

MUTUAL 16 MATTERS

MAY 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 I, Sullivan Room & Zoom)

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

It's a little bit scary. As your new president, I will have big shoes to fill. Not that our Joan has big feet, but in the way that Joan has done so much, tirelessly, and always for the good of the Mutual. I will try my best to continue her legacy of energetic advocacy for Mutual 16. Thank you, **Joan Allston**.

Our two new board members, **Marcia Laundry**, 15526 Prince Frederick and **Chris Everett**, 3302 Solomons Court will bring new ideas and new talents to your board; and the old hands, **Ed Bradley**, **Jack Looney**, **Doug Allston** and **Betsy Davis** will continue to provide experienced conscientious leadership.

We have a lot of projects to work on: Bylaws and Rules revision, tree planting, gutter cleaning, and 2024 budgeting – just to name a few.

We will need everyone's help to get things done. I invite you to support me and the entire board of directors in the effort to keep Mutual 16 the most well-maintained, financially secure, and neighborly Mutual in Leisure World.

Thank you, **Paula Seebode**

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EASY ACCESS TO LW GUEST PASSES

Do you want to speed up entry into LW for visitors? If you use a computer and your visitor has a smartphone, you can do this easily. For a friend or someone who is just visiting once, you can give entry for that day (and you can set it up days in advance). For family, you can give permanent entry.

Use a computer to go to: <https://community.dwellinglive.com/leisureworld.aspx>.

The first time you use this you will have to enter a user name and password, but once you do that you do not have to do that again (all you have to do is remember what you entered).

Once you get into Dwelling Live, you can set up someone as a permanent guest (e.g., your family) or temporary (for 24 hours).

The first thing to do is put in your call priority – I suggest putting in home and cell phone in case the gate has to call you. Ignore “resident owner” and “call restrictions.”

Next, go to “add guest” on the top line in blue.

Fill out the form on the page. First, indicate if the guest is temporary (e.g., most visitors) or permanent (e.g., family, etc.)

Where it says “select pass type” put in “guest” (do this, no matter if person is temporary or permanent).

Fill out the rest of the page. I suggest both emailing and texting the pass, but that is up to you.

Ignore the notes to attendant. BUT, for temporary guests, fill in the start and end date. NOTE, after much trial and error on my part, it looks like you can only put in the same start and end date for temporary guests (time is not required).

If you are putting in a permanent guest, the day will not be indicated, but you can check off the days you want the pass to work.

After you enter someone, BE SURE to click save (Lower Right).

You then go through some steps that indicate you approve and the sending of the pass to the person.

Once all done, the person receives the pass which is in the form a QR code. When they get to a gate, there is a phone reader that they show the pass to and the gate opens. AND, you get a text or email that the person is on the way.

While this sounds a tad complex, it works! And this saves you having to get passes from the administration building and getting them to the person. Or it saves you having to remember to call the gate to tell them to let someone in.

If you have problems, send me an email at apopper@umd.edu and I’ll try to call you and help if I can.

ARTHUR POPPER

HELPFUL HINT!



Geevon 2 pack Water Leak Detector 100dB Alarm (Battery incl.) \$12.95 Amazon

This will save you headaches and money. It is a water leak detector. Put it under your sink or behind your refrigerator or washing machine. If water touches the sensors on the bottom, it starts beeping. It saved me the charges of a plumber and the cost of an expensive floor repair. Inside is a changeable 9 volt battery. My pair, one year old, still work with the original batteries. The ones I have, pictured here, are from Amazon. There are many different kinds including ones that send a signal to your phone. These alarms are also available from PPD.

PAULA SEEBODE

MILESTONES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Rick Masemore** May 02
3302 Solomons Court
- Beneva Mondor** May 10
3413 Island Creek Court
- Virginia Rehbehn** May 13
15559 Prince Frederick Way

IN MEMORIAM

- Malcolm Caponiti**
April 18
late of 3412 Island Creek Court
- Patricia Webster**
April 26
late of 15557 Prince Frederick Way
- Sandy Greer**
April 30
late of 3408 Parker Creek Lane

MAY 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**

T E T R O

M S C P A

R T O Y S

F H L E S R E

R Q S U U B E

BONUS WORD

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

See next month’s Word Scramble for answers

FEB/MAR/APR ANSWERS

SNEU
ENSUE

QIDUS
SQUID

ILNSA
SNAIL

BONUS WORD
CLUE: ONE POUND
EQUALS 16 -----

ORNCUC
CONCUR

PYTHON
PYTHON

OUNCES

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

BENEVA MONDOR

3301 SOLOMONS COURT

100
YEARS!

On Saturday, May 13, 2023, Beneva Mondor celebrated her 100th birthday with her family at a luncheon held at Argyle Country Club. Attendees included her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, plus a few very close family members and one of her godchildren.

Beneva has lived in Leisure World since 1995, and has been a Maryland resident since 1956. She was born in 1923 in St Paul, Minnesota. One of six children, she grew up in a small, two-bedroom house.

In her early twenties she worked at the Civil Service Commission (now OPM) in St Paul. They had a bulletin board of employees who were serving in the military, and when she saw the picture of Ray Mondor she said to herself, "That's the one for me." And he was. They were married in 1947, on her 24th birthday. Four children, three girls and one boy, arrived in quick succession while they were in St Paul. Then, after a couple promotions and transfers, they settled in the DC area and added three more boys, to complete the family.

Beneva and Ray were very active in school and church activities through St Bernadette's Parish in the Four Corners area. About this time, she discovered a passion for the game of duplicate bridge, only stopping when COVID brought changes to all our lives.

Beneva has always loved to sing. Wherever she lived, she joined the church choir, and in 1969 she joined the Sweet Adelines and stayed with that for 22 years. Her children and grandchildren know whatever you say, she has a song for it. When those grandchildren were young, she recorded herself singing many of her favorite songs, using a small cassette tape recorder. This tape was recently rediscovered and released to the family as an album called "Beneva Sings!" At her birthday party this recording was featured as the soundtrack for a slide show video showcasing her life in pictures.

Once her children were older, Beneva had a chance to get involved in more outside activities, eventually including a job at Catholic University as Assistant to the VP for Administration. Meanwhile, her children were getting married, followed by the birth of her first grandchildren. Sadly, as they were starting to enjoy this phase in their lives, her husband Ray died suddenly at age 61.

Beneva continued to be very busy with her growing family, and also realized that she had caught the travel bug. Numerous trips and cruises with friends and families helped to fill her time after she retired from CUA. Eventually she made trips to every continent except Antarctica. But that wasn't enough, so she took a job with Sears, which she kept for about 10 years. In 1984

she started a new family tradition: the Family Beach Week in Bethany Beach, Delaware. (This continued through 2019, until the pandemic disrupted plans.) She then learned to play mah jongg, and added regular games to her busy schedule. Eventually, she taught the game to her grandchildren, who still enjoy playing.

When Beneva moved to Leisure World in 1995, she began a daily walk around Leisure World Boulevard. Several years later she met another resident, who had seen her and started walking in the opposite direction so that he could talk to her in passing. Their relationship blossomed and before long, she and Roland Sorensen were married. They enjoyed five fun-filled years together, exploring the world before he passed away.

These days Beneva enjoys daily online crossword and jigsaw puzzles, plus computer games, especially

mah jongg and solitaire. She also enjoys reading on her tablet and corresponding through email. But calls and visits from her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are the real highlights. She has a total of 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren at this point. Four of these "greats" arrived in 2022 – a little family baby boomlet! Her family now numbers 42, and all were invited to the party. Almost everyone was able to attend, and all were thrilled to join in celebrating her 100th birthday!

Beneva also received greetings from many others who were not in attendance, including the Pope and the President.

Beneva 1927 (top)

Beneva 2023 (below)



THE PARK AT THE ROCK



THE LITTLE LIBRARY AT THE ROCK

The Little Library at the Rock is going gangbusters. New books are put in it every day thanks to generous donations this month from **Barbara & Michael Higgs, Helen & Bob Pechacek, Leslie Calloway, daughter of Frances Hunt,** and unknown readers from far and wide. There are thrillers, biographies, classics, and many of the Janette Oke series. Come take a look.



For gifts in-kind and in cash to the Park at the Rock, many thanks to **Ann and Jenny Hughes, Marcia Laundry, Bob & Patty Strade, Jodi Lyons,** and **Joan & Al Safer** (in memory of their dog, Kramer, who loved the park for many reasons) They are truly generous Friends of the Park.

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE AN OLD FASHIONED PARADE



What better way to celebrate the freedom we enjoy both in Leisure World and in our country by joining in the annual 4th of July Parade.

This year's celebration will begin at 9:30 AM 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 I.

Please call **Joan Allston** (301-598-2557) if you'd like to march or "ride." Even if you don't want to do that, it's great to just watch!

RESOURCES

CONTRACTORS

HVAC, Plumbing Pete Kristiansen
Jiffy Plumbing, Heating and AC
240-882-8696
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Electrician Ethan Greene
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SUNSHINE LADY

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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. This means Pepco has no record of your individual 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.

NEW HELPING HANDS VOLUNTEER

If you need some help with a minor household task, call **Lenny Sammarco** at 240-535-8627.

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.