

# MUTUAL 16 MATTERS

NOVEMBER 2022

VETERANS  
DAY



Mutual 16 — Leisure World, Silver Spring, MD 20906 ■ [www.lwm16.com](http://www.lwm16.com)

## Agenda Meeting:

1:00 PM first Thursday of month  
(Rossmoor Room Clubhouse 2)

## Board of Directors' Meeting:

9:30 AM second Tuesday of month  
(Zoom – link via email)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	<b>Joan Allston</b> 301-598-2557 <a href="mailto:jallston1@aol.com">jallston1@aol.com</a>
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## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Landscaping	<b>Doug Allston</b> 301-598-2557
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Park	<b>Paula Seebode</b> 301-944-4759
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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

As I write this, it seems like winter may come sooner than expected. Remember to detach outside hoses to prevent pipes from freezing.

As mentioned last month, gutter cleaning will begin once most of the leaves have fallen. The Mutual is not responsible for smoke detectors, but we encourage you to test your detectors periodically.

For me, November is a time to give thanks. Our Board members spend many hours working to keep the Mutual both financially sound and visually pleasing. Within the Mutual, **Julie Repeta** and her committee work to keep the social side of the Mutual active. **Chris Everett** makes our newsletter a fountain of information. **Virginia Rehbehn** and her group of hardy residents deliver both the newsletters and the *Leisure World News* right to everyone's mail slot. **Kay Looney** heads up our Welcoming Committee. **Paula Seebode** and her hard-working staff keep our park in tip top condition. Our Assistant for Property Management, **Kelly Rivera**, helps to steer us in the right direction on numerous matters. Thanks to all.

Want to become a more active part of the Mutual 16 community? Volunteer to help with any of the committees! Come with your ideas to any Agenda Meeting held in person in Clubhouse 2 at 1:00 PM on the first Thursday of the month. And our Board of Directors Meeting is held the second Tuesday of the month via Zoom. Both meetings allow plenty of time for residents' ideas to be heard. Of course, you can also contact any Board member directly to volunteer or to share your comments.

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# SMART COOKIES

## UPDATE

For cookie bakers — we will meet Sunday December 11 at 10:00 AM at Paula Seebode’s house to put together the cookie platters.

Can’t stay? No problem. Just drop off your cookies at Paula’s and be on your way.

We will deliver the cookies on Monday December 12.

Please join us in this fun social event!

Please call **Paula Seebode** at 301-944-4759 or **Betsy Davis** at 240-383-7155 and let us know if you’ll join the Smart Cookies this year.

**BETSY DAVIS**



Photo from December 2021: **Sandy Greer** unloads at Aspen Hill Station #25



Photo from December 2021: **Sandy Greer**, Lieutenant Branch (Glemont Station #18), and **Paula Seebode**



# RULES COMMITTEE

## UPDATE

The Mutual 16 Board of Directors is continuing its review of the revised Bylaws while the Rules Committee continues its work on the Rules. The Committee is in the process of setting up a work session with the Board to have a dialogue, answer questions, and work on next steps. We will also be scheduling a town hall meeting for Mutual 16 residents in the future where the Committee will discuss the overall project, sharing the proposed revisions, answering questions, gathering input, and explaining the rest of the process going forward. Dates and times are still to be determined, and we will update you with that information in future newsletters. Please contact **Paula Seebode** at 301-944-4759 with any questions or if you would like to attend a Rules Committee meeting.

**BOB STRADE**

# WATER SHUTOFF

## PREPARE FOR PLUMBING PROBLEMS

Test the main water shutoff valve to your home by closing it completely, then reopening it to make sure it is working properly. Make sure everyone who lives in your home knows its location and how to use it. If you don’t know where it is, ask a neighbor; then label it with instructions for turning it off. If a pipe bursts, quickly stopping the flow can prevent extensive damage. Also, close and then reopen all shutoff valves for toilets and sinks to prevent them from seizing up from non-use; while you’re at it, check them for corrosion and water stains from leaks. Don’t worry if you see a few drops of water drip from the valve while doing this; it’s a common result of infrequent use, and should stop by itself. Also, when replacing the main shutoff valve, use a ball valve which has a lever arm, which makes it easier to use.

**JOE HALPIN**

# MILESTONES



**Judite Fernandes** November 22  
15407 Prince Frederick Way

# NOVEMBER SCRAMBLE

Rearrange letters on each line to form a word, then use the circled letters on each line to form the BONUS WORD.

Created by **JANET GILBRIDE**

**STYROE**



**ARCAME**



**EITTR**



**RHDNAE**



**MILHBTE**



**BONUS WORD**

CLUE: A ----- IN TIME SAVES NINE



See next month’s Word Scramble for answers

# OCTOBER ANSWERS

RIGCN  
**CRINGE**

GULNPE  
**PLUNGE**

ALTEN  
**TALENT**

MPIRRE  
**PRIMER**

PALHIYP  
**HAPPILY**

**BONUS WORD**  
CLUE: EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER -----

**LINING**

## GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

### RHONDA FINEHOUT

3400 ISLAND CREEK COURT

Rhonda was born and raised in Queens and Nassau County, New York. But she is not tied to place. She is not exactly a wanderer but she craves change, adventure and newness. When it came time to go to college, she wanted something different from Long Island, so she chose a college in Colorado. She majored in microbiology and medical technology. When it came time to marry, she married a career army officer, thus embarking on a life of change, moving every two or three years.

She has had four different careers in her life: Medical Technologist (she was the one who did your cholesterol tests), Mother (volunteering in her three children's schools, managing her son's diabetes), Army Wife (organizing family support groups and moving a family of five every two or three years), and IT Systems Analyst (writing documentation for applications and testing them for Geico). In between, she also worked doing taxes and selling real estate.

After 24 years of marriage, she and her husband divorced and she decided to move to Maryland. Even though she was out of the Army, she continued to move every two or three years. Now it wasn't a necessity; it was her choice. She moved to Texas so her youngest son could attend Texas A&M with in-state tuition benefits. In addition to New York, Colorado, Texas, and Maryland, Rhonda has lived in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Kansas, Kentucky, Hawaii, Virginia, Alabama, and Washington State.

After retiring to an over 55 community in Colorado in 2014, Rhonda decided she wanted to come back to Maryland where the weather was less sketchy and real estate was more affordable. She also has family and friends here. She chose Leisure World for all the activities and clubs available, and because the price was right.

One of Rhonda's hobbies is playing games – card games, board games, word games, sports games... you name it. Here in Leisure World, she already plays pinochle, cribbage, mahjong, and pickleball regularly. Another hobby is traveling. She



has been all over the Caribbean and to Holland, Hungary, Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, France, Spain, Finland, Turkey, Greece, Malta, Italy, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Peru, and the Galápagos... plus India for her daughter's wedding. In truth, this is more than a hobby to Rhonda. Exploring other cultures, seeing new things, helps quench her life-long thirst for adventure. A third hobby is being a BTS fan. BTS is a K-pop boy band whose music speaks to Rhonda. She always has their music on her devices and she has traveled far and wide to attend their concerts. But Rhonda's main hobby is getting things done. Rhonda loves to plan, organize, and execute projects. She bought her house here after seeing it one time on Facetime. It turns out her house has required more work than she expected, but Rhonda has dived into this new project with her usual enthusiasm. In just six weeks, she has gotten new floors, new paint, all new appliances, a new mantel and fireplace doors, new lighting throughout, new smoke alarms, shelving in the garage, ceiling fans and improvements to the master bath and master bedroom, new cabinets, granite counters and backsplash in the kitchen, new landscaping, and several new pieces of furniture which she put together herself.

When you see Rhonda out walking her golden retriever, Madeline, be sure to ask about her latest project or at least inquire how she did at mahjong last night.

# THE MUTUAL 16 POT LUCK "HOLIDAY DINNER"



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM**  
**Clubhouse II – Activity Room**

Please bring either a Main Dish, Salad, or Dessert  
 (either Homemade or Store Bought)  
 The Mutual will supply the drinks and paper products.

Please respond to **Julie Repeta** by Saturday, November 26, 2022.  
 Use the Reservation Form distributed as a flyer and return it to 3319 Solomons Court  
 or send an email to [jul35rep@aol.com](mailto:jul35rep@aol.com)  
 Include attendee name/names and what kind of dish you're planning to bring.

If you have any questions, contact any of the Social Committee members:  
**Kay Looney, Julie Repeta, Paula Seebode, Judite Fernandes, or Janice Romanoff.**

**WE HOPE YOU CAN ATTEND!**

## PARK BEAUTIFICATION TEAM

Happy Thanksgiving from the Park Beautification volunteers. Pictured, from left to right: **Jane Welsh, Bob Bridgeman, Paula Seebode, Rick Masemore, Sandy Greer, and Jan Romanoff.**

Not shown, but also wishing you a nice Thanksgiving: **Kay Looney, Sherry Rubin, Julie Repeta, and Judite Fernandes.**



## COLLECTING TOYS FOR TOTS

Weichert, Realtors began collecting donations on Monday, October 24, 2022. A collection box is located at the Weichert, Realtors desk in the lobby of the Administration Building. The last day to bring donations is Wednesday, November 23. The boxes is emptied frequently and donations are placed in a Weichert secured storage room.

Thank you in advance for donating to The Annual Weichert Realtors collection for the Toys For Tots Marine Corps Reserve program. This community has been very generous and very creative with their donations. Weichert has been collecting for 43 years throughout our many offices.

All types of new toys are welcome for all age groups: games, footballs, basketballs, models to build, dolls, plush animals, books, coloring books, crayons, paints, building sets & blocks, jigsaw puzzles, arts & crafts.

**MARILYN CHMIELEWSKI** 301-598-4222 (office)



## RESOURCES

### CONTRACTORS

#### HVAC, Plumbing

Jiffy Plumbing, Heating and AC  
Pete Kristiansen 240-882-8696  
[petethehvacguy@gmail.com](mailto:petethehvacguy@gmail.com)

#### Electrician

Ethan Greene 240-388-1616

#### General Contractor

Mike Morrow 301-613-8781  
[Morrow1200@me.com](mailto:Morrow1200@me.com)

#### Painter

Ralph Carter 301-302-1211  
[Ralphcarter8@aol.com](mailto:Ralphcarter8@aol.com)

### HANDYMEN

Scott Davis 240-463-6134  
[t00lman7@yahoo.com](mailto:t00lman7@yahoo.com)

John Kent 301-385-8866  
[a1handymanjack@gmail.com](mailto:a1handymanjack@gmail.com)

Alex Santos 202-945-3178  
[aasremodel@gmail.com](mailto:aasremodel@gmail.com)

### GARDENING SERVICES

Jane Zimmerman 301-219-8745  
(Leisure World Resident)  
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Gloria Sherman 301-980-2867  
(Leisure World Resident)

Austin Angles 301-614-2938

Bill Bowers 301-831-7893

Cooper 301-473-2191

REC Lawn Russ Cooper 301-614-2938

Mark Emmel 301-249-3655

Jovy's 301-537-9156

Jose Mayorga 301-346-5880

Carlos Mendoza 301-624-9769

## M16 CONNECTIONS

### HELPING HANDS

Bob Bridgeman 301-740-6724  
[brdgm63@gmail.com](mailto:brdgm63@gmail.com)

### SUNSHINE LADY

Melinda Proctor 301-847-9644  
[mefoxp@gmail.com](mailto:mefoxp@gmail.com)

### WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Kay Looney 240-669-3530  
[kayvlo@comcast.net](mailto:kayvlo@comcast.net)

## POWER OUTAGE

If you have a power outage, do NOT call Pepco! **Call the Main Gate, at 301-598-1044.** The Main Gate reports outages to Pepco. We don't have individual accounts with Pepco. This means Pepco has no record of your individual residence if you were to call them.

## REMINDERS

### LITTLE LIBRARY AT THE ROCK

Anyone can put books in, anyone can take books out. After you read a book, bring it back or give it to someone else. If you have questions, call **Paula Seebode**, 301-944-4759.

### SUNSHINE LADY

Our "Sunshine Lady" sends cards to our hospitalized residents as well as condolence cards for our deceased residents. If you know of anyone who would need a card, contact **Melinda Proctor** at 301-847-9644 or [mefoxp@gmail.com](mailto:mefoxp@gmail.com).

### SHOULD THE MUTUAL PAY FOR IT?

If you need work done in your home and feel the Mutual should pay for it, you *MUST FIRST* call **Jack Looney** at 301-938-0718 or 240-669-3530 *BEFORE* calling Physical Properties (PPD). If Jack is not available, call **Joan Allston** 301-598-2557. If you call PPD directly, you will be responsible for any charges incurred unless it is an emergency situation. For Emergencies after hours, call the Main Gate 301-598-1044.

### "HELPING HANDS" VOLUNTEERS

If you need some help with a minor household task, contact **Bob Bridgeman** at 301-740-6724 or [brdgm63@gmail.com](mailto:brdgm63@gmail.com).

### "FILE OF LIFE"

Do you have a red vinyl "File of Life" magnetically attached to your fridge door? If not, get a red pouch for \$3 from **Kay Looney**, or get one from Montgomery County Fire & Rescue. Keep it updated with info concerning your medications, doctors, and contacts to be notified in case of serious illness. This data is important to an emergency crew when they are called in due to a sudden illness. First responders will check your refrigerator door for the "File of Life."

### ROBO-CALLS:

The Mutual 16 President directs the robo-call system to alert residents about immediate situations in the mutual. It may be a notice about a repair that affects residents' water service, a last-minute change to a meeting time, or even a "silver alert" for a missing vulnerable neighbor.

**Ellen Darr** manages the robo-call directory. To remove your listing, or switch it from land-line to mobile, contact [ellenmdarr@gmail.com](mailto:ellenmdarr@gmail.com)

### TRASH SCHEDULE

Here's the schedule for garbage and recycling pickups, with specific requirements for each.

Note: garbage and recycling containers may be put out the night before their pickup days.

- **GARBAGE:** Pickup days are **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Be sure your garbage can is tightly covered.
- **GLASS/METAL/PLASTIC RECYCLING:** Pickup days are **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Recycling should be in the appropriate blue container. If you need a blue container, you can get one from PPD.
- **PAPER/CARDBOARD RECYCLING:** Pickup day is on **Wednesday** only. Paper/cardboard should be placed in a blue recycling container. Large boxes may be set out separately. Secure properly so paper doesn't fly around when it's windy.
- **YARD DEBRIS: BY REQUEST ONLY** on **Monday** and **Thursday**. Contact the Grounds Department 301-598-1314 to notify them you have yard debris for pickup. Use tall brown paper recycling bags. Phone calls are preferred, but you may also email [grounds@lwmc.com](mailto:grounds@lwmc.com).

### COMCAST CUSTOMER SERVICE

For routine service (if you need a technician, etc.) call LW Comcast Bulk 1-855-638-2855. For urgent issues (no TV or Internet), call Comcast Rep Willis Gray directly at 443-370-5018.

## CLARIFICATION

### WE WILL ALWAYS BE MUTUAL 16

There have been some questions about this, so here's a little note to clarify... a "nickname" does NOT replace or change the Mutual 16 name.

All the other Mutuals that have nicknames **always** keep their actual Mutual number on their signs (see an example in the image below).

The Mutual number never goes away.



# YOUR BALLOT: "WHAT'S IN A NAME"

## LAST CALL TO VOTE!

Now is the time  
to express your opinion  
and cast your vote

Let your voice be heard

NAME	1ST CHOICE	2ND CHOICE	3RD CHOICE
Calvert Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Palisade Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rockland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sweet Sixteen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-in:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Unit Address:  
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### HOW TO VOTE

1. Use this ballot and drop it off (or mail it) to **Chris Everett**  
3302 Solomons Court
2. Email your vote to [chris@ceverettonline.com](mailto:chris@ceverettonline.com)
3. Phone your vote to 410-428-7549

Note: Email or phone votes must include your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices plus your unit address.

We will be using Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV). This gives you more say in the selection. Even if your first choice does not win, your preferences still help make the final determination.

### HOW RANKED-CHOICE VOTING WORKS

All first choices are tallied and if one name receives more than 50% of the first choices, that name wins. If there is no majority winner after counting first choices, the name with the fewest votes is eliminated, and voters who picked that name as their top choice will have their next choice counted. This process continues until there's a name with more than 50% of the votes.

### NOTES

Votes must be received by Friday, November 25, 2022 (the day after Thanksgiving). Results will be published in the December 2022 issue of *Mutual 16 Matters*. Votes are confidential and restricted to one vote per Mutual 16 unit. Contact Chris Everett with any questions.