

## "Arbor Day Celebration in Three Parts"

The Allegany County Library System and the LaVale Civic Improvement Association will be hosting an Arbor Day event on Saturday - April 20, 2024 @ 1:00 PM. The celebration will be held at the LaVale Library; 815 National Highway; LaVale, MD 21502.

In addition to a presentation about Arbor Day and the importance of planting trees in your community, a historic Maryland Liberty Tree will be dedicated on the library grounds. Please attend and be one of the few people to see the start of this tree that just may live for 400 years as its famous parent did!

And that's not all! The 366-year-old National Road Tree Cookie will be presented to the LaVale Library, where it will be displayed for the enjoyment of all library visitors. The display tells the history of the National Road through LaVale from the passage of General Braddock and George Washington in 1750 to a visit by Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Harvey Firestone in 1921, and much more!

Special guests and speakers at the event will be Champ Zumbrun, forester and historian, Anna Twigg, Maryland Forest Service Tree Planting Specialist, and Wayne Foster and Brad Metzger, LaVale Civic Improvement Association officers.

The Liberty Tree and National Road Tree Cookie are joint projects of the Allegany County Forestry Board, the LaVale Lions Club and the LaVale Civic Improvement Association.

For more information about this event, contact the LaVale Civic Improvement Association at <u>lcia21502@gmail.com</u> or call (301) 268-5578.