

# MUTUAL 16 MATTERS

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

October is always a bittersweet month – cooler mornings and delightful but shorter days.

Remember, it is important to turn your air conditioner **OFF** before you turn on any of your heaters. You must not allow the systems to compete. Keep in mind that a large portion of your monthly fees are directly attributable to the amount of electricity used. Both the air conditioners and the heaters use huge amounts of electricity. Also, please turn **OFF** your outside lights during daylight hours. Every little bit counts.

I have received four requests from residents to serve on various Advisory Committees. If you are interested, please submit an application before November 2nd to **Joan Allston** or any Board member. If you can't serve on an Advisory Committee, we could still use help with the Mutual. Contact any Board member to see where you could be useful.

Don't forget that residents are required to care for the area within 4 feet of their houses even once the flowers fade.

Our 2021 Budget was formally approved at the October 13, 2020 Board of Directors (BOD) meeting. You have received a copy of the proposed budget and I'm sure you were pleased to find that your condo fees are NOT going up. This is due in part to the hard work of our Treasurer, **Ed Bradley**, and of course to the prior work of our BODs from past years who planned and saved in advance for future expenditures. Thanks Ed!

I send out the reminders of the BOD meeting by e-mail prior to the meetings. If you would like to be added to my e-mail list, please send your name and e-mail address to me at [jallston1@aol.com](mailto:jallston1@aol.com). You may also want to check our website at [www.lwm16.com](http://www.lwm16.com) for information on the Mutual.

## LANDSCAPING



### Crabgrass and Weeds

As most of you know, the Montgomery County Council passed legislation last year forcing everyone except golf courses and school athletic fields to “go green.” That means we can no longer use most chemical-based weed killers on the lawns.

We could use PREEM™ as a pre-emergent for crabgrass. We could use FIESTA® (an iron-based product) as post-emergent weed control. The cost of the recommended applications would be an extra \$15,471.00 for next year – in addition to what we already pay for grass maintenance. This comes out to an extra \$162.85 per unit yearly or \$13.57 extra per unit per month.

In addition to the high cost, the alternatives just don't work very well. If you think you have a lot of weeds already, get prepared for a lot more. Because of this, your Board of Directors voted against the change.

**Doug Allston**  
Landscaping Chair



## THE PARK AT THE ROCK



The Park Beautification Committee is accepting donations for **The Park at the Rock**. We have already received paper yard-waste bags and some seeds. We are always looking for flowering perennials, especially daisies. We will help you thin out crowded beds. We also accept donations of money for purchasing annuals and pumpkins and other park decor. Call **Paula Seebode** 301-944-4759 to discuss donating.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

### LOUISE BRYANT

Now at 3401 Parker Creek Lane, Louise Bryant grew up on a farm outside Asheville, NC. The 7th of 9 children, her jobs on the farm included feeding the chickens, gathering eggs, picking vegetables from the garden and helping her mother put up those vegetables. In high school, she was an athlete, playing on the softball and basketball teams. She was also the free throw champion of Buncombe County.

In high school, she met LJ when a friend introduced them in his father's grocery store in Asheville. After a two-year courtship, LJ got a job in the DC area. So in 1950, Louise left her beloved family to marry her true love in Riverdale, Maryland. Soon, LJ bought his employer's business. Although she had two young children, Louise worked in the business as typist, payroll clerk, receptionist and general girl Friday for the next 40 years. When she and LJ retired, their son and grandson took over the business which did the masonry work for the new fire station outside the Connecticut Avenue gate.

Louise and LJ moved to Leisure World in 2002. When LJ died after a long illness in 2015, he and Louise had been married 65 years. She misses him every day. Louise spends the winter in Fort Myers, Florida where her daughter lives nearby. She has 2 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She is a loyal Nats fan and rarely misses a game. At 90 years young, Louise has a plan: "to keep going as fast as I can for as long as I can."



## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### Happy Birthday

**Joan Allston** Sept 6  
15519 Prince Frederick Way

**Alex Cox** Sept 10  
15553 Prince Frederick Way

**Douglas Kiessling** Sept 17  
15533 Prince Frederick Way

**Eileen Kiessling** Sept 30  
15533 Prince Frederick Way

**Carl Alexander** Oct 9  
3407 Island Creek Court

**Jean Jones** Oct 22  
3409 Saint Leonards Court

**Kay Looney** Oct 28  
15411 Prince Frederick Way

### In Memoriam

**Delores LeMieux**  
Prince Frederick Way

R.I.P.

1926 ~ 2020

**Jim Turner**

Prince Frederick Way

Memorials are not the norm in our newsletter, but I think an exception is warranted in the case of **Jim Turner**. He resided in Mutual 16 for more than ten years after moving from Flower Valley. During his years here, he served the Mutual well – first as secretary, treasurer, vice president, and then as president. Over those years he kept the needs of the Mutual – current and future – on track. He provided guidance and encouragement to past and current Mutual boards. He was a southern gentleman. He will be missed!

Joan Allston

## OUR NEW "SUNSHINE LADY"

### Melinda Proctor

**Melinda Proctor** graciously volunteered to be our new "Sunshine Lady."

She will be sending cards to our hospitalized neighbors as well as condolence cards for our deceased residents. If you know of anyone who might need a card, please contact Melinda at 301-847-9644 or e-mail [mefoxp@gmail.com](mailto:mefoxp@gmail.com).



## GOLF UPDATE

One silver lining to the pandemic has been the resurgence of playing Golf all across the country, and Leisure World is no exception. As a sport, social distancing is built into the play – especially for amateurs. With only one person to a golf cart, players tend to not be close to one another.

Leisure World golf was closed for 47 days this spring. However, we are now over 1,000 rounds ahead of last year, which was a good year. Membership is up 20% and revenues are \$38K more than budgeted.

Remember, anyone may walk the golf cart paths (not the grass or greens) in the morning before 8 AM on the front 9 holes, and up until 9:30 AM on the back nine holes. (The front nine is the Clubhouse II side of the course, and the back nine is the GlenEagles side.) Anyone may walk both nines after 6:30 PM; however, you will have to share the course with golfers. Some basic commonsense rules are as follows: always face the golfers playing toward you, stop moving while the golfer is hitting the ball, and for your safety try to watch where the ball is going after being hit.

Doug Allston

## GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

### NORM STANT AND CARL ALEXANDER

Elizabeth and Norman Stant put a deposit on 3407 Island Creek Court in October 1978.

Due to double digit mortgage rates and Norman's unexpected death, Elizabeth was unable to move from her Chevy Chase home until July 1979. She lived in the house 26 years until her death in January 2006. Elizabeth had always encouraged her son Norm to hold on to the house.



The mother of Norm's partner, Carl Alexander, had wanted to move from Florida to be closer to her son, so they rented the house to Velma until her death in 2011. Not quite ready to move from their three-level townhouse in Tivoli off of Randolph Road, Norm and Carl rented the house again to the Interim Associate Pastor of their Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church. Jane Duffield lived in the house until 2014.

Now ready to downsize and enjoy one-level living, they had the house totally remodeled and moved in April 2015. Norm had taught English at Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring for 36 years. Carl worked retail on the west and east coasts until he retired in 2010. They both have a tremendous love of travel and have enjoyed land trips and extended cruises to six of the seven continents. Antarctica is on the Bucket List.

They are delighted that Unit 130-A has been the Stant/Alexander House for 42 years since it was first built.

# HINTS, TIPS, AND MORE

## TRASH TALK

When storms roll through our community, they can produce strong and gusty winds. This often leads to our trash being blown away, littering the neighborhood. Consider what you can do to minimize this problem. Pay attention to predicted gusty winds or storms for the days when our pickups are scheduled. Delay putting out your trash, recycling, and paper until the morning of the pickup. Make sure you have lids that can be firmly attached to these containers. For the paper recycle containers, put heavier items (such as magazines) on the top. For recycling, minimize over-filling by using a larger container, or multiple containers.

And don't forget: Cardboard can be included with our paper and magazine recycling on Wednesdays. This would include any cardboard, e.g., shipping boxes, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc.

**Joe Halpin**

## PLAN AHEAD

As business closures and/or restricted access to businesses and public places continue due to the pandemic, everyone should be mindful of the need to plan ahead. Many of us have critical documents such as birth certificates, automobile titles, real estate documents, etc. in bank safe deposit boxes. Most banks, credit unions and other financial institutions are currently operating on a restricted access basis that require us to call ahead to make an appointment if we need to gain access to that institution. While we have become accustomed to having immediate access to any and all places under normal conditions, we are not operating under those conditions and most probably won't be back to normal for several months to come, so plan ahead.

If you encounter a problem in gaining access to your documents at a financial institution, it is recommended that you contact the Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection at: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ocp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ocp) or telephone 240-777-3636.

**Robert Hortin**

## LIKE TO PLAY BRIDGE?

Do you like to play bridge but you're social distancing? There is a website called Bridge Base Online which is free and you and your friends can reserve a table for a period of time and play together.

You can also do Zoom or a Conference call at the same time so you can chat while you play.

<https://www.bridgebase.com/v3/>

**Ellen Darr**

## EXERCISE OPTIONS

It appears the consequences of the pandemic are lasting longer than expected and some of us may be looking for alternative ways of getting exercise.

We found some answers on the Internet. You can search for "go4life exercise videos" and/or check this link:

<https://youtu.be/gUHu68SB22U>

**Joe Halpin**

## HELP WANTED

Physical Properties Department (PPD) is seeking skilled workers for a number of job openings in the division. Among the wanted applicants, PPD needs qualified plumbers.

If you know any potential candidates, please pass the word along.

**Ellen Darr**

## PPD SERVICE CONTRACT?

If you have a service contract with PPD, your contract might include the cleaning of your dryer duct and refrigerator coil. The latter is useful to have done every six months to keep your refrigerator operating at peak condition and extending its life.

So, it is worthwhile to check with PPD to make sure these services are included in your service contract before requesting these services.

**Joe Halpin**

## GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

### DOUGLAS AND EILEEN KIESSLING

Douglas and Eileen Kiessling live at 15533 Prince Frederick Way. Douglas was born in Washington, DC, in 1947 and Eileen was born in Washington, DC, in 1949. Douglas was the fifth of five children, while Eileen was the first of four children. Douglas attended Hiram College for his undergraduate work, then another four years at Indiana University for his degree in Optometry. He returned to the Washington area where he practiced Optometry for 37 years.

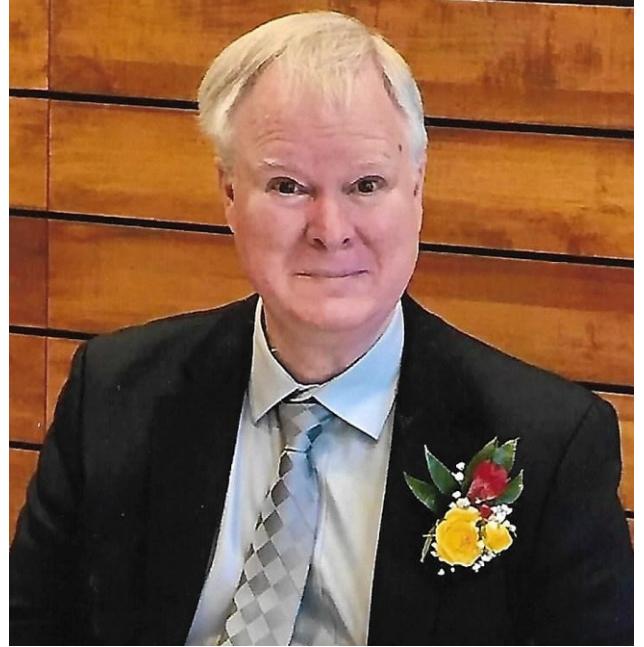
Eileen went to Montgomery junior college for her degree in business. They met 40 years ago where she was the lead clerk of the Eye Department at Group Health Association where Dr. Kiessling was working. It was love at first sight for Eileen, but not for Dr. Douglas Kiessling, who was involved with someone else. They worked together occasionally for the next 16 years until Eileen would get married and leave town. Doug worked for Kaiser Permanente where he was the low vision expert.

When Eileen returned home from Missouri, in 2000, they began dating. They moved into Leisure World, to the Villa Cortese, in 2001, until this June. They then moved into Mutual 16.

Oh, yes, they did get married and celebrated their second anniversary on August 25.

They are very lucky to have wonderful neighbors and a wonderful yard where Doug has discovered a hidden talent, that of a barbecue chef.

They also love making puzzles. Puzzles are constantly in progress. Their door is always open to puzzle lovers.



## SCENES FROM MUTUAL 16

People from inside and outside of Mutual 16 enjoy the Fall beauty of the Park at the Rock. Some like socializing and some like digging in the dirt. Even dogs can't pass up a stroll in the park.

**Jan Romanoff, Kay Looney, Betsy Myers, Michael Higgs, Marcia Lalundy, Cisco, and Tino.** Not visible: Sophie the beagle.

People from far and wide enjoy some conversation in the Park at the Rock.

**Judite Fernandes and Lenny Sammarco** enjoy the Park while working hard to help beautify it.

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Paula Seebode

