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MUTUAL 16 MATTERS

Mutual 16 – Leisure World, Silver Spring, MD -20906

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:

I think we would all agree it has been a long winter but Spring is here and that means it is time for our Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 17 at 2:00pm in Club-house II.

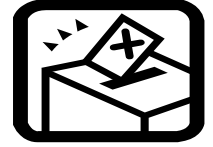
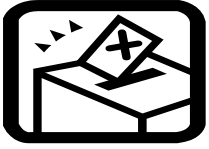
By now you should have received your proxy in the mail. Even if you intend to come to the meeting, please return the proxy as instructed. If you have not received your proxy, please call Roberta Carter at 598-1316.

We are fortunate to have two residents running for election. They are (in alphabetical order) Doug Allston and Jeanie Jones. Jean is a current director and Doug agreed in March to temporarily fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jim Turner. We will also take nominations from the floor at the meeting.

The social hour prior to the meeting is a good time to reconnect with neighbors and to meet new ones. Please try to stop by between one and two for some great desserts as well as great conversation.

The "Open Forum" at the end of the meeting is a great time to discuss with your Board members questions about the Mutual or to share with the representatives of management any questions or comments you might have.

Remember your vote counts. Our Mutual is only as good as the Board Members we elect!



- **MUTUAL 16 ANNUAL MEETING**
THURSDAY, MAY 17th
2:00 PM- CLUBHOUSE II

○ **CAST YOUR VOTE!!**

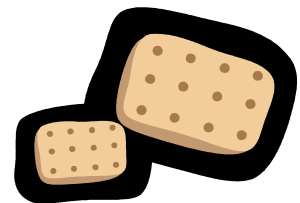
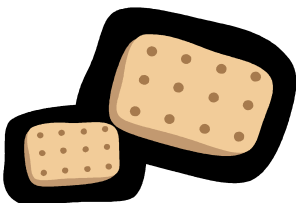


COME MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS
& YOUR NEIGHBORS

SOCIAL HOUR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE MEETING

1:00 TO 2:00 PM

COFFEE & COOKIES



NEW MEDICARE CARDS - NEW SCAM - IMPORTANT

Medicare Cards without Social Security Numbers Coming in 2018 Office of the
Inspector General, SSA

Here's what you need to know to protect yourself, family and friends throughout the US.

Starting 4/1/18 Medicare will start a year long, project to replace all current Medicare cards for beneficiaries to convert to alphanumeric ID numbers. Currently the ID number is your social security number. This is starting to hit the media.

Scammers are opportunistic!
First of all, the new Medicare card will come to you in the mail..

You don't need to request it or do anything. It will show up.

WHAT'S THE SCAM?

"Somebody from "MEDICARE " will call to tell you are getting a new Medicare card. But until it comes you will need a temporary card. Fee for the card is between \$5-50 dollars." They want personal information, bank account or credit card so they can process your temporary card.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Medicare will never call you unless you ask them to.

Medicare does all communications by mail unless you ask them to call.

Ditto for anybody saying they "work with Medicare to make sure you get everything you are entitled to." Scammer alert.

First of all, spread the word.

Feel free to share these notes.

Use your answering machine to screen calls or just don't even answer a number you don't recognize.

If it has happened to you or your friends or loved ones and personal info had been given out (happens considerably more often than you think so don't feel bad or stupid) immediately take action to protect yourself against identity theft.

<https://oig.ssa.gov/newsroom/blog/june16-new-medicare-cards>
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NEED A LANDSCAPER TO HELP WITH YOUR FOUR FEET?

Here are some ideas.

This is a list of names and contacts of landscapers that have done work in Mutual 16 or in Mutuels like ours (duplexes and triplexes). There is no intention of endorsement by the Mutual 16 Board for the work done by anyone on the list. The list is meant to inform residents who are looking for a landscaper.

Work done in Mutual 16

Shrubbery Maintenance (Bill Bowers)—301-831-7893

REC Lawns (Russell Cooper)—301-614-2938

The Other Side of Landscaping (Meryl Moran)—301-219-8703

Work done in Mutual 10—Names from the Mutual President

Jose Mayorga—301-346-5880

Mark Emmel—301-249-3655

Gloria Sherman—301-980-2867

Carlos Gavidia—240-395-8813

Work done in Mutual 11

Kozlowski Lawn Service—240-370-2200—also used by McFall-Berry for residential landscaping jobs

HOLIDAY TRASH PICKUP

The Leisure World News will alert people to the holidays that the community observes. If trash pickup is scheduled for the day of the holiday it will not be picked up on the next day- but on the next *scheduled* pickup day. As an example, the next holiday July 4th is on a Wednesday. That is the day scheduled paper recycling pickup. The next pickup will be on Wednesday, July 11th- the next scheduled day for pickup.

There's nothing Like an Old Fashioned Parade



What better way to celebrate the freedom we enjoy both in Leisure World and our country by joining in the annual 4th of July parade. This year's celebration will begin at 9:30AM with the parade commencing at the same time. The parade will be followed by a program of patriotic entertainment and speakers. All will take place at Clubhouse 1. Please call Joan Allston if you'd like to march or "ride". Even if you don't want to do that it's great to just watch. Watch the Leisure World news for more details.

NOMOROBO TO THE RESCUE!

Submitted by Arthur N. Popper

Junk call blocking that works with Comcast, Verizon, and others is NOMOROBO.COM. It is easy to sign up, and free for landlines. Works for 80% of junk calls. The phone rings once in your house and then is checked for the source. If it is a junk caller the phone will stop ringing. If others, the phone just rings normally. It does not block personal calls, family, doctor offices, or political calls. There is no charge. You can also get it for mobile phone, however there is a charge for that.

NOMOROBO.COM. was developed at the request of the FCC and it has been lauded by Consumer Reports and other review groups.

SPRING TIME WARNING - **RACOONS!!!!**

Jack Looney, Mutual 16 Maintenance Chair

It really is spring time, even though the weather doesn't seem to enforce that idea, it will indeed begin to get warmer – BUT – even though the weather does not seem totally spring-like, the many springtime activities of the local wildlife are in full bloom. This especially results in a number of local denizens (Racoons, for instance) looking for protected habitats for their newly born offspring, and where better to find such a habitat in the large number of residents with unoccupied attics that are occasionally easy for them to get into by creating openings in areas like around air vents and at roof joints, and under the roof overhangs. Really, anyplace that has a joint or separation in the structural surface.

Racoons, in particular, are quite strong and have very useable hands that allow them to take advantage of the slightest opening in the structure.

AND THEY DO!!! As several incidents in the past few years attest. They have been found in at least three attics in the past couple of years, probably, as a result of the extensive construction across Norbeck Road that has undoubtedly destroyed much of their natural habitat, and forced them to seek new, protected areas to raise a family.

It is very important that you be aware of their presence and to notify us as soon as possible if they should select your residence. In addition to the damage they cause getting into your attic, they can cause considerable damage to the environment in your attic once they do get inside. The insulation is torn apart and greatly soiled, the walls and ceiling boards can also be damaged beyond repair and will require extensive replacement.

Your Mutual Management has several companies who can help you take care of the problem if it gets started in your residence and will be happy to facilitate contact with those who have the most reasonable cost for your problem. Unfortunately, animal infestation problems are not covered by the Mutual and are usually not covered by your homeowners insurance. So be aware and be vigilant!



Residents enjoying the at the Rock at Mutual 16's Park. Soon your Park Committee will be adding color and charm to the Park. Any donations of plants or planting materials are welcome.

Call Paula Seebode 301-944-4759 for more information.

SHOULD THE MUTUAL PAY FOR IT?

When you need work done in your home that you feel the Mutual should pay for,

YOU MUST FIRST

Call Jack Looney (301) 938-0718 or 240-669-3530

before calling Physical Properties (PPD)

For Emergencies or when Jack is not available –

Call Physical Properties 301-598-1500

For Emergencies after hours or on Weekends: Call the Main Gate @301-598-1044

