



The Luxmanor Greensheet

Growing a sense of community!

May 2020

Letter from the President

Dear Neighbors,

The Greensheet returns! We hope you find this edition informative especially as we all are coping with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our lives. There has been a real need for community and neighbors to rally along side neighbors, and Luxmanor has stepped up to the challenge. I appreciate those in our community who have been checking in on their neighbors, helping children and elderly in need, volunteering to provide and create masks, alleviating hunger and providing meals to hospital personnel. I want to thank the many health professionals, first responders and other essential personnel in our community -- you really are the heroes during these difficult times. We wish for a return to health for those who are ill and extend our condolences to those in our community who have lost loved ones.

We at LCA have been sending out important information through our online platforms, creating virtual activities and sustaining community efforts to enhance our neighborhoods -- Luxmanor, Windermere and the Oaks. We have represented the neighborhood to state and county officials, agencies and schools. We have held virtual Board meetings on Zoom, broadcast on Facebook Live so neighbors can "attend." These efforts are critical to keeping a sense of community while we confront the realities of the virus, children home from school, quarantines, illness, social distance and being at home. We have heard many neighbors miss our online communications and hope this Greensheet will add to our efforts to inform you and to the resilience of our neighborhood as we face the implications of the virus together.

There is a lot going on! Join us on Facebook Live on our Lux Manor Facebook page on Thursday, May 14 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. to hear from the candidates in the primary for the Board of Education At Large member before you cast your mail in ballot. LCA's Candidates Forum is one of very few opportunities to see all the candidates. This is a nonpartisan race where all registered voters have a say. Also, there are a range of upcoming social events on Zoom for residents of all ages, from seminars on current topics, local chef demonstrations, discussions with experts who live in our neighborhoods, geocaching for the kids and more Bingo!!! Our Board Meetings on Facebook Live are archived. There, you can hear from Senator Susan Lee about new laws and budget troubles in Annapolis, how to get assistance from our elected officials and agencies and contact information to fight domestic violence. You can learn more about WSSC work in our neighborhood, our efforts to track all of the development around us or the school boundary analysis, or that Tilden Middle School, Rock Terrace School and Luxmanor Elementary School are all scheduled to open this fall.

Not a member? Join the LCA at luxmanor.org (About tab). Also, please join our electronic communications (see page 2). Attend our Zoom and Facebook Live offerings. Participate in our online social events. Suggest new activities. Volunteer your time to help a committee or head a committee. Assist us in our advocacy efforts. We are a volunteer organization and need your help. Your LCA Board is a wonderful group of outstanding volunteers -- I thank them all for their efforts as they have risen to this challenge. I especially want to thank Susan Verner for her hard work putting this Greensheet together in record time. She saw a need and stepped in to great effect.

If you have ideas for activities or actions LCA can take, please contact me at President@luxmanor.org.

Sheri Steisel Weiss

Update from Nkosi Yearwood of Montgomery County Planning on the White Flint Sector

Development Moratorium

▪[T]here is a current development moratorium for the Walter Johnson cluster. The Planning Board will receive the updated schools test information in late June.

Development

▪The preliminary plan for the Wilgus property, which is the vacant property that is west of Towne Road and between Montrose Road and Montrose Parkway, will be reviewed by the Planning Board in the near future.

▪The construction of the Western Workaround (realignment of Executive Boulevard and Old Georgetown Road) continues. More about the project is available here <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/whiteflint/index.html>

▪The closure of Executive Boulevard, between Marinelli Road and Old Georgetown Road, is tentative for late May.

▪Construction for the Marinelli Road bikeway should begin this Fall. Advancing the Pike District-Metrorail Area-10 year Check Up

▪The Planning team will host a virtual public meeting on May 19 at 7 p.m. You are encouraged to submit questions to the planning team in advance of the meeting. The meeting will be hosted on Microsoft Teams and a live link will be made available on the meeting's event page.

Other Development News

There are four notices currently before the Planning Board in our community.

(1) The Diener School has put in an application with the Montgomery County Planning Board to relocate from its current location at Congregation Har Shalom on Falls Road in Potomac to Green Acres School on Danville Drive.

(2) The Alef Bet Montessori School has applied to the Planning Board to expand enrollment of their private school on Tuckerman Lane from 33 student to 90 students. The school is located at 6125 Tuckerman Lane. The Planning Department Staff is currently coordinating with community members and the school to revise the conditions for this application.

(3) Encore Development has purchased the Epstein property on Danville Drive and is currently developing 4 homes on the site.

(4) The Josiah Henson Park is a 1.43-acre historic park property located at 11420 Old Georgetown Road in North Bethesda, Maryland. It consists of a small portion of the original Riley plantation where Reverend Josiah Henson lived and worked as a slave from 1795 to 1830. Henson's 1849 autobiography inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's landmark novel, Uncle Tom's Cabin. The Department of Parks is converting the site and historic buildings to a public historic/cultural park and house museum with an interpretive program to honor the man. After years of enslavement, Josiah Henson escaped to freedom in Canada on the Underground Railroad and later published his memoirs that were a key source for Mrs. Stowe's story. The Josiah Henson Park is currently on schedule to open in December 2020.

Abbe Milstein
Planning, Zoning & Development Chair



School News

As most of you know by now, we are doing online learning in Montgomery County. Some are adjusting better than others and it can take time to adjust. Please let us know at the LCA if you need any help. On May 6, the State Superintendent of Schools Karen Salmon announced that the students will not be returning this 2019-2020 school year.

In addition, MCPS is evaluating how the semester's grades will be finalized, as the 4th quarter grades are pass/fail. The Board of Education is making their decision on May 12 about the semester's grades. If you have any comments, feel free to email the Board of Education.

Regarding our local schools, Luxmanor Elementary and Tilden Middle School are still planning on moving into their new schools this summer. Woodward High School will return to its original location, now where Tilden is, and it will open as a holding school first for Northwood in 2024 and then Woodward will open its doors in 2026. MCPS will tell the community 18 months before how they will fill this new school. Walter Johnson High School is still over-capacity at 120%, so there is a building moratorium until July 1 in the area. They will reevaluate the situation soon.

If you have any questions about the schools, please feel free to reach out to the LCA School Chair, Deborah Berger, 301-793-0711



Welcome to the LCA!

Many new families have moved into the neighborhood. While we would like to welcome every new family, the LCA is not always aware of moves that occur. Please let us know if you have new neighbors so that we can welcome them! Meanwhile, join us in welcoming these families who are new to the neighborhood:

Welcome
HOME

- The Fisher/Kearney Family on Quaker Ridge Road
- The Lee Family on West Hill Drive
- The Mayzel Family on Luxmanor Road
- The Huang/Cobb Family on Poindexter Lane
- The Lazarus/Berlin Family on Tilden Lane
- The Domokos Family on Danville Place
- The Helman Family on Paxton Road
- The Song/Ningli Family on Tilden Lane
- The Goodman Family on Tilden Lane
- The Kim/Lee Family on Parkedge Drive
- The Park/Kim Family on Whisperwood Court
- The Frankel Family on Danville Drive
- The Skinner/Gauthier Family on Stephalee Lane
- The Dhyani Family on Rosemont Drive
- The Bride Family on Tilden Lane

Neighborhood News

We love to share life cycle events with our neighborhood. Please email greensheet@luxmanor.org with news for publication in our next Greensheet.

Stay-at-Home Social Events in the 'Hood!

Greetings from Nurit Coombe, Social Chair

This wonderful neighborhood always comes together as a family in times of uncertainty! It is so heartwarming to see neighbors helping neighbors throughout Luxmanor... running errands, checking up on each other, delivering groceries, and gathering together in new ways to create a caring community. I feel so blessed to be a part of it. And we had some fun times last month in spite of the unusual circumstances!



We started out with the GREAT LCA BAKE-OFF competition and had some amazing entries. We have so many creative and talented chefs in our neighborhood, it was difficult to pick a winner. We were impressed by our third-place winner, Sarah Koegel and her son, who have a great love for peanut butter and entered a yummy looking peanut butter pie with peanut butter blossoms. We were delighted by the "Jetty Spaghetti" cake submitted by the Silberman family – the cake looked amazing and the "Jetty Spaghetti Meatball Man" stole our hearts! The artistry of our first place winner, Julie Yeo, simply astounded us with "Meringue Chicks and Chickens" – they looked too pretty to eat! Congratulations to you all!

The fun continued with our rousing, Bingo game on April 19th. We had over 90 participants of all ages who were on the edges of their seats waiting for the next number to be called! It was so nice to gather together over Zoom and share a family game. Congratulations to our winners, Jennifer Schwartz, Lidymar Gonzalez, and Joanne & Tom Kee. This event was so much fun that we've had many requests for another round, so be on the lookout for an invitation to the next Family Bingo Night soon!



I look forward to finding new and creative ways to connect as neighbors in the coming month. I'm planning a Local Chef Cooking Demonstration on Zoom, another Family Bingo Night, and several other virtually interactive experiences. As always, I welcome your suggestions and input, so please call me at 301-346-5252, see ya at our next event!

With Sympathy

Condolences to...

The **Leonard** family of Arroyo Drive on the death of Harris Leonard on October 19, 2019. Harris was a past president of the LCA and devoted himself to the community and above all to his family.

The **Walker** family formerly of Neilwood Drive on the death of their mother, June Walker on April 6, 2020. June was a long time Greensheet editor and member of the Luxmanor Garden Club and an incredible artist. Her sculptures were whimsical and humorous. Interment was private.

The family of **Marcia Goldman** formerly of Danville Court. on April 1, 2020

The family of **Lenora Rita Lassen** of Danville Drive on Thursday, April 23, 2020

Congratulations...

Congrats to all the neighborhood graduates this year and their families! Though there will be no public celebrations, these milestones are still important. We applaud you and all you've accomplished! Go Class of 2020!



THE LUXMANOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Upcoming LCA Meeting(s):

Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:00-9:30 PM
*LCA virtual candidate forum held on Facebook
Live on Lux Manor Facebook page. You do not
need a Facebook account to watch!*

Monday, June 8, 2020 7:15pm

Note: All LCA Board meetings are open to the public. The General Meeting features updates as well as an opportunity for all paid up members to vote on issues including the budget and officers.

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