

## Easter Egg Hunt Set for Chilly March!

Long Branch Easter Egg Hunt – Try to Find the 5 Giant Eggs!!!!

When: Sunday, March 9th at 3:30 p.m.

Where: Long Branch Pool grassy area

Who: Easter-Egg-Hunting aged kids



What to bring: Your Easter Basket and a Treat to Share! (Brownies, Cookies, Cupcakes). **WE ALSO NEED AN EASTER BUNNY VOLUNTEER**, we have a costume!

Volunteers needed to help fill Easter Eggs! Bring Eggs/Candy over to Loosestrife Pipestem on Saturday, March 8 by 3:00 p.m.

Older kids are needed to help hide the eggs in the woods by the pool at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 9.

Questions? Call Jayne Carmona at (703) 426-4923

**Raindate:** Easter Sunday afternoon, 3:00 p.m.

**We need another street or group of neighbors to take this over for next year. The Loosestrife Ladles have done their part and as we have now gone neighborhoodwide, it would be good if some parent with young children took over. Please volunteer!!**



### Please clean up after your dog!

It seems like there has been a dog population explosion in our neighborhood. Everywhere you look, more and more puppies are pattering up and down our sidewalks. From Cavashons, to Goldendoodles, to Jack Russell Terriers, to Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, they all have one thing in common. They poop! And what goes down must get picked up.

So please, please, please, pick up after your dog and dispose of the waste in your trashcan. If your children walk your dog, please ask them to be considerate and (health-conscious, too) and do the same. If your dog runs into the neighbor's yard and does his business, pick it up. No one wants a yard full of poop!



**Don't leave your dog's doo doo in your neighbor's yard!!!!**

## HOLIDAY LUMINARY LIT UP LONG BRANCH AND RED FOX

Once again, Long Branch had a beautiful Holiday Luminary display during the 2007 Holiday season. The neighborhood looked magical on the evening of December 24th. There was a great turnout of volunteers, both adults and children, who helped assemble and deliver the luminary bags the day before. Everyone enjoyed a gorgeous December morning and the chance to spend time with their neighbors. Of course, the yummy hot chocolate and treats were a big hit!! Many thanks to all of the volunteers, and particularly our neighbors on Mignonette Court who organized the luminary assembly and delivery, and to Don Saunders of Saunders Landscaping who delivered the luminary stones.

If you missed out on the fun - there's always next year!!



Delivering the luminary packages are (left to right) Maddie Browning, Sarah Brennan, Emily Wiggins, Nick Roberts, Jeff Brennan, Hunter Browning, Carly Hartung and Katherine Roberts.

### Calling All Volunteers for Neighborhood Watch!

A message from Sharon Hrynkow, neighborhood watch coordinator



Volunteers are needed for neighborhood watch in 2008. Sign up for a week of your choice, or share a week with a neighbor. Questions and sign-up, please call Sharon Hrynkow at (703) 764-4419 or e-mail me at [s.hrynkow@verizon.net](mailto:s.hrynkow@verizon.net).

And thanks to Barb Mink for her two years of service by leading Long Branch's neighborhood watch!

**Speaking of crime:** A recent attempted kidnapping took place in the Wakefield Chapel Neighborhood. The police have asked any citizen who may have information to call 911. Here is what happened: During the afternoon one day in late February, a 10-year-old girl was walking up Duncan between Mockingbird to Toll House Road. A man, estimated to be age 30 - 40, Caucasian with red hair, in a light green sedan, pulled over and asked the child to get in his car. The child kept walking. He followed her and again tried to get her to approach the car by stating he had candy. The child ran toward a friend's house when she heard noise. When she turned the man had again pulled over towards the curb and had a trash bag outside the driver window while the car was moving. The child ran away and was able to get the friend's house. The police were called.

### Junior Girl Scouts Have Room for New Members

If you have a fourth-grade girl and she is interested in joining a junior Girl Scout troop, Troop 2323 will welcome new members. Just contact Melinda Malico at [m.malico@verizon.net](mailto:m.malico@verizon.net)

## President's Pen



Spring has sprung and there are many events going on this spring in our community. There will be a yard sale in May and we will begin to repair the street numbers on the curbs. We have been made aware of construction on the Braddock Road and 236/ Beltway overpasses that will begin in a couple of months—so commuters beware. As the weather turns please let's keep our yards well groomed and pick up after our pets. There will be a number of social events forthcoming and as always, we need your help to organize and run these events.

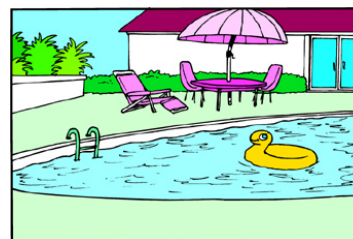
Watch the Long Branch Web site ([www.longbranchcommunity.net](http://www.longbranchcommunity.net)) for the latest news!

*Mark Wiggins, President*  
[teamwiggins@msn.com](mailto:teamwiggins@msn.com)

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### **News from your Neighborhood Pool and Tennis Club:**

THINK SUMMER! Summer is around the corner. Now is the time to register to join the pool. Hopefully you have received our letter and registration form in the mail. However, if you still need an application form you can download the registration form on the computer by going to [www.longbranchpool.com](http://www.longbranchpool.com).



REMINDER: Annual dues: register by March 14th for a discounted fee! (Look at the payment options on the registration form to see which options would apply to you).

ATTENTION TEENAGERS: Teens who might need community hours: We have several dates of pool clean up to get the pool up and running for summer. Please come out on any or all of the following four Saturdays: April 26th, May 3rd, May 10th, and May 17th from 8-11 a.m. In addition to teens, we welcome and encourage everyone to come out and help us get the pool ready for summer.

GUEST PASSES: Included in the registration form you will find an opportunity to buy guest passes. Purchase them ahead of time to receive the discounted rate!

A SPECIAL NOTE TO NEW FAMILIES: If you are new to the neighborhood, feel free to call me if you have any questions regarding the pool. We have lots of activities planned for children and for adults. We also have a great swim team and this is a wonderful way to make new friends. You can reach me at 703-865-5678 or send me an e-mail at [gfruchterman@yahoo.com](mailto:gfruchterman@yahoo.com)

Thanks.

Celia Fruchterman, membership coordinator

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### **LBSRC 2008 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:**

Summer 2008 ~ we have decided to try something new and different for the social events that the Long Branch Swim and Racquet Club (LBSRC) sponsors over the summertime. Groups of neighbor on various streets would work together to organize different events during the season. This worked

beautifully as the Civic Assoc. events unfolded over the past year, with each street or couple of streets handling the planning, publicity and then enjoying the FUN!!!

I hope that you'll jump onboard with this and help chair one of the Summer Events with your street neighbors! Current social chairperson Jackie Lluy is definitely open to new ideas for parties, and gatherings!

**Polar Bear Swim** -Kick off party for the '08 season. Family night, food, s'mores and bonfire  
5/23/2008 ~ **Colt Ln.** (The kids may want t-shirts this year and maybe we can pre-order. Re: the food items for dinner-maybe Chipotle???)

**End of School Yr. Pizza party** - last day of school, water games, food - 6/17/2008 - **MeadowRue Lane**

**Fourth of July Parade** - Parade thru the neighborhood, prizes, Swim team takes care of the cookout, water games if you'd like - decorations - 7/4/2008

**Adult Pool Party** - completely open for new ideas - will need a couple of streets for this one. (We loved the Casino night and no one said a word about the potluck fare.) - **TBD**



**Labor day picnic** - traditionally we provide the drinks, help with set up and work with the swim team to provide a cookout - water games might be great??? - 8/31



**Doggie Swim** - All LBSRC doggies go for a dip - treats, water, Frisbees and lock up for the season!!!!

We are also looking for someone to fill the Social Chair position by end of 2008 ~ let Jackie Lluy know if you are interested. So c'mon everyone! Let Jackie know how you can help out and she will follow up with e-mails designating streets and chairpersons for each event. Thanks so much in advance for helping LBSRC continue to be the **BEST PLACE TO BE IN THE SUMMERTIME!!!!**

If you have ideas for other fun activities that you would be willing to help organize, please contact Jackie Lluy @ (703) 978-4562 or [jlluy@aol.com](mailto:jlluy@aol.com)

—Your Pool Board



**Canterbury Woods Annual Fun Fair**  
**"Around the World in 4 Hours"**  
**Saturday, April 26**  
**from 10:00-2:00**



Mark your calendars now for a fun-filled community event:

**Canterbury Woods Elementary School's annual Fun Fair!**

Join us for a carnival extravaganza with an international flair. You will find moon bounces, an obstacle course, a dunk tank, carnival games and food, AND you will also discover a variety of international foods and games. There will even be a "World Stage" featuring performances from classic Indian dance, Hula, Korean violin...and MUCH more.

## There is something for EVERYONE to enjoy at the 2008 Canterbury Woods Fun Fair!

The Fun Fair is Canterbury Woods' biggest fundraiser. It supports MANY important programs at our school: assemblies, field trips, teacher stipends, GRACE Arts, Odyssey of the Mind, Reflections, just to name a few.

Join us Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-2:00 at Canterbury Woods Elementary School, located at 4910 Willet Drive in Annandale.

Call Kelly Kovacev at 703/425-0875 if you have questions or would like to volunteer for our fair...ALL ARE WELCOME!

### Stay Informed!

Don't forget to check the Long Branch Web site at [www.longbranchcommunity.net](http://www.longbranchcommunity.net) for updates and all our community information! And don't forget to give us information for the Web site!

Please add [longbranchcommunity@verizon.net](mailto:longbranchcommunity@verizon.net) to the "safe list" in your address book. Also, send any change of address should go to the same address. The newsletter editor will be unable to deliver the newsletter if the e-mail does not go through. Thank you!



### Community Info

Supervisor Sharon Bulova will host a briefing for Braddock constituents to discuss issues that have surfaced since the new Fairfax County Budget was announced. Bulova reports that her office "has received calls and e-mails regarding two issues associated with the budget: **1) Use of New Transportation Funding in the Budget and 2) Assessed Land Values vs. the Value of Your Home.**

The briefing will take place **on March 11<sup>th</sup>** scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall, adjacent to Bulova's office (a wing of the Kings Park Library) at 9002 Burke Lake Road in Burke. Bulova's letter to constituents is at

[http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/bulovas\\_corner.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/bulovas_corner.htm)

You can also find information on the budget at the following link:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/budget/>



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create pottery while receiving lots of individual attention as your grow in this art form. The classes will be designed for those students who have never touched clay or those who have some experience working with clay.

Please see the information attached to this e-mail if you are interested.

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### Velasquez Painters

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