

LOCH LYNN HEIGHTS NEWS

SUMMER 2026



FROM THE Mayor's Desk

The Town has begun a new Fiscal Year (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.) A detailed audit for the past year will be done by Joanne Sheffield, CPA. Every dollar spent or received is carefully reviewed and the final report is sent to the State.

Remaining Program Open Space (POS) funding is being used to install additional surveillance equipment and new lighting at the playground, soccer fields, and walking trail. Unfortunately, we continue to have occasional misuse or destruction of town property. If you see such activity or notice vandalism or other improper use, please contact the Sheriff's Office and Town Hall right away.

We have recently purchased a new lawn tractor with mower through a special government purchasing agreement with John Deere. Our old mowers are beginning to require a lot of maintenance, and this agreement allowed us a large discount on the price. Some of our planned summer projects have been put on hold as our 20-year-old Bobcat is being refurbished. Its engine needs repair, and the steering and other parts are worn out. I believe that good maintenance of town equipment is necessary for safety and efficiency, and it saves money in the long run.

The Health Dept is again sponsoring a walking group. It meets at 9:00 am on Mondays at the soccer fields. A representative will be here one Monday a month to provide information and encouragement. Interested persons may walk as much or as little as desired. Start a healthy habit and enjoy our Walking Trail! Did you know that our Wetland Trail is the most-used trail in Garrett County? This is according to counts done by Garrett Trails.

As we did not receive any positive feedback on the town's Community Yard Sale, we will not plan to hold a second sale this year. Will try again next summer.

I hope to see many of you at our Town Picnic and the dedication of our new playground on August 21. Take care and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Larry Friend

Town Celebrates U.S. 250th

Loch Lynn Heights joined with other Garrett County towns in setting up displays at the Garrett County Fair's Agricultural Hall. The County's celebration was held on July 18, and despite bad weather that cancelled some planned activities, there were lots of people enjoying the activities, displays, parade, food and entertainment.

The town's booth featured photos of many historical buildings and information about the founding and development of the town. It also showcased the current features that make Loch Lynn Heights a great place to live or visit, including our Wetland Walking Trail, Athletic Fields, park and playground. Thanks to Barbara Rexroad, Councilperson, and Becky Friend, Clerk, for putting this together. Below are photos of the display.



Answers to common questions:

Garage or Yard Sale signs do not require a permit in Loch Lynn. 2 signs may be placed up to 48 hours before the sale, must be removed within 24 hours after the sale. They may **not** be posted on any traffic sign, utility pole, street light, or US mail box.

 **Open burning** is not permitted within Town limits. This includes burning of leaves, brush, or trash. Small cooking fires are permitted, and must be contained in a grill or fire pit and use charcoal or dry wood. Fires that produce lots of smoke or foul odors are strictly prohibited, as they cause distress to residents who have breathing problems.

Zoning Permits are required for most construction projects, including outbuildings, storage sheds, fences, sidewalks, garages, porches, pools (above ground or in-ground) and additions to existing buildings, etc. Call before starting a project to get info on **town laws** regulating Zoning and Construction. There are regulations regarding set-back distances from streets, alleys, Town rights-of-way and neighbors' property lines. We are happy to assist you in complying with these ordinances.

County law prohibits dogs & cats from running free in Town. Both must be licensed and vaccinated. **Please do not feed stray or wild animals!** Garrett County Sheriff's Office Animal Control is the agency that enforces these regulations and issues fines. If you take your dog for a walk, please be courteous and carry a bag for clean-up, and do not allow the animal to dig or tinkle on other people's property.



Town Picnic / Playground Dedication

Past and present residents of Loch Lynn Heights are invited to attend our Annual Picnic. It will be on Friday, August 21, beginning at 5:30pm at the Town pavilion. Dinner will begin around 6:00. The Town will provide drinks, hot dogs, and corn on the cob. Residents may bring a covered dish or dessert if they wish.



After dinner, around 7pm, a short ceremony will be held to dedicate our new and improved playground, and a plaque honoring Landon Georg and his dream for an inclusive play space will be presented. Please join us!



The Town's Pavilion is available for reunions, parties, etc. Rental of the pavilion requires a payment of \$50. Bathroom facilities and electrical outlets are provided. There is an adjacent playground and nearby walking trails that are available for use. Contact Town Hall for reservations or more information.

License Registration Crack-down

Maryland's Governor Moore has announced a strict crack-down on Maryland residents who are displaying **out-of-state license plates** on their vehicles. Maryland uses vehicle registration funds to maintain roadways, and the large number of vehicles that are registered in another state has been reducing the amount of highway funds available. Our town receives part of the fee when a town resident registers a vehicle, so this impacts the town as well as the state. The portion that comes to our town may **only** be used for **street maintenance**.

State law requires that vehicle owners must change their vehicle registration **within 60 days** of moving to Maryland. Since the cost of Maryland registration has doubled recently, it is understandable that vehicle owners may prefer to register out-of-state. However, this new order, effective October 1, adds new enforcement measures and fines to help ensure vehicles are properly registered. For more details, go to mva.maryland.gov/campaigns/plate-where-you-live



Also, please note that Loch Lynn Heights has an ordinance requiring that **vehicles** parked in Town must have **valid tags**. Unlicensed vehicles or those with expired tags may be stored inside a building or covered with a vehicle cover to comply with this ordinance.



Children will be present on the athletic fields and playground through the summer and fall. Please drive carefully – the speed limit on Town streets is **25 mph**.

Recreation Survey



Garrett County is inviting the public to participate in a countywide recreation survey as part of the update to the County's Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan.

The survey will help the County better understand:

- How people currently use parks, trails, recreation facilities, and open spaces;
- What recreational opportunities or amenities may be missing; and
- Where future improvements and investments may be needed.

The survey is open to residents, seasonal residents, visitors, students, and people who work in Garrett County. People of all ages are encouraged to participate, and the survey should take only a few minutes to complete.

Take the survey:

www.garrettcountymd.gov/RecSurvey

or use the link on the town's website.

2026 Household Clean-up Results

During this year's household collection, 13 truckloads of unwanted items were taken to the landfill, totaling 6.26 tons. Four truckloads of metals and glass were collected as well, and delivered for recycling. Many thanks to residents who took advantage of this service to keep their properties and our town looking great.



Town election will be held in November with applications for candidacy due at the beginning of October. Residents will be voting for two Council seats and Mayor.

Congratulations to Councilmen John Groves and Bryce Canfield!
Each of their families recently welcomed a new baby girl!

Anyone who would like to receive the Newsletter by e-mail may send a request to town@lochlynnhgts.gov Help the Town cut costs by saving a stamp!

If you haven't seen our website, check it out at www.lochlynnhgts.gov



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