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Talking Traffic – A Report on the Sept. 15th Traffic Discussion Meeting Consolidated Report

More than 45 residents attended the LCA's 2nd Traffic Discussion Meeting on September 15th. Traffic Chair Renee Howell introduced the Traffic Committee's Discussion Points Report (available on the web at www.luxmanor.org), and individual Committee members from each area of Luxmanor and Windermere explained the issues/concerns that related to "their" geographic areas. From the Traffic Committee's Report, to comments sent electronically and presented at the Discussion Meeting, and residents' ideas voiced at the meeting, it became clear that our community's traffic situation falls into several categories.

Items with a strong community consensus and a clear, identifiable solution:

- Correction of street light problems on Old Georgetown. (Lights are frequently out and create hazardous conditions near Tilden Middle and Tilden/Nicholson)
- Installation of speed cameras in school zones on Tilden to ensure enforcement
- Moving the school and speed limit signs on Tilden closer to Tilden/Old Georgetown.
- Lowering of speed limit on Tilden from 30 to 25, at least from Old Georgetown to Marcliff.
(This would slow traffic entering Tilden from Old Georgetown, as well as near both schools, as traffic would have to slow down anyway in front of the Holding School in order to stop at the 4-way stop at Marcliff.
- Installation of median at Tilden/Old Georgetown intersection. (Would slow traffic entering from Nicholson, but may require expensive utilities relocation).
- Better communication with Green Acres School on bus traffic on Cushman.
- Restoration of (existing) speed bump height on Marcliff.
- Posting of speed limit signs on Marcliff.
- Installation of speed cameras on Tuckerman.
- Installation of better speed signage on Tuckerman near Old Georgetown.
- Installation of 4-way stop signs at Rosemont, Lux Court and Ralston.
- Installation of speed limit signs on Wayside/Lux Lane.

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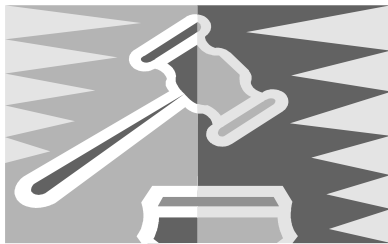


President's Letter

Dear Members,

As I look at my calendar, between personal and LCA 'To-Do's, I feel tired already! Unlike some years, when we have had the luxury of a little time off, the LCA Board has been hard at work through the summer and we are gearing up for an equally jam-packed Fall and Winter!

NOTICE



Our General Membership Meeting will be held October 21st at 7:30pm at Luxmanor Elementary School. I STRONGLY encourage you to attend.

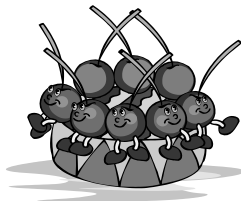
Your voice matters!

Posting on the listserv does not take the place of voting! Your vote is needed on matters ranging from spending to By-Law revisions—come and be heard!

Our Annual Books-n-Brunch is also coming up on Sunday, October 17, (see opposite) – come out to meet old and new friends and gather books to have handy for those long winter nights!



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Della Stolsworth

LCA President

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Highlights of LCA Board minutes of 9/7/10 and Exec. Comm Mtg 8/24/10

- Traffic Discussion Mtg to be held 9/15/10
- Traffic Committee will look into getting professional consulting on traffic matters if needed.
- Todd Berman is looking for volunteers to help make website more active—not just an archive
- Communications committee will consider rules for listserv
- Need Special Events Chair—Judy Abramson has resigned due to new job.

First LCA event of the Fall Season!



Books & Brunch

Sunday, October 17, 11AM to 2PM

Marilyn and Steve Ebbin's home
11305 Marcliff Road

**Bring books you've read, take home a bagful that are
new to you!**

(Extras donated to Friends of the Library)

Dress casually, bring good food and linger to browse the books, fill a bag for winter reading, mingle and chat with neighbors while sipping mimosas and coffee, and enjoying a buffet of yummy home-made brunch dishes, muffins, and fruit!

RSVP to Lynn Waters at lynnwaters@aol.com to tell us how many are coming and what you will bring to the brunch!

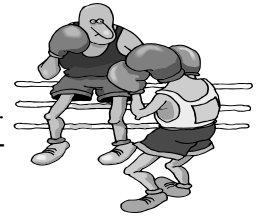
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Items with strong community consensus but where expert advice on solutions is needed

- Improving pedestrian safety at Old Georgetown/Tilden crossing. (Suggestions range from signal to median to crosswalk improvements).
- Improving pedestrian crossing safety near Luxmanor Elementary.
Tilden/Danville – would a roundabout be helpful?
- Improving pedestrian crossing safety on Tuckerman. (Crosswalks are among suggestions, but design options vary, and there are concerns for safety with each).
- Slowing traffic on Tuckerman. (Suggestions range from lowering of speed limit on Tuckerman, to visual cues [narrowing lanes, etc.], to stoplights, to rumble strips).
- Reducing cut-through traffic/slowing speed on Wayside/Lux. (4-way stops, roundabouts are among ideas considered).
- Consideration of a roundabout at Lux Lane/Rosemont.
- Consideration of a roundabout on Marcliff/Cushman.
- Dealing with parking for Tilden Holding Facility – especially ballfield usage.
- Improving visibility at intersection of Tuckerman/Old Georgetown.

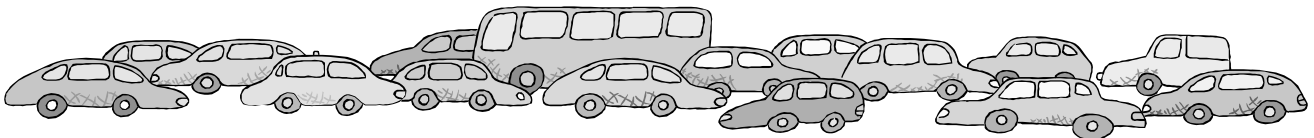
Items where community differences emerged

- Safety/efficacy of “new” Tilden Lane striping, parking, and bike lane safety.
Should (*can?*) changes be requested/made? Seek independent Traffic Engineer’s opinion?



This meeting was NOT intended to provide solutions – indeed, as the Traffic Committee worked hard over the summer, talking to neighbors and researching solutions to the problems raised, it became clear that our community would greatly benefit from outside expertise. Traffic calming is an expert topic, requiring experience and knowledge of multiple professional disciplines to effectively propose effective solutions. Our neighbors, including Traffic Committee members, lack the experience and professional qualifications to adequately analyze the existing situation and propose solutions. Montgomery County’s Department of Transportation includes many such experts, but they are not specifically tasked with serving our community’s interests and lack the objectivity that may be necessary. The Luxmanor Citizens Association will be asking the members to authorize the hiring of an independent traffic consultant at the October 21st meeting. The results of this study would be publicly available and serve as the basis for requests to Montgomery County DOT, State Highway officials and others.

A big thank-you to everyone who participated, especially our Traffic Committee: Chair, Renee Howell; Bruce Abend, Bruce Dincin, Sandy Friedman, Dee Knapp, Carol Liu, Debby Orsak, Ellen Paul, and Peggy Souza.



Important News About the Listserve

The Luxmanor Listserv has grown exponentially since it was conceived and created in 2003 by then LCA president, Marty Mangold. According to Yahoo statistics, the listserv now has 804 members! We do not know, however, how that 804 figure relates to actual Luxmanor households. We need to know how many of our LCA households are actually "plugged in" to the listserv as we continue to use it as an efficient way of broadcasting news and gathering opinions from Luxmanor neighbors. We know, for example, that some of the 804 Listserv members are no longer residents. Some memberships represent home and office addresses for the same person, and some memberships represent more than one member of the same household. Both of these last situations are fine, but do not give us an accurate count of how many folks we are reaching with the Listserve.



New Policy

In connection with this count, we are also announcing a new policy (unanimously adopted by the LCA Board at the July meeting). **Beginning this fall, membership in the Luxmanor Listserv will be a privilege of Luxmanor Citizens Association members ONLY (and certain neighbors and former residents, see below).**

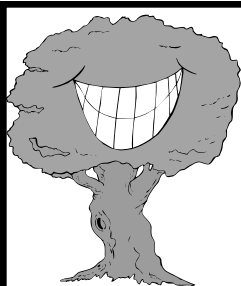
In order to know who among the Listserv members are residents of Luxmanor (which includes Luxmanor, Windermere, and The Oaks), all Listserv members will receive an email at each of their membership screen-names, asking for their Yahoo membership name; their own "real" first and last names; and their residential street and phone number. There will be a two-week courtesy window for these emails to be returned with the necessary information; after that, any who have not replied will be removed from Yahoo membership rolls and the Luxmanor Listserv. **In addition, all residents who are not LCA members will be dropped from membership. They may be reinstated upon payment of current LCA dues.**

Neighbors and Former Residents

Those who live in our "next-door" communities of Tilden Woods, Old Farm, and Walnut Woods, as well as former Luxmanor residents who wish to remain on the Listserv, will be allowed to become "Associate Listserv Members" for a fee of \$15.00, paid once (now) and good until December 31, 2015. This associate membership conveys full use of the Listserv, but no other LCA benefits.

Current members of the Listserve should watch for this special Listserv Email and return it as soon as possible (you will only have to write about 10 words altogether) and rest comfortably, knowing your Listserv membership is assured, as long as your LCA dues are up to date.

Members of the LCA who are not currently on the Listserve can find information at Luxmanor.org or can call Todd Berman (301 468-6707).



Save a tree!

And a little postage.

If you would like to receive the Greensheet by email only, email Della at president@luxmanor.org

Don't Forget!

**LCA's
General
Membership
Meeting**



**Thursday, October 21st
7:30pm
Luxmanor Elementary
School**

Neighbors' News

We welcome the following new neighbors and thank Beverly Piccone, Welcome Chair, for collecting most of this good info! (Residents might want to cut this out to add to their directories.)

Anna and Jason Zuckerman and their three year old daughter Abigail. They join us from DC and now reside on the 11500 block of West Hill Drive. (301-770-4289)

Andrea Usiak and Douglas Stern. They shortened Doug's commute moving here from Arlington, Virginia. Their children Zachary, age 9, and Julia, age 7, attend Luxmanor. The family lives in the 11600 block of Danville Drive. (301-881-3465)

Barbara Flaherty who has moved here from Capitol Hill because of the space and good schools. Her home is in the 6500 block of Tilden Lane. (301-881-3818)

Cheryl and Russel Bregman and their children Leah, age 8, (who attends Charles E. Smith JDS) and Adam, age 3. They have moved here from Rockville, but are originally from South Africa. They have always loved our neighborhood and now live in the 11000 block of Rosemont Drive. (301-881-3540)

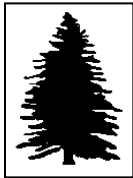
SueAnne and Roy Beaumont and newborn Braydon, who arrived at the 11500 block of Parkedge Drive in late August, just ten days after Mom and Dad moved in! (301-881-6354)

Dana Zatman and Jonathan Shafner, and daughter Molly Zatman, age 8. They have joined us at the 6100 block of Wayside Drive. (301-530-3535)

Nicole and Mitchell Nydish and their children Hailey, age 6, and Dylan, age 4. They have moved here from Avenel and really love Luxmanor. Their home is in the 11100 Block of Luxmanor Road. (301-469-6311)

Deborah and Burman Burger and their children Benjamin, 15, at Walter Johnson, Eli, 13, at Tilden, Ezra, 9, at Luxmanor, and Shoshana, age 3. They have moved here from North Potomac to be closer to relatives and the synagogue. Their home is in the 6100 block of Rosemont Circle. (301-530-0207)





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