



Projects and Activities in 2024



- Hosted a LaVale Civic Improvement Association (LCIA) Open House with Refreshments, Activities and Giveaways in March 2024.
- Sponsored an Annual Spring Sidewalk Clean Sweep Day in April 2024.
- Hosted an Arbor Day Celebration in Three Parts in conjunction with the Allegany County Library System. “Free Trees for LaVale Residents”, a part of Maryland's 5-Million Trees initiative, was celebrated as a success with 50 trees planted. The historic Maryland Liberty Tree, planted on the library grounds, was dedicated to Mrs. Agnes Yount. The 366-year-old National Road Tree Cookie was presented to the LaVale Library. The new LCIA logo created by member Renee Mason accompanies the tree cookie that’s displayed at the LaVale Library.
- On Monday –April 22nd, Brad Metzger –V.P. LCIA, gave the general membership a brief presentation on the history of “Earth Day” and its connection with the “Clean Air and Clean Water Act” at the monthly meeting.
- Installed solar lights at the base of both “Welcome to LaVale” signs.
- The LCIA donated mulch to the LaVale Lion’s Club, \$300.00 to the Allegany High School Girl’s Softball Team to assist them with the purchasing of their 2024 championship rings, and \$360.00 for the purchase of mushroom mulch for the LaVale Library.
- Contacted the Allegany County Health Department and the County’s Code Enforcement Office about the unsanitary conditions that the pigeons in the overhang at the Footer Cleaner’s Building located on National Highway were causing to the public. Our communication resulted in the owners addressing the problem.
- Wayne Foster, the LCIA President, contacted the insurance company of the driver whose car accidentally damaged the light post and fence across from the library. Also, the LCIA facilitated repair by contracting with original fabricator.
- Sponsored a Fall Cleanup Day for the wildflower garden at the Braddock Run Watershed property, located at the corner of Helman Drive and National Highway.
- Hosted the following as guest speakers: David J. Caporale, President, Board of County Commissioners; Gene Munro, President of the LaVale Lions Club; and Jonathon Dayton - President of Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire Rescue Association. Additionally, the LCIA hosted HRDC’s Wendolyn McKenzie – Executive Director; Carralee Silka - Director of Senior Center; and Rebecca Roby - Director of Head Start Centers, who discussed that they are under consideration of putting a senior center site in this area. In December 2024, the LCIA surveyed their general membership to gauge the interests of having an HRDC Senior Center Site in LaVale.