



Lincoln Vista News Spring-Summer 2016



THE LINCOLN VISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETS EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST. THE MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE LINCOLN VISTA COMMUNITY BUILDING 9800 RIDGE STREET, LANHAM, MD. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE APRIL 21, 2015 - 7:30 PM.

President's Message



As we leave the cold clutches of winter and enter into the warmth of spring and summer, I would like to take a few moments to update you on some of the meetings and functions that we have participated in over the winter months. Each year Senators Benson and Pinsky invite us to their Night in Annapolis dinners that occur in the Miller Senate Building. The meetings are designed to update us on current legislation, introduce the current office incumbents, and to thank those in attendance for supporting them in office. The events are usually very well attended and it turns out to be a wonderful night of dinner and conversation. In my eyes we are represented by two of the best Senators in the State of Maryland. I would like to thank Senator Benson and Senator Paul Pinsky and their staff for your support and for always, thinking and visiting our community. We appreciate your concern and support for us.

In late January and early February, we had the pleasure of attending two Town Hall Meetings that discussed the development plans of two very important projects in our community. The Adaptive Re-use of the Glendale Hospital Property and the development of Vista Gardens West. Park and Planning has taken great strides in the development of the Glendale Hospital Property. A survey and safety inspection was conducted on the property and cameras were installed on the property. Park and Planning has heard our pleas to develop the property as it has been zoned. MNCPPC has changed the way in which it will seek potential developers and is actively consulting with companies and experts in the development of continuing care facilities.

The Michaels Group has discussed the preliminary plans for the development of Vista Gardens West. So far it looks good, but we look forward to subsequent meetings that will update us on the status of both projects. If you missed the meetings, please email the lincolnVista@yahoo.com and we will do our best to respond to your questions. We will notify every one of subsequent meetings on either topic so that you may attend if possible. Remember your concerns and opinions count so please make an attempt to attend the upcoming meetings on each topic.

THE COUNTY'S PLANS TO OVERHAUL ITS TRASH & RECYCLING PROGRAM BEGINNING MAY 2016

New Trash Collection Service With Rolling out the Carts

Prince George's is joining our neighboring jurisdictions; City of Baltimore, the District of Columbia, Anne Arundel, Howard and Montgomery counties, as well as several municipalities in transitioning to a successful once-a-week trash collection program. Thanks to the efforts of our residents we're taking less trash to the landfill, leading to a reduction in trash being picked up on the current two-day-a-week collection service. This creates an opportunity to introduce a new collection overhaul; saving money while providing great service. For more information, visit oncea-week.mypgc.us or contact CountyClick 3-1-1.

Customers will receive a free, new, wheeled trash cart with secure lid. New accountability systems will ensure excellent hauling service in all neighborhoods. 4 out of 5 residents do not use the second weekly trash pickup so it doesn't make sense to continue to pay for it. Trash and recycling pickup will be picked up on the same day, resulting in one trip to the curb each week.

Prince George's County Noise Ordinance

The County restricts noise in residential areas that is audible more than 50 feet from its source. County noise restrictions are in effect from **9 pm to 7 am**. Violations are punishable by a \$250 fine for a first offense and \$500 for subsequent offenses (or imprisonment for up to 30 days, but that rarely if ever happens).

Bag Tax May be Coming to the County

Following the blueprint set by Montgomery County and Washington, D.C., Senator Paul Pinsky has proposed a bill to impose a fee on disposable bags, a measure which has failed the last four years.

The bill, sponsored by Senator Pinsky would allow the county council to place a fee up to 5 cents per bag for paper and plastic disposable bags in retail stores. The bill defines a retail store as "a retail establishment that provides disposable bags to customers as a result of the sale of a product." The bill only applies to paper and plastic bags distributed at the point of sale. It would not apply to bags used to package fruits and vegetables, or used to contain or wrap frozen foods, meat and fish.

New Laws in Prince George's County

1. Anyone caught littering on county property will be fined \$1,000.
2. Landlords who fail to clean up their property will face tax liens starting January 11th.
3. If landlords are caught renting illegally without a license, they face fines of \$1,000 a month.
4. E-cigarette smoking will be banned outside of public buildings.
5. Styrofoam food containers will be banned in Prince George's County starting in July.

ELECTION 2016 Schedule

April 26th — Primary Election from 7 am to 8 pm

Early Voting - Thursday, April 14th through Thursday, April 21st from 10 am to 8 pm.

November 8th — General Election from 7 am to 8 pm

Early Voting - Thursday, October 27th through Thursday, Novem-

Have You Register to Vote?

Voter Registration link information
you can register to vote online, by mail, and in person at your local Board of Elections. You can also process your voter registration at your local MD MVA office when you complete any driver's license transactions.

www.dmv.org/md-maryland/voter-registr
http://www.elections.state.md.us/voter_registration/

WHY VOTE?

We vote for survival!!! In a country where voting is your means of determining how you live you cannot let someone else decide for you how that will be. You are provided with an education by popular vote, use it to stay in touch with what is happening around you and be prepared to vote intelligently to preserve your future and your children's. Your ancestors fought hard for you to have a say in how this country was to be run and you need to get out and vote to say what you want. Don't sit at home. Your vote counts!!!!!!!

- Vote because we will make choices that will have very direct and concrete effects on our daily lives.
- Vote because every election matters. .
- Vote because who the President is matters..
- Vote because who you choose to lead your local and state governments — whether as your state or local senators, representatives in congress, and judges of the circuit court— will have a serious impact on the life of your community.

Submitted By: Erma Anderson

Message

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that Tuesday, April 26, 2016 is our time to vote in the State of Maryland. If you would like to avoid long lines, early voting starts Thursday, April 14, 2016 and ends Thursday, April 21, 2016. The early voting sites are open from 10:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. The early voting locations are as follows:

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| Upper Marlboro Community Center
5400 Marlboro Race Track Road
Upper Marlboro MD 20772
***** | Baden Community Center
13601 Baden-Westwood Road
Brandywine MD 20613
***** |
| College Park Community Center
5051 Pierce Avenue
College Park MD 20740
***** | Laurel – Beltsville Senior Activity Center
7120 Cantee Road
Laurel MD 20707
***** |
| Bowie Gymnasium
4100 Northview Drive
Bowie MD 20716
***** | Suitland Community Park School Center
5600 Regency Lane
Forestville MD 20747
***** |
| Wayne K. Curry Sports and Learning Complex
8001 Sheriff Road
Landover MD 20785 | Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex
7007 Bock Road
Fort Washington MD 20744 |

*Happy Spring and Summer Lincoln Vista.
Stephanie Hicks, President, LVCA*

SAFETY FIRST:

Keep your phone with you when out in the yard. You never know when an emergency may occur. Having a phone nearby allows you to call a neighbor, fire department, or police in short time. It's a safeguard for you and your neighbors. Also, remember to lock car, home, and garage doors. Do not store valuables in the car. Keep entry ways visible and open from obstruction and Lights ON!!

Upcoming Events

Fish Fry June 25

YOUTH FUN DAYS PROGRAM

THURSDAYS 6PM – 8PM

June 23, 2016 (SKATETRUCK, FACE PAINTING)

June 30, 2016 (SKATETRUCK, FACE PAINTING)

July 14, 2016 (SKATETRUCK, FACE PAINTING)

July 21, 2016 (SKATETRUCK, FACE PAINTING)

National Night Out, Tuesday, August 2nd

August 4, 2016 (SKATETRUCK, FACE PAINTING)

August 11, 2016 (SKATETRUCK, FACE PAINTING)

Lincoln Vista Day, Saturday, September 21st

LINCOLN-VISTA COMMUNITY FISH FRY



**Saturday, June 25, 2016
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Platter Donation \$10.00**

Tilapia Platter or Whiting Platter

Served with two (2) vegetables, bread/cornbread, cake, and soda
Vegetables: Coleslaw, Collards, Macaroni & Cheese, Potato Salad, Bake
Beans or String Beans

Sandwich Donation \$7.00

Tilapia – Whiting

Any Side Order \$2.00

Location: 5507 Crescent Avenue

From Baltimore Lane
Bear right on Elm Street
Continue on Crescent Avenue

From Center Avenue
Continue to Crescent Avenue



LINCOLN VISTA NEIGHBORS LANHAM, MD

Are you a Graduating Senior? Lincoln Vista Scholarship Award:

To be eligible, the candidate must be:

Entering a post high school institution.

Available to meet with the Selection Committee for an interview, if requested.

Applicants should submit a paragraph on their efforts in the community or concerns for the community.

Send Application to: Lincoln Vista Civic Assoc. mail box or email lincolnVista@yahoo.com.

Applicants must provide the Selection Committee with an official copy of their high school or GED transcripts.

Applications must be received by July 2, 2016.

For application visit: [www.lincolnVista.com/
Scholarship Links](http://www.lincolnVista.com/ScholarshipLinks)

Lincoln Vista Community Celebrate National Night Out! "America's Night Out Against Crime"



The first Tuesday in August is National Night Out, an event to heighten awareness of crime, drug and violence prevention efforts, and promote community participation.

This event is also an opportunity to meet neighbors and talk with our community service officers (fire department, county police, park police, and elected officials) in a fun

When: Tuesday – August 2 from 6-8 pm

Where: Lincoln Vista Recreation Building
9800 Ridge Street, Lanham MD

FEATURING

Refreshments
Prince George's Police
MNCPPC Park Police
Children's Activities
Video Game Truck
Zumba Dance Fun

REMINDER—IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN:

Mosquito Control \$10.00 per Household

Membership is only \$5.00 per person
every year (18 years and older)

You may send to our Post office Box, Pay at the Civic Assoc.
Meeting or pay at the Fish Fry June 25.

COMMUNITY DAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED

The Community Day event scheduled TENTATIVELY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th has been cancelled. Although we want to have community events such as Community Day, these events require volunteer support to secure and manage the entertainment, food service, and other activities that make events worthwhile to the community.

Please come to the next Civic Meeting at 7:30 on May 19th at the Community Building and offer to help with events.