

MUTUAL 16 MATTERS



MAY/JUNE

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Our annual meeting was a great success — 60 units were represented by proxy. That's a 57% participation rate! Two of our residents were elected to 3-year terms: **Doug Allston** and **Betsy Davis**. The slate of officers for the upcoming year is as follows: **Joan Allston** remaining as president, **Bob Hortin** as Vice President, **Ed Bradley** as Treasurer and **Paula Seebode** as Secretary. My hope is that next year we can return to our normal in-person annual meeting.

Our long-awaited "Wine at the Park" was held on June 18th. Although the weather was a little warm, we had a great turnout. The food was delicious and it was great seeing all our neighbors after a very long year. Thanks to **Julie Repeta** and her group for their hard work!

Don't forget, if you have a repair that you want the Mutual to cover, you must first report it to our maintenance chair, **Jack Looney**, or to Joan Allston. If you do not report a problem and get authorization for the mutual to cover the repair, you will be held responsible for the repair.

On the whole, Mutual 16 looks beautiful. Thanks to all those who make it so. Again, I remind you that garbage cans and recycle bins must be kept out of sight. Atriums are not to be considered storage spaces and our rules state that at least one car must be kept in the garage.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

GROUP SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

A new group, under the leadership of **Bob Bridgeman**, is being formed. It will be called “Mutual 16 Helping Hands.” Its purpose is to provide occasional assistance to Mutual residents who need some help with minor jobs. Examples of the types of jobs include: changing an overhead lightbulb, hanging a picture, installing a shelf, and minor furniture rearrangement. All labor is free and the only cost will be for any materials that are needed. We need volunteers. If you are capable of doing some of these types of tasks, please contact Bob Bridgeman — his email is brdgmn63@gmail.com or phone 301-740-6724. Also, if you need some help, contact Bob.

BETSY DAVIS

YOUR CENTRAL AIR SYSTEM: THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE STORY

Let it breathe! When gardening, remember the outdoor compressor for central air needs adequate airflow to work correctly, so make sure there’s at least 2 to 3 feet of space between the compressor and any plants or structures. Keep in mind that you’ll want to leave enough space for you or a technician to access and service the unit. There should also be 5 feet of clearance between the top of the unit and any trees above.

Is the Filter Dirty? Inside your home, remember that a clogged filter restricts airflow, decreasing efficiency and reducing the ability to effectively cool the air. If you haven’t replaced your air filter recently, make sure you do and then check it periodically. Based on *Consumer Reports*, filters last anywhere from 3 to 12 months.

JOE HALPIN

A CLEAR PATH

For those of us who have had to negotiate our way around an ambitiously growing spruce tree that had encroached on the Prince Frederick Way sidewalk near our park, we owe a debt of gratitude to **Bob Bridgeman** of St. Leonard’s Court. The tree in question had, over the past few years, decided that it needed to spread its wings and made the daily dog walk or pleasure stroll one that necessitated detouring from the

sidewalk to avoid being eaten by the tree.

Bob’s offer to the Mutual to prune the offending tree is a great example of volunteering skills and services to the community, and he should be commended for his efforts — to say nothing of the money he saved the Mutual by not having to hire a professional landscaper to do the job. We thank you Bob Bridgeman. And the tree thanks you too.

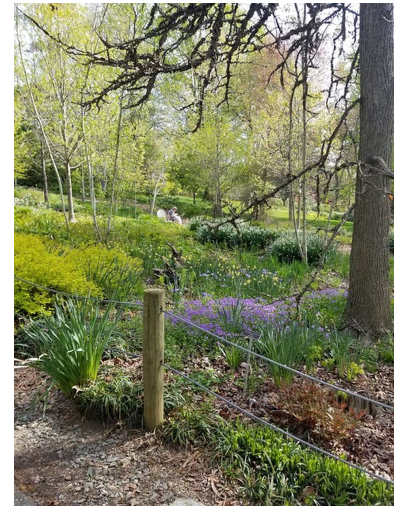
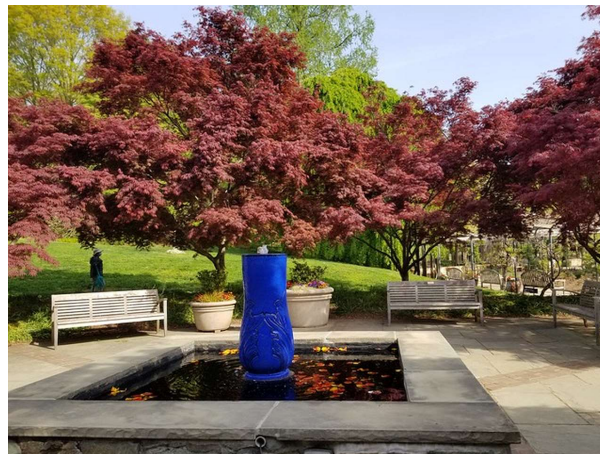
ROBERT HORTIN

BROOKSIDE GARDEN — A NEARBY TREASURE

How lucky we are to have a beautiful green space nearby. Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glernallan Ave, Wheaton, Gardens open sunrise to sunset year round, BrooksideGardens.org.



Mutual 16 resident, **Sandy Greer**, enjoys Brookside Gardens. She also volunteers there.



GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

MARCIA LAUNDY

15526 PRINCE FREDERICK WAY

Marcia (mar-SEE-uh) Laundry, is a lifelong resident of the Silver Spring. She had an idyllic childhood here. Chickens roamed University Boulevard; she played flashlight tag in the street after dark, she put on plays in the backyard with neighborhood kids and her brother and sister; and on hot nights, she slept with all the windows and doors open. After graduating from Blair High School, she went to the University of Maryland and became a teacher.

At the age of 36, she married Roger, the love of her life. He was a veterinarian. She brought one of her three dogs to the vet. Her usual vet was on vacation so she saw his partner, Roger and the rest is history. They dated for a long time then eloped. They married in the chapel at her church and honeymooned in the Poconos. Marcia and Roger had a wonderful marriage. They traveled many places including Nova Scotia, the Caribbean, Florida, Nags Head, Las Vegas and Alaska. Nearly every weekend, they went to the theater, had dinner out with friends, and/or attended a sporting event. NCAA Lacrosse was a particular favorite. Sadly Roger died of a massive stroke after they'd been married only 14 years.

In 2009, Marcia fulfilled her bucket list by going to the Holy Land with a church group. Soon after that, she spent 3 days without electricity in her aging home in Colesville. That's when she decided to move. She knew Leisure World because she had regularly come here to see the mothers of childhood friends and a church member. She decided that Leisure World, with its low maintenance, safety, and lots of green space, was the place to be. But the thing that clinched it for her was that her cats loved the sun room of her Marlow style home! With the help of her brother, John, and his husband, Ed — who are always looking out for her and who she calls her incredible blessing — she tried to downsize. Two months after she first saw her Mutual 16 home, she moved in.

Marcia has spent her life in service to others. She worked for 50½ years as an elemen-



Marcia walking with Tina and Cisco

tary school teacher guiding young minds in the Montgomery County Public Schools and the Torah School of Greater Washington. One of her teaching buddies once said to Marcia, "Never say you don't have kids because all the children you've taught ARE your children." Marcia has attended St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church since she was 3 years old and is active in the Altar Guild and the Stephen Ministry. From high school on, she has adopted stray dogs and cats and one of her joys is walking other people's dogs when they can't.

Recently Marcia retired. Now she has more time for herself. She reads, connects with friends and extended family, talks to the neighbors, continues the downsizing process and cares for her rescued cats, Midnight and Sunny. But mainly she continues to help others. Almost every day you will see her cheerfully walking multiple dogs, none her own, throughout Mutual 16. To paraphrase Anthony D'Angelo: Wherever she goes, no matter the weather, Marcia brings her own sunshine.

WINE AT THE PARK — A CELEBRATION!



Ed Bradley, Mary Scholl



Jeanne Jones, Virginia Rehbehn



Jim Rosenfield, Carolyn Caponiti, Diane Rosenfield



Susie Bradley, Betty Lichtenstein



Melinda Proctor, Mary Nyce



Jodi Lyons, Diane Rosenfield, Paula Seebode



Francine Joyner, Joe Joyner



Ellis Holdenreid, Emily Holdenreid



Susie Bradley, Michael Higgs



Tom Bugenhagen, Virginia Rehbehn



Dee Berkholtz, Julie Repeta



Doug Allston, Virginia Reburn



WINE AT THE PARK — A CELEBRATION! (CONTINUED)



Mike Gunter, Julie Repeta



Jeanie Kitsoulis, John Faynor, Lenny Sammarco



Mary Young and son



June Hortin, Bob Hortin



Gayle Allen, Doug Allston



Ed Bradley



Chris Everett



Janice Romanoff, Rick Masemore



Mike Gunter, Jody Lyons



Paul West, Nancy West



Joan Allston, Betty Lichtenstein



Joan Allston, Julie Repeta



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Rick Masemore** May 02
3302 Solomons Court
- Virginia Rehbehn** May 13
15559 Prince Frederick Way
- Kathy Geehreg** May 30
15412 Prince Frederick Way
- Julie Repeta** June 12
3319 Solomons Court
- Ellen Darr** June 16
3300 Solomons Court
- Joe Joyner** June 27
3411 St. Leonards Court

Are we missing *YOUR* birthday? Please send your info to Chris at chris@ceverettonline.com

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MUTUAL 16 — WEEDING PARTY

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Paula Seebode



Thank you to **Judite Fernandes** 1, **Kay Looney** 2, **Julie Repeta** 3, and to our newest volunteer, **Bob Bridgeman** 4. In addition to these usual suspects, thanks to **Jan Romanoff** and **Paula Seebode** for their continuing efforts to keeping the Park beautiful. Plus... much appreciation for the generous cash contributions from **Janet Gilbride** and **Betsy Davis**.

THE LITTLE LIBRARY



The Mutual 16 Little Library is installed and filled with books. Come and take a look and take a book! Thanks to **Barbara Rushing, Michael Higgs, Paula Seebode**, and the whole Wood Shop for crafting it; thanks to Henry, Steve. and Beto from Pipe and Stone for installing it; thanks to **Tom Hestand** for making the Park at the Rock signs, and thanks to everyone who helped fill it with books. There are no rules regarding the Little Library. Anyone can put books in, anyone can take books out. After you read a book you can bring it back or you can give it to someone else to read or you can donate it somewhere else. If you have questions, call Paula Seebode, 301-944-4759.

The newest Park installation Beto, **Paula Seebode**, Henry, **Kay Looney** are the first to enjoy the Little Library at the Mutual 16 Park at the Rock 5. **John Fajnor** checks out the Mutual 16 Little Library 6.