



The Luxmanor

Greensheet

Serving Luxmanor, Windermere, and The Oaks

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Lyme Disease Update

Contributed by Della Stolsworth

As many of you are aware, Lyme Disease is a serious threat in our neighborhood. At our May meeting, the LCA community voted to support the purchase of up to three “four-poster” treatment stations, which are used to control the deer tick infestation on the deer without harming the animals. Trude Lawrence, who has tirelessly led this effort on behalf of the community, has spoken to many neighbors interested in hosting a treatment station, but we continue to seek solutions, especially regarding liability/maintenance issues.

Delegate Susan Lee of Bethesda convened a Community Forum on July 23rd to begin discussing the problem. Several other County officials, including Council President Phil Andrews, attended. The Luxmanor community received notice of the forum at the last minute, but managed to gather petitions from over 50 households and several households attended the meeting to express our community’s concerns. Copies of the petitions were later delivered to the attending councilmembers, along with a request that they work with us to help find a solution. Several councilmembers, along with Delegate Lee, appeared interested. We intend to pursue their support to engage the County and parks in working with communities like ours to help combat this serious public health hazard. An informal survey on the Luxmanor listserv produced a staggering number of CONFIRMED human cases in our neighborhood. This information is useful in illustrating the extent of the problem, which many still mistakenly feel is a “rural” issue.

An update on our Lyme disease efforts will be given at the October General Meeting.

We Need More Neighborhood Reps!

The above call for petitions and the need for a survey to document confirmed Lyme Disease cases in our own neighborhood illustrates the importance of having Neighborhood Reps - people who could collect/distribute information from *just their own block* and report it back. This is a great way for *you* to be involved in the community with a minimum of work and with no need to attend meetings!

Please see page 5 for details on this and other opportunities to help your own community.

President's Letter

Fall is always a time of change for our households- school starts and summer camps and vacations end; we enjoy the last of summer harvests and outdoor barbeques as we prepare for fall leaf cleanups and winter maintenance. Likewise, the Luxmanor Citizens Association has been hard at work through the summer, preparing our Budget for the upcoming General Meeting, collecting school supplies for the drive organized by Cindy Menitch for so many years, continuing to explore ways to address the serious threat that Lyme Disease poses to our community, planning our Books & Brunch on Oct. 11 (page 4), ensuring that our community's concerns are heard as we face unprecedented changes in development and planning both within and without our boundaries. Some of the planning and development issues are discussed in this edition of the Greensheet (page 3).

By the time this issue arrives, a Washington Post feature on Luxmanor will have been published. While we were extremely disappointed that the Post declined to include Windemere and the Oaks in the article (despite intensive lobbying by myself and the residents interviewed), we can take great pride in the impression that our community made upon the reporter. Throughout a long day of touring our community and talking to residents of all ages, the reporter kept saying how amazed she was at the neighborhood spirit and the many things that we accomplish - from our list serve to our community events. "This is such a jewel" was heard over and over.

Such an environment doesn't "just happen". Keeping a neighborhood vibrant and alive takes the efforts of everyone. One simple effort that everyone can make is to pay your membership dues. Your dues are necessary to pay for things like the list serve, the Greensheet, and Community Events, and other LCA efforts. Take a moment to reflect on the value you receive and make sure you return your membership statement. Also, see page 5, for ways you can do your part - whether you have a little time or a lot - EVERYONE can make a difference in the lives of their neighbors!

So enjoy the month, enjoy your families and enjoy your neighborhood!

Della Stolsworth
President

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(Serving Luxmanor, Windemere, and The Oaks)

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Welcome	Anna Stokes	571-1979

LCA Annual Meeting

October 21, 2009

7:30 PM

Luxmanor Elementary

Please mark your calendar now.





First LCA event of the Fall Season!

Books and Brunch

Sunday

October 11, 2009

11AM until 2PM

**Bring some books, if you have them, and trade
with your neighbors**

**Have some coffee
Bring a goodie
Eat goodies**

Dress casually and talk a lot

**Join us at
Barbara Blaylock's home
6225 Mazwood Road**

**RSVP to Judy Abramson so we can estimate numbers
and avoid duplicate dishes**

judy.abramson@verizon.net or phone 301-255-0035



The LCA Still Needs YOU!

There are lots of opportunities to serve **your** community in ways that help everybody while considering **your** time and **your** interests!

Here are three examples:

We would especially like to see folks volunteer to be **Neighborhood Reps**. This role, proposed by the Board and featured in earlier Greensheets, can have a real impact on improving communications (and quality of life) in Luxmanor, as illustrated in the article on the front page. We have received quite a number of volunteers, but we need more. Here is a summary of this great volunteer opportunity which will take **very little time** but will be of real benefit to our community. The Neighborhood Rep will:

- Serve just their own street (or part of it in the case of longer streets) as their territory.
- Compile a list of email addresses or phone numbers for their own territory. (Most are in the Directory.) Some neighbors may not wish to be included; that is fine – don't worry about it.
- Use the list to alert neighbors to news of particular interest to them, or to remind of special events/meetings
- Inform the Executive Committee of any questions or particular concerns **from** their neighborhood.
- Greet newly arrived neighbors as soon as possible and alert Welcome Chair Anna Stokes.

Please contact Anna Stokes to sign up. Her phone is 301-571-1979 and email is kemannastokes@aol.com.

Judy Abramson is also interested in getting some additional volunteers to serve on the Special Events Committee this year. You would only need to help with a single event if you prefer. If you enjoy meeting new neighbors, and want to contribute to these wonderful events, then WE NEED YOU! Call (301-255-0035) or email Judy (judy.abramson@verizon.net) to help!

Beverly Piccone also wants to introduce herself as the newly appointed Welcome Chairperson and ask your help in letting her know when a new neighbor moves into our community. Judy Abramson and Beverly will be putting together a welcome packet which she will personally be delivering to all 'newcomers.' You can email her at bpiccone@cbmove.com. Thank you for your help in making our neighborhood the area of choice for so many families.

Sad Loss of Active Community Members— Paul and Celine Silver

The Luxmanor community was shaken this summer to learn of the tragic deaths on August 7th of Paul and Celine Silver. Paul, in addition to being an esteemed scientist and mentor, was an integral part of the Luxmanor community for many years – serving as President and Trustee of the LCA, President of the Walter Johnson PTSA, as well as being active in the Tilden Woods Pool. Celine was an active community member, a swimmer on the Tilden Woods swim team and Captain of the Walter Johnson swim and dive teams. Celine was also a gifted artist, showing at local venues – including our own Luxmanor Art Show this past spring.

Paul and Celine, as well as surviving family members Nathalie Valette-Silver and Karen Silver, always believed that community involvement was important. During Paul's LCA Board service, he organized and revived the tradition of Luxmanor Community events and encouraged his daughters to form a "Junior LCA" to help get neighborhood youth involved. Nathalie has served as Co-Chair of the LCA Environmental Committee for the past two years.

In honor of their memory and the many years of service that these two neighbors gave to our community, the Luxmanor Citizens Association has made a contribution to the scholarship funds established by friends and family. **For Paul**, these are:

Paul G. Silver Postdoctoral Fellowship in Seismology OR
Carnegie Institution
1530 P St. NW
Washington, DC 20005
<http://www.ciw.edu/sites/www.ciw.edu/files/SilverCard5.pdf>

Birthright Israel Foundation
PO Box 1784
New York, New York 10156

For Celine:

Celine M. Silver Scholarship OR
Walter Johnson High School
6400 Rock Spring Dr
Bethesda, MD 20814

Mote Marine Lab
1600 Ken Thompson Parkway
Sarasota, FL 34236

Next Spring's Art Show will have a tribute to the Silvers – more details to follow.....

Please remember their family, honor their spirit of commitment to community and family – and please keep Nathalie and Karen in your thoughts. They will be missed by us all.

SAFETY REMINDERS

You have heard it before, but **PLEASE** remember — lock your cars, even if they are parked in a driveway! The extra thirty seconds you might spend on this effort is minimal compared to the time you will spend filing a police report/replacing stolen items! There has been a rash of vandalism to cars and homes recently—remember, the Police Non-Emergency Number is 301-279-8000. Use this number to report a suspicious activity—particularly in the late evening. Your eyes and ears are the best weapons we have for keeping our neighborhood safe.

Also, be aware that we have had incidents recently of individuals attempting to join the LCA using false identities (yes, really). So, if you are asked to verify your identity prior to joining, this is for your own protection and to maintain the integrity of this valuable resource!



Neighbors' News

Congratulations to James Caskey, son of Jim and Barbara Caskey of Sedgewick Lane, who graduated May 30 from Savannah College of Art & Design, receiving a BFA magna cum laude in Interactive Design & Game Development with a minor in Animation. He's been a member of the community since 1986 attending Luxmanor Elementary, Tilden Middle, and Walter John High Schools, and the School of Art and Design at Montgomery College where he earned an AFA in Graphic Design before enrolling at SCAD. We were pleased to have his work on exhibit at our Art Show in the Spring. We erroneously reported this as Jim's work. Jim indicated that while he and Barbara may have contributed genes to his artistic talents, the artwork itself came from James.

Congratulations also to Bonny and Neil Marquardt of Wayside Drive, on the birth of their grandson, Brian Evan Marquardt, born on May 12. Proud parents are Michelle and David Marquardt of North Bethesda. He joins cousins, Sean (8) and Ryan (6) who are sons of Jeanne (Marquardt) Kouyeas and husband, Thomas.

Kudos and alerts to neighbors: Paula Bienenfeld has been appointed the Education Committee Chair for the Montgomery County Civic Federation (MCCF). She asks that if anyone has issues regarding education please let her know via email or telephone so she can bring them up at the MCCF meetings for action.

In Memoriam

Sadly, this edition reports the loss of a number of neighbors.

Marie Gardner, 79, died on July 8. She had lived at # 6 Sedgewick Lane since 1963. She was a Grants Management Analyst for the National Cancer Institute for many years. She is survived by two daughters, Michiline Misetich and Erica Pouliot, both graduates of Woodward High School, two grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, all of California.

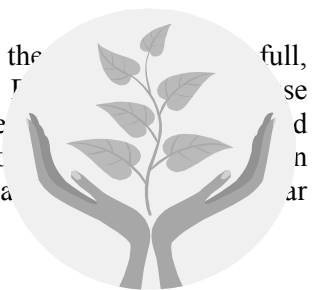
Joseph Olevsky, 80, died on July 6. He lived at # 8 Sedgewick Lane since July, 2001. He was the past owner of Lighting Unlimited on Nicholson Lane. He is survived by his wife Joan, seven children, and 19 grandchildren.

Paul and Celine Silver died in a traffic accident on August 7, 2009. Please see the earlier article.

One Neighborhood, One Planet

Contributed by Trude Lawrence

The first LCA Environmental Open House was a big success! The sun was shining, the worms were wiggling and many households, including children, came to visit with its wonderful (and doable!!) emphasis on the environment. We even snagged a Farm! In addition to the rain barrels for collecting water, the worm condo for compost waste and producing lovely fertilizer, and her rainscape garden, Barbara Blaylock a oven for us. Very impressive, informative and fun 2 hours with good company!



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Watch your mail. Invoices for LCA Membership dues are coming soon! Please step up and get those checks in the mail to Marilyn Hammerman.



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