

MUTUAL 16 MATTERS

SEPTEMBER 2023

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

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

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

In keeping with the theme of being a good neighbor: Look around. In Mutual 16, we don't require every house to be identical. How boring it would be if every shutter was black, if every door was white, if every roof was grey, if every bush was manicured into a round ball surrounded by black mulch.

Your neighbor's house does not have to be exactly like yours. There is room for self-expression. Red doors, garden sculptures, brightly-colored flowers: these things make our lives interesting, and make our Mutual interesting. But how can you express yourself, yet keep the outside of your house compatible with the general esthetics of the neighborhood?

"Everything in moderation" has been part of the human zeitgeist since early Greek times. While self-expression is desirable, we live in close proximity, so we should temper our self-expression with consideration of our neighbors and our neighborhood. I hope we all know that we can't play drums at 10 o'clock at night; we can't paint our door psychedelic colors; we can't park our cabin cruiser in the driveway; and we can't let weeds grow six feet tall around our house.

When we live in a condominium, we must find some middle ground between self-expression and rigid conformity. Whenever you make a change to the outside of your house, please take a moment to think about the Mutual as a whole, your neighbor in particular, and try to choose a happy medium.

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LET THERE BE LIGHT & THANK YOU

STREET LIGHTS OUT?

From time to time, there is a street light out in Mutual 16. Based on information from our property manager, **Bob Brunelle**, here is the procedure for reporting streetlight outages:

If Pepco is supposed to fix a light, there will be an orange ribbon around it. Mutual 16 residents don't need to do anything. Pepco knows about it.

PPD is supposed to fix lights that are out but have no orange ribbon around them. If a light is out, unadorned by an orange ribbon, call or email **Stacey Carranza**, our Mutual assistant. She will get in touch with PPD.

THANK YOU, VIRGINIA!

Virginia Rehbehn stepped down from her position handling M16 Communications Distribution. Thanks to Virginia for her service – and best wishes to **Jean Jones** for taking on these duties.

THANK YOU, LENNY!

In his volunteer role with M16 Helping Hands, **Lenny Sammarco** came over within 5 minutes and helped **Bob Pechacek** move a new 210 pound toilet in a huge box from the front door to the garage.

THANK YOU, FRIENDS OF THE PARK!



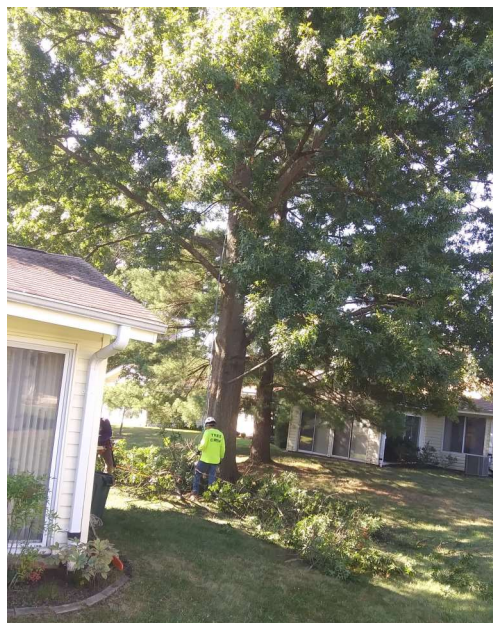
Intrepid weeders tidy up the Park at the Rock **Jane Welsh, Rick Masemore, Paula Seebode, and Judite Fernandes.**

THANK YOU, McFALL AND BERRY!

I've been watching the McFall and Berry crew (**Abelardo Morales, Jose Castillo, and Mateo Polez**) trim the huge tree in the common area in my back yard.

I took some photos you might be able to use.

JEAN SCHAIBLE



MILESTONES



Joan Allston September 06
15519 Prince Frederick Way

Alex Cox September 10
15553 Prince Frederick Way

Douglas Kiessling September 17
15533 Prince Frederick Way

Eileen Kiessling September 30
15533 Prince Frederick Way

SEPTEMBER 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**

I R O G V



I R A D Y



R C A H P



N B R O B I



G A L F E N



BONUS WORD

CLUE: THE END OF SUMMER -----



See next month's Word Scramble for answers

AUGUST ANSWERS

UTPMS
STUMP

LTEIN
INLET

NTEIH
THINE

BONUS WORD
CLUE: NO PAINS, NO

EYERGD
GREEDY

EGALNR
ANGLER

GAINS

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

JUDITE FERNANDES & LENNY SAMMARCO

15407 PRINCE FREDERICK WAY

Judite was born in Portugal, lived for many years in Paris then came to the DC area to learn English for a job. Lenny grew up in Pennsylvania, went to Penn State University and came to the DC area for a job with the Census Bureau.

Judite is fluent in Portuguese, French, Spanish, English, and Italian. She worked for the World Bank as a Project Assistant. She traveled to Africa numerous times, including Burundi, Rwanda, Burkina Faso, Mali, Senegal, Ghana, and Cape Verde, facilitating communication and management of various World Bank operations. She was in Rwanda soon after the genocide and actually stayed at the famous Hotel Rwanda. She became a US citizen in June 2009. She retired in 2016 after 27 years at the World Bank.

Lenny worked at the Census Bureau for 42 years, rising from a computer programmer to department manager. The Census Bureau does much more than the 10-year population census mandated by the Constitution. Lenny's department compiled monthly construction surveys of new home starts and construction projects data to produce the leading economic indicators. The data is used world-wide by economists, investors, business owners, and consumers as they signal upcoming changes and broad trends in the economy. Lenny retired in January 2019.

Judite and Lenny have traveled extensively, cruising the Mediterranean and Caribbean islands, and traveling across the USA. They have visited family in Portugal, France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, and Pennsylvania many times.

A series of unexpected events brought Judite and Lenny to Leisure World but once they got here, they knew where they belonged. They believe in giving back to the community. Lenny is one of our "helping hands" and Judite is on the social committee. Both are Friends of the Park. They also play pickleball, bike, walk, and have a community garden plot.

They have lowered their carbon footprint in many ways because they take climate change very seriously. They drive two electric cars. Around Leisure World, they ride bikes instead of driving. They have replaced all the light bulbs in their house with LED bulbs. They will soon get an all-in-one washer-dryer (look it up). They advocate for solar panels and EV charging stations in the Club House parking lots of Leisure World. They also advocate for solar roofs.

We should all be thinking of ways to reduce our carbon footprint. We are so lucky to have Judite and Lenny here in Mutual 16. Their example can help us come into the 21st century, and maybe help us leave a 22nd century to our next generation.

Lenny and Judite



MEET THE PETS OF MUTUAL 16

When visitors and potential buyers come to Mutual 16, they frequently comment about the pet-friendly atmosphere that is a key part of our neighborhood.

Mutual 16 Matters is asking for photos of your animal companion(s). We have an audience that is eager to meet the animals who share your home and your lives. Send a photo – please include your name, your pet’s name, your pet’s address, your pet’s breed/species, and any anecdotes you would like to share. A sentence or two (or three) would be great.

The diversity of our residents make Mutual 16 a wonderful place to live... but our animal companions further recommend our space as Leisure World’s *best* community.



Meet **Eleanor**, a former feral cat and alumna of the Montgomery County Humane Society. Eleanor keeps an eye on her house mate **Jeanie Jones** at 3409 St. Leonards Court.



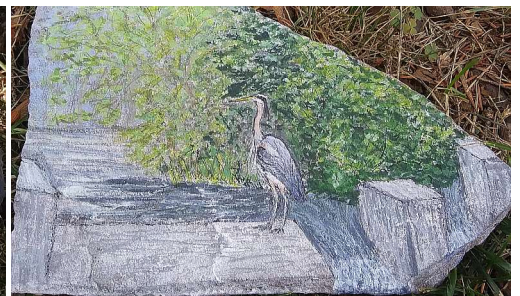
Hank, the Chihuahua mix, lives at 3308 Solomons Court with **Michael & Barbara Higgs** (Barbara not shown in photo).



Debbie Gibson and her beagle, **Tucker** (RIP), recently moved to 3317 Solomons Court. This photo was taken at the beginning of September but sadly, Tucker passed away a few days ago.

M16 CREATIVITY

JEAN SCHAIBLE, of 15520 Prince Frederick Way, started painting "COVID Rocks" in 2020, just as the pandemic hit. She paints various types of rocks, bricks, and slate – at least 250 pieces – many of which were given away to friends and relatives. Each is named, dated, and signed. People are often surprised how small the rocks are. The Sand Hill Crane standing on one leg is merely two inches from the top of its red cap to the leg in the water. Jean also uses the imperfections on the rock to enhance the image. She positioned grand-dog Lulu's body to take advantage of the round shape of the rock. Jean chooses not to sell her rock art – she paints for the sheer joy of it.



MUTUAL 16 PIZZA PARTY!



PIZZAS — John Fajnor, Susan Willcoxon, Teri Heineman, Arlene Halpin, Kay Looney



SALADS — Dee Berkholtz, Sukie Houghton (sister of Joan Safier)



VENUE — THE PARK AT THE ROCK
Good Neighbors, Good Food, Good Weather, Good Times



DESSERTS — Bob Hortin, Kay Bidinger, Jules Greer



Julie Repeta, Jane Welsh, Marcia Laundry



Rick Masemore (standing), Chris Everett, Michael & Barbara Higgs



Karla (daughter) and Janet Gilbride

MUTUAL 16 PIZZA PARTY!



**Gayle Allen, Jerry Velthaus,
Helen & Bob Pechacek**



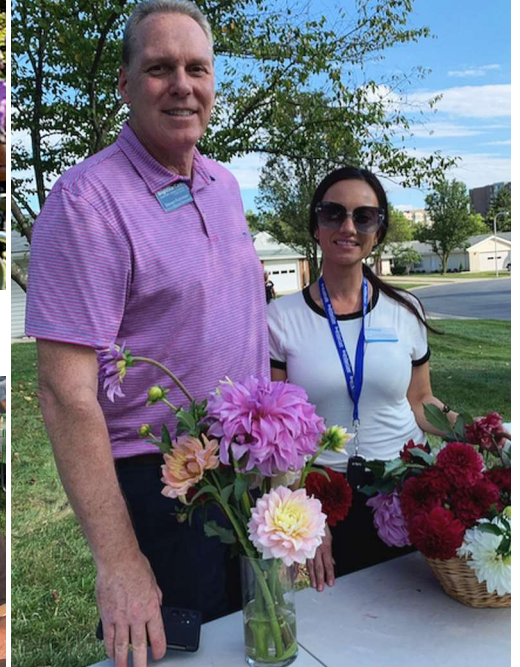
**Jack Looney,
Diane Rosenfield**



**Dan Bryder,
Joan Allston**



**THE PIZZA PARTY
Time to Set Up**



**Steve Furhman and Lyndsay Schumaker
from BrightStarCare with gifts of dahlias**



**Joan & Al Safer,
with Dawn (center)**



**June & Bob
Hortin**



**Kay Bidinger,
Bill & Teri Heineman**



**Maureen Mayer-Sangster,
Eileen Pryor**



**Steven Furhman; Don Phillips with daughters,
Bonnie and Sheryl; and Lyndsay Schumaker**



**THE PIZZA PARTY
Time to Eat**

MUTUAL 16 PIZZA PARTY!



Paula Seebode, Diane Rosenfield, Kay Looney



Peter & Ceola Loan, Kathy Flanders, Stan McCray



Rob & Susan Willcoxon



Jack Welsh, brother of Jane Welsh, and Doug Allston



Jeannie Jones, Ed Bradley



Susan Polydoroff, Jules Greer, Sandy & Stu Brafman



**THE PIZZA PARTY
Time to Chat**



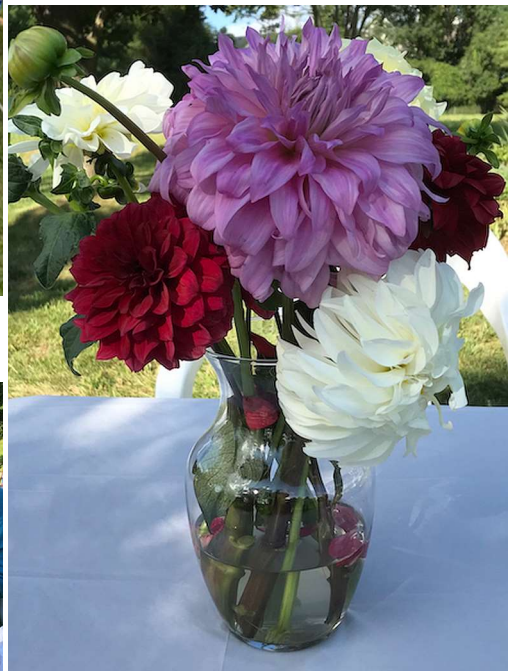
Tom & Kay Bugenhagen, Joe Halpin



Melinda Proctor, Carolyn Caponiti, Ann Holt



Paul & Theresa Goetzinger, Sally Plitman



Hello Dahlias

INSURANCE

Weathering the Storm

Approximately 12% of home-owners in the U.S. don't have home insurance. But making the choice to go without insurance is a major decision with potentially life-altering consequences.

If your dwelling was destroyed by a fire, flood, earthquake or any other disaster, you wouldn't just lose the house and its contents. You'd also be on the hook to remove your home's remains and rebuild out of pocket.

That said, most mortgage lenders require clients to have home insurance. Only those who own their home outright have the chance to take the risk and ditch insurance.

In that case, be sure you have enough money saved to weather the storm. **JOAN ALLSTON**



GENERATORS: POWER TO THE PEOPLE



DUAL FUEL

My neighbors were asking about my generator during the recent 63 hour power outage. Keep in mind that you cannot run a dual fuel generator indoors; they produce toxic fumes. Instead, you must set them up outside in a sheltered location to provide electrical power to appliances through an extension cord. Also, the higher the wattage the more fuel it uses. I'd suggest about a 3600 to 4500 watt generator. Here's some information about dual fuel generators from an article at duromaxpower.com:

"A dual fuel generator gives you the freedom and flexibility to power your generator using either gasoline or liquid propane. You can switch between the two fuel sources with a simple turn of a knob. Propane and gas each have their own individual advantages and disadvantages.

"Gas gives you more power than propane. This generally means that you will get more electrical power output from gas than you would the same amount of propane.

"Gas is believed to burn better in colder climates, performing better in freezing temperatures, whereas pro-

pane performs better in hotter temperatures.

"Gas is difficult to store. It will degrade within just a few months, so if you do have gas stored, you need to use it sooner rather than later to get the most out of it. Gas is also more dangerous to store. High amounts can make for a fire hazard. By contrast, propane is a more stable as a fuel source. It has a longer shelf life and generally allows for greater safety.

"Gas doesn't burn clean. It contributes to pollution and carbon monoxide. While it isn't completely free of emissions, propane releases less pollution and carbon monoxide into the air. Gasoline tends to leave carbon deposits in your generator. If the gas has been sitting in your generator for a few weeks, it can also turn gummy and produce residue throughout the system, making it harder to clean out. Propane generally does not contribute to these types of issues.

"The main advantage of a dual fuel generator is the ability to use two different fuel sources. That adds peace of mind, along with more flexibility in how you use your generator. When you're dealing with a sudden power outage or natural disaster, you may not always have enough of a singular fuel to maintain your generator. With a dual fuel generator, you have more options, ensuring you are prepared even if you haven't been stockpiling gas or propane."

NORM PULLIAM

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

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Alex Santos 202-945-3178
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Senior Appliance Repair 571-445-2623

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Bill Bowers 301-831-7893

Chief Lawns, David 301-944-4248

Cooper 301-473-2191

REC Lawn Russ Cooper 301-614-2938

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Jovy's 301-537-9156

Jose Mayorga 301-346-5880

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SUNSHINE LADY

Melinda Proctor 301-847-9644

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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 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.