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The Lauraville News

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LAURAVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

June General Meeting is the **LIA Potluck!!!**

Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 6:30 pm
Grace UM Church

(Harford Road, corner Batavia)

Bring your kids, family, friends and neighbors. Great food, a little business, but mostly just a fun time. If you'd like to help, contact Hospitality Chair - Peggy Meyer
410-570-6680, pwmeyer@aol.com

No LIA Meeting in July or August

Have a wonderful summer!

The next LIA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 8th at 7pm

LIA General Meetings Location

The Board of the LIA are considering locations to hold the General meeting. Although the Grindon Café has been a wonderful location, we are running out of space there. The last three meetings have been so well attended that there was standing room only. The Board will consider accessibility and parking availability in choosing another site. Watch this newsletter for updates.

LIA Dumpster Day

Saturday, June 6th. 9 AM-1 PM.

Garrett Heights Elementary/Middle School
Parking Lot, enter on Reukert Ave.

Clean out that junk from your basement, attic or garage! **No** building materials, household appliances, tires, rims, or household hazardous waste.

Herring Run Park Master Plan

At a packed meeting on Monday May 11th concerned neighbors questioned the proposed master plan for Herring Run Park. The proposed plan includes building an underpass between Lake Montebello and the playing fields on the other side of Harford Road as well as a 100+ space parking lot built into the hillside at the entrance to the Park at Hall Springs at Argonne and Harford Road. The general feeling of the meeting was that the proposed master plan does not consider that the Herring Run directly feeds into the Chesapeake Bay. The Friends of Herring Run Park have started a petition to: Seek a sustainable Master Plan for Herring Run Park that includes the following:

- Designation as an "environmentally sensitive, stream valley park."
- Plans to restore and preserve the park's natural resources.
- Emphasis on recreation that is related to the park's natural resources.
- Assurance of interagency collaboration on any project in or near the park.
- Specific plans for safe road crossings and improved park access.
- Elimination of the proposed Harford Road underpass.
- Include a plan for maintaining any new facility.
- A transparent planning process that is genuinely inclusive of community partners

The LIA has written to our State delegation to Annapolis opposing the use of limited State transportation funds for the parking lot and the really bad idea of an underpass on Harford Road, an idea that the police department thinks is bad. You can contact the Friends of Herring Run Park at www.herringrunparks.org

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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!

Pay for several years at once! Use the form on page 2 or pay at the next meeting.

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Goodbye and Welcome

The LIA wishes Lorrie Schoettler, outgoing Executive Director of NOGLI, all the very best in her new endeavors. Lorrie will be missed and the Association thanks her for all the support and hard work she has done for us over the last 3 years.
The LIA welcome Mark Tough the new Executive Director of NOGLI. The LIA looks forward to working with Mark.

Did you know that Lauraville is on Wikipedia?

Check it out:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lauraville%2C_Baltimore

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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.

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Baltimore City & Zoning for Group Homes

Jody Landers, longtime Lauraville resident, published an opinion piece in the May 8, 2009 Baltimore Sun lucidly explaining the legal, ethical and social dimensions of the proposed changes to Baltimore City zoning which would allow group homes to be placed in neighborhoods without resident oversight.

“But this lawsuit is not about asserting the rights of disabled persons. It is about mostly for-profit businesses that don't want any conditions placed on their ability to locate residential drug treatment facilities in residential neighborhoods,” he writes. Read the whole piece at:

www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/oped/bal-op.grouphomes08may08,0,179763.story

Trash Disposal

The City is planning to triple the number of code enforcement officers on July 1st 2009. This will result in more proactive enforcement so there is a good chance you will receive a citation if you do not comply with current code:

- _ Use durable trash **cans** with **tight fitting lids**
- _ Placing trash in bags **without a can** is illegal and feeds rats
- _ **No more** than two 32 gal cans per address
- _ Place cans out **only after 8 p.m.** the evening before collection
- _ Do not block alleys or sidewalks with your cans
- _ Do not put bags at the end of your block or your alley
- _ Keep your sidewalks, gutters and alleys trash-free
- _ Anything that doesn't fit in your can is BULK! Call 311
- _ Violations can cost you as much as \$500 per citation

CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS CONCERNING:

- TRASH PICK UP
- BULK PICK UP
- ILLEGAL DUMPING

If you have issues with trash pick up or bulk pick up or illegal dumping contact Celeste Amato at the Initiative for a Cleaner Greener Baltimore at either 443-984-3961 or camato@baltimoredevelopment.com.

Lauraville Remembered

by LIA historian Mary Etta Mills

Today Garrett Heights School sits on a hill overlooking much of Lauraville as it has since the late 1890s. The school was built on farmland acquired from the family of John W. Garrett of Baltimore and Ohio Train fame and after whom the school was named. Even in the early 1950s there were corn fields next to- and across from- the school. Later, before houses were built, these fields were covered in clover and Queen Anne's lace. Small family owned stores dotted the whole area and were perfect for convenient family shopping and school children seeking snacks. The fields and stores provided interesting shortcuts to school along well worn paths that snaked behind tall shrubs, down alleys and past small stores.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lauraville Business Association

Block Party, Sunday June 7th, 2pm to 5pm

At 4500 – 4504 Harford Road. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. Come enjoy great music, food and drink at the site of the former gas station on the corner of Montebello Terrace and Harford Road, across from Safeway.

Greater Lauraville

Home and Garden Tour

Saturday June 13th, 11am – 3pm

This year's tour includes 5-7 houses and will highlight HNI home renovations. Several houses will be showcasing exceptional gardens as well as creative use of space, family-friendly renovations, and artistic interior design. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$7.50 and \$10 the day of the event. Contact Mark Tough, new Executive Director of NOGLI at 410 444 9188.

Donovan Fund Film Series

Saturday, June 13th, 7pm

“Our Vines Have Tender Grapes” (1945)

starring Edward G. Robinson & Agnes Moorhead

In honor of Father'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

Farmers Market comes to Main Street

Have you noticed all the activity at the former gas station at Montebello Terrace and Harford Road? Firstly, the BDC has leased the site to the Lauraville-Hamilton Main Streets on a temporary basis until the site is developed. The LIA successfully stopped the illegal parking that had taken place at this location. Back in April a band of volunteers started cleaning the site. Recently flower beds have been created. Starting in June a Farmers Market will be held on Tuesdays from 4pm to 8pm. Some details are still being finalized. For more info visit the Main Streets website at www.hamiltonlauravillemainstreet.org

Save the date:

2009 Greater Lauraville Fair: Saturday, Sept. 26

(Lauraville Remembered, cont.)

For many years, Garrett Heights School held a bazaar at the end of each school year. There were tables of baked goods, white elephant treasures, small toys and games and helium balloons. Most sought after was the caramel fudge which had a slightly grainy consistency and wonderful flavor. Only recently did I find it again at Wockenfuss Candy store under the label “Baltimore Fudge.” However, the “big attraction” was the adoption center for kittens and puppies. Before it was discontinued for some obvious reasons, there were many children who went home skipping and smiling with a pet only to be seen going slowly back to the school an hour later with a pet that they clearly didn't have permission to keep. Anyway, it was fun while it lasted.