

# The Grapevine



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## Calendar

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### JOIN US!!!

All unit owners and residents are encouraged to attend Board meetings and Committee meetings.

### MEETINGS



#### Board Of Directors

Tuesday,  
March 15, 2016  
Administration  
Building at 9:30 a.m.



#### Property Maintenance

Committee, Thursday,  
March 3, 2016 at 11 AM,  
Harbor Room, Clubhouse 1



#### Social Committee

#1 Vantage Hill Court  
[Moore's residence]  
March 8, 2016 at 1 PM

#### Landscape Committee

Annapolis Room CH1  
March 21 at 1:30 PM

It seems that we survived the Blizzard of 2016! The fire in the underground transformer by building 10 and Vantage Hill Ct. did not help the situation at all. All buildings and plaza homes had sporadic electricity for most of the storm. None of the elevators worked. Units had different degrees of electricity problems. We are wired very strangely in my unprofessional opinion. Most of the older Mutuals in Leisure World have similar wiring configurations.

Fortunately for us PEPCO had few problems during the storm and was able to work on our problem immediately during the blizzard and for several days after. They worked on several other transformers in the Mutual through Monday. The elevator engineer was called Monday and said he would come as soon as PEPCO was finished. He had all the elevators working by Tuesday evening.

McFall and Berry were able to follow their predicted schedule of snow removal, and I think they did a good job considering the overwhelming amount of snow we had. We who live below the Mason Dixon line are not used to 30 inches of snow. Unlike some of our northern neighbors who deal with double-digit amounts of snow frequently; we can only make a valiant attempt to cope when Mother Nature decides to dump on us.

My husband and I moved to Leisure World after Snowmageddon in 2010 because we did not want to shovel a driveway or sidewalk again. We are very happy to have the "elves" come out and magically do the walks and streets. Even they struggled with this storm, but let's give them a break: 30 inches is tons and tons of snow.

Thinking of a warm day at a beach anywhere in the world.

*"We are what we think.  
All that we are  
arises with our thoughts.  
With our thoughts,  
we make the world."*

**Linda O'Neil**  
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## The President's Corner

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**Robo Calls**

Did you get the robo calls during the power outages?  
If you did not get them, you really should call Kathy Viney (301-598-2691) to get your phone number added.  
These calls are really good information.

**Notes from the Board**

We have a new venue for our Annual Meeting on April 28th. We've booked the Baltimore Room in Clubhouse 1 for a 2:00pm social hour to be followed by the official meeting beginning at 3:00pm. You've received the 'call for candidates' and we urge you to give serious consideration to running for one of the three seats on the Board of Directors.

*"To love one's city, and have a part in its advancement and improvement, is the highest privilege and duty of a citizen."* Daniel Burnham

Pat Leanza, chairman of the Property Maintenance Committee, informed the Board that members are looking into various projects for 2016 (standpipe and fire alarm system upgrades, concrete repairs, and maintenance of electrical equipment to name a few) but they're not yet ready to make reports or recommendations.

Linda O'Neil reported that McKenzie Engineering inspected apartment attics again, so he could see the effect of truss uplift after a cold snap when the ceiling separation in third-floor units is the worst. While we don't have his official report yet, he did indicate that there might be some inexpensive projects that would at least improve the environment (temperature and humidity) in the attics, *may* reduce the extent of uplift, and reduce our energy costs in the bargain. Stay tuned.

There have been some complaints about noise. Whether you are a "night owl" or a "morning dove", please give a thought to your sleeping neighbors, especially in the wee hours when running water, exhaust fans, and flushing toilets sound so much louder than at other times of day. If you're having a problem, don't wait until the molehill becomes a mountain. Talk to your neighbors! They may be completely unaware that they're creating a disturbance.



**Personals...**

**DID WE MISS YOUR BIRTHDAY?** Let Beth Leanza know and we will include it.

**Happy Birthday**

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|------|-------------------|----------|
| 3/07 | Frank Lozupone    | (B17-3A) |
| 3/11 | Evelyn Perlmutter | (B12-2G) |
| 3/21 | Sue Bailey        | (B12-3C) |
| 3/21 | Jim O'Neil        | (B10-3A) |
| 3/23 | Bette Campbell    | (B13-1C) |
| 3/26 | Linda O'Neil      | (B10-3A) |

**Landscape Committee**



Spring will be here sooner than later, and I know we have a lot of new residents who may think everything is done by McFall & Berry. Ground floor residents are required to take care of the gardens outside their sliders (4 feet out) and the end units must tend to the open space by their front doors. If you can't do this, or don't want to, you may hire someone to do it for you.



If you are interested in being on the landscape committee, we meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 1:30 in Clubhouse I. We look forward to having some new people. Next meeting is Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sharon Moores



## Social Committee

We have been told we have the best socials in all of Leisure World. They may not be the best, but they are the cheapest. Now here are the problems we are having. Lack of help and lack of attendance.

Three of the volunteers are in their mid-eighties and they can only do so much. Some of the suggestions that have been made are to have fewer functions, have less involved functions. What no one understands is that we charge \$10 per function and some of the functions don't cost that much, so we have money left over to do a holiday party that would have cost \$20 plus cash bar.

Most high-rises have a function per month that is limited to about 70 in their party room at \$15-20 with BYOB or in the Clubhouse at \$30 plus cash bar.

I have asked for help before and people will say, "Call me." I guess I'm being selfish, but after we have planned the function, done all the shopping and necessary cooking, I'm not going to get on the phone and call people to have them tell me, "Oh, I can't this time."

We need some help. The commitment is 5 or 6 days a year for the functions. We set up at 2:00 PM, go home and then come back for the function. We usually do this on a Wednesday, but we are open if people want to change that. We are also appealing to have two people at each function to help clean up.

It is everyone's turn to be heard. What do you want to do about the socials? We can't do this without some help. We will be having a meeting at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 Vantage Hill Ct. to see what we can do for 2016. If you can't come, please call with your input at 301-438-0048.

Thanks to everyone,  
Sharon Moores

## Reminders & Vital Info



### Clothes Dryers

We have a responsibility to ourselves and to our neighbors for properly operating and caring for our dryers. While the Mutual cleans the exhaust lines every two years, keeping the dryer clean from lint build-up will prevent unnecessary energy use and fire hazard.

- **Lint screens should be cleaned after each use.** Vacuum lint particles that accumulate around and under the dryer to reduce the fire hazard.
- Use of fabric softeners has been found to cause a waxy, invisible substance to build up on the lint screen blocking airflow. Occasional washing of the lint screen with soap and water will prevent this.
- Test for any excess heat while it is running. Alert our Mutual Assistant if you find this to be so. It is also a good idea to make a visual check of the outside exhaust point to assure there is no lint build up there and that the flap is operating freely.

### Fire Safety

Your smoke detector only alerts you to a possible fire in your unit. It is not connected to LW Security or the Fire Department.

- Fire Alarm pulls can be found in the apartments' atrium or catwalks near the stairwells. They only alert your neighbors to a potential problem; they are not connected to LW Security or the Fire Department.



- **You still have to call 911.**

If you hear the Fire Alarm:

- Leave your unit if you are able, and close the door behind you. Do not lock it.
- Do not use the elevator.
- Go to the carport or lobby of the building opposite or next-door. Don't get in the way of the emergency personnel. Wait for the "all clear".
- If you are unable to leave your unit, stay inside. Unlock your front door. Go into a bedroom and close the door. Wait for emergency personnel to come to you.

**Insurance Deductible**

Maryland law requires condominium owners to reimburse the Mutual for their deductible, up to \$5,000, "if the cause of any damage to any portion of the condominium originates in their unit", regardless of fault or responsibility. The Board strongly recommends that each owner have an **HO-6** homeowner's insurance policy that will reimburse you for this. If you have any questions, please contact your insurance agent.



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<http://www.lwmc.com>

**Comcast Issues? Call 1-855-638-28**

The LWCC Executive Board meets Friday, (10 days before the LWCC Board) at 9:30 am in Clubhouse I.

The LWCC Board meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in Clubhouse I.

**Tune in to Channel 974 EVERY day at 4PM and 7PM** to see either the Executive Board meeting OR the LWCC (full) Board of Directors meeting televised.

**Solutions**

**Building Problems?** Call the Mutual Assistant  
 Kenia Callejas 301-598-1338  
[kcallejas@lwmc.com](mailto:kcallejas@lwmc.com)

**Emergencies**, when the assistant is not available  
 Call Physical Properties 301-598-1500

**After Hours and Weekends**  
 Call Main Gate 301-598-1044

**Light Bulb in the Hallway?**  
 Call Pat Leanza 301-598-4569

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

<b>Building Rep:</b>	Kathy Viney
<b>Budget &amp; Finance:</b>	Richard Bambach
<b>Landscape:</b>	Sharon Moores
<b>Property Maintenance:</b>	Pat Leanza
<b>Social:</b>	Sharon Moores
<b>Architectural Design (Subcommittee of PMC)</b>	Linda O'Neil
<b>Rules</b>	Kathy Viney



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
SEPTEMBER 10-17, 2016

Date: February 1, 2016

To: President, Mutual 14, Mutual \_\_\_\_\_:

From: Co-Chairs, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Community Day Project

Re: Kitchen Items Collection

As you are already aware, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Project will benefit A Wider Circle. Our goal is to equip FIFTY kitchens. It is our hope that all mutuals will participate in this worthy endeavor.

By selecting a few volunteers from your Mutual who will join us in spreading the word, passing on information regarding dates, times and places for collection to your residents by means of newsletters, bulletin boards, etc., you will greatly aid our efforts for success.

If possible, help at the collection site on your Mutual's collection date would be greatly appreciated. Thurs. 6/2/16

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Ruth Friedman (301-438-7178) or Marti Jacobs (301-438-0062).

Thank you so much for your support.

Marti Jacobs and Ruth Friedman

LOCATION: Rear of Clubhouse II

YOUR DATE: Monday 6-2-16

TIME: 1-4:00 PM



## Leisure World Snow Plan 2015-2016

### Blueprint For a Safe and Healthy Winter

When Montgomery County authorities announce a snow emergency, snow emergency restrictions become effective in Leisure World as well.

Leisure World is private property encompassing 55 miles of roads and walkways. The county and state do not provide assistance during a snow emergency.

### When Snow Begins to Fall

The first priority is to provide continual access for rescue vehicles and automobiles required by residents to obtain emergency medical care. The medical center will be given top priority at all times.

Snowplows will clear primary access roadways, parking lots and driveways in the following order:

- **Through Streets –**

Rossmoor Boulevard, South and North Leisure World Boulevards, Interlachen Drive, Norbeck Boulevard, Gleneagles Drive, Chiswick Court, Connecticut Avenue, Kelmscot Drive, Hyde Park Drive, Twin Branches Drive, Fitzhugh Lane, Tarkington Lane, Prince Frederick Way, Pine Orchard Drive, and Pennfield Circle.

- **Primary Access Roads –**

Fiske Drive and Terrace, Edelmar Drive and Terrace, Ludham Drive, Forest Edge and Glade Drives, Vantage Hill Road, Bramblewood Drive, Bassett Lane, and Glen Eagles Drive.

- **Remaining Named "Courts," "Squares," "Terraces" and "Ways" that serve a dozen or more units.**

- **Driveways providing access to less than a dozen dwelling units.**

### When the Snow Stops Falling

Shoveling crews will start clearing entrances and sidewalks at the Clubhouses and the Administration Building, if the facilities are open, followed by the primary access paths for apartment-style buildings and individual units. (Primary access means from main entrance to parking lot.) In apartment-style buildings, if you do not use the front door as primary access because of a disability, call the Grounds Department (301- 598-1314) to arrange special clearing.



Machine clearing of perimeter walks and other long stretches of walks will be done concurrently. Since machine clearing is much faster, these long walks may be completed before hand-shoveling crews have reached other primary access walks. The snow plan calls for completion of all the foregoing activities within 24 hours after the snow or precipitation has stopped.

### **Parking Restrictions**

During the snow emergency, do not park on streets designated as a Snow Emergency Route. These include Rossmoor Boulevard, Leisure World Boulevard, Gleneagles Drive, Chiswick Court, Interlachen Drive, Norbeck Boulevard, and Connecticut Avenue.

Do not park in Reserved or Visitors parking spaces in your parking lot. Your mutual may have designated these spaces as areas for snow handling. Residents affected will be contacted by their mutual to move their vehicles to assigned temporary parking spaces prior to snow removal.

The Director of Security & Transportation or a Special Police Officer (SPO) can assist in identifying a resident whose automobile may be obstructing snow-removal operations.

### **Clearing Snowbound Vehicles**

McFall & Berry's contracted services do not include shoveling out parked vehicles.

If necessary, call a relative, friend or neighbor to request help. Another option is to utilize the services of individuals who will do the work for a fee.

Security requires anyone wanting to shovel cars for a fee to register with the Grounds Department (301-598-1314). The Grounds Department maintains a list of individuals who have been pre-approved. If you know of anyone interested in providing this service, have that person call the Grounds Department as soon as possible. The Grounds Department will provide identification cards. Security requests that you report any individuals who do not have proper ID.

The Grounds Department does not set shoveling fees, nor is it responsible for any damages that may be incurred.

### **When you Need Medical Attention**

- **Call 911 for all medical emergencies.**

