby.

Police departments have documented that communities with COP patrol have significantly reduced break-ins and other property crimes. So grab a COP sign and patrol by car or grab a COP vest and patrol as you walk. There is usually nothing to report but if you see something suspicious, call 911!

Baltimore County Police Department offers **FREE** Home Security Surveys. Call: 410-887-6775



Police Community Relations Council
Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month, 7PM at the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation on Slade Ave. just past Park Heights Ave.

 Do you have a complaint about a Liberty Rd. business? The LIBERTY ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (LRCC) 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. Submit your complaint to our LRCC Representative: Betty Matthews, 4106 Villa Nova Rd, Pikesville, MD 21207.

TRAFFIC/ROAD MATTERS

At the April general meeting, residents stated that there has been increased speeding on certain roads and they wanted to know options for traffic calming. We want to know all roads that may be impacted so that a comprehensive traffic calming request is submitted for the community. If your road is experiencing increased

speeding and you feel that traffic calming will help, please call the VNCA president, Sheila Lewis at 410-653-2498.

Also, Sheila Lewis did a drive through with Tony Baysmore, assistant to the County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, to review street paving in Villa Nova.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

VNCA needs volunteers to distribute the newsletter in these blocks: 3800 through 3900 Essex Rd. (16 homes) and 4000 through 4100 Essex Rd. (32 homes). The newsletter is distributed four times a year as well as an occasional flyer or two and never in winter. It only takes about 35 minutes. Just think, this is a great way to get some exercise, explore Villa Nova and

students can earn community service hours. You can also do COP as you distribute.

Maybe you can chair a committee for upcoming events: National Night Out; Flea Market; Dumpster/Shredder Day.

And, we still need volunteers for Citizens On Patrol (COP). Contact Sheila: 410-653-2498.

TOP TEN FACTS ON FLOOD INSURANCE

- Everyone lives in a flood zone.
- Flood damage is not covered by homeowners' policies
- You can buy flood insurance no matter your flood risk.
- The low-cost Preferred Risk Policy is ideal for homes and businesses currently mapped in moderate to low-risk areas.
- Flood insurance is widely available.
- Flood insurance is easy to get.
- Contents coverage is available.
- Up to a total of \$1 million in flood insurance coverage is available for most non-residential buildings and contents.
- There is usually a 30-day waiting period before coverage goes into effect.
- Federal disaster assistance is not the answer.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO...

- pick up after your pet
- set out recycle on Tuesdays
- put a lid on your trash can
- check on elderly neighbors
- put your house number on your mailbox
 - turn your porch light on at night
- keep a watch out for suspicious activity!

BALTIMORE COUNTY NEWS

SPEEDING ON YOUR STREET? Report the problem to: 410-887-6785

DELEGATE CHARLES SYDNOR, III, Esq. (44B) wants to keep in contact with you. Send him your concerns: charles.sydnor@house.state.md.us

KEEP UP WITH THE WORK OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Contact Villa Nova resident Bishop Barry Chapman: 410-292-3029

POWER OF AGE EXPO (formerly Baby Boomer/Senior Expo) - October 26: 9am - 6pm; October 27: 9am - 4pm. Information: 410-887-2002

FREE MEALS - Federal funds are available to assist public and private nonprofit organizations in serving free, nutritious meals to children and teens this summer through the Summer Food Service Program, a U. S. Department of Agriculture program. The Maryland State Department of Education is seeking to expand access to and participation in these meal programs. The deadline for applications is May 31, 2016. Interested organizations should contact MSDE at 410-767-0214. For information, visit: eatsmartmaryland.org

UNINSURED?

Get help applying for Medicaid or the Maryland's Children's Health Program (MCHP): 9am - Noon every Saturday until May 21 at the Drumcastle Government Center, 6401 York Rd. Must meet income requirements and provide verification documents for eligibility to be determined. Contact: 410-887-2957

WATER BILLS TO RISE 12%, 8% FOR NEXT 2 YEARS

An average family of four in Baltimore County will pay an additional \$227.43 on their water and sewer bills over the next two years starting July 1. The increases follow a 15 percent rate hike that took effect last July. The money is needed to replace water pipes, reline sewer pipes and address other portions of the aging infrastructure. Water rates will rise about 12 percent effective July 1 and an additional 8 percent July 1, 2017. The public water system, called the Metropolitan District, is an extension of the Baltimore City system, which draws water from county reservoirs, treats the water, and then returns it to county residents at cost. The system is required to be financially self-supporting.

ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED. Contact the Baltimore County Board of Election, Contact: 410-887-0982

COUNTY, HUD REACH SETTLEMENT ON HOUSING DISCRIMINATION PRACTICES thus settling a 2011 complaint filed against the county by the Baltimore County Branch of the NAACP, Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc., and three individuals alleging decades of unfair housing practices. The complaint claimed that the county created affordable housing in areas concentrated by mostly poor Blacks, focused new housing on seniors and failed to pro-

vide adequate housing for people with disabilities. By the county's own analysis conducted in 2012, it had the most segregated neighborhoods in Maryland. The terms of the agreement also require the county to establish a housing mobility program and provide 2,000 Housing Choice Vouchers over the next 12 years to assist families with access to better quality jobs and schools.

HIGHLIGHTS OF HOUSING SETTLEMENT

Baltimore County will:

- invest \$3 million annually for 10 years to create 1,000 affordable housing units
 - at least 500 of the units will have three or more bedrooms to accommodate families with children
 - at least one-third of the units will be accessible and made available to people with disabilities
 - ensure all of units comply with the accessibility requirements of the fair Housing act
 - provide Housing Choice vouchers to at least 2,000 families
 - proactively market the units to potential tenants who are least likely to apply, including African American families and families with a member who has a disability.
- provide an additional \$300,000 annually for 10 years to finance structural modifications to make other affordable housing units in Baltimore County accessible
- Run a housing mobility counseling program to offer expanded housing opportunities to families.
- Seek the enactment of legislation that prohibits discrimination based on source of income
- pay the three individual claimants \$150,000 in monetary relief.

Keep in Touch with Baltimore County Government

www.baltimorecountymd.gov

[Facebook.com/baltimorecounty](https://www.facebook.com/baltimorecounty)

Twitter: @BCgov

"Hello Baltimore County" on Cable Channel 25

HOMES FOR SALE IN VILLA NOVA

4105 Essex Road – Foreclosure
3904 Essex Road - \$279,900
4105 Raleigh Road - \$224,9000
4132 Buckingham Rd - \$ 285,000
7011 Lancaster Rd - \$279,900
3901 Essex Road - \$239,900
4001 Buckingham Road



**New to Villa Nova?
Let us know so we can
give you a
Welcome packet!**

VNCA Newsletter

Please send all news for
the newsletter to:
vncamembers@villanovaassoc.org

You can find the
newsletters online at:
www.villanovaassoc.org

CURRENT 2016 DUES PAYING MEMBERS of VNCA

THANK YOU to Villa Nova residents who have paid their 2016 dues. We are making a special appeal for you to pay your dues. Dues help cover the administrative costs and materials to present the concerns and interests of the community to the county, state and federal agencies.

This year, we have had the added expense of legal fees to fight the erection of a non-permitted sign on Buckingham Rd. We are protecting Villa Nova from the encroachment of commercial establishments and helping to keep property values up.

Dues also supply materials for maintenance of the community gardens, picnic, flea market, spring/stream clean-up, dumpster/shredder day and bulletin boards.

Living in Villa Nova makes you a member of the Villa Nova Community Association (VNCA) but paying your \$15 dues to the association gives you voting rights!

DUES PAYING MEMBERS LISTED BELOW:

Artis, India	Villa Nova	Landergren, Diana	Buckingham
Atkins, Jean	Buckingham	Latane, Robert & Mary	Villa Nova
Beck, Joseph & Karen	Rockridge	Lewis, Robert & Sheila	Buckingham
Brownley, Mattie	Queen Anne	Lewis, Walter & Tomasena	Raleigh
Davis, Orlene & Corild	Raleigh	Lucas, Curly & Jenny	Buckingham
Dixon, Armeta	Prince George	Mack, Craig & Florence	Buckingham
Dobbs, James	Rockridge	Macklin, Brian	Buckingham
Downes, Melinda	Campfield	Martin, Joanne	Queen Anne
Findley, Leon & Nicole	Queen Anne	Matthews, Betty	Villa Nova
Gilliam, Calvin & Cynthia	Raleigh	Maybin, Regina	Villa Nova
Chapman, Bishop & Lenora	Buckingham	McMichael, Calvin & Pamela	Raleigh
Chapman, Bishop & Lenora	Buckingham	Moscatti, Scott & Ashley	Bedford
Fox, Harry & Mary Ellen	Raleigh	Parks, Doug & Sandy	Villa Nova
Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart	Bedford	Parobeck, S. & Henderson, G.	Villa Nova
Jackson, Thomas & AAlma	Essex	Principatp, Frank & Joyce	Villa Nova
Jefferson, Trulestine	Bedford	Smith, Jean	Rockridge
Jenkins, Joe	Lancaster	Snoderly, Paula & Donald	Lancaster
Johnson, Mark & Sandi	Sussex	Spears, Wanda	Raleigh
Jones, Arnett & Linda	Buckingham		
Jones, Guy & Gail	Rockridge		

**2016
ANNUAL DUES - \$15
Villa Nova
Community Association**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact/Phone _____

I want to Volunteer:

- Board
- Block Captain
- Newsletter Distributor
- COP
- Spring Clean-up
- Picnic
- National Night Out
- Flea Market
- Dumpster/Shredder Day

Dues Are Tax Deductible!

Mail along with your check:
VNCA, 4106 Villa Nova Rd,
Pikesville, MD 21207

**YOUR 2016 VNCA DUES ARE DUE!
HELP US KEEP UP THE GREAT
WORK IN VILLA NOVA!**

**Do we have your email address? Send it to:
vncamembers@villanovaassoc.org**