



The Luxmanor

# Greensheet

Serving Luxmanor, Windermere, and The Oaks

North Bethesda, Maryland

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## Survey Results—What YOU Said

Contributed by Della Stolsworth

I am not sure if the nasty weather last month helped, but the response to the LCA Survey was fantastic! Nearly 200 people submitted their survey, almost half by mail. There is a LOT of data to go through and discuss. This report will focus on the overall results and we will zoom in on specific topics and comments in greater detail in future articles. You can also view the results yourself – visit our website [www.luxmanor.org](http://www.luxmanor.org) and click the Survey link.

Not surprisingly, 95% of the responses came from LCA members. When asked to place a value on the benefits of their LCA membership, the Directory was the favorite, followed by the listserv, Greensheet and trash discount.

When asked about your level of concern regarding crime in our community, nearly 55% reported being “slightly concerned”, 33% were “very concerned”, 12% were either neutral or “not at all concerned”. Reports of car break-ins and burglaries were the most cited reasons for concern and several people asked for statistics – we will get that from MCPD and report back.

Regarding private security patrols, 42%, or 81 households, indicated they were in favor of them, 30%, or 58 households, were unsure, and 24%, or 46 households, were opposed. When asked whether they would support a patrol if the cost were \$10 a month, 90 households (47%) responded they would support it, 45 households (24%) said they would oppose it and 49 households (26%) were unsure.

43% of respondents, 82 households, supported the concept of security cameras, while 27% or 51 households opposed them, and 26% or 49 households were unsure. 38% or 72 households indicated they were willing to pay up to \$5 a month for camera monitoring and 26% or 49 households were unsure. 36% of households were opposed to paying for monitoring, with most (31% or 58 households) citing opposition to the concept as the reason.

The Lyme Disease questions and responses were discarded. These questions were intended to give us information on how our community has been affected. Unfortunately, medical research experts quickly pointed out flaws in our questions that rendered responses meaningless. I apologize for any confusion or consternation. We would like to send a Lyme survey out later in the year (vetted by an expert this time).

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## President's Letter

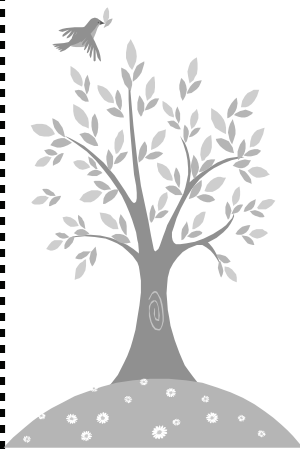
Dear Members,

Spring is here! As we all celebrate the return of sunshine (and the end of snow!), I encourage you to take a moment to consider the jam-packed community events coming up in the next few weeks!

Our Spring Art Show, our Picnic and Softball Game, Spring Fling, Luxmanor Lemonade – the neighborhood will certainly be “hopping” with community events this spring. Please see pages 3 and 4 for details about these exciting events! If you have attended these events in the past, you know how great they are – if you haven't, make this the year you come celebrate Spring with neighbors!

We also have some (especially) important meetings coming up. **May 20<sup>th</sup> is our General Meeting.** This is a very important gathering where the community comes together to elect officers for the coming year and hear about old and new business. Please come and participate!

Our listserv and back fences have certainly been buzzing with traffic concerns lately. To help sort this out and allow everyone to both hear the proposed solutions of others AND voice their own ideas and concerns, we will be holding a **Traffic Information Meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>** – see the flyer on page 6 for details. Participation is encouraged for EVERYONE, LCA member or not, and you can participate even if you can't make the meeting.



As warm weather returns, please watch out for pedestrians and children playing outside, lock your cars, and check for deer ticks when you have been outdoors (even if you are only outside in your yard).

Take advantage of Spring and resolve to meet new friends, renew old acquaintances and enjoy this wonderful neighborhood!

Della Stolsworth, President  
LCA

## Luxmanor Citizens Association

The Association serves Luxmanor, Windermere, and The Oaks.

### Officers

<b>President</b>	Della Stolsworth	984-4475
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<b>Rec. Sec.</b>	Sander Davidson	493-4810
<b>Corr. Sec.</b>	Barbara Gold	571-0173
<b>Treas.</b>	Judy Morenoff	881-3132

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Paula Bienenfeld	984-2944
Lynn Waters	530-3620
John Beamer	881-7174

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<b>Directory</b>	Robert Wilkinson	881-4321
<b>Environment</b>	Nathalie Silver	881-0861
<b>Greensheet</b>	April Chang	881-3021
<b>Membership</b>	Marilyn Hammerman	881-0011
<b>Planning/Dev.</b>	Paula Bienenfeld	984-2944
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<b>Roads/Traffic</b>	Bill King	881-2199
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<b>Signs</b>	Hilary Lavine	530-7616
<b>Special Events</b>	Judy Abramson	255-0035
<b>Website/Yahoo</b>	Todd Berman	468-6707
<b>Welcome</b>	Beverly Piccone	530-7449

### Highlights of LCA Board minutes of March, 2010

- Board approved honoring Celine Silver at the Arts in the Cabin activity
- Peggy Souza will chair the Neighborhood Reps
- LCA President lobbied for passage of bill in Annapolis that would study Lyme Disease in all parts of the State
- With our efforts, White Flint plan now has library, larger “civic green”, an elementary school, and a fire station
- Plan will also include language about abating traffic in our area; we must now figure out what we want by way of mitigation
- Tilden PTSA granted \$500 for beautification of the school grounds
- Agreed to publish results of the recent survey—see page 1



**This Very Weekend!!**



# **Second Annual Art in the Cabin**



*featuring the works of our own thriving, local artist community!*



**Saturday, April 10, 11-4**



**Sunday, April 11, 10-3**



**Artists' Reception Sunday, April 11, 3-5**



**Josiah Henson Site (formerly "Uncle Tom's Cabin")**



**11420 Old Georgetown Road**



Please park at the Montgomery County Aquatic Center, across the street, since parking on Tilden is very limited.



Most of the artists' pieces will be for sale, so be sure to bring your checkbooks. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept credit cards. For more information, contact Varda Avnisan.



( [varda.avnisan@gmail.com](mailto:varda.avnisan@gmail.com).)

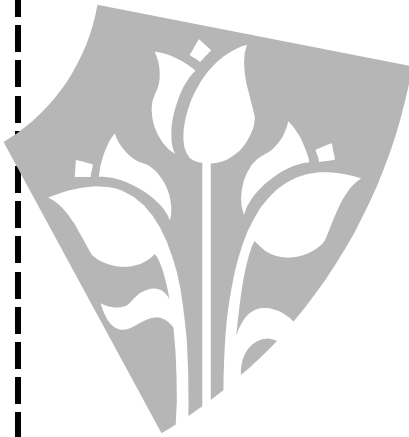


**This year's show is dedicated to the memory of Celine Silver and several of her works will be displayed.**



**Mark your calendars NOW!**

**More Spring Social Events!**



**Spring Fling**

**Friday, May 14th  
From 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

This popular event is a wonderful way to honor and meet new neighbors as well as an opportunity to visit with those who are not so new! We'll have drinks and hors d'oeuvres, and we'll just enjoy each other's company. If you would like to attend or to help on the day of the party, please RSVP to [judy.abramson@verizon.net](mailto:judy.abramson@verizon.net) or call 301-255-0035.  
**This always sells out!**

**Luxmanor Open Gardens**

**Saturday, May 29  
From 1:00 to 4:00 PM  
(Raindate-Sunday, May 30, same hours)**

This annual event is much enjoyed by avid horticulturalists and non-gardeners alike. Please email Gail Klein ([kleind@verizon.net](mailto:kleind@verizon.net)) if you would like to open your garden for this wonderful event. She is looking forward to hearing from you.



**Annual Father's Day  
Softball Game and Picnic**

**Sunday, June 20th**

**Luxmanor Lemonade**

Information on these two events will be provided soon!

**Put this on your Bulletin Board!**

**Two Very Important Meetings!**

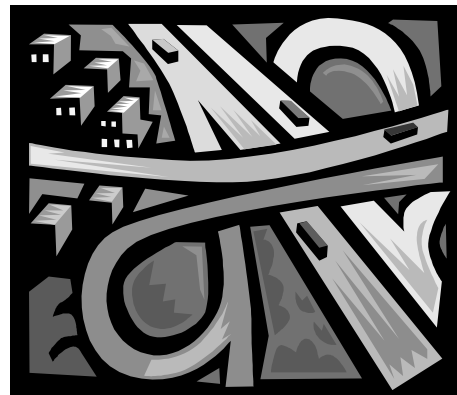


**LCA's  
May General Meeting  
Thursday, May 20,  
7:30 PM  
Luxmanor Elementary**

**Traffic Information  
Discussion**

**Monday, May 24,  
7-9:00 PM**

**Luxmanor Elementary**



Everyone in the community, LCA member or not, is encouraged to attend.

**Important details on reverse!**

**Traffic Information Discussion**  
**Monday, May 24, 7-9:00 PM**  
**Luxmanor Elementary**

**Come to hear about proposed cut-through traffic solutions from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (DOT), LCA Traffic Chair Bill King, neighbors and others.**

**Ask Questions about the Community Discussion Paper/ Voice YOUR concerns  
Learn more about the recent DOT study of cut-through traffic on Marcliff and their proposed solution.**

**Better understand the DOT approval process for traffic calming measures.**

**Everyone in the community, LCA member or not, is encouraged to attend.**

**If you CANNOT attend the meeting, but would like to add your comments/concerns, you are invited to submit a Traffic Position Paper following these guidelines:**

- 1. Papers must be 1-page or less, 250-word maximum.**
- 2. Your paper may present a traffic problem, a solution, a concern, or all three. You may identify more than one problem, concern, or solution within the 250 word limit.**
- 3. These papers are not a "conversation"-- do not comment, compliment, or argue against another paper's position, concerns or ideas; only state your own.**
- 4. You must put your name and street on the bottom of the Position Paper in order for it to be posted.**
- 5. Email your paper to [trafficinput@luxmanor.org](mailto:trafficinput@luxmanor.org) – DO NOT POST IT ON THE LISTSERV! If you do not have Internet access, you may mail it to LCA President , Della Stolsworth, 11400 Hollow Tree Lane.**
- 6. All papers will be uploaded to a Citizens' Traffic Position Paper screen, which may be reached for reading directly from a link on the Home Page at Luxmanor.org. Position Papers will be posted within a week of receiving them. If you do not see your paper posted there after seven days, please send it again!**
- 7. All Position papers must be received by May 14 to be included in the Traffic Discussion Meeting.**
- 8. If you do not want your position paper uploaded, you may still email/mail it for inclusion in the Traffic Meeting and presentation to DOT – simply state in your email that you wish to keep your submission private.**

**If you have any questions, please email the LCA President at [dellast@comcast.net](mailto:dellast@comcast.net) or call 301-984-4475.**

## Survey Results (Continued)

Many of you were interested in VOLUNTARY group-buying discounts, with window-washing and gutter-cleaning being particularly appealing (and there were lots of snow removal suggestions – we all know why!). We will likely be asking for help on pursuing some of these things, so stay tuned and if you are interested in leading an effort, please let me know.

Finally, 120 respondents noted Special Events that appealed to them, with the Garden Tour (coming up soon) the favorite. There were lots of good suggestions!

I would like to thank everyone for taking the time to voice your opinion. It really DOES make a difference! The LCA can use this information to help make decisions, explore new ideas and look for ways to improve. The LCA really is YOUR association and contributions like this are critical.

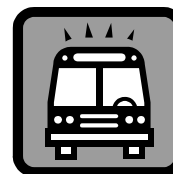
### Special Invitation

The White Flint Community Coalition invites you to hear Councilmember Marc Elrich present a discussion of the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System:

MONDAY, APRIL 19 at 7:30PM

GARRETT PARK TOWN HALL

10814 KENILWORTH AVENUE, GARRETT PARK



## Elections Coming, Nominations Needed

Anyone interested in running for President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary or Trustee on the Luxmanor Citizens Association's Executive Board, should contact Harris Leonard, Debby Orsak or Jonathan Jones by April 30, 2010. You can also alert the Committee to other neighbors who may be interested in these important positions. The email addresses for Committee members are: Harris Leonard, [hkleonard@starpower.net](mailto:hkleonard@starpower.net); Debby Orsak, [debby@cagley.com](mailto:debby@cagley.com); Jonathan Jones, [calmar2@comcast.net](mailto:calmar2@comcast.net).

## Good Words

Contributed by Marilyn Reside at the Davis Library

There's a lot of work to do around the house. Two major snowstorms damaged many local properties. The last frost of the season is tantalizingly visible on the horizon. It's time to do some planning.

The *Washington Consumer Checkbook* is a great way (along with neighbors' recommendations on the LCA Listserve) to find a recommendation before hiring a company to begin work on, in or around the house. The *Checkbook* provides both advice about services and ratings for area providers such as electricians, landscapers and roofers. It is available at the library in both electronic and print formats. If it is a big job, also be sure to dot the i's and cross the t's. Look at *Consultant & Independent Contractor Agreements* by Stephen Fishman or *Tips & Traps for Hiring a Contractor* by R. Dodge Woodson.



If do-it-yourself is the household status quo, check out *Consumer Reports* archives online at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library). Whether looking for chainsaws, hedge trimmers or countertops, *CR* offers ratings and buying guides to help focus that preparatory shopping.

Before the work gloves go on, get a tutorial or a refresher with a DVD such as *The Basics of Household Wiring* or a book like *Sustainable Landscaping for Dummies* by Owen Dell.

Happy hammering.



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**Upcoming Traffic**  
**Meeting**  
**in May**  
**See Inside!**

**Special Events Committee announces**  
**Art at the Cabin-**  
**THIS WEEK-**  
**END!**  
**See inside!**