



The Luxmanor

Greensheet

Serving Luxmanor, Windermere, and The Oaks

North Bethesda, Maryland

May 2015

Tilden Colocation

Nearly 100 residents from the community attended the special meeting held on April 21 to discuss the Tilden and Rock Terrace School Colocation plans. The primary community concerns that will be conveyed to the Board of Education are the lack of community input during the process, the traffic impact of buses and cars on what are narrow residential streets, the loss of green space that would result from colocation, and the opinion that other sites were not considered as an option (namely the site of the current Tilden Middle School on Old Georgetown Road).

There were numerous other concerns cited as to the inappropriateness of 17-21 year old students attending a middle school campus. Also, specific design features such as the fence on the property were mentioned as highly detrimental to the character and nature of the neighborhood.

Montgomery County Board of Education (BOE) is scheduled to make a vote on the proposed collocation of Rock Terrace School with Tilden Middle School at their regularly scheduled board meeting on May 12, 2015. The BOE discussion and vote is currently scheduled on their agenda to start at 12:30 pm, with the BOE scheduled to break for lunch at 1:00 pm.

If you would like to voice your opinion to the BOE members before they discuss and vote on this issue you can do so by mail, email or phone. If you would like to write or email a letter to the board you should address it to the Board president, currently Patricia O'Neill, and it will be copied to all Board members. Mail should be sent to the Montgomery County Board of Education / 850 Hungerford Drive / Rockville, MD 20850 and emails should be sent to boe@mcpsmd.org.

If you would like to call and speak to the board members, the general phone number is [301-279-3617](tel:301-279-3617). If you would like to call board members individually, their phone numbers are listed on the BOE web site at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/members/.

Luxmanor Citizens Association

The Association serves Luxmanor, Windermere, and The Oaks.

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White Flint II Development

Did you know?

The Montgomery County Planning Board has approved the Scope of Work for White Flint 2. Details including maps and timelines, as well as concepts can be found at

<http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/whiteflint2/>

If interested, you can also sign up there to receive future updates as the plan work progresses.



Speakers for May Meeting

- Drew Morrison, legislative aide in the Office of Councilmember Roger Berliner's office will address transportation, infrastructure and the environment.
- David Hauck, representing Communities for Transit will address rapid transit as an effective response to unsustainable traffic problems.

Below is part of the testimony I sent in to present before MC Board of Education. It represents my belief that LCA has an obligation to protect the rights and the property of the entire community.

Traffic has long been a concern of the LCA. Disregarding the number of additional students that may result from colocation, Tilden Middle school is projected to house 1200 students when it opens, with enrollment projected to grow as more apartments in the area are built over the next ten years. The redevelopment plan would cause a huge increase in cars and buses at the already busy intersection of Tilden Lane and Marcliff Road, and would unfairly burden the community. Tilden Lane's traffic is already very heavy, with cut through traffic from Old Georgetown Road and other streets, and cars and buses entering and exiting Luxmanor Elementary School, (which is just two blocks east of the middle school). Currently, many cars fail to stop at the four way intersection adjacent to the Tilden Middle property. At a certain point, our community's roads that surround the school will be unsafe and the amount of traffic and noise from buses will diminish the value of nearby homes and the quality of life for those residents. Before adding more students, the Board of Education needs to consider these concerns and the rights of the citizens in our community to enjoy safe roads near their homes.

As you discuss the future of Tilden Middle School realize that we, the residents of the community that will be most directly impacted by the redevelopment plan, support the Montgomery County School system. We need and want quality education for our children. The LCA has worked with the Board of Education in the past and will continue to do so in the future, with a view towards satisfying the needs of our schools, to serve the community's needs, and to protect the property values of the residents who have invested their lives in the community.

Sincerely,

Harris Leonard, LCA President

Slate of Officers for 2015-16

To be voted on at May Community Membership Meeting May 21, 2015

* Incumbent

President:	Harris Leonard*	Abbe Milstein
Vice President	Barbara Gold*	Jerry Ostrov
Treasurer	Judy Morenoff*	Barry Gudelsky
Recording Secretary	Joan Suwalsky*	Constance Walker
Corresponding Secretary		Ed Farber
Trustee (3 year term)	Ken Hurdle*	

All Candidates running for LCA office were invited to submit a 150 word statement expressing why they chose to run.

Abbe Milstein

My name is Abbe Milstein and I have lived in Luxmanor for the past 15 years. I am running for the position of Luxmanor Civic Association President. My husband, three children and I are very fortunate to call Luxmanor home. I am deeply committed to preserving the quality of life of Luxmanor.

I am qualified to serve as Luxmanor Civic Association President having had various career paths as an attorney, law clerk to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, policy analyst for an influential think tank in D.C., and as manager on a successful congressional campaign. For the past 3 years, I have worked hard to improve Pepco's reliability in our community. My goals as president of LCA include fostering an open and transparent association.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of my candidacy.



Barbara Gold

My family and I have lived in Windermere since 1993, when we moved into the area so that our daughter could attend Luxmanor Elementary School. We have been LCA members ever since and, over the past several years, I have held the positions of LCA Corresponding Secretary and of LCA Vice President – the position in which I currently serve. I have served in these positions because I believe it is important that Windermere be represented on the LCA Board. In fact, it is I who developed and advocated for the phrase “Luxmanor, Windermere and The Oaks,” which now appears on our Web site homepage and on our Greensheet masthead. In reviewing the qualifications of non-incumbent Board candidates, I note that not a single person is a Windermere resident. Accordingly, as an LCA member and Windermere resident, I am seeking reelection to the position of LCA Vice President. Thank you for your consideration.

Jerry Ostrov

Statement in support of candidacy for
LCA Vice President

My name is Jerry Ostrov. My family and I have lived in Tilden Woods for seventeen years. By chance, my neighbors and I recently discovered that the county was considering the merger of two schools at the existing holding school site.

When we expressed concern, the LCA advised that it would not take a position. We wondered: How could so large a construction program not be an LCA matter? We thought: This is an issue in which the community should have a say. However, the LCA closed the list serve to further discussion. I have served on and provided legal counsel to many nonprofit boards during my career. That experience has enhanced my appreciation of all the good things the LCA has done over the years. But I am very unhappy with how out of touch the LCA has been on the school merger issue.

Judy Morenoff

I have lived in Luxmanor since 1971. My 4 children attended Luxmanor, Tilden, Woodward and Walter Johnson. I am currently Treasurer of the LCA and have served in that role since 2010. Previously, I served as Co-Directory Editor, President, and Trustee. I believe the LCA has contributed to making this a wonderful neighborhood to live in by distributing information through our Green-sheet and Listserve, providing opportunities for neighbors to meet and have fun together (Halloween Hotdogs, Books n Brunch, Art Show, and other social events) and by advocating to protect the character of our neighborhood -- and should continue to do so.

Joan Suwalsky

Joan Suwalsky moved to Luxmanor in 1987 with her husband and children, both of whom attended Luxmanor, Tilden, and Walter Johnson. Active on the Luxmanor ES PTA, Joan has also served as LCA Recording Secretary on two separate occasions, the latest being from June, 2010 to present. A research scientist at NIH, avid gardener, and long-time neighborhood walker of dogs, Joan deeply appreciates the natural beauty of the Luxmanor neighborhood and believes that it must be preserved. She values the close availability of excellent public schools, believing that they enhance the sense of neighborhood. How to preserve both our schools and the neighborhood's quality of life is a key concern of hers. Finally, she is proud of the community's long tradition of thoughtful, collective activism in dealing with issues of importance to the neighborhood. She will intelligently advocate for the best possible resolution of the Tilden MS reconstruction issues.

Barry Gudelsky

My name is Barry Gudelsky. I have lived most of my life as a resident of Luxmanor. I am running for the position of Luxmanor Civic Association Treasurer. The community of Luxmanor means a great deal to me and my family. We are deeply invested in preserving the nature and character of Luxmanor and my personal commitment to ensuring a high quality of life for Luxmanor's residents spans several decades. I believe I am qualified to serve as Luxmanor Civic Association Treasurer having managed my family's business of for a number of years. My goals for our Civic Association include providing for a more open and transparent process and encouraging the discourse of information on our community List Serve. By serving as Treasurer of our Association, I believe that I can have a beneficial impact on the community. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of my candidacy.

Constance Walker

Statement in support of candidacy for recording secretary

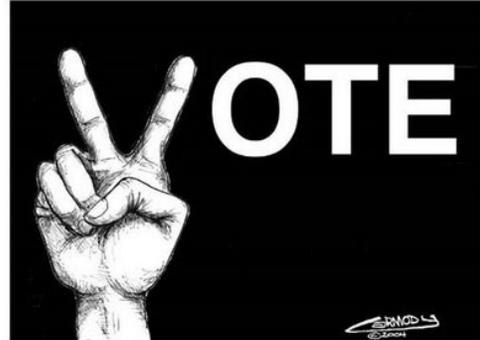
My family and I have lived in Luxmanor since 1966 and, like my neighbors, have paid dues to the LCA for many, many years. My husband managed a neighborhood league baseball team and my son played on it. I've participated in community social events, attended civic meetings, and have enjoyed life in Luxmanor and want to participate in keeping the community

"neighbor-friendly."

Ed Farber

Statement in support of candidacy for corresponding secretary

For the 30 years I've lived in Luxmanor, the LCA helped maintain a strong, welcoming and compassionate community. But recently, the LCA has failed in its mission to inform and represent Luxmanor's interests. The failure of the LCA to be in front of the issue of merging two schools on the Tilden Lane site and the censorship of the list serve on this topic, demand leadership change. When Board members were asked their positions on the Tilden Lane merger, most did not reply. But when one sitting member responded, "If and when I decide to take a position on this matter it will become known at an appropriate time to all who need to know", I recognized greater transparency from our Board is required. Having served on numerous educational, health care and professional boards, I believe a new leadership team can best protect the interests of all of our community.



Election to be held at
the General
Membership
Meeting in May

Thank you to the 2015 nominating committee:

Jim Caskey, Carol Gelfeld and Della Stolsworth (LCA board member)

Remember to mark your calendars for the LCA General Meeting

Thursday, May 21

7:30 p.m.

Trinity Church

Paul & Celine Silver Memorial 5k Coming Soon!

This year's Paul and Celine Silver Memorial 5K is

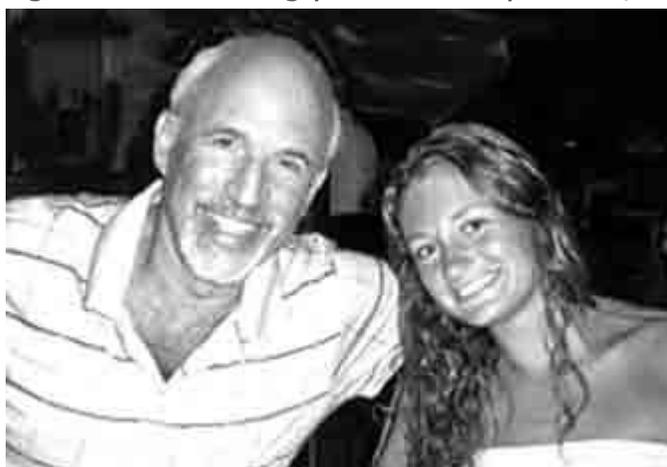
Sunday June 7 @ 9:00 am at Tilden Woods Park.

You can register online at

<http://paulandcelinesilver.org/>

All donation and proceeds will go towards funding the scholarships and internship programs created in Paul and Celine's honor. Your support will help students who share the same passion and dedication as Paul and Celine, realize their goals and dreams in their respective fields. If you want to volunteer at this event, please contact Karen M. Stone @ silver.karen@gmail.com or at info@paulandcelinesilver.org

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday June 7, 2015!!!



Keep the legacy of Paul and Celine alive by

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With your sponsorship, we will include your company or family's name on our website, and we will be happy to post banners or give out marketing/advertising materials for your company!

Luxmanor Citizens Association
Proposed Budget for FY 2016 (6/1/15 – 5/31/16)

<u>Item</u>	FY 2015 <u>Budget</u>	Actual <u>4/23/15</u>	FY 2016 <u>Budget</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Income				
Memberships	21,900	22,018	21,900	
Associate Memberships	15	15	15	
Advertising	0	0	0	
Interest		50	51	50
Other (Contributions)	<u>10</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>10</u>	
Total Income	21,975	22,124	21,975	
Expenses				
Greensheet Production	4,500	4,266	5,000	1
Directory Production	1,900	1,857	1,900	
Website Maintenance	200	228	250	
PayPal Fee	60	45	60	
Paid Listserve Provider	2,000	--	--	2
USPS	2,800	2,220	2,800	
Permit	[200]	[220]	[220]	
Mailings	[2,600]	[2,000]	[2,580]	
Insurance	1,900	1,878	1,900	
Bank Charges	10	1	10	
School Grants	2,000	2,000	2,000	3
Walter Johnson		[500]		
WJ Prom Breakfast		[500]		
Tilden		[500]		
Luxmanor		[500]		
General Meetings	575	583	600	
Special Events	2,500	804	2,500	4
Silver Scholarship Run		[250]		
Halloween Parties		[277]		
Softball Game, Picnic				

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<u>Item</u>	<u>FY 2015 Budget</u>	<u>Actual 4/23/15</u>	<u>FY 2016 Budget</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Art Show				
Other				
President's Discretionary Fund	300	--	300	
Thank you, Sympathy Gifts	250	100	250	
Committees	1,175	280	1,175	
Environment	[25]		[25]	
Garden & Landscape	[300]	[280]	[300]	5
Membership	[575]		[575]	
Planning & Development	[25]		[25]	
Roads & Traffic	[25]		[25]	
Safety	[25]		[25]	
Welcome	[200]		[200]	6
Other	<u>200</u>	--	<u>200</u>	
Total Expenses	20,370	15,252	18,945	
Total Income Minus Expenses (available for later allocation)	1,605	7,582	3,030	
One time Expenses from Reserves				
Traffic Consultant	10,000	--	--	
Website Redesign & Implementation	7,000	6,075	--	
Bank Account Balances				
Checking Account	7,290.83			
Money Market Account	60,799.47			
PayPal Balance	<u>160.77</u>			
LCA Total	68,751.07			

Notes

1. Greensheet production cost about \$800 per issue. We anticipate 1 more issue, raising cost to 4,900-\$5,000.
2. We budgeted in FY 2015 for a paid listserve provider because of major problems with Yahoo. Yahoo has improved, and we haven't found a better option,. No change is anticipated at this point.
3. We have made 4 \$500 grants this Spring, and budget assumes we'll continue to do that.
4. Budget is based on prior years. Special events could include speakers, party, tour, cookie exchange, art show, whatever members would like and volunteers are available to plan.
5. Funds have been used for clean up of paths and traffic circle plantings. The needs vary from year to year.
6. Funds are provided for mailings and welcome packages for new residents; bill for this year has not yet been received or paid.



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Membership Meeting:

Thurs, May 21st

7:30 p.m.

Trinity Church