

MUTUAL 16 MATTERS

JUNE 2023

AGENDA 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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Paula Seebode 301-944-4759 PaulaS330@aol.com
Vice President	Betsy Davis 240-383-7155 BetsyTDavis1@gmail.com
Secretary	Chris Everett 410-428-7549 Chris@CEverettOnline.com
Treasurer	Edwin Bradley 202-641-7455 edsubrad@aol.com
Directors:	Doug Allston 301-598-2557 dkallston@gmail.com Marcia Laundry 301-598-3027 malaundy@gmail.com John Looney 240-669-3530 JackL02@icloud.com

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Comm. Distribution	Virginia Rehbehn 301-438-0949
Landscaping	Doug Allston 301-598-2557
Maintenance	John Looney 240-669-3530
Social	Kay Looney 240-669-3530 & Diane Rosenfield 301-996-2549

CONTACTS

Sr. Property Manager	Robert Brunelle RBrunelle@lwmc.com 240-560-5565
Admin Assistant	Stacey Carranza SCarranza@lwmc.com 301-598-1338
Editor	Chris Everett 410-428-7549
LW Admin	301-598-1000
PPD	301-598-1500
Main Gate (Security)	301-598-1044
Comcast	1-855-638-2855 willis_gray@comcast.com

Mutual 16 — Leisure World, Silver Spring, MD 20906 ■ www.lwm16.com

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

The ways volunteers contribute to the good of the Mutual are myriad, some hidden, some knowable – but this much is true: Most things in Mutual 16 get done by volunteers.

Here are a few things that come to mind:

- Rules Committee volunteers spend hours of their time discussing how to make your Mutual rules humane and fair.
- Friends of the Park volunteers pull weeds and water the beds in the broiling sun.
- Our needs and wants are voiced to LW Management by volunteers on Leisure World Advisory Committees.
- Volunteers disseminate valuable information on our health and safety.
- The newsletter is written and published by volunteers.
- The Sunshine Lady is a volunteer who sends kind and thoughtful cards to residents.
- Social Committee volunteers plan and execute events throughout the year for the enjoyment of the community.
- Mutual 16 Residents Master List is managed by a volunteer.
- Helping Hands volunteers do odd jobs for neighbors.
- The all-volunteer Board of Directors spend hours discussing how to serve Mutual 16 and then they devote more hours doing the actual work in support of those efforts.

I am just scratching the surface here, but this is also true: Mutual 16 volunteers are the best.

What would we do without you? Thanks to every one of you. It's no wonder Mutual 16 is the best Mutual in Leisure World!

IN THIS ISSUE...

- | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. President's Message | 2. Water Your Tree | 4. M16 Happy Hour |
| 2. What is RIF? | 2. Sandy Greer Tree | 5. More M16 Happy Hour |
| | 2. Milestones | 6. Scenes From M16 |
| | 2. M16 Word Scramble | 7. LW Backyard Parks |
| | 3. Meet Dan Bryder | 8. Resources & Reminders |

RIF = RESALE IMPROVEMENT FEE!



The Resale Improvement Fees (RIF) accumulated so far this year, 2023, total \$1.3 million dollars.

The January through May sales figures included three properties sold here in Mutual 16.

The Leisure World resales for the month of May consisted of 43 homes. The total from these resales produced a total of \$380,303.97 RIF collected for the month.

ROBERT BRUNELLE

TREE NEWS!

MUTUAL 16 TREES IN DISTRESS

Despite some recent precipitation, we are currently still in a drought. I would encourage everyone to give their trees, especially the young trees, a little tender loving care (TLC). Without rain, please water your young trees at least once every two weeks. The best way is to let a hose drip at the base of the tree for an hour. If you can't do that, water the base for 10 to 15 minutes. Please do not use lawn sprinklers. We are not trying to water the grass. The grass may be allowed to go dormant.

DOUG ALLSTON



MEMORIAL TREE

The M16 Board approved the collection of private donations to purchase and plant a tree in the "Park at the Rock" in memory of **Sandy Greer**. Cash or checks (made out to **Helen Pechacek** with "Memorial Tree" in memo line) can be sent or delivered to: Helen at 3420 Island Creek Ct., Silver Spring, MD 20906, 301-384-2415.

HELEN PECHACEK

MILESTONES



- Julie Repeta** June 12
3319 Solomons Court
- Ellen Darr** June 16
3300 Solomons Court
- Joe Joyner** June 27
3411 St. Leonards Court

IN MEMORIAM

Janet Farr
June 6
late of 3305 Solomons Court

JUNE SCRAMBLE

Rearrange letters on each line to form a word, then use the circled letters on each line to form the BONUS WORD.

Created by **JANET GILBRIDE**

E P O R R P



I E F L U T



O D R E C L



O R U P C



L A M E R



BONUS WORD

CLUE: MIX RED & BLUE, GET -----



See next month's Word Scramble for answers

MAY ANSWERS

TETRO
O T T E R

MSCPA
S C A M P

RTOYS
S T O R Y

BONUS WORD
CLUE: MAY IS THE MONTH
TO HONOR-----

FHLESRE
H E R S E L F

RQSUUBE
B R U S Q U E

M O T H E R S

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

DAN BRYDER

3417 ST. LEONARDS COURT

In childhood, Dan lived in Detroit, Dallas, and Clearwater, Florida. Fun fact: Dan is a twin, his sisters are twins and his mother was a twin. There are twins going back on both sides of his family, all fraternal.

Dan graduated from Florida State University with a B.S. degree in Geography. This was the result of a life-long interest in weather and maps. He went to work as a cartographer for the Defense Dept of the Federal Government in St. Louis. He then took a job in San Antonio, Texas, still with the Defense Department where his first assignment involved three months camping in the wilds of Jamaica. That adventure made him realize that roughing it was not for him. He changed jobs and ended up working for the Federal Aviation Administration. There he found his true calling, eventually landing in his current job working as an Aeronautical Information Specialist. For 43 years, he has worked tirelessly to keep the skies safe for air travelers, charting the ever-changing roadways in the sky. He began his career using manual processes for updating aeronautical charts used by pilots and air traffic controllers. These processes have changed and become completely automated now allowing him to remotely work from home four days a week. He loves his job and still works full time.

Dan has two dogs, Tina (a beagle), and JoJo (a Heinz 57 mix). He calls them his "girls." He and the "girls" had been living in a high-rise in downtown Silver Spring. The good things about that were that 1) Dan could walk to work and come home and take care of Tina and JoJo at lunch time, and 2) his apartment was close to all the sights and sounds of DC. Unfortunately, the bad things about it were: not enough green space when walking the "girls," and not feeling safe because of the increased crime in downtown Silver Spring.



Dan and the "girls"

Over the years, Dan had become familiar with Leisure World because of a friend whose parents had lived here. He recently began thinking of retiring... someday? eventually? in the future? maybe? He started looking for a patio home, green space, community, and more security for himself and the "girls." Mutual 16 fit the bill. Dan moved to St. Leonards Court in January 2023. Already, he is an avid pickle ball player; and he has met many of the neighborhood dogs and their owners.

There is an old saying: "Everyone likes to talk about the weather but no one ever does anything about it." Dan may be an exception. Since studying weather is one of Dan's life-long advocations, when he chats about the weather, he speaks with some expertise and passion. By listening to Dan, we might all learn something... AND avoid getting wet, cold, or windblown.

MUTUAL 16 HAPPY HOUR



Jules Greer and Betty Lichtenstein



Gayle Allen and Dan Bryder



Jack Looney and Jerry Velthaus



Jan Romanoff and Julie Repeta



John Fajnor and Bob Hortin



June Hortin and Dee Berkholtz



Jim Rosenfield, Jack Looney, and Teri Heineman



Melinda Proctor and Jean Schaible



Rob & Susan Willcoxon, and Kay Looney



Joe & Arlene Halpin



Chris Everett and Doug Allston



Jan Romanoff and Rick Masemore



Julie Repeta, Bill Heineman, and Barbara Repeta



Joan Safier, Diane Rosenfield, and Marcia Laundy

MUTUAL 16 HAPPY HOUR



**Tomaseena Cox, Alex Cox,
Paula Seebode, Carol Barrick**



Mutual 16 Happy Hour:
Good Neighbors, Good Food, Good Times



**Bill Heineman and
Betty Lichtenstein**



**Kay Looney, Diane Rosenfield,
Vincent & Wai-Ying Lam, and Marcia Laundry**



**Susan Willcoxon and
Ceola Loan**



The Pickleball Team: **Lenny Sammarco, Judite Fernandes, Dee Berkholtz,
Alex Cox, Rhonda Finehout, Dan Bryder, and Julie Repeta**



**Peter Loan and
Paula Seebode**

SCENES FROM MUTUAL 16



Garage door painting has begun! Prior to painting, Eddie Navarro (left) and Jack Kent (right) meticulously prepare the garage doors.

The Friends of the Park planted a profusion of iris bulbs donated by Sandra and Rand Huntzinger from Mutual 18. We can't wait to see them next Spring in all their multi-colored glory!

The Friends of the Park also received a generous monetary donation from **Susan Polydoff**.

At the same time, McFall and Berry planted five trees in Mutual 16: three Crimson Maple on Parker Creek Lane, plus a Crape Myrtle and a Pear Tree on Prince Frederick Way. We are on our way to beautiful tree-lined avenues.

The Little Library has gotten a new infusion of books, donated by **Leslie Calloway**, from the collection of **Frances Hunt**. Frances apparently loved author Barbara Taylor Bradford. If you do too, come and check out the Little library in the Park.

Standing: **Julie Repeta, Bob Strade, Marcia Laundry, and Sandra Huntzinger**
 Kneeling: **Rick Masemore**.



Hardworking McFall and Berry employee digs out giant roots to plant a Crimson Maple in front of **Anne and Jenny Hughes'** house.

LOOK AROUND AT WHAT'S IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!

BY JENNIFER DABSON, CO-CHAIR,
LEISURE WORLD LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

How many of you have visited the many lovely areas within Leisure World? Pollinator Park, Daffodil Park, Magnolia Park, and The Overlook Water Feature, to name a few.

The Leisure World Trust areas are outside the golf course and Mutual properties and are overseen by the Leisure World Landscape Committee, which provides invaluable input and oversight in ensuring the continued beautification of Leisure World, with the overall aim of providing a strong impression for current residents, potential new residents, and visitors. At all times, the Landscape Committee is mindful of environmental and conservation concerns (including climate change and the need for increased pollinator plants and shrubs) when making recommendations for new deer resistant plantings, including the elimination of invasive species which already exist in Leisure World. The rotations of plants for Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter are planned three years in advance with colors rotated and always bearing in mind the changing diet of our deer! The Landscape Committee works closely with Aaron Tenley, Grounds Department and McFall and Berry.

The Landscape Committee (LC) has three teams covering various areas around Leisure World. The teams conduct monthly walk rounds to monitor maintenance and to provide cohesive landscaping plans to maximize the overall beautification of Leisure World.

Let's do a tour of Leisure World, starting at the Georgia Avenue entrance. Here we have the signature **Globe**, the important first impression of Leisure World that visitors and new residents have. After the Globe was repainted last year, the surrounding gardens were renovated, and the hidden white stones brought to the forefront to give a prominent accent to the gardens.

On the right side after entering through the main gate is **Edmonson Park**. The stream is an important run-off and water-control area and beautification with shrubs and plants has been taking place over recent years and still continues. It was then decided to name this new park and the Edmonson Historical Society suggested it should be named

after Paul Edmonson, who was a free black farmer whose homestead was located where Mutual 18 now resides.

Opposite here is **Daffodil Park** – spectacular in the Spring with the variety of daffodils and in the summer this area provides cool, shady spots to sit and relax at the picnic tables and chairs. Continue on and you will come to **Clubhouse I**, in front of which are the spectacular Cascades and Veterans Park. A hidden gem is **The Atrium**, with access opposite the restaurant. Here you will find tables and chairs for a quiet relaxing spot with shrubs and a variety of flowering plants. New plantings are being planned in front of the **Chesapeake Room** and the **Maryland Room**, in addition to alongside the new entrance.

A new area that the LC will be taking care of is **The Circle**. In the center, you will see the bio-retention pond. Such ponds use plants and soils to infiltrate and treat stormwater runoff. Under federal and state requirements, local governments must implement stormwater management plans and systems. The new plantings were carried out last year and will enlarge as they mature.

As you exit Clubhouse I, you will see **Bedford Slope**, which was renovated last year, and further along the Boulevard is the small area of plantings and shrubs with a shady seat near **Hyde Park**.

Working our way round Leisure World Boulevard we come to **Clubhouse II** with the beautiful selection of plants and shrubs. Behind the building can be found **Dora's Conservation Garden** - named after a previous chair who passed away a few years ago.

Further along the Boulevard is the **Medical Center** with various shrubs and plants, including the newest addition – a sourwood tree. This was donated by the Garden and Environmental Club which has been giving a tree to Leisure World for many years, with the ceremonial planting taking place on Arbor Day each April.

Our next stop is the **Overlook Water Feature**, with ponds, fountains and a pathway all the way round. There is plentiful seating both in the sun and shade, together with a gazebo overlooking the entire area. In the Spring there are the Canada Geese and their babies and in the Summer if you look carefully at the pond by the little bridge, you will see the turtle family.

Continuing up the hill is the delightful **Magnolia Park** with a winding pathway. A variety of seating – picnic benches and seats both in the shade and sun will also give a lovely view of the golf course. Here you will find the **Butterfly Garden** with a variety of plants attracting butterflies and then the **Conservation Bee Garden** where there are seasonal plantings to attract bees and encourage pollination. In addition, round the other side of the Boulevard at the Corner of Gleneagles, you will find another **Pollinator Garden**, with nearby quiet picnic table.

The median strips all along **Leisure World Boulevard** and, in addition to the **Georgia** entrance, the **Norbeck** and **Connecticut** entrances, are all within the oversight of the LC, providing a spectacular first view when coming into Leisure World.

A map and leaflet are going to be produced with more detailed descriptions of the plantings for each of the areas and parks.

The LC works closely with the Grounds Department to ensure the maintenance and preservation of our large number of beautiful trees, not only enhancing our overall landscape within Leisure World but providing the increasingly vital tree canopy as the climate changes. Application has been made to make Leisure World a Tree City and as part of this goal, Aaron Tenley is making an inventory of all the trees, which will provide a list of what we currently have, the age and condition of the trees and highlights those that may pose issues in the future so that the beauty of our surroundings and the safety of our residents are taken into consideration at all times.

MISC. NOTES

Thank you, **Janet Gilbride**, for the monthly Scramble that you create for the newsletter. I do it every month. And sometimes I solve it!

Construction at the new Admin building will cause closures and rerouting on LW Boulevard near the site. Check email often and read LW Management messages for important updates. This info will be important for safety. A traffic engineer was hired to help with Norbeck and Main Gate backups and problems.

BETSY DAVIS

RESOURCES

CONTRACTORS

Carpet Cleaning Rod Gardner
Unique Carpet Cleaners
301-455-4623

Electrician Ethan Greene
240-388-1616

Garage Doors Billy's Garage Doors
301-367-9160

General Contractor Mike Morrow
Morrow1200@me.com 301-613-8781

HVAC, Plumbing Pete Kristiansen
Jiffy Plumbing, Heating and AC
240-882-8696
petethehvacguy@gmail.com

Painter Ralph Carter
Ralphcarter8@aol.com 301-302-1211

HANDYMEN & APPLIANCE REPAIR

Scott Davis 240-463-6134
t00lman7@yahoo.com

John Kent 301-385-8866
a1handymanjack@gmail.com

Alex Santos 202-945-3178
aasremodel@gmail.com

Senior Appliance Repair 571-445-2623

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

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

M16 CONNECTIONS

HELPING HANDS

Peter Loan 240-676-6074

Lenny Sammarco 240-535-8627

FRIENDS OF THE PARK

Paula Seebode 301-944-4759

PaulaS330@aol.com

SUNSHINE LADY

Melinda Proctor 301-847-9644

mefoxp@gmail.com

POWER OUTAGE

If you have a power outage, do NOT call Pepco! **Call the Main Gate**, at **301-598-1044**. The Main Gate reports outages to Pepco. We don't have individual accounts with Pepco so Pepco has no record of your residence if you were to call them.

REMINDERS

LITTLE LIBRARY AT 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 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, contact **Melinda Proctor** at 301-847-9644 or mefoxp@gmail.com.

SHOULD THE MUTUAL PAY FOR IT?

If you need work done in your home and 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**, 301-944-4759. If you call PPD directly, you will be responsible for any charges incurred unless it is an emergency situation. For Emergencies after hours, call the Main Gate 301-598-1044.

FRIENDS OF THE PARK

Mutual 16 is home to a Leisure World landmark: the Park at the Rock. Join in to help out – call **Paula Seebode** at 301-944-4759 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 of the red pouches from Montgomery County Fire & Rescue. Keep it updated with info concerning your medications, doctors, and contacts to be notified in case of serious illness. This data is important to an emergency crew when they are called in due to a sudden illness. First responders will check your refrigerator door for the "File of Life."

ROBO-CALLS:

The Mutual 16 President directs the Robo-Call system to alert residents about immediate situations in the mutual. It may be a notice about a repair that affects residents' water service, a last-minute change to a meeting time, or even a "Silver Alert" for a missing vulnerable neighbor.

HELPING HANDS VOLUNTEER

Need help with a minor household task? Call **Lenny Sammarco** 240-535-8627, or **Peter Loan** 240-676-6074.

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.

- **GLASS/METAL/PLASTIC RECYCLING:** Pickup days are **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Recycling should be in the appropriate blue container. If you need a blue container, you can get one from PPD.

- **PAPER/CARDBOARD RECYCLING:** Pickup day is on **Wednesday** only. Paper/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.

- **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.

COMCAST CUSTOMER SERVICE

For routine service (if you need a technician, etc.) call LW Comcast Bulk 1-855-638-2855. For urgent issues (no TV or Internet), call Comcast Rep Willis Gray directly at 443-370-5018.