



The Luxmanor

# Greensheet

Serving Luxmanor, Windermere, and The Oaks

North Bethesda, Maryland

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[www.luxmanor.org](http://www.luxmanor.org)

## **I have a question for you..... A Survey Coming Up**

Luxmanor Citizens Association is starting to plan for a survey of neighborhood residents. We would like to advise you of our current status so that you can be thinking about some of these concerns. In addition, if you have suggestions for questions which should be added to our survey, feel free to pass them on to our president, Della Stolsworth at [dellast@comcast.net](mailto:dellast@comcast.net). We would also be interested in any ideas you may have for encouraging neighbors to respond (large monetary rewards will not be available!).

The survey will be sent only to neighborhood residents and will be completely anonymous. Our current draft includes a section on administrative questions and a section that will focus on security concerns.

The administrative area is expected to include questions, for example, about why you are, or are not, a dues-paying member of the Association, what events you enjoy or would like to see in the future, etc. We also want to find out how many people are interested in getting the Greensheet by email only (though we will continue to offer a hard copy). The email option has been discussed for some time since email copies would reduce both printing and mailing costs and would be environmentally-friendly. We expect to be able to provide for that option in the near future.

The security area section of the survey is designed to gauge the level of concern in the community about neighborhood crime and the interest in exploring possible prevention measures. As an all-volunteer organization, the LCA needs to use its time effectively and it is important to determine what the general community feels to be important prior to exploring options.

So— watch for more news on the survey, complete and return it promptly and watch for the results to be posted—the only way the LCA can represent your concerns or wishes is if you express them!!



## President's Letter

By Della Stolsworth

As this issue goes to press, our community is recovering from record-breaking snowfalls, holiday hecticness, preparing for the New Year and gearing up for the continuation of the County Council's approval of the White Flint Sector Plan.

I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to call, email or write the Council to express concerns and encourage EVERYONE to follow the PHED Committee reports and Council hearings and participate—citizen opinion is always important, especially in an election year, and we need to make sure that our community is not forgotten in the rush to pass this MAJOR planning document—one that will affect the area for decades!

I also want to thank Rob Wilkinson, our Directory Chair, for his hard work—the Directory will be coming out soon and Rob has worked hard on ads, updating the membership records and listing information and much more. Remember, only PAID members get the Directory, so get your dues in now to receive your copy.

Many of you will be pleased to hear that Del. Susan Lee, who sponsored the Lyme Disease forum in Potomac this summer, will be sponsoring a bill in Annapolis this session as a first step in getting a state-wide response to this public health concern. Del. Lee has asked for help from communities like ours, as there is a perception in the Legislature that Lyme Disease is a "rural problem". We will keep you posted as opportunities for supporting this effort arise and hope you will participate.

The LCA **STILL** needs volunteers—our Neighborhood Rep Committee Chair is vacant, as well as other committee help needed—please support your community and give me a call—there is a place for EVERYONE!

Stay warm, stay informed, and get involved— you'll be glad you did!

## Luxmanor Citizens Association

The Association serves Luxmanor, Windermere, and The Oaks.

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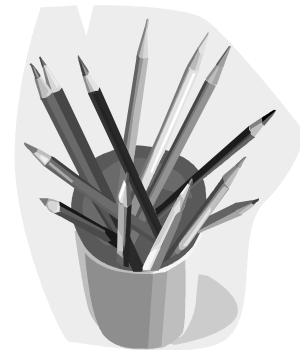
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### Highlights of LCA Board minutes of December, 2009

Sorry, not yet available.

## Calling all of our artists!

Start planning for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual  
spring art show:



**“Art in the Cabin”.**

April 10 and 11, 2010 is tentative.  
We'll finalize in early January.



This is your opportunity to showcase your work and be part of the thriving artist community of Luxmanor. This year, we are planning to have the show through the weekend with an artist reception on Saturday afternoon.

If you would like to participate or know artists within our community who would like to be part of the show, we would love to hear from you.



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## **Best Sign of the Times**

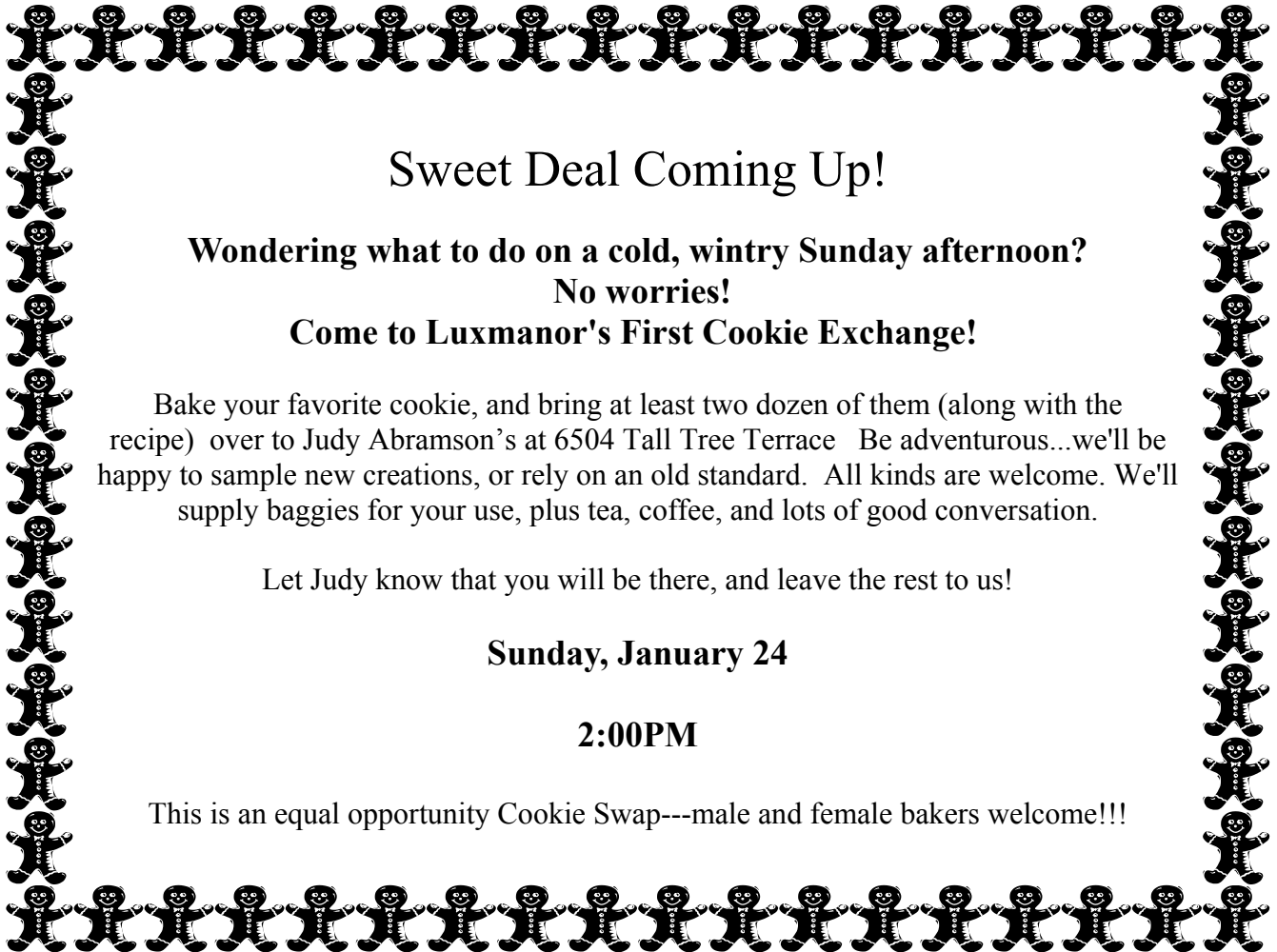
Contributed by Barbara Gold

Several years ago, the white brick sign at the corner of Luxmanor Road and Tuckerman Lane announcing the entrance to the Luxmanor community was demolished in connection with the restructuring of Tuckerman and Old Georgetown Road. In response, the Luxmanor Citizens Association voted to allocate funds for a replacement sign, and for an additional sign at another entrance to the community.

As you probably have noticed, we now have a new, permanent, substantial and very attractive replacement sign at the Luxmanor and Tuckerman intersection. On behalf of the LCA, I'm sending this email to formally acknowledge and thank Hilary Lavine for all of her volunteer efforts to ensure the (re)placement of the sign.

Thanks, too, go to Grace Evans and Gaines Hurdle for all of *their* many efforts in this area, to Jenny Wells for allowing us to place the sign on her property, and to those other residents (including the Medical Center and Aish HaTorah Center) who allowed us to evaluate their properties as possible locations for the second sign.

There's one more thank you remaining: To those persons who provide thoughts on possible locations for the second sign. As Hilary indicated in her recent email, while she has explored various options, for a variety of reasons, none has been acceptable (for example, to the county or to the homeowner on whose property the sign would reside). If you have any suggestions, *please provide them directly to Hilary, at [rlhilary@yahoo.com](mailto:rlhilary@yahoo.com)*



**Sweet Deal Coming Up!**

**Wondering what to do on a cold, wintry Sunday afternoon?  
No worries!  
Come to Luxmanor's First Cookie Exchange!**

Bake your favorite cookie, and bring at least two dozen of them (along with the recipe) over to Judy Abramson's at 6504 Tall Tree Terrace. Be adventurous...we'll be happy to sample new creations, or rely on an old standard. All kinds are welcome. We'll supply baggies for your use, plus tea, coffee, and lots of good conversation.

Let Judy know that you will be there, and leave the rest to us!

**Sunday, January 24**

**2:00PM**

This is an equal opportunity Cookie Swap---male and female bakers welcome!!!

## Neighbors' News

We are proud to announce that our neighbor, Alfred Moritz has published his memoir, Survival 1933-1944. The book is available from Amazon and has a five star review record - the highest possible. Amazon indicates, in part, that Mr. Moritz lived "through Kristallnacht, the mass exodus into France, and the German occupation, [and] escaped the fate of a million and a half Jewish children who did not survive the Holocaust. The author seeks to understand and document the persecution of those whose only crime was to be 'different'. The book is illustrated throughout with the author's sketches and paintings of the locations and events that marked his fugitive childhood."

Our Neighbor, the Green Acres School has been named by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as one of the "Top 20 Schools" nationwide for its use of green power! Our congratulations and thanks!

### **In Memoriam**

With great sadness, we report the passing of longtime resident Mary Lou Schmidt on December 14, 2009. She and husband Jack have been residents of Luxmanor for 37 years living on Huntover Drive. Mary Lou was a former President of the Luxmanor Garden Club. For those who might be inclined to do so, donations in Mary Lou's memory can be made to The Nature Conservancy or the National Ovarian Cancer Alliance.

## Good Words

Contributed by Marilyn Reside at the Davis Library

**For 17 days, over 80 countries, 2,500 athletes, and 3 billion television viewers**

The 2010 Olympic Winter Games loom large on the horizon, beginning February 12<sup>th</sup>. Dedicated fans can checkout [www.vancouver2010.com](http://www.vancouver2010.com) and Vancouver travel guides to make arrangements to experience firsthand the ice, snow, disappointment and glory.



However, there are plenty of other options for those not keen on ten hours of flight time. For lighthearted celebration, check out some Olympic-centric movies, including: *Blades of Glory*, *Ice Princess*, and the true story of the first Jamaican bobsled team in *Cool Runnings*. A more personal, inspirational perspective can be gained in the stories of those who have been in the Olympic arena, such as that of Dara Torres. In her memoir, *Age is Just a Number: Achieve Your Dreams at Any Stage in Your Life*, she describes defying skepticism and convention as a forty-one-year-old Olympic medalist. Local athlete, Michael Phelps, similarly details overcoming an ADHD diagnosis and serious injuries in *No Limits: the Will to Succeed*. Readers can also turn back the clock with American sweetheart, Dorothy Hamill, in *A Skating Life*. Hamill's revealing memoir describes not only the success and stress of the rink but also the trials in the years beyond the limelight.

Tragedy has mixed with grandeur throughout the event's long history. The bright lights and picture-perfect landscapes of the Games were marred during the 1972 Olympics in Munich. Palestinian members of the Black September organization murdered eleven Israelis which was followed by extensive Israeli counterattacks. Several books have examined the lead up to and fallout after the Munich games, such as: *Vengeance: the True Story of an Israeli Counter-terrorist Team* by George Jonas and *Murder at the 1972 Olympics in Munich* by Liz Sonneborn. The Oscar-nominated film, *Munich*, starring Eric Bana and Daniel Craig, portrays the aftermath at a heart-pounding pace.

With both heartbreak and inspiration, let the Games begin.



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