



# Lincoln Vista News

## Fall-Winter 2017

THE LINCOLN VISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETS  
EVERY THIRD THURSDAY AT THE LINCOLN VISTA  
COMMUNITY BUILDING 9800 RIDGE STREET, LANHAM, MD.



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 19th  
LVCA Meeting  
Join \$5.00 adult

#### Lincoln Vista Civic Association Meetings

3rd THURSDAYS 7:30-9:30

#### Youth FUN DAYS Program SUMMER Every Other Thursdays

6pm – 8pm  
June 28, 2018 - August 16, 2018  
(SKATETRUCK, FACE PAINTING)

#### National Night Out, August 7, 2018

#### Lincoln Vista Day, September 15, 2018

Lincoln Vista Book Club  
Wed Jan 3 2018 12:00 PM

#### \*The 450 Coalition Meeting

3rd Saturday at 9am  
Glendale Fire House  
11900 Glendale Blvd  
Parking at rear of the building

#### \*The 202 Greater Coalition Meeting

Mondays 9am—12:00 pm  
St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church

410 Addison Road South  
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

#### \*Zoning Ordinance and Sub-division Regulations

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**Officers of the LVCA**  
Stephanie Hicks, President  
**Vacant, Vice President**  
Linda Hicks, Secretary  
Cheryl Woody, Assistant Secretary  
Beverly Smith, Treasurer  
Emily Shelton, Parliamentarian  
Erma H. Anderson, Recreation Chairman  
Jacqueline Bates, Administrative Assistant

### SCMAGLEV Train on the WB&A Trail !!

Senator JoAnn Benson (District 24) visited the Lincoln Vista NNO event on August 1, 2017 and told us about an Important meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 7Pm. The meeting will be held at: Charles Herbert Flowers High School, 10001 Ardwick Ardmore Road in Springdale. Senator Benson is asking us to let members in our communities know about this meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. This is not good for Prince George's County. See below for more information.

### SCMAGLEV Train on the WB&A Trail !! (Taken from email that was sent by Henry Wixon, Glenn Dale Citizen's Association)

The potential **SCMAGLEV Train** between Washington, DC and Baltimore is in the planning/environmental review stage. Federal and State planners have proposed six alternative routes for the project. **Three of the six proposed routes include the WB&A Trail!** This even as the **Maryland Historical Trust** is about to vote on adding the WB&A to the **Anacostia Trails Heritage Area**. See the slide "Screening Level 2 Initial Preliminary Alternatives" in the MagLev presentation materials at <http://baltimorewashingtonscmaglevproject.com/index.php/project-documents/public-meeting-materials>.

Not just a single WB&A alternative, as an obvious "throw-away," folks. Half the proposed routes – 3 out of 6 – right on the WB&A Trail!

A high-speed train line along the historic WB&A in Glenn Dale would disrupt and devastate our community and surrounding communities. It is critical that we stay on top of this as it moves forward towards a final decision, probably next year. Please see Delegate Geraldine Valentino Smith's web page for more information, at <http://www.delegategeraldine.com/>, and we can also sign up for the Baltimore-Washington Superconducting MagLev Project mailing list at <http://baltimorewashingtonscmaglevproject.com/index.php>, to receive mailings going forward.

All are encouraged to sign up for the mailing list so that you may stay abreast of all public meetings and decisions that are made regarding this issue.

### 450 Coalition Meeting October 21, 2017

The "hyperloop" project caught a lot of people off guard. There were questions that many could not answer. Senator Benson will try to have someone at the November meeting. Governor Hogan has already approved the project, and the area in Hanover has already been fenced off. Elon Musk is running this project & he is suppose to provide the funding. It will not cost MD tax payers much if anything (we will see!). So will this be just for cars, or does this include trains as well? – Stay tune for more information!

The new hospital ground breaking will be November 30<sup>th</sup>, & is scheduled to be completed by 2021. The coalition will try to have someone at the November meeting as well. **Next meeting 450 Coalition (last one for the year) November 18<sup>th</sup> 9-11 AM at the Glenn Dale Firehouse**

**Consultants** have been brought in about the Old Glen Dale Hospital, & they should bring their results by the end of the year. Zoning rewrite meeting to be held Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM at Laurel Beltsville Senior Activity Center 7120 Contee RdLaurel, MD

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Social Media Seminar** Saturday November 18, 2017 9:00 – 3:00 Bowie State University Student Center. For more info contact Evelyn Archie 301-952-4355 of [EJArchie@co.pg.md.us](mailto:EJArchie@co.pg.md.us) open to anyone.

BY: Emily Shelton

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## Property Maintenance & Code Enforcement (Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement)

**1. My neighbor's grass is very tall. Is this a violation and who should I call to report this?**

Grass in excess of 12 inches tall is a violation of the County Code. Complaints about tall grass may be reported by calling 311 or visiting County Click 311.

**2. How many unlicensed vehicles can I keep on my property?**

Only one vehicle, whether wrecked, dismantled or unlicensed, may be kept on private property; and, it must be in an enclosed garage, not on exterior property.

**3. Can I operate an auto repair business from my house or garage?**

No. It is a violation of the County's Zoning Ordinance. Any such repair activity must cease immediately if this is being done on your property. If you notice this illegal activity on a property, please report it by calling 311 or visiting County Click 311.

**4. A house in my neighborhood is in disrepair and may be abandoned. What should I do?**

Please report the property by calling 311 or visiting County Click 311.

**5. I am cleaning out my basement. Can I pile the unwanted debris in the rear yard until I am finished?**

No. It is a violation of the County Code to store rubbish and debris on the external premises. Please contact Bulky Trash at 301-952-7600 to schedule a pick up. If you notice debris stored on a property, please report it by calling 311 or visiting County Click 311.

**6. There is a vacant lot with a large amount of debris. Who would handle getting the debris removed?**

A vacant, unimproved lot (no house/structure) would be investigated by the Enforcement Division. When reporting, please be sure to advise that there is no structure on the lot. Please report the property by calling 311 or visiting County Click 311.

**7. My neighbor has a pool with stagnant water. Is this a violation?**

Yes. Pools containing stagnant water or pools in disrepair are in violation of the Housing Code. Please report the problem by calling 311 or visiting County Click 311.

**8. I am moving and would like to rent my house out. Do I need a permit to do so?**

A rental license is required. A 2-year license is \$115.

**9. I live in an apartment, and I have problems inside the unit. Who do I report this to?**

If you have reported the problems to the management office and the problems have not been repaired or resolved in a reasonable length of time, an investigation will be conducted and appropriate follow up taken, if applicable. Report the problems by calling 311 or visiting County Click 311.

**10. How do I file a complaint?**

Please include the address of the property in question and a brief description of the complaint. To file a complaint, please call 311 or visiting County Click 311.

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## Are you home for the day?

How much gas and cash do you have on hand?

If an emergency breaks out do you have enough gas to get to a safe place - if there is no power then the gas stations can not distribute gas. What if there is a outage/failure that causes the machines not to function as usual & are not able to distribute cash or process credit & or debit cards? Just a couple of reminders that we sometimes take for granted.

Be prepared for all cases. Have a "grab bag" ready at all times (a whistle is also a good thing to have - we don't always think about when preparing a "grab bag") It will help whether its a personal or statewide emergency.

This link will also give useful information in case there is an evacuation: [www.ready.gov/evacuating-yourself-and-your-family](http://www.ready.gov/evacuating-yourself-and-your-family)

BY: Emily Shelton



*Congratulations*  
*On*  
*Celebrating 70 Years of Marriage*  
*July 1947 July 2017*  
*Fred and Eunice*  
*Felix*

### Hot Soups & Sandwiches

Starting January 2018

12:00 – 2:00pm

Seaton Memorial A.M.E. Church 5507 Lincoln Avenue

Rev. Ronald A. Boykin, Pastor (301) 794-6476

Will Deliver to Seniors in the Lincoln Neighborhood

Sponsored by Seaton Memorial Gospel Choir and Lincoln Vista Youth Development. **Will let you know the day it starts.**



### Harvest Family Fun Night

Tuesday, October 31 6:30pm -  
8:30pm Seaton Memorial AME  
Church 5507 Lincoln Avenue

Come enjoy food, face painting, photo booth, skating Arts & Crafts and Free Treats.

### Halloween Safety

As you all know, **October 31, 2017 is Halloween.** It is getting darker earlier now. If you are taking your children out for Trick or Treating, here are some helpful tips. Have fun!!

1. Children should always go out trick or treating accompanied by a responsible adult.
2. Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you.
3. Instruct your child to never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car.
4. Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.



**Children should stay together as a group if going out to Trick or Treat without an adult**

### Winter Snow & Ice:

How do we cope with what comes when the snows fall, melt and ice over?

Suggestions:

**Park on the even side of the street, so that the snow plows can get by.**

Have your walks shoveled clear within 24 hours of the snow storm. Be certain that you have your shovels ready for that first storm. If you are unable to take care of this yourself, make certain you have arrangements made with a neighbor or friend to help out. Remember the postal and the package delivery workers. They need safe, snow/ice free conditions to deliver the mail and/or packages to your home.

### Membership Dues:

**\$5.00 per person collected once a year.** Paying your dues will make you an active member for a year. Your dues support publication of this newsletter and community events.

### Mosquito Control:

Please remember to pay your Mosquito Control dues - \$10.00 per home. The state pays for a portion of the total cost to spray for mosquitoes in our community, but LV community members' portion of the cost is \$1,200.00.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO  
OUR ANNUAL  
HOLIDAY PARTY**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 21, 2017**

**7:00 pm — 9:00 pm**

**Festive Food & Homemade Dishes  
Bring Your Favorite Holiday Dish!**

**Lincoln Vista Community Building**

**Lincoln Vista Park**

**9800 Ridge Street**

**Lanham, MD**

**Celebrate the season with your  
family, friends and neighbors!**





## LINCOLN VISTA NEIGHBORS LANHAM, MD

*Happy  
Holidays*



### Zoning Rewrite Listening Sessions

The Prince George's County Planning Department has 3 Listening Sessions on its Comprehensive Review Draft of the new Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations: Tuesday, October 24 at Harmony Hall Regional Center, 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington; Wednesday, October 25 at Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel; and Thursday, October 26 at the Sports and Learning Complex Town Hall, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover. All are from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

### Potential Hotel

Mr. Tony Perez spoke concerning a potential 3rd hotel coming to the north side of Martin Luther King Jr. Highway (MD-704). The proposed site is part of the Washington Business Park, next to an empty warehouse building.

The proposed hotel, Uptown Suites, would be similar to an Extended Stay Hotel **A motion was made to oppose the proposed hotel, Uptown Suites; motion seconded and passed.**

The proposed hotel, Uptown Suites, does not seem to fit in the mixed-use center development already planned for our community.

**From September's Minutes**

### 202 Greater Coalition Meeting

This monthly meeting is held by Senator Joanne C. Benson, Prince George's County District 24 Representative. These monthly meetings are to update and inform the Community about resources and information.

**Oct 23, 2017, Nov No Meeting, Dec 4, 2017**

**Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 26 (2018)**

**Apr 23, May 21, Jun 18 (2018)**

### 450 Coalition Meeting

This monthly 450 Coalition meeting on the third Saturday of the month from 9am to 11am at the Glenn Dale Fire House (11900 Glenn Dale Blvd, Glenn Dale, MD 20769). Come out to hear from your Maryland State Delegates, county Council members and county agency representatives about what is going on in our communities. Please share with all who may be interested in attending.