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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:

Its hot out there! Hopefully you are able to enjoy your airconditioned home during the hottest part of the day. Remember to stay hydrated and take it easy.

The weeds do not take a vacation during the summer and no matter how hot it is you are responsible for the area within 4 feet of your residence. A list of gardeners who are willing to help out with your weeds and trimming is included in this newsletter for your convenience.

I have received numerous complaints about the mail delivery in the Mutual. Unfortunately, I have no control of the mail. A search of the internet indicates you should first talk to your regular carrier. Next, take your complaint to the local office (I am told ours is at 14010 Connecticut Ave near K-Mart). After that contact USPS at 1-800-275-8777. Good luck!

If you have not done so, please return your Strategic Planning survey ASAP. Your opinions will not count unless you participate.

Jack Looney and I are hoping to review and update our "Who Pays" document during the next few weeks. We will keep you informed.

Please be aware that the LWBOD has entered into an 8-year agreement with Comcast to provide both cable TV and high-speed broadband internet service to all homes in LW at below market price beginning 1-1-20. Please read the article in the July 10 issue of the LW News for more information. I will keep the residents of Mutual 16 informed as to the timetable as I receive information.

REPORT OF THE HEALTH CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

By Jeannie Jones

MedStar Medical Center—The continuing issue with regard to inadequate mental health care, including psychotherapy, was discussed at length. The local MedStar representatives have been very cooperative, but they cannot seem to get the attention of the people within the MedStar organization who have the power to correct the situation. To that end, the Chair of our Committee wrote an excellent letter to the medical director at MedStar outlining the problem and suggesting some solutions. We will have to wait and see if that does any good. While some new personnel have been added to the mental health service providers at the medical center, there is still a tremendous waiting list of patients needing these services.

Communications Tower—As many of you may have heard, Montgomery County's Police/Fire/Emergency communications system is seriously out-of-date and has failures that seriously affect the ability of first responders to respond to emergencies. As part of the update, proposal has been made to put a new communications tower at the intersection of the inter- county connector and Georgia Ave. This placement is the best in terms of cost and function. There are no known health issues related to such towers. The citizens of Olney have protested this location because it is at "The Gateway to Olney" and will be unattractive. Alternative sites have been suggested that are more costly and/or not as effective. Determining that health and safety are more important than looks, the Committee sent a letter to County Executive Elrich expressing its concern about what will happen if the tower is not built, is built after the rest of the system is updated or is built at an alternative location.

Social Services—As discussed many times before, we are in need of at least one additional social worker. The volume and complexity of their cases has increased markedly in recent years. We are hoping that at least one additional social worker will be approved. They do great work here.

Programs—The program on dealing with difficult times in life scheduled for June had to be canceled due to illness in the speaker's family. Since this speaker is an expert in handling hard times, she has gotten through this and the talk has been re-scheduled for October 15. It should be good. Look for further details in the LW News.

Medical Marijuana—There is a program coming up on medical marijuana that is science-based. The speaker is David Shurtleff, M.D., who is Deputy Director of the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, part of NIH. He will be addressing the latest research and other issues regarding medical marijuana. A big turn-out is expected. You do not need tickets and do not need to register with E & R. The program is in the auditorium of Clubhouse 2 on **July 17 at 2 p.m.** The Committee arranged for this speaker so that residents could have the latest scientific information concerning medical marijuana, especially its effect on older people who have multiple medical problems and who take multiple medications. Please plan to be there if you have any interest in this subject.

That's all for now. I hope you are all having a great summer and have eliminated (to the extent possible) all your sources of standing water so that the mosquitos have no place to breed and will have to travel too far to make it worth pestering you!

Who Pays? Resident or Mutual?

When you need work done around your home:

First, Consult the Who Pays Chart. This chart delineates who is responsible for many maintenance and repair jobs to homes in Mutual 16. Is the resident/owner responsible or is the Mutual responsible?

The chart was given to you when you bought your home. The chart is also on the Mutual 16 website: (lwm16.com). If you have misplaced your paper copy and/or do not have computer access, you can request a paper copy of the chart from **Paula Seebode, Board Secretary, at 301-944-4759.**

Next: After consulting the chart, if you feel the Mutual should pay for your job or if you have questions, you must first call the **Maintenance Chairperson: Jack Looney at 301-938-0718 or 240-669-3530.**

If Jack is not available, you may call **Joan Alston, Board Chair at 301-598-2557.**

Be sure to leave a message including your name, phone number and a brief description of the problem.

REMINDER

Remember, your friends and family can enjoy the golf course even if you don't play with them. Just call the Pro Shop to make a tee time for them and give your name and Leisure World Address.

GETTING HELP ON RESPONDING TO THE STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY

Due to virtually no turnout at scheduled help sessions held so far, we are cancelling all future scheduled sessions.

HELP IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THOSE NEEDING IT.

If you need help *filling out the questions* call: 240-560-5794.

Happy Hour at the Rock July 221, 2019

Pictures by Paula Seebode

Hors d'oeuvres, wine, good conversation and great weather ensured success. As part of the festivities, we sang "Happy Birthday" to Frances Hunt turning 90 years old. She's trying to catch up will Tom Hatton, our most "experienced" party goer at 98.



Tom Hatton, 98 Senior of the Day



Frances Hunt, 90 (In purple) Challenger



Plenty to eat and drink,



and lots and lot and lots of conversation - -



Mutual 16 Trees and Shrubs

Doug Allston, Mutual 16 Landscaping

The Mutual 16 Bylaws and Mutual Rules, Section 4. Landscaping: prohibits residents from planting trees, flowers, or shrubs more than 4 feet from the residence without permission from the Board of Directors. After the resident gets permission for said tree or shrub and plants it, it becomes the property of the Mutual.

Over the years, residents have planted many types of trees in the Mutual. Some of these trees and shrubs require on-going maintenance. Current owners may not feel so inclined to do the maintenance or pay someone to do it. In those cases, if the tree or shrub requires annual maintenance, the Mutual will remove the tree or shrub. We are not going to pay on-going maintenance fees. (This is exclusive of our annual tree maintenance program.)

Within 4 feet of your unit, you may plant shrubs and flowers. We do not allow planting trees within 4 feet to a structure. These shrubs and flowers must be maintained – trimmed and kept weed free. Shrubs cannot be as tall as your rain gutters and cannot rub against your unit in such a way as to potentially cause damage to the siding or any other portion of your unit. Any resident not maintaining their shrubs and flowers will be given a notice to correct the problem within a prescribed period of time. Failing to correct the problem, the Mutual will take action to correct the problem and bill the resident.

Mutual 16 has allotted a small budget for planting trees in the community. We estimate that over the next 15 years, we will lose upwards of 75 trees due to age and disease. We are start this year to replace those trees. In this way, 15 years from now we will still be a beautifully landscaped community with beautiful trees lining our streets.

SAVE THE DATES: September 10, 2019 @9:30 Mutual Board Meeting Sullivan Room, Administration Bldg.

December 7th @6PM Mutual 16 Holiday party. Club 2