

Dear Lynnfield Homeowner's:

We have received an email from an unknown neighbor regarding the street lights. I would like to clarify multiple items that some neighbors seem to be misinformed about for the street light program.

First, The street light program is definitely NOT set in stone yet. It is a County funded program where a majority of homeowner's in Lynnfield have to agree in order for the lights to be installed. LCA is still in the process of collecting both YES and NO signatures from all Lynnfield Homeowner's and will continue to do throughout the summer. The deadline for signatures will be September 1st, 2016. Homeowner's are encouraged to contact us to arrange a time and place for each homeowner to sign the petition.

Second, Delmarva decides where the street lights will be placed based on their distance between lights standards. Lynnfield has no control over that. IF the street lights petition is approved, by the majority, there will be 28 street lights installed throughout the neighborhood (about 3-4 per street). We also have no control of how many lights will be placed Lynnfield. Again that is controlled by Delmarva. Delmarva also pays for the installation (\$70,000) and any future maintenance of the lights. The cost to power the lights would come from the slight increase in each homeowner's yearly tax bill. This ranges from \$30-\$60

per year which is roughly \$3-\$5 per month.

Third, LCA has been up front and have clearly presented facts (both pro and con) to each homeowner. We delivered Spring Newsletters with Each homeowner has been given multiple opportunities to find out more information for everyone to make an educated decision about the lights. Homeowner's have also been given multiple opportunities to sign the petition, either YES or NO. The members of the board have remained neutral about the lights when collecting signatures. We have never tried to sway homeowner's either way about the lights. LCA has also stated many times that if a homeowner cannot come to one of these events, that we can come to you. We can arrange a time and place for the homeowner to be given facts about the street lights and for signing the petition.

Fourth, We have had more than several incidents of break-in's and drug related activity in Lynnfield over the last year and 1 break-in in the last 3 weeks in the 100 block of Ridgeland Road. Monthly crime reports and police calls are always posted on the LCA Website under the Community Information tab. Street lights could help deter suspicious activity in communities which was confirmed by our NCCPD community officer, Cpl. Kristen Hester. My family only moved to Lynnfield less than 2 years ago, Within the first 6 months here, we had suspicious people come up to our home at 12AM pounding on our front door and people looking in our basement windows, despite our front and back yard

outdoor motion flood lights and front door light being on. \*\*Despite lots of home lights being on overnight 6/14/16, several neighbors had their cars broken into and items stolen.\*\*

Fifth, Presenting the option of having street lights in Lynnfield was not a decision taken lightly. We gathered as much information, from the County program, as we could before we even brought it to Lynnfield Homeowner's. Many members of our community came to the previous board more than a year ago asking about getting street lights in Lynnfield.

As always, please come to the board with any questions or concerns regarding our community.

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Sincerely,  
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