Luxline February 2017 Edition

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Dear Neighbors,

Unbelievable, but for a second month in a row our temperatures have not only been above freezing, but have occasionally exceeded seventy degrees! Our community is out and about and it is wonderful to see our neighbors walking, jogging, biking and getting a head start on spring. Our February LuxLine edition asks you to save the date for our annual "Books and Brunch" being hosted at the home of Dave and Nurit Coombe, more news about the Josiah Henson House Park and White Flint 2 as well as a podcast from former LCA President Jordan Cooper with MCPD Chief Tom Manger. As always, we would like to thank all who contributed to the publication in terms of time, article writing and to those of you who have generously supported our community through your purchase of advertisements.

Our neighbors and their businesses are advertised on the LuxLine, 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. Luxmanor Citizens Association PO Box 34306 Bethesda, MD 20827 info@luxmanor.org

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#### **Executive Blvd Infill**

Early in February the Montgomery
County Planning Board held a
meeting to discuss "infill"
development along Executive
Boulevard as part of the White Flint 2
Plan. The Planning Board staff
presentation depicted significant
growth as part of its work session.

The Luxmanor neighborhood, particularly along Tilden Lane and Neilwood Drive are depicted in the slide presentation which can be seen here:

http://montgomeryplanning.org/wpcontent/uploads/2017/02/Worksessio n-No.2-Final.pdf

Building heights and density of new development are addressed in the work session presentation along with future meetings scheduled for the Walter Johnson School Cluster and MCPS.

Timeshare units at Streamside in Vail from 12/16-12/30.
Sleeping 6-10. Contact me directly for more information,
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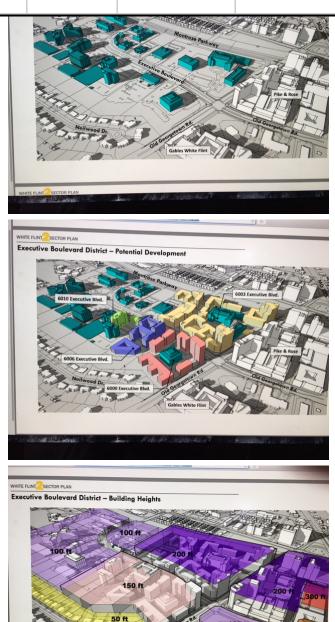
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My daughter Olivia is available to babysit and help with homework afternoons or evenings.

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Spanish native speaker available for tutoring ALL levels. I currently teach AP and level 5 Honors at Whitman.

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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

#### MoCo Voters

How's this for a novel idea?: People come before special interests!

"People come before special interests" is the core belief of a new grassroots organization in Montgomery County: MoCoVoters.org. Its mission is to reduce as much as possible the influence of special interest campaign contributions on decisions by County Council and other county officials -- decisions that, when driven by special

congestion, and unnessary tax increases.

To learn more, you can visit their web site ... and perhaps "like,"follow," and "share: their Facebook page:

http://www.mocovoters.org/

https://www.facebook.com/ MontgomeryCountyVoters/

If you would like to help them, they can be contacted at: <a href="MoCoVoters@gmail.com">MoCoVoters@gmail.com</a> or through the "contact" page of their website: MoCoVoters.org

#### Save the Date

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Books and Brunch hosted by Dave and Nurit Coombe. Saturday, April 1, 2017, 11:30 AM, 11229 Huntover Drive.

Join us – even just to schmooze and share your thoughts on what's good to read! Bring books to share, brunch food and your appetite!!

# Please contact Nurit directly at nuritcoombe@gmail.com

<u>Jordan Cooper's Podcast with Tom Manager, Montgomery</u> <u>County Police Chief</u>

Public safety has been an issue that has attracted growing interest in Luxmanor over the past few years. We have had presentations from MCPD officers on how to be safe in Luxmanor, we have had to overcome home invasions, petty theft from vehicles, and speeding through stop signs. Listen to Police Chief Tom Manger speak about what is really going on in Montgomery County and how his police force is responding.

www.publicinterestpodcast.com/2016/12/ep-41-mcpd-chief-tom-manger.html

#### **School Renovations**

In addition to the construction and expansion projects planned for the Tilden Holding Center and Walter Johnson High School, Luxmanor ES will undergo its own major renovation work scheduled to begin the summer of 2018. Over a series of four public meetings starting January 5, 2017, the architects and managers for the project met with school administrators, staff, community leaders and parents to review and comment on the design plans for the site first presented to the school community in 2013 during feasibility studies.

Led by Jim Determan of the architect firm of Hord Coplan Macht, the design team led participants in the meetings through several iterations of the plans to get comments and suggestions regarding any aspect of the proposed look, feel, function, flow or landscaping of the building and its site. The team took their inspiration from the wooded site, incorporating earth tones in the building materials and placing windows to capture the most natural light and best views of the canopy from surrounding trees. Great care will be taken to preserve the largest trees fronting the property whenever possible. The renovation itself will entail demolition of the original school structure and extensions, leaving only the 2008 two-story addition standing which will anchor the new construction. Twostory and three-story options were presented, each addressing traffic flow, accommodations for expanded bus and parent drop-offs, parking, visual impact, and accessibility. Ultimately, the three-story version was favored over the two-story plan to allow for a greater capacity of cars and buses to pull into the site and to increase the landscape space around the building. Although the height of the three-story structure would reach approximately 46', the impact would be softened by stepping back the upper levels.

The input from the school and community will be incorporated into the plans and the results will be

thoughts that you would like to share are very welcome!

Nancy Delasos Schools Committee Chair, LCA schools@luxmanor.org

Josiah Henson Park Advisory Committee

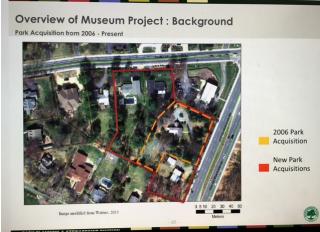
On February 8, 2017 the Montgomery County Parks
Department held its inaugural meeting of the Josiah
Henson Park Advisory Committee. The meeting was
headed by Shirl Spicer, Museum Manager of the Josiah
Henson Park. The advisory committee is made of up MNCPPC staff, community members and supporters. The
vision for the Henson Park is to create a public museum
that celebrates the challenging and inspiring life of
Reverend Josiah Henson, the man who inspired the
fictional character, "Uncle Tom". The park will educate
visitors about the enslavement of African Americans in
Maryland and the goal of the park is to promote a greater
appreciation of history in Montgomery County.

The overall project schedule, which is subject to revision, has the following dates anticipated: 30% design by January 2017; 60% design by May 2017; 90% design by August 2017; 100% design by October 2017; permits issued by December 2017; bidding by February 2018; NTP (Notice To Proceed) construction by May 2018 and project completion by September 2019. The exhibit project schedule, assuming 100% of the funds raised for construction, follows a similar schedule to the overall project schedule with a close-out date of August 10, 2018.

Included below are some of the overview concept options from the Master Plan that were provided during the Advisory Committee meeting.

Abbe Milstein Advisory Committee, Josiah Henson Park









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