



The Luxmanor Greensheet

"Serving Luxmanor, Windermere, and The Oaks"

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PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

Greetings in the New Year. As many of you know 2008 is our 70th Anniversary. We have a lot planned for this spring especially, so please read Special Events Chair Lynn Waters' Special Events article in this issue of the Greensheet, and go to our website, www.luxmanor.org, for up-to-date information.

Lynn is looking for volunteers to host and cook for the Progressive Dinner, and your gardens to show off at the Garden Tour for the 70th Anniversary Weekend of April 12-13. We are also seeking baseball fans to act as 'commissioner' and umpires. Please contact Lynn if you would like to volunteer. And don't forget to sign up for the following...

SUNDAY MARCH 9

LCA PRIVATE BUS TOUR OF DC MONUMENTS & HISTORIC SITES

Led by Ellen Gold, LCA Volunteer, and Professional DC Tour Guide

12:30 - 5:30 ~ Leaves from and returns to

LUXMANOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT

Tickets \$20 per seat in advance (to pay for bus & driver)

For details, and to reserve seats: judymorenoff@aol.com or mail checks to

Judy Morenoff

6507 Tall Tree Terrace

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I want to thank Peggy Souza, our very busy Environment Committee Chair, for organizing the presentation of the original slideshow, AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH, which was held on January 16. The presentation, by Mary Lou Fox of the Climate Project, was a startling and informative overview of the current discussions on changes in our planet's climate. Ms. Fox had a number of suggestions for reducing individual's carbon footprints. Their website is at www.theclimateproject.org for more information.

Please note mosquito and deer tick season is coming up. If you have not completed your mosquito map, please do so and send it to Peggy.

MORE NEW HIGH-DENSITY DEVELOPMENT PLANNED

We continue to actively follow the White Flint Sector Plan and have also learned that *Foulger-Pratt is planning to develop the land just east of the Montgomery Mall*. Additional new developments that we are aware of include *"The Gables," proposed for the land north of the Aquatic Center block*; and property that includes the *Water Tower block, Chili's block, Eatzi's site, and the Conference Center site*, all to be developed by JBG. I had met with the developers for "The Gables" last summer. Your executive committee will continue to meet with these developers. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT COMMUNITY INPUT IS IMPORTANT! This means YOU!! Pick up the phone! Send an email!! Write a letter!! This only takes a few minutes.**

Bill King, our Traffic Committee Chair, continues to work with county agencies DPWT and the Planning Department on traffic calming measures for Tuckerman, Tilden, Poindexter, and other streets in our neighborhoods that are experiencing increasing cut-through traffic. Unfortunately, the county agencies are dragging their feet on this issue. I urge you to write or call County Executive Leggett and the county council members, and Dr. Royce Hanson, Planning Board Chair, with your concerns; that will be of great help. This only takes a few minutes. All contact information for your representatives is online at the county website. **Your elected officials need to hear from YOU.**

And finally --- neighborhood **directories** will be coming out early 2008, so remember to pay your dues! Only members receive these directories. And--if you have any questions or concerns, *please don't hesitate* to call or email me.

Paula Bienenfeld
President

GREENSHEET SURVEY:

If you have not responded to the recent survey put on the list serve by April Chang, please do so. We would like to get responses as to whether you are content with the Greensheet as is or would like something different.

SPECIAL EVENTS PLANS 2008

Lynn Waters, Special Events Committee Chair

There is so much planned for this year, the 70th Anniversary of the founding on January 31, 1938, of the Luxmanor Citizens Association, and so much excitement and enthusiasm for our planned events, that there is a great deal to report.

March 9

LUXMANOR PRIVATE BUS TOUR OF DC MONUMENTS

See Box on front page, and go to

http://www.luxmanor.org/special_events.html for details

April 12-13

Luxmanor 70th Anniversary Party Week

Saturday, April 12

FABULOUS PROGRESSIVE DINNER PARTY!

Our celebration begins as we gather for Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres, and continues at several "Dinner Houses" with a seated 3-course dinner including Appetizer, Sorbet, and Entree, all in the lavish style of 1938 *Haute Cuisine*. The festive evening ends at a final site for a dazzling Dessert Buffet, a coffee bar, music and if you're up for it, dancing! Cost for Association members is \$20 or \$30 per person, for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, wine, dinner and dessert!

We have a number of dinner houses lined up, including one for a kosher dinner and another for a vegan meal, so everyone should be able to find "a place at the table." But we don't want to turn anyone away, so we'd like a few more dinner houses! :-)
Please e-mail LynnWaters@aol.com to volunteer, or with questions.

Visit http://www.luxmanor.org/special_events.html for all details.

Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13, 12-4:

LUXMANOR GARDENS TOUR

Gardens in Luxmanor, Windermere, and The Oaks will be open for self-guided tours by residents. The committee will supply signs, maps and lists of open gardens. Owners may be available during part of each day to answer gardening questions, if they wish.

Gardens of every type will be featured: Bird & Butterfly; Water-Saving; Formal; Woodland; Veggies and Herbs; Corner Strategies; Azaleas and Bulbs; Statuary, Water Features and Garden Art are just a few!

Gail Klein, kleingd@verizon.net and Evy Spies, Evy.spies@yahoo.com are co-chairs. Please e-mail them to offer your garden, or to nominate a neighbor's that you think we should ask to be on the tour.

Saturday, April 12
THE THIRD GREAT NORTH-SOUTH (of Tuckerman Lane)
TROPHY CHALLENGE SOFTBALL GAME!

Traditionally, Luxmanor, south of Tuckerman Lane faces off vs. Windermere and The Oaks to the North. Let's Play Ball!

Luxmanor now holds the *magnificent* trophy that is once again up for grabs!
Windermere: Don't you want to win it for your clubhouse? We will find/rent a field and supply cold soft drinks!

Needed: A Chair Person (Softball Commissioner) and two Captains and teams! Teams can be adults only, or it can be a total-family game for all ages, to be decided among the captains and Commissioner. But **NO RINGERS** are allowed from outside the LCA boundaries :-)

VOLUNTEERS: Please e-mail: LynnWaters@aol.com to volunteer as a captain or Commissioner!

Sunday, APRIL 13, 3-5 PM:
PRIVATE GUIDED TOUR of UNCLE TOM'S CABIN
for LUXMANOR CITIZENS ONLY!

What could be a more appropriate cap for our fabulous Luxmanor Birthday Celebration Weekend? Uncle Tom's Cabin will soon be attracting scholars and visitors from around the world, but it is also a part of our very own Luxmanor history.

The tour will be led by a Park Service specialist, and is just for "us." No lines! Weather permitting, cold drinks and "Birthday Cake" will be served to all, in John & Fran Beamer's adjoining back yard. John Beamer is coordinating this concluding event of our Gala Luxmanor 70th Birthday Weekend. (Please e-mail Lynnwaters@aol.com to volunteer a birthday sheetcake from your kitchen. We'll need lots! :-)

MAY

Friday, MAY 8, 2008, 6-8 PM:
ANNUAL SPRING WINE & HORS D'OEUVRES PARTY
to Welcome Our Newest Residents

All Association members (not just newcomers) from Luxmanor, Windermere and The Oaks are invited. As always, this will be a "free" event. Guests will be asked (but not required!) to contribute an hors d'oeuvre specialty for our glorious cocktail buffet. The LCA Special Events budget will supply the wine, and some food, and there will be a professional bartender and waiter to help the party flow and to minimize effort for the hosts.

This is a tried and true event! We are already receiving inquiries about reserving guest spots! (Last year's event was "sold out.")

A PARTY CHAIRMAN and a HOST HOUSE are NEEDED!
The Annual Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Party in May will complete our 2008 Special Events year. Watch for updates here, on the Listserv, and at http://www.luxmanor.org/special_events.html.

Please send your offers to help and reservations to me and the other Chairs

THE GREENSHEET:

The Greensheet has been the mainstay of community life communications since 1960. Now we're adding a new dimension to it - www.luxmanor.org.

If you have an Internet connection, surf over to www.luxmanor.org. You'll find the electronic town center of Luxmanor with everything from handy phone numbers, contacts and useful links to updated reports on development projects that affect all of us. You can even read back issues of the Greensheet.

And, coming soon we're looking to upgrade the site so neighbors can connect to get power-buys on goods and services such as window washing, mulch, firewood and more.

If you have any questions or comments on the site, send them to webmaster@luxmanor.org.

Log on to www.luxmanor.org and stay up to date on YOUR neighborhood.

Todd Berman, berman@comcast.net - 301-530-7780

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

Welcome to Rob and Jennifer Clark and their children, Justin age 7, Riley age 5 and Courtney age 2 at 21 Windermere Court.

Whisperwood Lane welcomes Sheri and John Purcell back to their Luxmanor home. Sheri and John have been (mainly) in CA for the last three-plus years. Their address is 11102 Whisperwood Lane, 301-897-0634. Their e-mail is tbaglady26@yahoo.com

CONDOLENCES:

To the Kupfer family of Neilwood Drive, on the recent death of Muriel.

To Dr. Michael Gold and family, of Stephalee Lane, on the November 19, 2007 death of his Mother, Florence Gold. She was 100 years old and had moved to the area 21 years ago.

To Jack Edlow and family, of Stephalee Lane, on the death of his father, Sam Edlow, 93 years old on January 11, 2008.

WEDDING BELLS:

Earle and Cathy O'Donnell of Neilwood Drive announce the wedding of their son, Robi to Flor Zeballos in November. The couple lives in North Potomac.

ENGAGEMENT:

Shirley and Allan Baker, of Whisperwood Lane, proudly announce the engagement of their grandson, Bryan White of Austin, Texas, to Stacy Swartz. A September 2008 wedding is being planned in Austin.

Marti and Fred Phillips-Patrick, of Parkedge Drive, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Phillips-Patrick to Charlie McGinnis last Spring. They will be married in D.C. in June 2008. They both currently live and work in Chicago

STORK NEWS:

Beryl and Carl Tretter of Danville Drive, are the proud new grandparents of Lola Annabelle Tretter born August 25, 2007. Lola is the daughter of Robb and Elizabeth Tretter, and sister of Stella of New York.

LIGHT UP THE NEW YEAR:

Did you know that if every U.S. home replaced just one light bulb with a compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulb the nation "would save enough energy to light more than 2.5 million homes and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of nearly 800,000 cars." (This is according to a government study.)

Even though CFL bulbs cost at least five as much as regular bulbs, they use one third the energy and last up to 10 time longer -- paying for themselves in a few months. CFL's can be purchased thru the Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light on-line shopping cart at www.gwipl.org or at local hardware stores.

GARDEN NEWS:

1. For most deciduous shade trees and shrubs, winter is a good time to prune. With the leaves off, you can easily see the branches that need thinning, shortening or even removing. Don't do maples or birches now because they will "bleed" sap. Do those in the summer. Don't prune spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia and azaleas. Prune them in the spring and enjoy bouquets of blossoms. Forsythia can be cut soon and brought inside to force blossoms. Soak the whole branch in warm water for a couple of hours then place in a sunny window.
2. It is suggested that you may need four different types of tools, depending on the branches you will work on: 1) Hand pruners for twigs and branches ½ inch or less in diameter; 2) Loppers for branches ½ to 1 ½ inches; 3) Pruning saw, usually thin, with a curved blade. (do NOT use a regular hand saw!); 4) Telescoping pole pruners for the high branches 10 to 14 feet above the ground.
3. Keep checking house plants for insects. Webs suggest spider mites. Wash them away with a misting solution of warm water or Sofers Soap available at most nurseries. White cottony masses or stems indicate mealy bugs which can be removed with cotton swabs dipped in rubbing alcohol and applied directly to the insects. This treatment can also be used on scale. Isolate infected plants while treating them.
4. Now is the time to take your lawn mower for seasonal tune-up or repair. Also, if not already done, clean garden tools. To prevent rust, give them a thin coating of oil.
5. If it snows, remove ice and snow from trees and shrubs with an upward sweep of a broom from below the branch.
6. The seed catalogs are arriving! Try something new! Remember that our optimal growing zone is 6-7. Take note of shade and sun in your garden when you plan your plantings. Also, a pH count is very helpful. Do-it-yourself kits are available in most reputable nurseries.

DID YOU KNOW?

That Jennie and Skip Rideout - formerly of Sedgwick Lane- are running a B&B in Cambridge, Maryland near the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge. They can be reached at 410-901-9144 or jennie@millstinn.com Jennie was a former Greensheet Editor.

That Nancy Sterling, the daughter of Shirley and Alan Baker of Whisperwood Lane is featured in the February issue of Prevention Magazine. Her success in her Weight Watcher's program and swimming-for-health regime led her leader to nominate her for the story and interview. We remember Nancy as a Luxmanor teenager who won, and held for years many Tilden Woods Swim Team and pool records, as well as earning numerous Montgomery County Championship swimming medals.

This months editor was Eileen Gatti. The March-April Greensheet Editor will be Beryl Tretter – Btret1125@aol.com or 301-984-5619. The editors meeting will be at Sheila Wolperts home, Monday March 10th at 9:30 AM. Please respond to Shelia at 301-770-6848 or ssw1941@aol.com if you can attend. All news, ads, etc. should be sent to Beryl by Friday March 7th.

ADS:

Plan Your Beach Vacation Now! – Luxury Bethany Beach Home Available For Rent

Beautifully decorated 4BR/3.5BA (sleeps 10-12) carriage home available for rent right near Bethany Beach in the Toll Brother's Resort Community, Bayside at Bethany Lakes

-- a luxurious waterfront community on the Indian River Bay completed in 2006. Modern well-equipped kitchen, 4 TVs, 3 DVDs, CATV, high-speed Internet access, stereo, AC, W/D, dishwasher, microwave, gas grill, screened porch, fireplace, ceiling fans. 3 parking spaces.

Community amenities: (all except outdoor pool open year-round) indoor/outdoor swimming, hot tub, his/hers sauna, state-of-of-the-art exercise room with televisions and bay views, tennis, 10 boat slips, billiards, card/board game areas, and beautiful common areas including video games, large screen televisions and scenic sitting areas with views of the bay, playground (directly adjacent to our home).

Free beach shuttle during summer months. Minutes from great golf courses semi-private and challenging public courses. (Salt Pond, Bear Trap Dunes, Cripple and Lighthouse). Mini golf & many great restaurants are also located less than 5 minutes away.

Available Summer Weeks & Rates:

Sun, June 15- Sun, Jun 29 (\$1835/wk)

Sun, Jun 29 - Sun, July 6 (\$2185/wk)

Sun, July 6 - Sun, July 27 (\$2350/wk)

Sun, July 27 - Sun, Aug. 17 (\$2620/wk)

Sun, Aug. 17 - Sun, Aug. 24 (\$2100/wk)

Sun, Aug. 24 - Sun, Aug 31 (\$1970/wk)

Sun, Aug. 31 - Sun, Sept 7 (\$1700/wk)

Off-season (year round) (\$1420-\$1560/wk)

Sunday - Sunday rentals in season. Partial weeks available off-season with 3 day minimum. No smoking/no pets. Photos at www.VRBO.com. Property## 113932. Ellie Kleinman, 301-806-3799 or edkleinman@aol.com

SCHOOL NEWS/CALENDAR

February 12 Primary Election – No School

February 18 Presidents Day – No School

February 27 Early Release

Mar. 21-30 Spring Break