

# Ho Ho Ho! Holiday Luminary Set for December 24

The annual luminary is scheduled to take place this year on Dec. 24, Christmas Eve! Bags, candles, stone and directions for how to assemble the luminary will be delivered (by volunteers) to your homes on Dec. 23. Then on Dec. 24, light the candles and enjoy the beautiful glow! If you are new to the neighborhood, you will enjoy this beautiful sight.

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Please join your neighbors to assemble the luminary kits on Sat., Dec. 23, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Stolls' house, 4801 Tabard. Come for the holiday cheer and camaraderie, or for teens—come to earn some community service hours! See you then!



### Homes Tour A Big Success!!

The Long Branch Homes Tour took place on Sunday, Sept. 17 and judging by the waves of people that worked their way around the neighborhood, it proved a popular pastime for those who are looking for great ideas for ways to enhance the functionality and look of their homes.

Seven Long Branch families graciously opened up their homes and welcomed their neighbors in. They shared their renovated kitchens some with pro-style appliances, granite countertops, and wide-open seating areas, modern and expansive "great" rooms, updated bathrooms, a workshop, an art studio, and lots of space for entertaining and family time—inside and out!

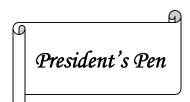
Thanks to all who showed their homes: the Brownings; the Malicos; the Roberts; the Hoffmans; the Siegals; the Burns; and the (Fox) Hirschmanns. Any many thanks to the hard-working team that pulled the whole thing together, including Ruth Anne Stoll, Jackie Lluy and Zena Thomas. Thanks also to Jo Manley, Michelle Johnson and the Long Branch Swim and Racquet Club for helping out. The \$400 in proceeds from the Homes Tour have been donated to the LBSRC.

So don't be surprised if you see more contractors than ever this spring!



For the first time in a while, Long Branch did not have a Halloween Party at the pool this year. And unfortunately, the annual Santa visit is not taking place this year either. This is because the community is still in need of a volunteer to organize social events for our community. If you are interested, please contact Mark Wiggins, president of the Long Branch Civic Association. But as noted above, the annual Luminary will go on, thanks to the generous support of our Long Branch neighbors.

If you are interested in helping with the Long Branch neighborhood watch, more volunteers are needed. Please contact Barbara Mink at barbmink@cox.net.



I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving Holiday. As we close the year, we have a number of events to celebrate the Holiday Season. The Stolls have agreed to continue the neighborhood tradition of hosting the working party for the luminary on December 23 and the luminary will be displayed on December 24. We encourage those who will be in town to participate and add to the Christmas Spirit.

I ask for volunteers to help run our social calendar for 2007, as we need help to coordinate events and create new fun family events for the community. Additionally, if there are any teenagers who need hours for community service, there are number of projects that will help improve the community and help you earn those hours. Please contact me and we will get those projects started in the New Year.

The brick entrance at Guinea and King David was damaged last week in an automobile accident. Thankfully nobody was seriously injured and we are in the process of getting that fixed.

We will host a Long Branch Civic Association meeting on Wednesday, January 17 at 7 p.m. at Canterbury Woods Elementary School (in the cafeteria) to discuss upcoming events, concerns and issues for 2007.

I appreciate everyone's help and look forward to working together in 2007.

Mark Wiggins, President

Don't forget to check the Long Branch Web site at <u>www.longbranchcommunity.net</u> for updates and all our community information!

# Classified





**FOR SALE:** Air Hockey Table—Full-size 7 foot by 44 inches with air blower & 5 pucks. Air hockey provides great family fun for kids and friends. The table is in good overall condition and is offered at \$75. Call 703 978-1182 in Long Branch.

# Services Offered

#### Piano and Keyboard Lessons

Piano/Keyboard lessons and electronic music learning.

Experienced teacher/performer with bachelors and masters of music degrees has a few openings for lessons. Lake Braddock area.

Open to ages 7-97! SENIOR DISCOUNT. Teach most styles and fundamentals. If you are interested, call (703) 764-2932 (only call between 8:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.).

#### Cleaning Woman (Team) Available

Trustworthy, dependable and quality cleaning woman available for cleaning Long Branch homes. Her name is Maritza Ortiz and the Malicos have been using her services for years. Her sister, Myra, who is also excellent, often accompanies her. If you are interested, contact the Malicos at (703) 425-6446 or call Mrs. Ortiz at (703) 786-4089.





### Help Wanted

Canterbury Woods Elementary School is looking for a dynamic, patient, kid-loving individual to be our Cafeteria Host/Hostess from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The position pays \$9.59/hr.

If you are interested, please call 703-764-5601 or e-mail Heather.Johnson@fcps.edu. Canterbury Woods is at 4910 Willet Drive, Annandale, VA 22003. Buy Holiday Gifts Right in the Neighborhood! Our own Long Branch artist, Susan Fox Hirschman, has a lovely studio at 4810 Tabard Place Or call 703-978-1480 Pottery, Porcelain & Stoneware, Decorative & Functional Delightful Designs with Dyed Reeds & Handmade Paper Serving Pieces, Bowls, Baskets & Vases

# **Deadlines for Submissions**

The LBCA newsletter is sorely in need of contributions from residents! We need input from residents if the newsletter is to continue to be viable.

Please note the following deadlines for submissions, including (free to residents) classified ads. Please send any submissions to m.malico@verizon.net in Word or PowerPoint (not PDF files). Thank you!

Publication Date	Article Submission Deadline	Classified Submission Deadline
March 2007	February 15	February 22
June	May 15	May 22
September	August 15	August 22
December	November 15	November 22