



July 2016 Edition

Dear Neighbors,

July is summer camp, swimming pools, afternoon showers, and dining al fresco. August peeks around the corner, waiting its turn to entice us all. And we have some fun listings for your consideration. In addition, we bring you a report on the Rock Spring Master Plan, and the Montgomery County Planning Board, Strathmore Square.

Best regards,
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This edition of LuxLine is dedicated to the memory of the Dallas police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty and those in Nice, France who lost their lives to violence. As a community, we remember and are deeply saddened by these losses.

Our neighbors and their businesses are advertised to the right of our articles, and their ads help to directly support LCA. We thank them for their contributions and want to invite any of you who might have an interest in advertising your business to join them on the pages of LuxLine.

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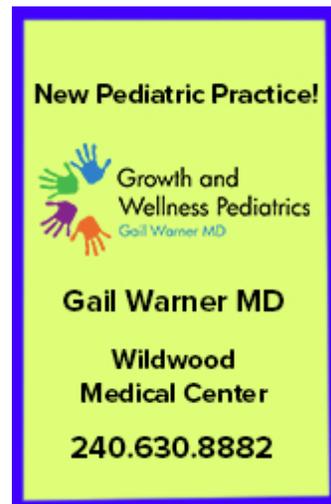
[Montgomery County Planning Board: Strathmore Square](#)

On Thursday, July 7, 2016, the Montgomery County Planning Board in conjunction with WMATA and the development team from Five (5) Square held a public meeting at Strathmore to a standing-room-only crowd to discuss the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Area Minor Master Plan and what is being called "Strathmore Square."

The plan is currently envisioning using the WMATA parking pad site, located adjacent to the Grosvenor/Strathmore Metro parking garage, and some of the surrounding area to potentially develop a 160-acre plan, which could have up to 1,403 residential units including MPDUs at the site. Other possible plans for the site include Levine School of Music student lesson rooms and a small amount of commercial development.

The timeline for the project includes community workshops for the balance of 2016: July through December of 2016, there will be an analysis of the draft plan, planning board review, planning board draft, County Executive Review, County Council hearing, and County Council review.

Montgomery County Planning Coordinator Mike Bello



concerns. The Board will conduct a transportation analysis where it will be reviewing intersections, traffic signals and road capacity, speeds, BRT (as its being planned), and a current local shuttle that will connect the station to Rock Spring and to Westfield Montgomery Mall. A bus link is also being considered. Environmental concerns will also be taken into consideration as part of the plan.

Mr. Bello stated during his presentation that the Planning Board understood that there is “an enrollment issue” at Walter Johnson High School (there were many attendees who were laughing out loud at this comment), Tilden Middle School, Garrett Park Elementary School as well as other surrounding schools. He repeated that the Board recognized this. Projected housing unit counts for the plan were unavailable at the time of this public meeting, but they will be submitted to MCPS when they become available.

Bello stated that the Walter Johnson Round Table Discussion Group is currently underway and recommendations have been developed. While recommendations are “out,” they will not be “ready” until the fall because they require the County School Superintendent and County Council’s approval. Therefore, Bello stated, the Planning Board is limited in its discussion of school capacity. The only discussion that took place at the meeting was a question from an audience member asking about the portables at Garrett Park Elementary school, a brand new school building that is currently exceeding capacity.

A community member asked the Board how this plan will sequence with the revisions to the county’s subdivision staging policy. Gwen Wright, planning director, answered that the subdivision staging policy is “done” every four years and that the school tests and transportation tests are evaluated during the process. They analyze the impact taxes that are required for new development. Ms. Wright stated that the Planning Board is just finishing its analysis of this project, and it is creating a document that will be transmitted to the County Council in early August. The document will then go to a public hearing before the County Council probably in September, and the Council

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well before this plan has moved along in the process.

A link to the Planning Board's website describing this plan can be found at

<http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/grosvenor-strathmore/>. Mike Bello, Planner Coordinator, Area 2 Planning Division, can be reached at Mike.Bello@montgomeryplanning.org or 301-495-4597.

Abbe Milstein

Tickets available (excellent seats!) for plays at theaters in MD, DC, NYC, and summer festivals. Please contact Nancy Feldman. 301-530-1355 (C) or 301-938-9743; njfeldman@verizon.net for information.

Danielle Moss, 18, babysitter with experience & transportation, June-September. Available in Rockville, Bethesda, Dewey, Rehoboth, and Bethany. mail@daniellemoss.com; 240-393-7403; <http://luxmanorlistserv.org/listserv/babysitter-available-at-beach-or-here>

[Rock Spring Master Plan Meeting](#)

Rock Spring Master Plan - Community Meeting July 18 - Reminder

Friendly Reminder.....

The last community-wide meeting before moving into the Planning Board review phase of the plan has been scheduled for **Monday, July 18 from 7:00-9:00 PM at Walter Johnson High School**. At this meeting, staff will present preliminary (draft) recommendations for the Master Plan, focusing on Land Use and Zoning; Transportation and Connectivity, Sustainability, Community Facilities, and Parks and Open Spaces.

Following the community meeting on July 18, the preliminary recommendations will be presented to the Planning Board on Thursday, July 28 for discussion and guidance. Based on comments from the community meeting and the Planning Board, staff will refine the recommendations throughout August, and in September (tentatively September 15), will present a staff Working Draft to the Planning Board for their review. At the Planning Board meeting in September, the Board will schedule a future public hearing date for the Plan, at

wanted to at least provide some guidance about the process moving forward.

Feel free to contact me with any questions, or check out the [Rock Spring Master Plan](#) project webpage for additional information.

Best,

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Rock Spring Master Plan Project Page:

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["Triple Vision" Art Show](#)

Two Luxmanor residents, Marylouise Roach and Mimi Betz, and another of their friends, Madeleine Schaller, are happy to announce their art show "[Triple Vision](#)" which will run for 6 weekends (noon until 6 pm Saturdays and Sundays), July 23 through August 28, 2016, at the Popcorn Gallery in Glen Echo Park. The exhibition features work from all three artists. They are representational artists who paint primarily in oil and pastel. For this show, they have prepared several paintings that are three visions of the same subject, and other paintings displaying their individual interests. Meet the artists at the opening reception July 23, 4 to 6 pm.

Mimi Betz

Mimi Betz is a DC area artist who first developed an interest in painting while attending high school in Paris, France. She has studied at the Yellow Barn Studio, and has also taken workshops from plein air artists Bethanne Kinsella Cople, Sara Linda Poly and Gavin Brooks through the South Street Art Gallery in Easton, Md.

Marylouise Roach has been studying art in the Washington DC area for 12 years. She has participated in shows of the Strathmore Artists, Montgomery County Plein Air Artist (MCPAA), Maryland Pastel Society, Artists Gallery of Columbia, Yellow Barn, as well as the Deep Creek Lake Art and Wine Festival.

Madeleine Schaller

Madeline Schaller astudied at the Corcoran College of Art and the Yellow Barn Studio. Her art has been selected for the Yellow Barn Members Show and has won awards for portraits at the Chevy Chase Women's Annual Show.

[Film, Food, and Fun in August](#)

With August around the corner, there are arts, food, and other fun activities in Maryland and DC. Below are descriptions and links to more information. Enjoy!

[The Comcast Outdoor Film Festival](#) is at Strathmore Music Center. In addition to the films, there will be music and carnival games. Food and snacks will be on sale with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the NIH Children's Charities - Children's Inn, Camp Fantastic/ Special Love, and Friends of the Clinical Center.

Dates: August 20-22, 2016, Activities begin at 6:30 p.m.; Movies screen at 8:30pm.

[Capitol Riverfront](#), near Washington Navy Yard and Nationals Park, will host family-friendly outdoor movies throughout the summer. Bring blankets, chairs, and a picnic. Arrive early to participate in games such as wii on the big screen, trivia and hula hooping.

Dates: Thursdays, June 2 through August 18, 2016, 8:45 p.m. Rain or shine.

performances, jugglers, magicians, a jousting arena, and games. Held in Anne Arundel County 30 miles from DC.

Open weekends, August 27-October 23, 2016, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

[Bethesda-Montgomery County Restaurant Week](#) offers prix fixe lunch for \$16 and three-course dinner menus for \$36 at dozens of restaurants in Montgomery County, Maryland. Most of the participating restaurants are located in Bethesda, Rockville, Potomac and Silver Spring. Cuisines include American, French, Greek, Indian, Italian, and more.

Dates: August 12-21, 2016

[Washington DC Restaurant Week](#) includes more than 250 of Washington, DC's restaurants offering 3-course lunches for \$22 and 3-course dinners for \$35. Cuisines include Contemporary American, Mexican, French, Mediterranean, Italian, Southern, Seafood, Spanish, California, Pan-Asian and more.

Dates: August 15-21, 2016

[Alexandria Restaurant Week](#) more than 60 restaurants will be offering special menus and pricing. The restaurants are offering either a \$35 prix-fixe three-course dinner or \$35 dinner for two. New this year, more than two dozen restaurants are also offering lunch specials at \$10, \$15 or \$20 per person.

Dates: August 19-28, 2016

[The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture](#) offers free music for family audiences at Glen Echo Park's covered, open-air Bumper Car Pavilion. All activities in the park on concert nights are available. The Ballroom Café offers food, and the historic Dentzel carousel will operate during these events.

Dates: Thursdays, June 9- August 25, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

[The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair 2016](#) is a family event with carnival rides, live animals, a variety of

"Fair's Idol" Competition, and more. At the Montgomery County Fair, you can also purchase quilting, clothing, canned goods, baked goods and vegetables from local farmers and enjoy arts and crafts exhibits of local youth.

August 12 – 20, 2016, Friday, 3 p.m. - Midnight, Saturday-Saturday 10 a.m. - Midnight

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