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Happy Summer to our Long Branch Civic Association (LBCA) members and do we have some *HOT* opportunities to share with you in this newsletter! Please read on to keep informed and learn more about how to engage in our neighborhood as an LBCA Officer, join a newly forming LBCA Enhancement committee, be a founding member of our Long Branch Preschool Playgroup, submit a proposal to be a teen liaison to the LBCA Board, and more. We first begin by thanking those who are already helping to keep Long Branch a great place to live . . . Thanks to **Martha Bernardi, all Street Representatives, and Melinda Malico** for our updated directory, thanks to the **Davenhall Family** for again organizing our Easter Egg Hunt which was fun for all, and special thanks to our **LBCA Officers** for enabling both our Yard Sale and our well attended Community Meeting and Social as well as **Heather Hartung** for allowing us to host the meeting at the pool.

At the suggestion of an LBCA member, the LBCA Officers would welcome proposals from our teenager population to be liaisons to the board. If interested, please send suggestions (500 words or less) to email: susan@thebettsfamily.com on or before August 15, 2011. We would welcome a couple teenagers to offer ideas, reach out to other teens and serve Long Branch.

Happy Summer to all and please consider checking in on neighbors during times of high heat . . . or simply sharing a cold treat & warm smile :)

Karla Gill,
President
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Keeping Long Branch Looking Goods Benefits Everyone
Keeping your yard and house in good repair not only benefits you as a homeowner but the whole community. When we work together as a community to maintain a beautiful subdivision, we benefit through our home values. If we want to continue to see our homes increase in value, we need to make sure the standard of Long Branch is maintained. So, please be mindful that Spring/Summer is a busy season for home sales. We want perspective neighbors to see what a wonderful community Long Branch is.

LBCA Community Meeting/Social

Thank you to everyone who attended the LBCA community meeting and social on Friday, June 3rd. We were honored to have John Cook, our Braddock Road Supervisor, attend the meeting. Mr. Cook talked about current issues, including road funding and budgets. He also discussed the upcoming replacement of the bridge over Long Branch stream on Guinea Road. This bridge is in dangerous deterioration and is scheduled to be replaced. The work will begin in the next few months and construction will last approximately 10 months.

The meeting then was opened up to community comments. One issue that was brought up was the appearance of Long Branch. Several community members expressed concerns over the appearance of our community. This issue is important to everyone who lives here since it affects our home values.

There were several original homeowners who had amazing stories to share. Everyone who attended had a great time.

Long Branch 30.5

By: Jim Hawkins

Yes, Long Branch is over 30 years old – and still evolving. New people have moved in, property prices have increased and our high school is highly rated nationally.

But, not all changes – it seems to me – are trending to further enhance our community quality of life and stimulate property values. For instance, mailbox poles leaning at odd angles, curbs crushed by snowplows, various trailers in streets and driveways, poorly repaired sidewalks, and a few other “disregards.”

In the early 80’s Long Branch had formal and informal covenants. Often folk were advised when they were breached. This seems to have disappeared. Although the vast majority of residents spend considerable time and effort to maintain the “Street View” of their property, community standards are not available either formally or informally.

I will chair – if three people will join - a group to research and develop a Community Enhancement Plan for consideration by the civic association board and our community. Group members will learn a lot. How do other neighborhoods and civic associations approach this? Are there applicable Fairfax County or Virginia laws or regulations? What does our community think? Should we even have one?

Joining the group is volunteering to work at least one hour a week researching, meeting, writing, polling, etc. for at least three months starting the first of August 2011. Legal expertise is welcomed as are research and writing skills.

If you would like to join or if you have comments (even if opposed to the idea) please email me at vajimjane@gmail.com with a copy to our Association President at karla.gill@marriot.com

Other activities to enhance our neighborhood or prevent degrading it should not be postponed while awaiting a plan.

Long Branch
Preschool
Playgroup—If
you have
young children at
home and are
interested in
forming a
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please
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Cordiner at
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Watch Neighborhood Watch News

As we kick off the summer season, be watchful of the increased foot and bike traffic around the neighborhood while you are driving, especially along Burnetta and around the pool area. The speed limit through out our development is 25 mph, and there have been multiple complaints recently about drivers exceeding this speed limit. Please remind your teen/young adult drivers to slow down as well!

Many thanks to all the neighbors who volunteer to take a week on the neighborhood watch rotation. You are doing a wonderful job, and your service is appreciated by us all. A few safety concerns that have been noted in recent weeks are:

- Street lamps out: Check the street lamps around your house and call Dominion if there is an outage. 1-888-667-3000.
- Garage doors are left open, sometimes overnight: Things are easily taken from open garages, even when the owners are home. Keep your garage doors closed and your home locked to avoid theft.

If anyone is interested in being added to the Neighborhood Watch rotation, please contact me. As always, if you happen upon any suspicious activity, don't hesitate to call the Fairfax County Police non-emergency number: 703-691-2131.

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Interested in learning what's going on in Annandale? Try visiting Annandale Patch at <http://annandale.patch.com>. This website provides comprehensive and trusted local coverage of Annandale, VA. News, events, school happenings, discussions, announcements and more.

Are you new to Fairfax? Please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/newtofairfax/> for important information and services you'll need as a new resident to Fairfax County.

Neighborhood Directories Are Complete!

A huge THANK YOU to Martha Bernardi for her efforts compiling the new Long Branch directory. She spent many hours compiling the directory, gathering ads, printing the directory and distributing it to our street representatives.

You should have received a copy of your new directory in March. If you have not yet received one, please contact your street representative.

Please note the following corrections to the directory:

- Page 1 Tabard Has two street reps. Lisa Spero is for 4800-4817 and Marla Peyser is for 4819-4838
- Page 23 the Ogea family has moved from Tabard Place to 9115 Meadow Rue
- Page 26 the Roberts family phone number is 323-3932

Easter Bunny Visits the Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to **Megan and Jon Davenhall** for organizing a fantastic Long Branch Easter Egg hunt. The kids had a great time searching for eggs in the grassy area by the Long Branch pool.



The kids got a special treat when the Easter Bunny made his grand entrance on his motorcycle! The kids then started the hunt, complete with candy, goodies brought and shared by neighbors and pictures with the Easter Bunny himself. A special thanks to **Jim Hawkins** for providing us with a very memorable Easter Bunny!

Long Branch Swim and Racquet Club Membership

Don't miss out on a summer of fun at the Long Branch Swim and Racquet Club. Membership applications are still being accepted. Please email lbsrmembership@gmail.com if you have any questions or please visit www.longbranchpool.com for more information.

Social Chair Needed!

Like to plan fun parties? We need your help! From after school pizza parties to evening adult parties! Help make the Summer a success by volunteering your time! Email lbsrmembership@gmail.com for more information.

Spring Cleaning Think About Donating To A Worthy Cause

Now that the Long Branch Yard sale is over, what to do with all your leftover stuff? There are many organizations that will come to your house to pick up your unwanted items. Please visit: <http://www.charitychoices.com/whoaccepts.asp> for a list charities that accept donations and what

types of items they take. Most of these charities have a page in this website where you can learn more about their work. To go to this page, simply click on the charity's name. All the charities on this website are part of the federal charity drive and have thus met a series of accountability standards, such as an annual audit.

Long Branch Storm Drain Labeling

This June members of the Sciences/Environmental Club at Woodson High School will be labeling our storm drains.

Why label storm drains?

Many people are not aware of the severity of water pollution caused by suburban neighborhoods. Storm drain labeling programs help to educate the public about proper use of storm drains and their effect on the environment. The Northern Virginia Soil and Water conservation District (NVSWCD) administers Fairfax County's volunteer storm drain

education program. The Sciences/Environmental Club at Woodson High School has volunteered to label storm drains in Long Branch in hopes of increasing awareness of the effects of water pollution. They will be labeling storm drains in Long Branch over the next several months. For more information, please visit <http://longbranchcommunity.tripod.com/Watershed%20letter.pdf> or you may call Lily Whitesell at the NVSWCD at 703-324-1460.

Give Your School's PTA a Shot at Some Cash with NVRPA's School Shout Out Program!

The academic year might be just about over, but thanks to a new program, area elementary kids will have a chance to help out their schools while having fun at their favorite waterparks this summer. That's because the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority is sponsoring a "School Shout Out" this summer at its five area waterparks!

It's easy. At the admissions window as you buy your entry ticket, simply mention School Shout Out to the attendant, and let them know which elementary school you currently attend. Your submission will be added to the list of schools, and at the end of the summer. The school with the most Shout Outs at each of our five waterparks will receive a \$300 check for its PTA program!

"We look at this as a great way to give back to the local schools and their PTAs," said Chris Pauley, NVRPA Director of Operations.

The Park Authority will also give out \$100 each to the PTAs of the second and third schools "We like to think that our waterparks are an important part of their respective communities," Pauley added. "We feel like giving back to the schools – which in turn benefits our customers – is a perfect fit."

NVRPA owns and operates five waterparks in the Northern Virginia, including Great Waves Waterpark at Cameron Run in Alexandria, Atlantis Waterpark at Bull Run in Centreville, Ocean Dunes Waterpark at Upton Hill in Arlington, Pirate's Cove Waterpark at Pohick Bay in Lorton, and Volcano Island Waterpark at Algonkian in Sterling. Each waterpark will name a \$300 winner, as well as the second and third prize winners, a total payout to local PTAs of \$2,500. For more information on this program, contact any of the five waterpark locations, or NVRPA.

Have A Good Contractor...Please Recommend

Do you have a fabulous contractor that has done work on your house? Have you recently had work completed on your house or property that was impeccable? We are working on compiling a list of recommended contractors and professional services for our Web site. Send your recommendations to Melinda Malico at m.malico@verizon.net.

Long Branch Officers

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There are multiple positions available for those who want to join the board. Some of the officers have been serving for a number of years. If there's interest, there's willingness for multiple positions to swap/step down, etc.

Street Representatives

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Comment [MM1]: Phone number?

Stay Informed!

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Long Branch Community



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