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Meeting May 24th Brings Community Together to “Talk Traffic”

Contributed by Della Stolsworth

May 24th, the LCA sponsored a Traffic Information Meeting to discuss the recent DOT study of traffic on Marcliff, learn more about the DOT approval process for traffic calming and/or protection measures and exchange ideas and concerns. Several people submitted ideas and concerns prior to the meeting. These were all posted in our Yahoo Group and on the website.

While many people may have anticipated a rancorous event, this meeting showed that we are truly a community in the best sense of the word. Ideas were shared openly and freely and everyone listened and learned. Recognizing that traffic does not end at the boundaries of the LCA, our neighboring communities were invited to attend and they added some good ideas to the discussion, as well as pledging to work together with the LCA to help support any proposals we make.



Throughout the discussion, it became clear that there are several areas where there IS strong consensus – that we need better enforcement of existing laws (there is NEVER a good reason to ignore a stop sign), that measures to control the speed and aggressive driving habits on major routes are beneficial to everyone, and that many things can be done to discourage cut-through traffic and aggressive driving without pitting neighbor against neighbor or unduly inconveniencing anyone. Crosswalks, especially by the schools, would help pedestrian safety. Bike lanes on Tuckerman could be designed in such a way as to not only benefit cyclists, but also protect children and others who wait for buses along this route. These are just two examples of the kinds of measures that were discussed.

It is clear that the community needs to come together and determine what we want and then work together to ensure that our solutions are implemented. Expect to hear about more discussions, view and comment on proposals as they arise and are put on the website, listserv and other means, and, most importantly, answer the call if advocacy is needed. If we can direct our energy and passion for a common purpose, we will ALL benefit from safer streets, improved pedestrian and cyclist environments and enjoy knowing that we can show the County officials that traffic can be controlled when communities work together.



President's Letter

This has been a lively and exciting season – our highly successful Spring Fling, our May General Meeting and much more! All of this would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of so many of your neighbors, especially Judy Abramson, our Special Events Chair, and Gail and David Klein, who opened their home for the Spring Fling. We thank Gail Klein again for coordinating the Garden Tour and Lynn Waters for coordinating Luxmanor Lemonade – our charming tradition! The upcoming Father's Day Softball Game and Picnic is being chaired by Renee Howell and Greg Magann – so it's not too late to come on out - play or just cheer!

The May General Meeting included our Association election of Officers for the 2010-2011 year. There are two changes. Ellen Paul replaces John Beamer as Trustee as his term expired. We thank John for all his hard work, good humor and wisdom over the past three years and hope he will continue to serve the Community as Safety Chair. Also, Joan Suwalsky returns to Board service as Recording Secretary, replacing Sander Davidson. Sander deserves a thank you for juggling Board service with a demanding work load and we have appreciated the insight of his legal expertise. Special thanks are also due to Jonathan Jones, Debby Orsak and Harris Leonard, who served as the Nominating Committee for this election.

While summer is typically quiet for the LCA Board, circumstances dictate that we can't quite take a vacation this year – the Traffic Meeting held May 24 (see page 1) highlighted the need for action, not just of the Board, but of the whole community. With elections looming in November, our community needs to ensure that we are ready to advocate and to ensure that it remains a place where we can drive, walk and bike peacefully. This may mean Board meetings in the summer or even a special membership Meeting in early September, so read your listserv and check the Luxmanor website for updates and news!

Enjoy your summer – drive carefully and watch for children or other pedestrians. Keep an eye out for suspicious activity – thieves love an empty house, so let your neighbors know when you are away and make sure someone picks up odd papers, etc. Typically, we see an uptick in vandalism in the summer months, so make sure you report any suspicious activity to the police – the best security measure we have is a sense of community and neighbors who look out for one another!

Della Stolsworth, President

Luxmanor Citizens Association

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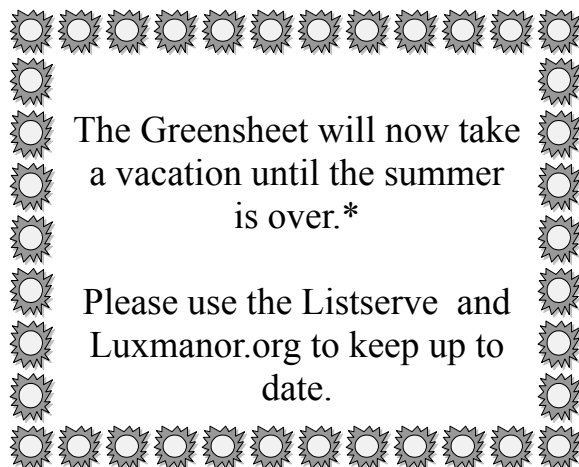
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The Greensheet will now take a vacation until the summer is over.*

Please use the Listserve and Luxmanor.org to keep up to date.

Ed. Note: Yipee!!

Neighbors' News

Congratulations to David Myers, son of proud parents Paula Bienenfeld and Emlen Myers! David will be graduating from Walter Johnson High School.

Walter Johnson High School wrote: "The students and staff of Walter Johnson High School gratefully acknowledge your donation of \$500.00 on April 17, 2010 to the Paul Silver Scholarship Fund. Thanks to your donation, an annual Paul Silver Scholarship will be awarded to a Walter Johnson High School senior who is an exceptional student of Jazz."

The Tilden Woods Recreation Association (TWRA) invites members and non-members to "An Evening in Capri," an adults-only event on Saturday, June 19th at Tilden Woods Pool. Rain or shine, we'll savor cocktails, eat a fabulous dinner (from Mamma Lucia Restaurant), and mingle with friends in a beautifully decorated setting. There will be silent and live auctions of irresistible goods and services - from autographed sports jerseys, to a week at a Deep Creek or Palm Beach, to many themed gift baskets. (Proceeds benefit TWRA.) Tickets are \$35 a person and may be purchased online at www.tildenwoodspool.org or contact Carolyn Skinner at bcskinner@verizon.net. Want to join the pool? Call Tim or Teri Kinsella at 301-255-2500. New members get free tickets to this event!

In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we report that our dear friend, long time resident of Luxmanor, Greensheet editor, and former Membership Chair, Barbara McLaine passed away in May. She had COPD for years and was diagnosed with lung cancer in November. Our condolences to her children, Larry, Margaret, Kitty, Brian, their spouses and children.

Good Words

Contributed by Marilyn Reside at the Davis Library

More and more frequently, I've been thinking, "Mmm, it smells like summer," "mmmm, it feels like summer," and my favorite, "mmm, this *tastes* like summer." A particularly good bunch of strawberries most recently inspired this reverie. Behind closed eyelids floated memories of tart citrus, grill smoke and hot breezes. The strawberries, however, went a little soft before I could finish them. Fear not. I reincarnated them in the form of Berry Smash Muffins found at www.ingoodtasteblog.net. This tasty breakfast treat (with a touch of jam) flipped the switch on my cravings. Now, all I want is "summer food."

Few things scream summer like sun-warmed tomatoes. While I have yet to grow my own tomatoes, the local farmers markets have been happy to oblige me, as long as I have the patience to wait for them to ripen. This year, as soon as they reach their prime, I'm going to make the Heirloom Tomatoes with Lemon Tahini recipe in *O, The Oprah Magazine Cookbook*. Those tomatoes paired with the cookbook's Lemon Pepper Dry Rub Ribs and Garden Vegetable Barbecue sound like the perfect dinner to eat on my back porch. I hope some lightning bugs will make an appearance and enhance the ambience.

If we're going to discuss barbecue, then we need to *really* talk about it. I'm not at all averse to buying a bottle of barbecue sauce, but it turns out that it's really not that hard to make your own. Oprah's Garden Vegetable Barbecue is chunky, but the Backyard Barbecued Chicken sauce in *Emeril at the Grill* is traditionally smooth and evocative of summer. This time of year, you won't be able to find food sans grill marks. Fruit, pizza, you name it and it can be grilled, though hopefully not indiscriminately slathered in barbecue sauce.

Now, comes my favorite part of any meal – dessert. During the summer, citrus flavors and berries are the crowning glory of any dessert. *Luscious Lemon Desserts* by Lori Longbotham has both conventional and contemporary recipes, such as lemon bars, lemon meringue pie and lemon tart. My trusty steed of summer desserts is Raspberry Tiramisu at www.foodnetwork.com. It calls for orange liqueur, but I substitute orange juice for a bright flavoring. "Mmm, it tastes like summer."



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