



The Luxmanor

Greensheet

Serving Luxmanor, Windermere, and The Oaks

North Bethesda, Maryland

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SEDGWICK CLINIC HEARING DATE SET!!!

THURSDAY, February 2nd

Time : Mid-afternoon—Starting time is uncertain
but be there **BEFORE 3pm,**

PLACE: Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
(corner of Georgia Ave & Spring St)

Supporters: **WE NEED YOU!** The LCA, residents of Sedgwick Lane and their attorneys have planned our basic presentation, outlining the numerous ways this Special Exception application fails to meet the required criteria. However, a show of community support is crucial—you may present your own testimony (each presenter gets three minutes) or help us make our point—if you would like to present, please call Dan Press at 301-770-0597 (home) or 202-298-1882 (work). Even if you don't wish to speak in public, what is **MOST IMPORTANT** is that there be a large turnout from the Luxmanor neighborhood to show the extent of community opposition to the effort to bring commercial activity into our residential community!

Note that the Applicant and their lawyers have had this hearing postponed TWICE already, (perhaps in the hope that the community would lose interest)? It is crucial that we show that our community, while welcoming of new residents, is opposed to destroying the character and safety of neighborhood streets to accommodate business interests.

Directions/Parking for 8787 Georgia Ave: From Beltway: Exit 31B Georgia Ave South to Silver Spring. Follow Georgia Ave 1 mile to the traffic light at Spring St. Turn left at Spring St and follow the curve to the parking entrance on your right. There is a garage or a metered parking area to the right of the garage. The MNCPPC building is at the upper-right corner of the metered lot—there are trees and picnic benches, so it looks like you are walking in the back door, but the Hearing room is straight through the glass doors.

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The LCA - YOUR Community Organization!

People who meet me in my capacity as LCA President often express surprise that: a) I am “of a certain age” where I can legally enjoy a glass of wine at community events, but am clearly NOT eligible for AARP membership! b) In my “real-life roles”, I have nothing to do with politics, land use or the like.

This illustrates some misperceptions about LCA governance (Officers, Committee Chairs, etc.). Did you know:

- Of the 15 current Board members, almost half (7) are parents to children still living at home (from little ones to teens)?
- Over half are employed?
- Over half serve in other major community leadership roles? (this ranges from PTSA leadership positions to County boards to religious and cultural institutions)

Your LCA Board is comprised of VERY busy people, who find time in their schedules to work to improve the lives of everyone in this community. We should all thank them for their dedication and hard work.

You will notice on Page 3 that we are seeking members for the Nominating Committee and for those interested in joining next year’s Board. Please consider contributing to the effort.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE!!!!

Della Stolsworth, LCA President



Luxmanor Citizens Association

The Association serves Luxmanor, Windermere, and The Oaks.

Officers

President	Della Stolsworth	984-4475
Vice Pres.	Renee Howell	816-9210
Rec. Sec.	Joan Suwalsky	897-0908
Corr. Sec.	Barbara Gold	571-0173
Treas.,	Judy Morenoff	881-3132

Trustees

Ken Hurdle	231-5340
Lynn Waters	530-3620
Ellen Paul	897-0022

Committee Chairs

Directory	Susan Ryba	881-1701
Environment	Nathalie Silver	881-0861
Greensheet	April Chang	881-3021
Membership	Marilyn Hammerman	881-0011
Nbrhd. Reps	Vacant	
Planning/Dev.	Vacant	
Public Safety	Hal Quayle	881-0240
Roads/Traffic	Renee Howell	816-9210
Schools	Ellen Paul	897-0022
Special Events	Vacant	
Website/Yahoo	Todd Berman	468-6707
Welcome	Barbara Tuma	770-3311

Highlights of LCA Board minutes December 2011

- NOTE—January Board Meeting was cancelled due to weather/illnesses.
- In anticipation of needs for the return of Tilden Middle School, a TMS Foundation is being formed to explore ways to ensure the new school has adequate resources in these times of tight school budgets. Luxmanor resident Barbara Perry is part of the Foundation and asked that the LCA Board support the Foundation. LCA Board member Marilyn Hammerman agreed to serve as a rep of the Foundation Board.
- The LCA Directory is in publication. It is anticipated that the Directory will be mailed in February—kudos to new Directory Chair, Susan Ryba!

SEDGWICK HEARING INFO– CONTINUED

You are encouraged to wear “LUXMANOR GREEN”! We have a few Tshirts from the softball game leftover—contact LCA President, Della Stolsworth at dellas@jhu.edu or 301-984-4475 if you need one.

If you would like to attend but would prefer to carpool or if you plan to attend and could accommodate a few neighbors, we are arranging carpools!!!

Debbie Coburn of Danville Drive, has GRACIOUSLY stepped up and offered to coordinate carpool arrangements. If you need a ride/can offer a ride, please email Debbie at dacoburn@gmail.com or call her at 301-231-8367. (And even if you don't need to carpool, let's all thank Debbie for her civic spirit and tell her how much we appreciate her willingness to help!!!!)

Please note that the Planning Board staff has (twice) recommended denial of this application, recognizing that it poses a degradation to the residential character of our neighborhood. The Staff report on the latest submission can be found at http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda/2012/documents/20120202_S-2791_Aks.pdf



Elections are Coming!!!!

LCA Board elections are coming up at the May General Membership Meeting. That means that the LCA Board is forming a Nominating Committee SOON! Our By-Laws require that the Nominating Committee consist of 1 current Board member and 2 members from the general community. The Nominating Committee is charged with coming up with a proposed slate of candidates for LCA Board positions and presenting their recommendations to the LCA Board. This typically happens in early Spring, with the Board receiving the candidates at the April Board meeting so that it can be published in the April/May Greensheet.

Our current Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Gold, of Windermere has graciously agreed to serve as the Board representative for this committee—but we need TWO (2) others who are NOT Board members to help collect nominations. Nominating Committee membership does NOT require prior Board service—you simply need to do outreach among your fellow LCA members to find one or more interested and qualified candidates to fill upcoming 2012-2013 officer and trustee vacancies. Qualifications and duties for each office are outlined in the By-Laws, found at www.luxmanor.org. The Nominating Committee typically meets (often by phone) 2-3 times to distribute the workload and discuss results. Once the Nominating Committee submits its slate for Board approval, its job is done and the Committee is dissolved—so no further commitment is required!

PLEASE consider spending a few hours of your time in helping in this important neighborhood responsibility. To apply for the Nominating Committee, please contact LCA Board President Della Stolsworth at 301-984-4475 or dellast1@verizon.net.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

- ◇ Sadly, NO ONE has volunteered to host or chair the annual Winter Cookie Exchange—so, regretfully, it is cancelled.
- ◇ LCA Traffic Meeting—Date TBA— LIKELY early February—Learn the status of traffic concerns raised last year, actions taken and actions needed!
- ◇ Josiah Henson Update—Date TBA—Hear about recent findings from the archeologists and how YOU can help preserve the unique history of our neighborhood treasure!



Neighborhood History !

Dan Dwyer on Luxmanor Road, has been compiling a history of the Luxmanor neighborhood. He has created a FABULOUS website chronicling the history of our community: www.threefernsfilms.com/Luxmanor

This Month's Tidbit From Dan:

The Luxmanor Citizens Association began on January 1, 1938 when all nine of the families in the area formed an association to more effectively oppose the Capitol Transit Company's threatened abandonment of the bus line on Old Georgetown Road. After the association presented its case, the bus line was ordered to be continued.

Also in 1938, the first Luxmanor picnic was held. This tradition continued on until at least 1956. The "free for all LCA members" Picnic is now held after the annual Father's Day Softball game.



Website Survey

The LCA is looking at improving our website and our listserv and wants to hear from YOU! This month, we are asking you to provide feedback on the website. Please answer the following questions and return by mail to:
Della Stolsworth 11400 Hollow Tree Lane N. Bethesda, MD 20852

Are you aware that the LCA has its own website?

- Yes
- No

If so, how many times in the past month have you accessed the site?

- Once
- Twice
- More than twice
- None
- Cant remember

If the LCA were to revamp its website what information would you like to see included

Check all that apply

- Notices of Upcoming Neighborhood Events
- Local News (within zip 20852)
- Directory (password protected)
- Recommendations (password protected)
- Police Reports
- Photos of Past Events
- Links to Montgomery County Government Agencies and Forms (Parks, County Council, etc)
- Coupons and Special Offers from Local Merchants
- My LCA Membership status (including dues payment records)
- News from politicians

How do you feel about local businesses advertising on the LCA site ? Check One

- Doesn't bother me
- Depends on the content
- No ads



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Nah, it was raining that night.

Did you go to the Dec 7th meeting about proposed changes to the zoning code?

You missed it! But info from the Planning Dept is on the LCA website—check it out on www.luxmanor.org!