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BRING BACK THE BIRDS

This spring especially, I noticed the birds. What a joy! Birds and vaccines - early signs of hope. First I noticed just a few species, and then more - chickadees, swallows, cardinals, jay, woodpeckers, nuthatches. I noticed their calls - the familiar and sometimes something unexpected. Since I'm still working remotely as a result of the pandemic, I am noticing more of the life happening in my yard. Or is it really 'my' yard? This idea of ownership is rather vainglorious - as if we are the only species that matters, and that the animals are visitors. I think we might actually have it backwards. Before we claimed this land for our own, it had a much more diverse species mix - perhaps as forest, meadow, or wetland - with hundreds or thousands of native plants supporting billions of insects. Then we came and tamed - first as agricultural land, and later as suburbs - taking the great complexity of species and reducing it to a few dominant cultivars - pavement and lawn - with some native or non-native 'accessory' plants and trees.

And so what does this have to do with birds? Well - for starters - according to an estimate published in the journal Science in 2019, North America has lost more than a quarter of our entire bird population - over 3 billion birds - since 1970¹. It's likely a result of a complex mix of factors - habitat degradation and loss, pesticide use, increasing light pollution (hint: dark skies are important for proper rest, breeding, migration and in some cases, predation, for birds!). But one clear need for bird survival is proper habitat and food. Sure, bird feeders are great, but did



Illustration by Pat Leonard from 3billionbirds.org

you know that almost all birds rely on insects, not seeds, to feed their young? And that native plants and trees support far more insects than most introduced species? It turns out, lawns are practically biological dead zones, especially when sprayed with pesticides.

Birds are part of the ecological foundation on which all life depends, and they function as environmental warning systems (reminder: we just lost 3 billion...). They interact with their environments in ways that aren't always immediately understood or appreciated and they can have a deep impact on human and natural resources. For example, birds

have important roles in pest control, plant pollination, animal carcass removal, seed dispersal, ecosystem maintenance, nutrient exchange, and even coral reef fertilization. They also provide a sense of place, heighten appreciation of nature, and of course, attract and inspire birdwatchers around the world. Native birds and pollinators increase the stability and productivity of our ecosystems; yet they cannot survive without connected corridors of habitat along their entire migratory range, and especially at their winter and summer endpoints. Refuges and parks cannot sustain many bird populations sufficiently – the entire system is dependent on the choices that we make in our own yards.

When I look out on my yard, I now realize I have some work to do! I don't want to 'own' my yard - I want it to sustain more than just my own pleasure - I want to become more of a conscious and conscientious steward for the nature that surrounds

me. I'm only beginning to realize what that means. But fortunately, there are small, simple steps we can all begin to take: Spraying and mowing less frequently (once every two weeks rather than once per week in the summer) better supports pollinators; adding just a few additional native plants, shrubs, or trees to your yard; minimizing nighttime lights; and, of course, providing fresh water and seed (pesticide-free, if possible!), especially during migration seasons (spring and fall) can all help. And there are even more opportunities to make consumer choices that can help. For more ideas on how to sustain bird and other life in your yard, check out <https://www.3billionbirds.org/> or <https://homegrounnationalpark.org/>, or check out Doug Tallamy's excellent books *Bringing Nature Home* and *Nature's Best Hope*. ■

by Sarah Hines

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¹ <https://www.3billionbirds.org/>



Infographic from [3billionbirds.org](https://www.3billionbirds.org/)

BULK ITEM PICKUP JULY 17TH OR 19TH

All the addresses I looked up (from Sugar Ct/Smithwood Ave on the west end, to Melvin Ave on the east end) have bulk item pickup scheduled for July 17th (everything west of Osborne, including 1200 Summit Avenue) or July 19th (Osborne, Beaumont, and Melvin).

This page has the lowdown: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/public-works/solid-waste/bulk-items>

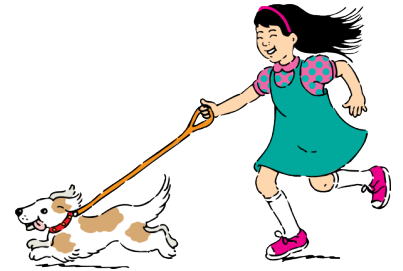
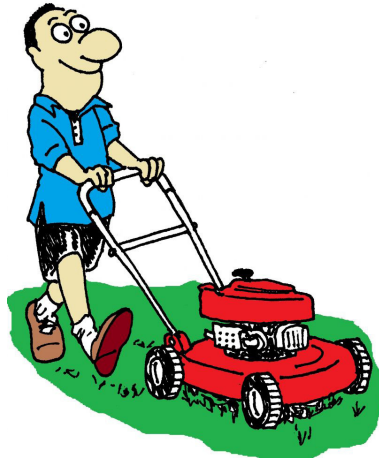
And this page has the search form by address:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/public-works/solid-waste/collection-schedule.html> ■

by Pat Drews

NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMER (& BEYOND) HELPERS

Check the print edition or the OCNA list for this info.



LURMAN THEATER 2023 SCHEDULE

Free, outdoor shows at Lurman Theater near Catonsville High Details at <http://www.lurman.com/>

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Call 410 635-0991 for up-to-date concert information

JUNE

Sat June 24 6-8 PM
The Switch
Classic rock played by classic rockers

Sun June 25 6-8 PM
Josh Christina Band
Infectious blend of piano driven R&R from Jerry Lee to Elton
<https://www.joshchristinamusic.com/>

JULY

Sat July 1 6-8 PM
Soul Crackers
Soul, Motown and 70s Funk
<https://www.soulcrackers.net/home>

Sun July 2 6-8 PM
Carey Ziegler's Expensive Hobby
Rare, Classic Rock
<https://www.expensivehobby.com/cz.html>

Sat July 8
NO CONCERT July 4th Rain Date

Sun July 9 6-8 PM
The 1974
Big 70s hits by those little 70s artists

<https://www.the1974.org/band/>

Sat July 15, 6-8 PM
Reverend Smackmaster and the Congregation of Funk
Motown, blues and funky hits from the 60s to today
<https://www.smackmasterfunk.com/>

Sun July 16 6-8 PM
Magical Mystery Girls
Female Beatles Tribute Band
<https://magicalmysterygirls.com/>

Sat July 22 6-8 PM
BellCurve
Wayback-machine music from the 60s, 70s, and 80s
<https://www.bellcurveduo.com/>

Sun July 23 6-8 PM
Natty Beaux
Classic Jump-Blues, Swing and Rockabilly
<http://www.nattybeaux.com/>

Sat July 29 6-8 PM
Crush
High Energy Party Band
<https://www.crushbandrocks.com/>

Sun July 30 6-8 PM
Speakers of the House
Old School Funk, Boogaloo & Rock
<https://www.danmcguiregroup.com/speakers-of-the-house-music>

AUGUST

Sat August 5 6-8 PM

Arty Hill
Modern Honky-Tonk & Country
<http://www.artyhill.com/v3/>

Sun August 6 6-8 PM
Deanna Bogart
Soulful, funky, bluesy; Deanna does it all!
<https://www.deannabogart.com/>

Sat August 12 6-8 PM
Shades of Blue
Greatest Area Big Band Music
<http://www.shades-of-blue.com/>

Sun August 13 6-8 PM
The LP's
Johnny Cash to Prince; Tom Petty to Thin Lizzy
<https://www.watershedentertainment.com/>

Sat August 19, 5-7 PM
Different Sisters
Classic Rock, R&B, Country
<http://www.differentsisters.rocks/>

Sun August 20, 5-7 PM
Junkyard Saints
New Orleans Funk & Swing
<https://www.facebook.com/junkyard.saints>

Sat August 26, 5-7 PM
Old Man Mojo
Classic blues, urban swing, and early funk
<https://www.oldmanmojo.com/>

Sun August 27, 5-7 PM
Technicolor Motor Home
10 pc Steely Dan Tribute Band
<https://www.technicolormotorhome.com/Home.html>

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Will you be our next columnist? Gardening, local events, history ... we're open to a wide range of interests. Please contact Ann at annandsteves@gmail.com to talk about possibilities.

Try to get your ideas in by August 15th for the Fall issue. ■

by Ann Quinn



FREDERICK ROAD FRIDAYS

15 Mellor Avenue, every
Friday from June 2 to August 25, 2023,
from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

<https://www.catonsville.org/frederick-road-fridays/>

JUNE

June 2
Foreplay
<https://foreplayrocks.com/>

June 9
Ghost Town Radio
<https://www.facebook.com/ghosttownradioband/>

June 16
Shake The Room
<https://www.shaketheroomband.com/>

June 23
Controlled Chaos
https://www.gigsalad.com/controlled_chaos_severna_park

June 30
Soul Magnets
<https://thesoulmagnets.com/>

JULY

July 7
Crush
<https://www.crushbandrocks.com/>

July 14
Mia Samone Band
<https://www.facebook.com/MiaSamone>

July 21
Tony Don't Play That
<https://www.facebook.com/TDPT21228/>

July 28
The Players Band
<https://theplayersband.com/>

AUGUST

August 4
Radio Free Baltimore
<https://www.radiofreebaltimore.com/>

August 11
Fantasm
<https://www.fantasmband.com/>


August 18
Mac Heat
<https://www.macheatmusic.com/>

August 25
Marquis Soul
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See the schedule of events here <http://www.catonvillecelebrations.org/schedule-of-events/>

Volunteers are going door-to-door in the Catonsville area to collect donations. Give generously!

Parade Collectors with buckets will be walking down the parade route just ahead of the parade. Bring your cash/checks and deposit them into their buckets.

Fireworks Collectors will be traversing the high school grounds at the pre-fireworks fun fest. Give generously!

Write a check payable to the Catonsville 4th of July Committee and mail to P.O. Box 21202 Catonsville, MD 21228. Donations are tax-deductible.

Make a donation online using your credit card through the security of PayPal at <http://www.catonvillecelebrations.org/support-us/> Give generously!

PAY YOUR OCNA DUES WITH PAYPAL

Eager to pay your dues as part of this great community but unused to writing checks?
Send your \$20 with the click of a button to oldcatonsville@gmail.com

Cash and checks still gladly accepted—
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Catonsville MD 21228 with 2023 on the memo line.

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Deadlines to submit newsletter articles and ads to get into the next issue (usually flexible):

Spring issue - Feb 15
Summer issue - May 15
Fall Issue - August 15
Winter - Nov 15

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ENJOY THE SUMMER!

Support the OCNA Newsletter, buy advertising space for your business.

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to Ann by email: annandsteves@gmail.com