



# LaVale Civic Improvement Association

*Formed in 1946*

## Community Engagement Highlights for 2025

### Annual Events & Sponsorships

- Proud sponsor of the 2025 LCIA Open House held on March 25<sup>th</sup>, welcoming residents and partners to celebrate community progress.
- Sponsor the LaVale Sidewalk Clean-Up Day each spring, promoting neighborhood pride and beautification.
- Ongoing sponsorship of the Braddock Run Watershed Association's Native Plant Garden Clean-Up Day (*located at the corner of Helman Drive and National Highway*) every fall, fostering environmental stewardship.

### Strategic Partnerships

- Formed a meaningful collaboration with the Human Resources Development Commission and supported the first HRDC Mobile Senior Activity Center in August—enhancing services for older adults in our community.
- Partnered with the LaVale Lions Club and LaVale Athletic Association (LAA) on vital repairs and improvement projects around the Lions Field area, plus, arranged for the “Catholic Heart Work Camp” youth program to clear the overgrown brush along the field's walking track.

### New Committees & Initiatives

- Launched the LCIA Dog Park Exploration Committee to assess feasibility and community interest in a designated dog park in LaVale.
- Established the LCIA Litter Patrol Committee to organize regular clean-up efforts and promote environmental responsibility.

### Community Support & Contributions

- Provided financial assistance to the LaVale Library for various local initiatives and events, which brought 1,539 children to the library programs across the county and gave a free book, plus a reading log to the attendees. Additionally, provided ongoing funding for very popular bird feeders outside the children's area at the LaVale Library.
- Donated to the Allegany High School Girls Softball Team to help fund their state championship rings—celebrating their outstanding achievement.
- Made donations to the LaVale Lion Club to purchase mulch for their field area.

### Ongoing Engagement & Advocacy

- Continue to host guest speakers from Allegany County agencies at monthly general membership meetings, keeping residents informed and connected.
- Serve as a liaison between residents and government agencies, ensuring community voices are heard and needs addressed.
- Developed a new LCIA logo and QR Code.
- Actively identifying new groups and projects to support throughout LaVale.