

MUTUAL 16 MATTERS

APRIL 2024

PLANNING MEETING

1:00 PM first Thursday of month
Clubhouse II, Rossmoor Room

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

9:30 AM second Tuesday of month
Clubhouse II, Rossmoor Room & Zoom

*There is no BOD Meeting in May
M16 Annual Meeting is 2:00 PM
Thursday, May 16, 2024
Clubhouse II, Norbeck Room*

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

1:30-3:00 PM second Friday of month
15501 Prince Frederick Way

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Paula Seebode

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Mutual 16's Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 2:00 PM in the Norbeck Room of Clubhouse II. As well as electing two board members for 3-year terms, the meeting will include presentations on the state of the Mutual finances, submetering, and organizing a Mutual 16 resident directory.

You should have received in the mail: a notice letter, a proxy envelope, instructions, and a ballot. If you cannot attend the meeting, please send in the proxy. You can mail the proxy, or hand deliver it to our Mutual assistant, **Stacey Carranza** in the administration building. If you attend the meeting, you can vote in person during registration, prior to 2:00 PM. Even if you plan to attend the meeting, you can still send in your proxy. Sending it in ahead of time will help ensure that we have the quorum needed to proceed with the meeting. I'm going to hand deliver mine to our Stacey.

Most importantly, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM, during registration, there will be a reception with light refreshments. There, you can schmooze with your neighbors and enjoy homemade cookies. The whole process is similar to what we did adopting our new bylaws, but please, call me if you have any questions, especially if you need help getting your proxy turned in. Your mutual requests the pleasure of your company at the Annual Meeting of the Unit Owners of Mutual 16 Condominium of Rossmoor. Participating in the affairs of the Mutual is a good way to spend your time and you might learn something in the bargain. **PAULA SEEBODE**

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SUPPORT

Sr. Property Manager: Nancy Sprinkle
240-560-5565

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PPD (Physical Properties): 301-598-1500

Main Gate (Security): 301-598-1044

Leisure World Admin: 301-598-1000

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Marcia Laundy 301-598-3027

MAINTENANCE

John Looney

240-669-3530

NEWSLETTER

Chris Everett

410-428-7549

SOCIAL

Kay Looney 240-669-3530 &

Diane Rosenfield 301-996-2549

HELPING HANDS

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FRIENDS OF THE PARK

Paula Seebode

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SUNSHINE LADY

Melinda Proctor

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PARK AT THE ROCK: ECLIPSE VIEWING



Kevin and Bonnie Cauley with their classic Mustang.



Bonnie Cauley, Don Phillips, Cayley, Jan, Regan, and Tabb Smith, Kevin and Shannon Cauley. ▼



Rick Masemore, Marcia Laundy, and Jodi Lyons.

Mr. Muffin (on bench) and Phoebe (on ground) ignoring eclipse.

APRIL SCRAMBLE

Rearrange letters on each line to form a word and then use the bracketed letters on each line to form the BONUS WORD.

Created by JANET GILBRIDE

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BONUS WORD

CLUE: SOME SAY A CAT HAS NINE

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See next month's Scramble for answers

MARCH ANSWERS

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GNELCA

G L_ A_ N_ C_ [E_]

ILSEA

A [I_] S_ L_ E_

YRNACO

[C_] R_ [A_] Y_ O_ N_

YCPSEON

S Y_ [N_] C_ O_ P_ E_

BONUS WORD

CLUE: MY DOG IS MY FRIEND

[C][A][N][I][N][E]



**Saturday
April 27**

**Leisure World
Medical Center**

**Drive-thru in
rear parking lot**

SCAM ALERT

**Montgomery County States Attorney
Will Speak About
Fraudulent Activities Targeting Seniors**

Thursday, May 16, 1:30 PM
Clubhouse II Auditorium

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

DEBBIE GIBSON 3317 SOLOMONS COURT

Debbie Gibson was born in Cockeysville, MD and spent her early life there surrounded by extended family. Her nuclear family moved to Delaware, outside Wilmington, when she was 6. She went to the University of Delaware where she met her husband. They married before she graduated and then moved to Houston, Texas. Her married name is the same as a famous singer and Hallmark movie star. For many years, people have asked if she was *that* Debbie Gibson and even sometimes asked her to sing for them. It doesn't happen as often now.

In Houston, she finished school and became a certified public accountant. While in Houston, they lived in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood. It was different from suburban Wilmington and language was sometimes a barrier, but in most ways, it was the same: people taking care of family and friends, working hard, and enjoying life.

Debbie has always loved being outside. She and husband, Mike, began as tent campers and hikers, but after encounters with Texas scorpions and armadillos, they got a popup camper. After eight years in Texas, they moved back to Delaware when her husband got a job with Dupont. (Fun geography fact: They moved between the second biggest state and the second smallest state.)

They had a daughter and a son and continued camping although they bought a bigger popup camper to fit all the kids and dogs. They spent family vacations camping in Assateague, Bar Harbor, the Great Smoky Mountains, and the Outer Banks among others.

Debbie was a stay-at-home mom for 9 months, then she was employed as an accountant for the next 35 years, working her way up to comptroller. She retired in 2021. Mike retired in 2018. They began enjoying retirement, camping, and

hiking, and entertaining family at their beach house in Ocean City. In February 2021, Mike became ill with a rare form of leukemia. For 18 months, they drove to Philadelphia three-plus times a week, to participate in a drug trial. Sadly, Mike passed away in 2022 and Debbie had to refigure life by herself. She sold her big house and moved to Leisure World to be near family, especially her daughter and grandchildren in Takoma Park.

Debbie often travels with friends, her sister or her daughter's family. Last June, she went to her nephew's wedding in Ireland – in a castle no less; the same castle where Paul McCartney married Heather Mills. She also took a trip to the Dolomites and loved the beautiful views and great hiking. (Another fun geography fact: The Dolomites are a mountain range in northeastern Italy). This summer, she'll spend time at the beach house with her children, grandchildren and extended family and she is planning a trip to Bar Harbor and Yosemite with her daughter's family.

When you can catch her here in Mutual 16, Debbie plays tennis, pickle ball, goes hiking in the area, has learned line dancing, and is learning Mahjong. She often babysits her grandchildren. She's the on-call Nana. She still loves being outside and enjoys being around people. Although it's bittersweet, she continues to live by the philosophy of her late husband: "Always have fun, do new things, keep going and experience life!"

Debbie in Ireland with her children, Meghan and Paul



REMINDERS

LITTLE LIBRARY THE ROCK

Anyone can put books in, anyone can take books out. After you read a book, bring it back or give it to someone else. If you have any questions, call **Paula Seebode**, 301-944-4759.

SUNSHINE LADY

Our "Sunshine Lady" sends cards to our hospitalized residents as well as condolence cards for our deceased residents. If you know of anyone who would need a card, please contact **Melinda Proctor** at 301-847-9644 or email her at mefoxp@gmail.com.

DOES MUTUAL PAY FOR IT?

If you need work done in your home and you feel the Mutual should pay for it, you *MUST FIRST* call **Jack Looney** at 301-938-0718 or 240-669-3530 *BEFORE* calling Physical Properties (PPD). If Jack is not available, call **Paula Seebode**. If you call PPD directly, you will be responsible for any charges incurred unless it is an emergency. For emergencies after hours, call the Main Gate 301-598-1044.

FRIENDS OF THE PARK

Mutual 16 is home to a beautiful Leisure World landmark: the Park at the Rock. Join in to help – call **Paula Seebode** for more information.

"FILE OF LIFE"

Do you have a red vinyl "File of Life" magnetically attached to your fridge door? If not, get one from Montgomery County Fire & Rescue. Keep it updated. First responders will check your refrigerator door for the "File of Life."

NEWS YOU CAN USE

GARDENING SERVICES

Gloria Sherman (LW Res)
301-980-2867

Jane Zimmerman (LW Res)
301-219-8745

Austin Angles 301-598-5161

Bill Bowers 301-831-7893

Cloverly Landscape & Design, LLC
240-714-9531

Cooper 301-473-2191

REC Lawn Russ Cooper 301-614-2938

Mark Emmel 301-249-3655

Jovy's 301-537-9156

Jose Mayorga 301-346-5880

Carlos Mendoza 301-624-9769

Sam & Mari Gardens 301-590-5977

BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Axelrod

3311 Solomons Court
April 1

Doug Allston

15519 Prince Frederick Way
April 13

John Looney

15411 Prince Frederick Way
April 21

John Fajnor

15504 Prince Frederick Way
April 26

RESOURCES

CONTRACTORS

Carpet Cleaning

Unique Carpet Cleaners
Rod Gardner
301-455-4623

Electrician

Ethan Greene
240-388-1616

Garage Doors

Billy's Garage Doors
301-367-9160

General Contractor

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301-613-8781
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DETAILS

TRASH SCHEDULE

Here's the schedule for garbage and recycling pickups, with specific requirements for each.

Note: garbage and recycling containers may be put out the night before their pickup days.

- **GARBAGE:** Pickup days are Tuesday and Friday. Be sure your garbage can is tightly covered.
- **YARD DEBRIS: BY REQUEST ONLY** on Monday and Thursday. Contact the Grounds Department email grounds@lwmc.com or call 301-598-1314 to notify them you have yard debris for pickup. Use tall brown paper recycling bags. **AS OF MARCH, YARD DEBRIS PICKUP REQUESTS HAVE RESUMED.**
- **GLASS/METAL/PLASTIC RECYCLING:** Pickup days are Tuesday and Friday. Recycling should be in the appropriate blue container.
- **PAPER/CARDBOARD RECYCLING:** Pickup day is on Wednesday only. Paper and cardboard should be placed in a blue recycling container. Large boxes may be set out separately. Secure properly so paper doesn't fly around when it's windy.

POWER OUTAGE

Remember if you have a power outage, do NOT call Pepco!

Call the Main Gate, 301-598-1044.

The Main Gate reports outages to Pepco. We do not have individual accounts with Pepco. This means they don't have a record of your residence if you were to call them.

SAVE THE DATE

**FRIDAY
JUNE 14, 2024
5-7 PM**

HAPPY HOUR AT THE ROCK

Bring Finger Food

(RAIN DATE: JUNE 21)