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White Flint Sector Plan Advances

Contributed by Paula Bienenfeld, Chair, LCA Planning and Development Committee

The Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee (PHED) has held many work sessions covering transportation, staging, financing, and ‘amenities.’ The PHED is composed of County Council members Mike Knapp (D-District 2), Chair; Nancy Floreen (D-at large), and Marc Elrich (D-at large). Our councilmember, Roger Berliner (D-District 1), has also sat in and participated in these work sessions.

I urge you to read the staff reports that are available at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/packet/index.asp. They lay out the Council staff recommendations that, unless different from what the PHED decides, will be the recommendations to the full Council for their vote on the Plan.

So far the Council staff reports have stated that the plan is ‘out of balance.’ Glenn Orlin, Deputy Council Staff Director, in his report from January 15, 2010, has written, “...Council staff will not recommend a plan that is out of balance.” What does that mean? ‘Balance’ refers to the ratio between density and the transportation infrastructure. The County uses specific measurements to determine whether a proposed Master Plan is in balance or out of balance. To date, with one exception, all Master Plans have been ‘in balance.’ The one exception is the Potomac Master Plan. There, staff has said, the neighborhoods supported the plan nevertheless, as they did not want their rural roads to be widened. If this White Flint Sector Plan is approved by the County Council, our neighborhoods will be the only ones in the County where the Council has ignored this convention. We all know our infrastructure cannot support even the existing amount of traffic. **Nevertheless, all members of the PHED committee have agreed that, even though the plan is out of balance, it should proceed at the proposed level of density.**

The LCA is working with council staff and other county staff members, to make sure that as this tremendous development occurs, the Luxmanor neighborhoods are protected and buffered from the tremendous amount of traffic this plan will generate.

We can’t do it without you! Thanks to all for your letters, emails, and calls to the County Council. I want to remind you *this is a long, drawn-out process*. If we ask you to send yet another email to the Council, it is because at each step the members need to be reminded that the voters and taxpayers of our community have an opinion and the council was elected to represent us. (Cont. on Page 3)

President's Letter

By the time this issue reaches you, the White Flint Sector Plan will have passed County Council, the LCA survey results will be in and totaled and the snowbanks will have (hopefully) diminished to a manageable size. It has certainly been a busy time for our community!

It's appropriate to take the time to thank everyone—the folks who emailed or wrote to the Council regarding concerns with the White Flint Sector Plan helped ensure that our voice was heard and important changes like a full-size library and traffic protection measures for our neighborhood were included in the plan. The snowstorm brought out the best in our community—from the tireless efforts of Todd Berman who kept the listserv going as a welcome source of information throughout the storm to the many neighbors who shoveled, ran snowblowers and hosted those of us in need—you truly were “snow angels”! I also want to thank all of you who took the time to complete the survey—your responses were valuable and the results will be reported in next month's Greensheet.



I also want to thank Peggy Souza, who has joined the LCA Board as our new Neighborhood Representative Chair. Despite a busy real estate career, Peggy offered to help coordinate this effort and I hope that you will all welcome her and consider serving as a representative for your street/portion of a street.

We have many exciting events coming up—our Arts in the Cabin Art Show April 10-11, our Spring Cocktail Fling on May 14th and our Open Gardens Tour May 29th. I hope you will all come out and enjoy these events and the opportunity to meet old friends and new neighbors.

Della Stolsworth

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New Neighbors!

Richard Schule and Patricia Doran Schule have joined us in the 11300 block of Cushman Rd. Pat is from Rockville and Rick is from Alexandria, Virginia. They have a daughter, Collette, at Luxmanor. They said, “Love and marriage brought us here. That, and the fact that it is a lovely neighborhood. Exactly what we were looking for.”

Hobbies include fishing, boating, golf, hiking, and kayaking.



Welcome!

White Flint Plan (continued) Some neighbors have also answered our request to be at the PHED committee work sessions. This means a lot, and we thank you for participating. Council members see you there. This is very important. PHED work session times are posted at http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/pdf/agenda/cm/current_com_agnd.pdf.

On the issue of amenities, the LCA, a member of the White Flint Community Coalition (WFCC), is working to make sure our neighborhoods receive a full-service library and an appropriately-sized and designed ‘Civic Green.’ WFCC representatives, including our LCA president Della Stolsworth, has met with county library and recreation staff to work towards this goal. (Thanks Della!)

For current information go to www.whiteflintcommunitycoalition.blogspot.com. If you have questions please email or call me, I am in the *LCA Directory*.

Tip from a Neighbor on Verizon FIOS

Recent discussions on the ListServe have noted trouble with Verizon on billing issues. One neighbor indicates that the only reason they prevailed in their discussion with Verizon was because they confirmed the pricing by e-mail with the Verizon representative. Verizon is apparently aware of their problem and suggests emailing the VP for Customer Service, Andreacustis@verizon.com, if you have a problem. The bottom line with Verizon: **Confirm any Pricing by E-mail**.

Good Words

Contributed by Marilyn Reside at the Davis Library

Census forms will begin appearing in mailboxes this month. Since the United States Constitution requires that it take place every 10 years, Census 2010 will count every resident of the nation.

The director of the Census Bureau, Robert M. Groves, blogs about Census progress at blogs.census.gov/2010census. He addresses popular questions (including, “Why is the Census mandatory?” and “Why is the word ‘Negro’ used on the Census form?”) and also describes his life experience as the head of such a venture (such as learning from his college-aged sons how students view the Census).

Over the years, people and organizations have used Census data for a variety of purposes, such as: determining how federal funds are allocated, advocating for causes, researching markets, conducting genealogy research and redistricting to account for population shifts.

The public can access past Census information online at www.census.gov or in the annual publication, *Statistical Abstract of the United States*. Use HeritageQuest Online from the Montgomery County Public Libraries website and view Census images from 1790 – 1930 as well as other genealogical resources.

Several other resources explore how modern society uses statistical information. The Great Courses DVD series, *Mathematics, Philosophy and the “Real World”*, discusses how mathematics shapes people’s perception of the world. In Sean Lahman’s *The Pro Football Historical Abstract: a Hardcore Fan’s Guide to All-Time Player Rankings*, he looks back at football statistics to determine the best players throughout the history of the game. Meanwhile, *The Numerati* by Stephen Baker looks forward at how online searchers and consumers produce incredible amounts of data, which elite mathematicians can, do and will mine to influence how people interact with the world around them.

For those who want to move beyond armchair statistics into practical application, check out *Google Analytics 2.0* by Jerri Ledford, which helps anyone with a website utilize the program to assess current site visitors and determine how to market to them and new users more effectively.

Regardless of statistical interests, expect to see mail carriers delivering Census forms in the upcoming weeks.



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Arts at the Cabin on
April 10-11. Don't forget!

