

LOCH LYNN HEIGHTS NEWS

Bringing the Community Together

SUMMER 2025



Friday, July 11 and
Saturday, July 12
9:00am to 5:00 pm

Loch Lynn Heights will hold its first **Community Yard Sale** this year. Many of our residents requested this, and we look forward to lots of participation. All are welcome to participate from their own lawn, porch or garage. We will also take reservations for anyone who would like to use a table at the pavilion or set up a table / canopy on the basketball court next to the playground. Cost for a reservation will be \$10, and these arrangements may be made by calling (301-334-8339) or emailing Town Hall (town@lochlynnhgts.gov). We will be advertising this event, and the Garrett County Health Dept Community Outreach will be assisting. A dumpster will be provided at the basketball court on Saturday afternoon, courtesy of Sunrise Sanitation. for items that residents would like to discard.



ARBOR DAY OBSERVED

The annual Loch Lynn Heights Arbor Day program was held on Tuesday, May 20. Katherine Phillips of the MD Dept of Natural Resources, assisted by the mayor, planted a red crab apple tree. She also examined some trees that are in need of removal. Our Town has received the DNR's Tree City designation for the past 17 years, and the Maryland Forest Service's PLANT Award for 18 years, for its commitment to caring for our community's trees.

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

There are lots of exciting things happening in our town. See the articles on the new town website and email, as well as playground and park work that is planned. We are fortunate to have received grants and donations for these major upgrades.

It was great to see how many residents took advantage of the Household Cleanup. There was so much to collect that our men had to finish it the following week. It's also nice to see how well most properties are kept up. Keeping things in the community working well and looking good has been a challenge with high wind and heavy rainfall. Trees and branches have fallen, and ditches and culverts have been plugged and overflowing. Let us know if we can help with a concern.

Some residents and civic groups have been working to beautify our public spaces with flowers and shrubs. I was very disappointed, however, to learn that someone vandalized the plantings at our Welcome sign and stole one of the planters. So sad. If you see something happening like this, contact the Town Hall or call the Sheriff's Office. We will not tolerate destruction of property.

The work day planned for the Walking Trail had to be postponed due to the wet weather. Watch for a date to be announced - on our new website and the Town Hall bulletin board. If you'd like to volunteer, let us know and we'll call you when we have a date. Hope to see everyone at the Picnic in the Park in August.

Larry Friend

Event Calendar

| Date | Event | Location | Time |
|--------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------|
| July 1 | Council Meeting | Town Hall | 5:30 pm |
| July 11 July 12 | Community Yard Sale | Pavilion, Park and Individual Homes | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| August 5 | Council Meeting | Town Hall | 5:30 pm |
| August 15 | Picnic in the Park | Town Pavilion | 5:30 pm |
| September 2 | Council Meeting | Town Hall | 5:30 pm |

TOWN PICNIC



Past and present residents of Loch Lynn Heights are invited to attend our Annual Picnic. It will be on Friday, August 15, 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. Hope to see you there!

Playground Renovation and Additions to Begin



Funding from grants including Project Open Space, Community Parks and Playgrounds, and the American Rescue Plan (Covid) will allow our park and playground to see major changes this summer and fall. New play equipment will replace the nearly 30-year-old pieces in the original playground. In addition, a new, ADA accessible section will be installed over a poured rubber surface. It will include musical toys and inclusive pieces that are suitable for children with physical limitations or autism. A generous donation raised for "Landon's Dream" from the Georg family and Deep Creek Lions Club will make this inclusive area a reality. These funds were initially raised for a planned inclusive playground near McHenry, MD, but the costs for constructing an entirely new facility became too great. Adding this money to our playground renovation will allow young Landon Georg's vision to be realized. New swings and all new fencing will also be part of the work. Watch for updates on the town's website.

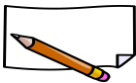
To go along with the ADA playground, much-needed new parking will be added at each end of the park area, including handicap spaces which will be connected by accessible paths. Input given by residents helped shape the new additions, and their suggestions are much appreciated.

SUMMER REMINDERS



Open burning is not permitted within Town limits. This includes burning of leaves, brush, or trash. Small cooking fires must be contained in a grill or fire pit and may 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.

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, and may **not** be posted on any traffic sign, utility pole, street light, or USPS mail box.



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.



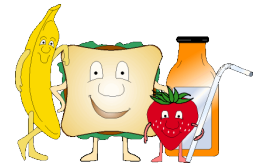
PLEASE USE CAUTION

Children are playing outdoors and riding bikes, and many will be utilizing the athletic fields through the summer and fall. Please drive carefully when children are present – the speed limit on Town streets is **25 mph**. You will be seeing speed indicators on main streets to remind drivers to slow down.



The Town's Pavilion is available for reunions, parties, etc. Rental of the pavilion requires a payment of \$50. If use of the bathroom and electric service is desired, an additional \$25 key deposit is collected, and refunded when keys are brought back. There is an adjacent playground and nearby walking trails that are available for use. Contact Town Hall for reservations or more information.

Changes Noted in GCPS Summer Food Services Program



The Garrett County Public Schools (GCPS) Food & Nutrition Services Department is happy to announce the return of the Summer Food Service Program. Distribution will be for seven days of free breakfasts and lunches and will begin the week of June 16, 2025.

There are some changes this year to the Summer Food Service program, due to Federal clarifications in the regulations. Families or a designated person must register to receive meals. Families can register using an online form (<https://forms.gle/SVJWiZd9L5xWqZXt7>) or at one of the meal sites. A list of meal sites can be found on the GCPS website

www.gcps.net/summer-food-service. Families that have not pre-registered will be required to bring their child(ren) or a report card with them the first time to pick up meals. Additionally, only two meals per day will be served this year. Seven days of breakfasts and lunches will be distributed per week. These meals will include fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, and entrees. All meals are free of charge to children 18 and under, regardless of whether they are enrolled in Garrett County Public Schools. Families from outside of Garrett County are welcome, but will need to preregister or bring their children with them. Additional information can be found at www.gcps.net.

NOTICE! We are excited to announce that our new web domain is up and running!

The town's new email address is town@lochlynnhgts.gov and our website can be found at www.lochlynnhgts.gov. Registering with a .gov domain makes our email and website more secure. Up-to-date information will be posted regularly on the website. The old email address will continue to be working for several weeks as we inform folks of the change. Please bear with us as we continue to work on the website. It may be viewed on a computer or a phone, but doesn't work properly on a tablet. We are still learning the process. If you have difficulties with finding information on the site, give us a call and we'll gladly help. 301-334-8339

This is the last Newsletter that will be mailed to all residents. If you wish to continue receiving a Newsletter in the mail, you will need to notify us – name and mailing address.

2025 Household Clean-up Totals

During this year's household collection, a record-setting 16 dump truck loads of unwanted items were taken to the landfill, totaling 8.3 tons. 2,900 pounds of metals were collected as well, and delivered for recycling. We appreciate that the County Landfill allows us to provide this service each year – free of charge. And thanks to our hard-working maintenance crew!

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