

LAURAVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Next General Meeting:
Tuesday, May 12, 7:00pm
At Grind On Café, 4607 Harford Rd
(Future Locations to be discussed at June Potluck)

On the May Agenda:
Representative of the Department of Public Works, (they are in charge of infrastructure - sewers, water, etc. - as well as trash and recycling).
Come ask your questions concerning the proposal to reduce trash collection days!

COMING UP IN JUNE:

Dumpster Day
Saturday, June 6, 9 AM - 1 PM
Garret Heights School Parking Lot on Reukert Ave.

LIA Potluck
(instead of the General Meeting)
Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 6:30 pm
Grace UM Church
Harford Road, corner Batavia



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Group Home Concerns Continue

The LIA continues to campaign against the proposed changes to City zoning code that would allow group homes, with up to 8 and even 16 residents, to be placed in a neighborhood without any community input or notification. Coupled with the inadequate level of oversight of licensed group homes currently provided by the State of Maryland, the LIA believes this will be a disaster for neighborhoods as well as the residents of the group homes. This was illustrated recently when a recently opened group home had multiple police incidents. It took 5 LIA members over 4 hours to identify the responsible State licensing agency where we could lodge a complaint about the problems that this home had generated.

LIA President Kenneth Lockie has written to over 30 neighborhoods across the City asking for support in opposing the changes to Zoning. Nearly a dozen have responded in support. On April 21st, Mr Lockie addressed a crowded meeting of the Overlea Community Association on the subject. Letters have also been sent to the Governor and our State delegation in Annapolis asking for better oversight of group homes at the State level. The response from the Governors Office was disappointing as it did not address any of the concerns the Association had raised, the LIA is pursuing the matter.

The LIA has also written to our US Senators and Representatives asking for help with better funding for the disabled and elderly so they are not forced to live in group homes for economic reasons. We have also asked the Department of Justice to engage with the City to resolve zoning issues in a collaborative manner.

City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake has come out against the Mayor's proposed zoning changes citing the lack of provisions to protect neighborhoods from negative impact. The LIA thanks the Council President for her leadership.

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You Have NOT Paid Your LIA Membership Dues! Please Pay ASAP to continue receiving this newsletter.

Membership in the Lauraville Improvement Association is \$10 per calendar year (Jan - Dec), payable in advance.

Membership in YOUR neighborhood organization is the best way to support what you love about living here!

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HARBEL

Mike Hilliard, Community Relations Director
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MSU Undertakes Restoration of the Ivy Mill

Morgan State University (MSU) is taking steps to ensure that the Ivy Mill grist mill—Baltimore's oldest and last remaining grist mill— located on campus, is added to the list of Baltimore City's many historic buildings and sites. MSU purchased the property (a large tract of land, also known as "the Ivy Mill") on which the grist mill is located in 1917. The history of this property is part and parcel of Lauraville's history as well.

The first of a series of public programs on this history was held at Morgan's new Student Center on April 13. Watch for future programs in the coming months. In the meantime, visit <http://theivymill.info> for video of the April 13 program as well as lots more info on the history of this area & our neighborhood.

LAURAVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Dues \$10.00 per calendar year (Jan-Dec). Renewal due every January or save time and pay for several years at once!

Mail to: LIA Treasurer, P.O. Box 3563, Baltimore, MD 21214

NAME(S) up to two members of the same household can join for one fee

TELEPHONE

STREET ADDRESS

Email (please write clearly): _____

I am interested in becoming involved with: HOUSING SAFETY ENVIRONMENT
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Pay for multiple years at once! Please mail this form with check or money order to the address above.

If you would like a membership card, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope

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RecycleMORE BaltiMORE

At the April LIA General Meeting, a show of hands revealed that 99% of Lauraville residents recycle! Effective January 2009, there are more ways to pitch in:

Acceptable Recycling Material:

- Clean paper - all colors and types - incl. catalogs, magazines, junk mail, newspapers & non-metallic wrapping
- Cardboard and paperboard boxes (cereal boxes without liners, frozen food pkgs, etc.)
- Books (including paperbacks, textbooks and hardbacks)
- Aerosol Cans (empty)
- Glass containers such as jars and bottles
- Metal food and beverage containers
- Narrow-neck plastic containers (other than for motor oil) with codes 1 - 7

NEW

- Wide-mouth plastic containers from margarine, yogurt, cottage cheese, etc.
- Prescription bottles (lids and caps do not need to be removed) and plastic drinking cups
- Aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans
- Clean milk and juice cartons

NEW

(Must be taken to drop-off centers and put in container marked "rigid plastics")

- Rigid plastics which include milk/soda crates, buckets, laundry baskets, lawn furniture, totes, plastic drums, coolers, flower pots, water bottles, pet carriers, shelving, closet organizers, empty garbage/recycling bins.

FREE RECYCLING ELECTRONICS VIA MAIL

US Postal Service offers customers free envelopes in Baltimore area post offices to mail in PDA's, digital cameras, iPods, and MP3 players through the mail without paying postage. The envelopes can be found on display in the Post Office lobby. There is no limit to number envelopes you can take.

You can also recycle cell phones & printer cartridges at HARBEL. Call 410-444-2100 for more info.

Additional Bulk Trash Pick Up and Disposal Options

Residents can also leave up to 3 bulk items for collection at curbside each month. Lauraville's pick up day is the 3rd Thursday of the month. You must schedule the pickup with 311 at least 3 working days beforehand.

For gently-used clothing, furnishings and household goods, donate to a good cause. For large quantities, some will pick up right at your door: Purple Heart (410-712-0109). Salvation Army (410-525-0530). Second Chance (410-385-1101). Loading Dock (410-558-DOCK) accepts appliances and building supplies. www.craigslist.org or www.freecycle.org offer free postings to buy, sell or give away items on-line.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bike Herring Run Birding

Saturday May 2, 8 AM

Meet at Hall Spring Area near Harford Rd. & Argonne Dr. Walk the 1.7 mile loop trail with resident bird enthusiasts. Bring your field guides and binoculars. This trip is not recommended for persons under 12. To register email Molly Gallant at parkrangerlaky@gmail.com.

GET RID OF THE RATS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Monday, May 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Community meeting at the Ray of Hope Baptist Church with Mr. James McCall, Health Educator at the Bureau of Vector Control for the Baltimore City Health Department. He will provide information on eradicating the rodent infestation that is steadily increasing in our communities. The church is located at 3000 Parkside Drive. More info: Rosa Dowdy, Community Liaison for Ray of Hope at 410-426-8218.

Donovan Fund Film Series

Saturday, May 9th

"Mildred Pearce" (1945) starring Joan Crawford

In honor of Mother's Day

All funds raised go to help seniors, including many in our neighborhood, get help with basic needs. \$10 suggested donation. Rock Candy Theater, 4321 Harford Road

For tickets call 410-366-1980 ext-271

Native Plant Sale

Sunday May 10, 11 AM - 3 PM

Herring Run Nursery, 6131 Hillen Rd., Baltimore, MD 21239
Celebrate spring by coming to our first plant sale of the season! The Herring Run Native Plant Nursery has a tremendous selection of native perennials, shrubs and trees. For directions call 410-254-1577.

Sat, May 16 is Morgan State University's Commencement

Be aware of increased traffic and activity all day.

Cellar Stage

Friday, May 1st - HOT SOUP!

Friday, May 15th - Paddy Keenan and John Walsh

Friday, May 29 - Slambovian Circus of Dreams

Concerts are at Faith Community United Methodist Church

5315 Harford Road. All Shows start at 8:00pm

TICKETS: 410-922-5210, General info: 410-521-9099

NE Police Community Relations Council Meeting

Wed, 6:30-8:30pm,

Location: NE District Police Station, 1900 Argonne Drive.
In the event of severe weather, call 410-396-2444 to confirm.

2009 Greater Lauraville Home and Garden Tour

Saturday, June 13, 2009 from 11AM to 3PM

5-7 Houses along the tour that will show off Greater Lauraville Homes and Gardens Watch for details or contact NOGLI at 410-444-9188 or www.greaturlauraville.com

Save the date:

2009 Greater Lauraville Fair: Saturday, Sept. 26