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### President's Pen

Your Long Branch Civic Association (LBCA) is alive and working for you! We are striving to enhance your property values and neighborhood – and we intend to do more! Long Branch is a safe, vibrant, well-kept, neighborhood. The LBCA is making it an even more rewarding place to live.

We are not "funds starved." The LBCA has been frugal, but we are short some "YOUs!" We need:

**Vice-President**--to help shape the LBCA's mission, support current initiatives and help the President as a community liaison.

**Treasurer**--to keep the LBCA books, maintain the LBCA budget and write a few checks a month.

**Member-at-Large**--to be a voice on the board and probably lead a project.

Jill Stuhrke, our current treasurer, would like to turn her focus to reinvigorating Long Branch social events. This is an important position which will help make Long Branch an even better place to live.

We also need at least three project leaders. Some of our projects without "YOUs" are VDOT Repair of Curbs and Drainage Covers, Entry Way Appearance Management, Connecting with our Community, and Contractor Performance Information. There are other projects and you may have a project we have not even considered. Our time requirements are small and our projects are little, but your current board members have been and are currently doing a lot. We are a fun bunch and since we are all volunteers you can quit if it doesn't work out for you. We give a "money back" guarantee. Naturally you think "someone else will do it." Be that "someone else!"

### Old Long Branch or Braddock Road Pictures to Share?

Would like to have some historical pictures of Long Branch or the surrounding area to display in our new website, LongBranchCivicAss ociation.com. If you have some pictures to share from the 50's thru 70's or maybe early 80's, please contact me at LBCAPres@outlook. com or my phone number is in the directory. We will scan them for you and return them. ---Jim Hawkins

## Planning to Live in Long Branch a Long Time?

There are significant Fairfax County and other resources available for seniors in areas such as transportation, health care, living assistance and social. We can do a lot for our current seniors. Help yourself plan as a "senior-to-be" by being the LBCA Point of Contact for an"Aging-in-Place" project. Volunteer or ask questions now! Contact LBCAPres@outlook. com.

To volunteer as a Board Member or as a project leader or to ask questions about the positions please reply to **LBCAPres@outlook.com**.

Your LBCA will facilitate, but not fund, unique community clubs or groups that would be fun and/or productive for interested segments of our population. For instance: Sharing Local Bike Trails, Long Branch Motorcycles, Sharing Local Jogging Trails, Tales, and Distances, We Like Art, Ride Exchange to Airports, Car Pooling, Photography, Child Sitting Exchange, Pre-school Playgroups, etc. Again, if you are interested in starting such a club or group, reply to this email or LBCAPres@outlook.com.

Steve Alvo and I have expanded our LBCA website, particularly focusing on presenting Long Branch well to others and reflecting our pride in Long Branch. Take a peek and offer your comments to us at <a href="mailto:LBCAPres@outlook.com">LBCAPres@outlook.com</a>. Be sure to look in the member's area. See it at:

LongBranchCivicAssociation.com or <a href="http://longbranchcivicassociation.weebly.com/">http://longbranchcivicAssociation.com or <a href="http://longbranchcivicassociation.weebly.com/">http://longbranchcivicassociation.com</a> or

Your Board members deserve your thanks and I thank them, Susan, Martha, Jill, Roger, and Steve. A big thanks to two people, Robert Vo and Luis Almeida, who spent several hard-working hours enhancing the Guinea Road entrance.

Finally, I have quickly learned that some folk have opposing opinions to what we have done or written. Don't give up on us. Your LBCA truly wants to improve home values and living in Long Branch. We want you to feel proud when you tell someone you live in Long Branch. Look around - we are a uniquely situated group of high-end homes.

Help Us Help Us! Volunteer Now!

Jim Hawkins

President, Long Branch Civic Association LBCAPres@outlook.com

### Time to Say Good-By

After thirty-nine years and 9 months, it is "Time to Say Goodbye". We will cherish our Long Branch memories and especially our lovely home, 4806 King Solomon Drive. A house becomes a home as it begins to be filled with memories......hosting children's birthday parties, cookouts with friends and family on the deck that overlooks the park, watching and listening to the nesting Barred Owls raising their young in the Spring, answering the door to see hobgoblins saying "trick or treat", and the short time we parents have watching each of our children create memories that truly make a house a home.

## Have a Neighbor Without Email Access?

Not all people in Long Branch have access to email and currently we only distribute LBCA notices and newsletters using email. Wouldn't it be "neighborly" if you printed out our notices and newsletters and graciously delivered them to addresses not getting them because they don't have email access? We know of some neighbors who already do this.

If you know neighbors who will still need a printed copy please send an email to LBCAPres@outlook.com with their address and we will try to make arrangements.

We think we distribute relevant community information and would like for all to benefit from it. Long Branch will always be special to us. When we arrived in September 1973, we were just one of many families who were looking for a community that offered good schools and a safe place to raise our children. We were young, financially insecure and unwise enough to trust ourselves to make these choices. In most cases we were not "homegrown" Virginians. We were new to the area and looking to establish "our home". None of us knew each other. We started with block parties which led to a Civic Association, which led to the Long Branch Swim and Racquet Club. When a moving van arrived, the newcomers were met with a welcoming package, smiles and handshakes. It was a wonderful experience for us to be part of the growth of Long Branch and memories of the people that we met along the way.

We are like high school seniors who have had a wonderful four (forty) years of learning, friends and experiences who are now looking forward to our new adventure. In our minds, it is best to move on while one is able and can enjoy the opportunities and adventures we have not yet tasted.

Best wishes to you. Remember to invest yourselves and your family in continuing to make Long Branch a place that your family wants to call "home".

Tom & Ann Marie Worosz

### **Neighborhood Watch News**

Summer is a time for vacations and fun. But it is also a time when unoccupied homes can become targets for break-ins and vandalism. If you will be away from your home for any length of time this summer, please follow the advice below:

If you have a security system, all key holders to your home should know how to properly operate your alarm system and to cancel accidental alarm activations. (Burglar, panic, and robbery alarms are effective deterrents to crime; however 95 – 98 per cent of alarm calls are determined to be false alarms.) Ensure your contact list is up-to-date with your alarm company. Advise your alarm company of your up-coming schedule and how you can be contacted during your vacation.

Advise the individuals on your emergency contact list of your departure and return dates. Also, know their availability to respond to a situation at your home in your absence.

Ensure all your doors and windows are locked and secured.

### **Curb Appeal**

Most likely there are. or will be, a few properties in Long Branch that do not project the curb appeal of a typical Long Branch property. Upon identification perhaps the LBCA can assist the resident with improvements. There are probably a multitude of reasons a home has reduced curb appeal. It may be abandon, there may be financial issues, owners may not be aware of the condition of their rental property, or perhaps there is just a lack of knowledge of services available.

Your LBCA is not a Home Owner's Association (HOA). We have no rights to enforce covenants or restrictions. We would, however, have the opportunity to explore property care alternatives with people upon identification of a neglected property.

This is a new area for the LBCA; however, it is consistent with our objective of improving property values. A "low" house sale in our neighborhood affects all of our values.

Timer lights are a good way to give the appearance of your home being occupied while you are away.

Make arrangements so that your mail and newspapers do not pile up.

Vacations can be fun and relaxing....but they can also be costly. Please make sure your home is secure before you leave and that your neighbors have been notified to be aware of any suspicious activity in your absence.

Roger Hartman Long Branch Neighborhood Watch Coordinator





### Trash Service Complaints—Your Input Requested

We have received several complaints from our community regarding AAA and American trash trucks, which are owned by the same company named Republic. In Long Branch, we have trash trucks every day of the week beginning at 6:30 a.m. The complaints have included the noise pollution from these vehicles each day, as well as unsafe driving in our community. If you have any specific information that we can use in a call or letter to the company, we would appreciate you sending the information to Martha Bernardi at bmarthab@verizon.net.



### Calling All School-age Moms...

Would you like a night out once a month with a group of Long Branch moms? Do you enjoy playing games and socializing? If so, you may be interested in the newly formed Bunco club for moms of school-aged kids. The club will host monthly Bunco nights full of fun and Bunco. Please contact Lisa Gavin at <a href="mailto:klgavin5@gmail.com">klgavin5@gmail.com</a> if you are interested.

Summer is a time to enjoy the outdoors but can lead to sun damage. Check out these sun safety tips from EWG:
<a href="http://www.ewg.org/2013sunscreen/to">http://www.ewg.org/2013sunscreen/to</a>
p-sun-safety-tips/

Did you know you can get sun protection from food you eat? You may be surprised to learn that many common foods offer some protection to your skin from the potentially damaging rays of the sun, from the inside out. Check out the list at: http://www.foxnew s.com/health/2012/ 05/27/sunprotective-foods/



### New Long Branch Tradition This August... National Night Out, August 6<sup>th</sup>

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, Long Branch will begin a new and hopefully long-standing tradition by participating in

National Night Out.

What is National Night Out? National Night Out is an annual neighborhood-based crime and drug-prevention event. It is an opportunity to show community spirit and strengthen partnerships with local police. This annual event is observed in thousands of communities in all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases around the world.

**What happens that night?** Between 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm, neighbors and families lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside together.

Long Branch's National Night Out activities will be focused in the pool parking lot but individual blocks, cul-de-sacs, and cluster of neighbors are encouraged to organize their own events.

Look for more information in coming weeks.

### Summer Child Safety—Supervision Guidelines

With summer now here and schools out, the supervision of children becomes an important concern for many Long Branch families. We are fortunate that social work and community professionals in Fairfax County have developed guidelines to help parents decide when it might be safe to leave a child unsupervised.

Lack of supervision is one of the most prevalent child neglect problems in Fairfax County.

The following represent minimally acceptable standards for the supervision of children. These guidelines have been developed by social work professionals in collaboration with the community. REMEMBER, they are guidelines only. There may be situations, even within these guidelines, when it is not safe to leave a child unsupervised. Parents are ultimately responsible for making decisions about their child's safety.

Whenever any child is left unsupervised/unattended, the following should apply:

Summer is a time for grilling burgers. Do you know the best places to grab a burger in the DC area? Check out the Washington Post's list of the best burgers in our area:

http://www.washin gtonpost.com/gog/ bestbets/restaurantsforburgers,64335.htm

**Experience the** pick of the crop with Fairfax **County Farmers** Market. There's nothing like the taste of a fresh tomato or a juicy peach to bring out the flavor of summer. From May to November, Fairfax County's 11 farmers markets come to life with a feast for the senses. Here's a list of locations and days of our area Farmers Markets: http://www.fairfaxc ounty.gov/parks/w p-farm-mkt.htm

There must be no emotional, medical, or behavioral problems which affect judgment or decision-making skills.

- The child must be comfortable being alone.
- Youth must have a safety plan worked out with the parent/caretaker, which includes:
- o How to access the parent or other responsible adult at all times, including knowing the parent/caretaker's whereabouts and having a telephone number where the parent can be reached.
  - What to do in case of an emergency.
  - Guidelines for acceptable behavior.
  - Knowledge of emergency numbers.
- Youth must demonstrate the ability to follow the safety plan and make decisions that reflect concern for personal safety.

### Age guidelines:

- 7 years and under: Should not be left alone for any period of time. This may include leaving children unattended in cars, on playgrounds, and in backyards.
- 8 10 years: Should not be left alone for more than 1 ½ hours and only during daylight and early evening hours.
- 11 12 years: May be left alone for up to 3 hours but not late at night and not in circumstances requiring inappropriate responsibility.
  - 13 15 years: May be left unsupervised, but not overnight.
- 16 17 years: May be left unsupervised, in some cases, for up to two consecutive overnight periods.

More information may be found at: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/childrenyouth/supervision\_eng.htm



### **Entryway Enhancements**

Your LBCA has been upgrading our two entryways in a variety of ways.

**Guinea Road Entry:** The new letters are installed and look great. (see photo on left) The police were

never able to determine who destroyed the brick sign so the LBCA was responsible for re-building it. Bushes and plants were trimmed for a cleaner, unobstructed look and the wall was power washed. **Robert Vo** and **Luis Almeida** provided a lot of help with this entry way effort.

Summer often means housequests who want to visit the Washington sights. Help your visitors get into DC's top attractions. The Washington Post offers a guide to help you and your visitors navigate the top attractions and the best way to get around DC. http://www.washin gtonpost.com/goin goutguide/awashingtonsightseeing-guidehelp-your-visitorsget-into-these-topattractions/2012/02 /17/gIQA7YzkkR s tory.html

Soon you won't have to head downtown to enjoy the cuisine of DC's famous food trucks. Look no further than Wakefield Park. Fairfax County parkgoers could soon be feasting on a variety of dishes from the metro area's many food trucks thanks to a new initiative from the county park authority. http://annandale.patc h.com/articles/foodtrucks-soon-comingto-mason-districtand-wakefield-park

**Braddock Road Entry:** Rather than use contracted mowing and edging services on the Braddock Road entryway we formed the Long Branch Mowing Team composed of neighborhood young people to provide those services. They are doing a good job. Finally the area around the Braddock Road sign was overgrown and full of poison ivy. Daniel's Mowing Company at 571-237-9404 gave us a good deal and did a great job getting it back in shape.

Continued maintenance of the entryways is problematic and potentially expensive. Since these entry ways reflect on our neighborhood and our property values your LBCA shall provide for maintenance even if other LBCA projects must be "unfunded."



### Long Branch Garden Club

Do you love to garden? The LBCA would like to form a garden club for members to share their passion of gardening and expertise, trade plants and socialize. Another goal of the club would be to maintain our entryways and keep them

beautiful. Because this is a new club, the format is flexible but would be social in nature. Since it would, at least in part, function for the community good, the LBCA would help fund this activity.

To express your interest please respond to this email or email LBCAPres@outlook.com



### **VDOT Liaison Needed**

Huge snow plows and aging have not been kind to our sidewalks, curbs and drain covers. Advice from our Fairfax County Supervisor's Office was that VDOT was responsible for

maintenance of curb areas. The process involves collecting a list of problems and submitting them to VDOT. That gets you "on the list."

We need someone to take the lead on this project. If we don't do something there is little chance we will get VDOT's attention.

If you are interested in helping coordinate with VDOT, please email LBCAPres@outlook.com

Interested in activities for the kids, learning how to use the Internet or word processing programs, genealogy, gardening and many other interests? Check out the resources, events and classes at our local Fairfax County libraries. There are classes and events for all ages and interests. http://www.fairfaxc ounty.gov/library/e vents/

Interested in learning more about gardening? Check out the classes on a wide range of gardening topics at Green Springs Garden: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/events.htm

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### Long Branch Swim and Racquet Club Open For the Season—from the Pool Board

Wow!! Not even rain slowed down the Long Branch Swim and Racquet Club (LBSRC) members from doing wonderful work getting the Pool and Racquet Club open this season. The pool looks really nice.

On behalf of the LBSRC Board a sincere **Thank You** to everyone that paid the maintenance fee and worked during the maintenance days!!! We know that many of the members donated their valuable time and weekends to contribute to the community and were not doing so just to save the maintenance fee.

Many people came multiple times - like Ralph Marple, Mark Mermagan, Celeste Menard, etc. etc. Others members just came - even after paying the maintenance fee. Some members and neighbors were just curious and joined the effort. They also did a wider range of maintenance and repairs this season. We wanted to share and recognize all the work done by the LBSRC members. We also wanted to give a big thank you to Michael Kucharczk for installing the lights and fans around the deck. If we missed any members or families, we apologize in advance.

The LBSRC Board really wanted to make the pool reflective of the great communities we live in and the great members we serve. This is what the members accomplished this season – they accomplished a lot. What the list does not show is the movement of literally tons of leaves, 10-12 gallons of paint and counting, and lots of hard work cleaning the chairs and pool. It was amazing work.

- -Raking leaves, planting bushes/flowers, garden maintenance
- -Landscaping planting bushes and flowers.
- -Painting: walls, bathrooms, guard shack entrance, partitions, benches, brick wall, and shed
- -Fix door locks and replace guard shack door
- -Replace entire pool pump system at a cost of \$9700
- -Pool work: repair cracks in white coating around steps, fix/replace skimmers, remove leaves, acid wash white coating
- -Bathroom--clean bathrooms, fix toilets/urinals, fix drains,
- -Replace shower curtains
- -Furniture cleaned
- -New fans/lights installed in pavilion
- -Front entrance power washed
- -Install WiFi router (yes—the pool now has WiFi access)
- -Repair chain link fence

Do you love doughnuts? Do vou know where to find the area's best doughnuts? Check out Washington Post's review of the area's best... http://www.washin gtonpost.com/blog s/going-outguide/wp/2013/06/ 19/a-dozen-weeksof-doughnutsweek-13-mamasdonut-bites-andmiller-farms/

Summer is a great time to dive into a huge salad. Here are 20 recipes for crunchy summer salads...

http://www.washin gtonpost.com/lifest yle/food/25recipes-forcrunchy-summersalads/2013/06/12/ e09d394c-d218-11e2-9f1a-1a7cdee20287 gal lery.html#photo=1

- -Paint/stain wood deck
- -Re-route stormwater pipe
- -Repair kids toy storage box
- -Repair tennis court cracks

Finally, we want to personally thank everyone for working safely, working so well together, and for your patience and enthusiasm. Thank you!!

### For Sale by Owner - A Tall Tale By Tom Worosz

Why does one go through the gauntlet of selling their home rather than hiring a real estate agent. Simply put money that is equivalent to 6% of the selling price. The 6% savings sounds good on the surface but this is what we found to be true:

You have found a buyer who has found you on their own

- 6% only if you find a buyer who does not have a broker or one that is willing to "dump" their broker because they found "you" on their own.
  - Subtract between ½ 1% for signs and legal fees.
  - Your buyer will expect to share a portion of your 6% savings.
  - Expect to save between 2 ½ 3% of the 6 %.

You find a buyer who has a real estate broker

- When you do "ForSaleByOwner" you specify the percentage you will pay a"buyer broker". The industry's norm is 3 %; if you pay less, the real estate agents/brokers will be less than enthusiastic about showing your home to their buyer(s).
  - We specified 3% in our agreement.
- With the cost of "ForSaleByOwner", signs and legal fees, our % cost approached 4%.
  - Our saving was 2% of the 6%.

Recommendation – find a real estate professional who is willing to do the entire job for 4 ½%. This includes listing your home, doing all the hard work and negotiating the "buyer's broker" commission. There are a number of brokers out there who will take less than the 6%. Selling on your own is time consuming and strenuous in dealing with buyers directly. There are other pitfalls that become apparent which can cause one's best laid plans to go awry…read on!!

#### **Our Story**

We decided early on that we would attempt to sell our home ourselves using an organization aptly titled "ForSaleByOwner.com". The firm offers a

Do you have a gripe with something a government agency should fix? Issues can be sidewalk maintenance, broken playgrounds, trail maintenance, incorrect signs, potholes anything big or small. The **Washington Post** allows you to report your gripe and they will instantly email your report to the agency responsible for fixing the problem.

http://www.washin gtonpost.com/local /specialreports/daily-gripe number of different sales support plans of which we selected the most expensive at \$800. This plan provided some degree of information and signs but most importantly included access to the most popular real-estate internet sites including MLS.

We read books, talked to various real estate professionals, watched as the local real estate improved, corrected deficiencies in our home, staged our home to show its best face and finally put our house on the market in mid-April. We had one independent buyer who looked promising but could not meet our asking price. We had a number of buyer-broker parties who showed interest within the first two weeks; our eventual buyer was one of these. After negotiating the price, we had to adjust the price to compensate the buyers for deficiencies that were noted during the "home inspection". Everything moved along swimmingly until the appraisal.

Appraisers are not appraisers in the sense that they have the knowledge and experience to "value" your home in terms of improvements, functionality and quality. They have been trained to make qualitative judgments which they use to select "comparable sales" in one's geographic area and highlight the differences between the "comps" and your home. This information is input into a computer program that generates values and arrives at your "appraisal value". A second valuation method calculates your "appraisal value" based on replacement cost of your home and its features but is not used by financial institutions including Freddie Mac/Fannie Mae. The difference between the two calculations is "depreciation" which brings the "replacement value" in line with the "comp appraisal value".

Below is an excerpt from a letter that we wrote to the Virginia Regulatory Agency. It will give you some idea of our frustration and the impact of this uncontrolled event on our final sales price. We hope that this article assists you if and when you sell your home.

A fond Farewell....Tom and Ann Marie Worosz

"Our home was appraised on May 9. We received the appraisal report from our buyers' realtor on Monday, May 13, which stated that our home appraised for \$YYYYYY. We contacted the Fifth-Third Bank's appraisal company (Allstate Appraisal, L.P, Chicago, IL), local appraisal company (Marquee Properties, Haymarket, VA), buyers' financing company (Eagle Creek Mortgage, Gaithersburg, MD) and buyers' realtor (Long & Foster) to challenge the appraisal. We were advised that since the buyers purchased the appraisal, only they could file for a value appeal, which they refused to do. We were also advised that Dodd/Frank legislation precluded the sharing of information with us or between the bank/mortgage lender and appraisal companies. We were told by the buyers' broker that the appraisal would be in a database for 120 days and would have a negative impact if we attempted to relist our house. We ultimately settled on a price with the

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Did you know agriculture is Maryland's largest commercial industry? Do you want to get an upclose look at the farms that produce much of our produce and dairy products? Why not take a driving tour of beautiful Kent County and check out the local farms.

http://www.kentcounty.com/attractions/farmtour/farmtour.php

requirement that we replace the roof at our expense. Our total monetary loss is \$XXXXX..

The appraisal process is as broken as it was during the 2005 - 2008 housing bubble except that homes are being undervalued. Our appraiser measured the rooms in our home, took pictures, checked off and graded interior/exterior features. Her data was entered into a computer program which generated what is called a "Sales Comparison Report" against similar properties using "comp values" as adjustment factors. A porch, deck, and other improvements were assigned values by the computer; quality, size and replacement costs apparently were not factors. Our front porch was "comp valued" at \$5,000 (photo 1), 28 ft x 12 ft large wrap-around deck with wheel chair access was "comp valued" at \$10,000 (photo 2), 320 sqft. of additional above grade living space (2010 carpeted/hard-wood floor) was "comp valued" at \$35/sqft. for a total "comp adjustment" of \$11,200 (Photo 3), and our 1906 sqft. finished basement was "comp valued" at \$15/sqft. for a total "comp adjustment" of \$16,440 (photo 4). In order to validate the "Sales Comparison Report", an alternate method used to validate the house being appraised is called a "Cost Approach to Value" which uses "replacement cost/new" to estimate the cost of replacing our home. The "Total Estimate of Cost-New" for our home was \$498.315. site value of \$250,000 yielding a total value of \$748,315. In order to equate the "Sales Comparison Report" value of \$YYYYYY to the "Cost Approach to Value" value of \$748,315 a "depreciation factor" or adjustment factor of exceeding \$70,000 was subtracted from the latter. As a comparison, we refinanced our home in June 2010. The 2010 appraisal used a "depreciation factor" of \$22,000 to adjust their two cost approaches. Undoubtedly, the depreciation factor is a "fudge" number calculated by an appraisal computer program to make both appraisal approaches look valid. What a canard!! An additional discrepancy in our appraisal, the "Market Conditions" Addendum" stated that the "overall trend" of the current real estate market was "stable". This is absolutely false. Major news organizations. newspapers and real estate professionals all have reported a significant uptick in home sales, accompanied by a shrinking resale housing inventory since the beginning of 2013. Prices in the Northern Virginia area have improved between 6 – 10% in the March – April timeframe. Would having a realtor have altered our appraisal? We provided the appraiser a detailed list explaining improvements made to each room and when they were made. We discussed our community's recent sales and the

Would having a realtor have altered our appraisal? We provided the appraiser a detailed list explaining improvements made to each room and when they were made. We discussed our community's recent sales and the differences between our home and the comps. Her effervescent attitude and complementary comments about the quality and beauty of our home led us to believe that the buyer and we, the seller, had fairly valued our home at the agreed-to-price of XXXXXXX versus the appraised value. Undoubtedly, someone(s) is/are wrong. You be the judge."

### Long Branch Officers

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There are multiple positions available for those who want to join the board. Some of the officers have been serving for a number of years. If there's interest, there's willingness for multiple positions to swap/step down, etc.

## Street Representatives Street Representatives

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Marla Peyser

### Stay Informed!

Don't forget to check the Long Branch Web site at <a href="www.LongBranchCivicAssociation.com">www.LongBranchCivicAssociation.com</a> for updates and all our community information! And don't forget to give us information and pictures for the Web site!



**Please add <u>www.LongBranchCivicAssociation.com</u>** to the "safe list" in your address book. Also, send any change of address to the same address. The newsletter editor will be unable to deliver the newsletter if the email does not go through. Thank you!

### Classified Ads

PLEASE NOTE: Due to file size considerations, all classified ads should be sized no larger than  $\frac{1}{4}$  page.



### Megan Hoskins - Tutor -

9010 Windflower Lane, 703-323-0567
Certified teacher in all subjects through 8th grade, and Math, English, and Computer Science grades 4 - 12.
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### Your Neighborhood Personal Chef Service



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