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North Bethesda, Maryland

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## Tilden Middle School Update

By: Debby Orsak, LCA Schools Chair

MCPS put together a roundtable discussion group to look at the possibility of collocating Rock Terrace School (RT) with Tilden Middle School (TMS) when TMS returns to its old home on Tilden Lane, currently scheduled for August 2019. The roundtable has concluded their meetings and a report is being completed to be sent to the MCPS interim Superintendent. The report will not include any recommendation one way or the other regarding the collocation.

The roundtable was not charged with making a recommendation for or against collocation, but only to gather information and look at the possibility of collocation- mainly as to whether or not the two schools could work together on the same site. The roundtable report talks about the opportunities and challenges with regard to the different aspects of collocating such as facility issues, staffing needs/issues, site issues, etc., and then tried to come up with responses and/or proposed recommendations for those issues. The roundtable included members from both schools, parents and staff.

The roundtable's report was to be sent to the interim superintendent. The interim superintendent will use the roundtable report as just one piece of information to help him make his decision as to whether or not to recommend the collocation of the two schools to the Board of Education (BOE). The interim superintendent's recommendation on collocation is to be made to the BOE on 3/23/15. The BOE will hold a work session (4/14/15) and a public hearing (4/27/15) before it takes action on the possible collocation at its meeting on 5/12/15.

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## 2015-16 LCA OFFICER

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

If anyone is interested in running for office (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Trustee) on the LCA Executive Board, please contact

**Jim Caskey, jimcaskey2@gmail.com**  
**Carole Gelfeld, cgelfeld@aol.com, or**

**Della Stolsworth, dellast1@verizon.net,** by April 12, 2015. Their phone numbers can be found through the LCA Directory.

The various duties and responsibilities of these positions can be found on [www.luxmanor.org](http://www.luxmanor.org), (at "About Luxmanor," in the By-Laws).

## ART SHOW

### ANY INTEREST?

A community art show has been held for several years but is there enough interest this year? Let us know by

emailing your  
vote...



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**LCA  
President's  
Message**

After a long, cold, snowy winter, we are looking forward to a warm spring and to the exciting events LCA has planned for this spring.

First, we are sponsoring a discussion about the possible colocation of Tilden Middle School and Rock Terrace School. Debbie Orsak, School Chairperson, and Della Stolsworth, Trustee, are publishing important dates and information about this issue on the regular LCA list serve and LCA has established a special list serve exclusively for discussion of this topic, but LCA wants to ensure that all residents have the opportunity to share their views on the issue, so LCA has arranged for a meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church on April 21 at 7:30 P. M.

Our semiannual membership meeting will be held on May 21 at the Trinity Lutheran Church on Old Georgetown Road at 7:30 P. M. We will listen to presentations by a representative of the Bus Rapid Transit system and an update by Councilmember Berliner's aide.

LCA also is sponsoring a wonderful run in honor of Paul and Celine Silver on June 7. This benefit run is now an annual tradition.

Have a good spring and join us for LCA's upcoming events.

Sincerely, Harris Leonard

### **If You're "On a Roll" Near a Stop Sign, Give Yourself a Brake!**

Being "on a roll" in Vegas can mean a fabulous night. But being "on a roll" at a stop sign can mean a ticket, a minor accident or even death. State law requires that you come to a full and complete stop at all stop signs (and right-on-red intersections). Technically, this means all four wheels must not be moving, with your vehicle at a complete stand still.

If you would like to be part of the Traffic Committee to address this or other traffic-related issues or, if you simply have concerns or suggestions, please contact me at: [jonathan747@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan747@gmail.com)

Jonathan Simon  
LCA Traffic Committee Chairman

### **Click Around Luxmanor.org--**

#### **It's Great Stuff**

The LCA's new website contains a wide variety of resources for you. Be sure to click around [luxmanor.org](http://luxmanor.org) and become familiar with its features.. You'll find membership meetings/ notices, Greensheet newsletters, directory information, listServe email info, suppliers lists, development projects, photo gallery, LCA contact information, and more

Whether you are looking for new ways to get involved in the community, suggest activities for the LCA, or access information about issues important to you and your neighbors, spend some time on [luxmanor.org](http://luxmanor.org). It's a terrific resource and only a few clicks away.

# DEVELOPMENT

## UPDATES

byL Della Stolsworth

The most recent activity on the Pike and Rose development has been the approval of re-opening Hoya Street (the street that ran behind the old nursery near Toys-R-Us). This, in conjunction with re-aligning the intersection of Executive Blvd. and Old Georgetown Road and the addition of a street that will run from Nicholson to Old Georgetown Road (currently titled Market Street), creates the beginning of a grid that will, hopefully alleviate congestion at 355/187 intersections and allow for traffic flow when Rockville Pike is redone (likely 10-15 years from now). The best way to get an idea of what this will look like is to visit the County website at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/whiteflintw/index.html>. A public Hearing is scheduled for March 12 at 7:30pm at the M-NCPPC Auditorium.

There have been some planning hearings on North Bethesda Market 2 (the high rise that will go up where the Chili's is now) that were not SIGNIFIGANTLY different from what we have seen in prior community presentations – mostly swapping some office space for retail or vice versa, amending the design, slight change in number and mix of units – but nothing earth-shattering. Keep up with the latest news on the LCA website, [www.luxmanor.org](http://www.luxmanor.org), under the Zoning & Development heading.

Sunday, June 7, 2015

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**5K Silver Run in memory of Paul and Celine Silver**

## COMMUNITY WIDE MEETING

7:30 P.M. , MAY 21ST, TRINITY CHURCH

Two speakers are planned for our upcoming Spring LCA general meeting.

Drew Morrison, Legislative Aide in the Office of Councilmember Roger Berliner has agreed to address our community on issues related to transportation, infrastructure, energy, and environment. Morrison handles a broad portfolio of policy issues and constituent services including transit development, urban road design, green infrastructure banks, and Uber/taxi regulations."

David Hauck, representing Communities for Transit also plans to speak.. He has been a member of the Montgomery County Executive's Transit Task Force since 2011 and currently serves on the Montgomery County's Rapid Transit System Steering Committee. He also serves on the board of Communities for Transit. As a member of Maryland Sierra Club's executive committee, he was active in building support for expanded transit options in Montgomery County. Communities for Transit (CFT) educates the public on a planned Rapid Transit System for Montgomery County. As a new county-based non-profit, it focuses on community outreach to build awareness of the case for rapid transit as an effective response to unsustainable traffic problems."

### Spring Social Events

A summer opening social is being planned in conjunction with the Silver Run on Sunday, June 7. Anyone able to help plan this event or with ideas for other events, please

contact Nurit at [nurit.coombe@gmail.com](mailto:nurit.coombe@gmail.com) or 301-346-5252.



## Tilden School, Continued from front page

All information relating to the roundtable, including the final report when it is completed, will be posted on the MCPS web site at the following link:

[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/CommunityInfo\\_Roundtable.shtml](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/CommunityInfo_Roundtable.shtml)

At this time, we do not know what the interim superintendent will recommend to the BOE. However, it is important to note that regardless of what the interim superintendent recommends, it is the BOE that has the final decision on the collocation. The interim superintendent could recommend that the two schools should not be collocated, and the BOE will still have its work session, public hearing and could vote at its meeting that the two schools will be collocated. Conversely, the interim superintendent could recommend collocation and the BOE could vote against it. The entity that is making the decision is the BOE.

Many Luxmanor residents came to the Public Information Meeting held at TMS and it is obvious that this **ISSUE** is important to the community. It is our community's middle school and it is right for us to be concerned and involved. But, I would **like** to please ask that everyone make sure that all our facts are checked with the appropriate people before rumors and ideas are spread that may or may not be correct that could lead to misinformation that unintentionally alarms and/or harms others, especially those in our own community.

The LCA Board is planning a special meeting on Tuesday, April 21st so that the community can meet to discuss the possible collocation. This date was selected because it is after the interim superintendent's recommendation to the BOE and after the BOE's work session, but it is before the BOE public hearing. We want to make sure that all of our community members have a chance to ask questions and gather information from the appropriate sources, and that all of their voices have a chance to be heard.

**Special Community  
Meeting  
to Discuss Proposals for  
Tilden Middle School  
Tuesday, April 21  
Trinity Church  
Old Georgetown Road  
7:30 p.m.**

To summarize the important dates:

03/23/15 - Interim Superintendent's Recommendation to the BOE

04/14/15 - Board of Education Work Session

04/21/15 - LCA Special Meeting on Collocation

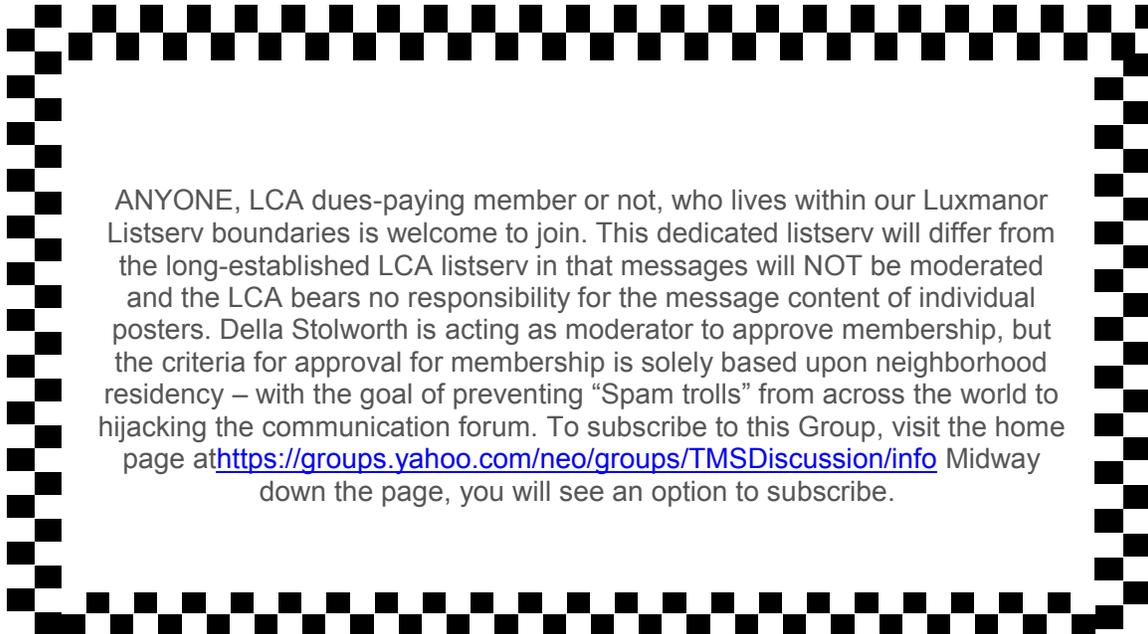
04/27/15 - Board of Education Public Hearing

05/12/15 - Board of Education Action

As always, if you have any questions, please email me, [Debby@cagley.com](mailto:Debby@cagley.com)

Thanks, Debby Orsak LCA Schools Chair

**A Yahoo Group titled “Tilden Middle School Discussion- LCA”  
has been created. This dedicated listserv is now ready for use!**



**Turn to Suppliers List on Luxmanor.org for Recommended Providers**

When searching for everything from decorators and plumbers to doctors and lawn care, the LCA membership values the recommendations exchanged by email on the LCA ListServ. But sometimes it's not practical to wait for new email exchanges or try to recover old emails. LCA members may now turn to the Suppliers List database on the LCA website, where the recommendations gathered from the ListServ emails are stored.

Therefore, the next time you are looking for a vendor or service provider, be sure to check the Suppliers List on Luxmanor.org. See <http://luxmanor.org/suppliers-list/>. The current password for LCA members to access the Suppliers List is **lca1122**.

Special thanks to Patti Cancellier, who volunteers her time to update the LCA Suppliers List on a regular basis.

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