



# The Scenes From the Greens II

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## ANNUAL MEETING

The Mutual 's 28th Annual Meeting will be coming up on **Wednesday, June 4, 2014**. One of the main purposes of the meeting is to elect your Board of Directors. There are two (2) positions open on the Board that will be elected to serve 3 year terms. It is each unit owner's responsibility to participate in the governing of your Association to the best of their ability. This is your home. Please take the **Call for Candidates letter** seriously and decide if you can be part of the solution to the many and varied issues facing the Board of Directors that can affect your lives and homes. Please contact the Association Office if you need more information. We look forward to hearing from you before **April 4, 2014** to let us know that you are willing to help.

## NEW SECURITY SYSTEM

If you have not picked up your fobs they are available in the Association Office during office hours. Each unit receives 2 fobs. These two fobs have access to all the entry doors, stairwells, storage room in the building you live in and also access to the front and back door to our other Greens II building (Bldg. # 3 or Bldg. # 4.) Each unit owner and renter can purchase 3 extra fobs at \$25.00 a piece. In total you can get 5 fobs for your unit. If you need more than 5 fobs you can submit a request in writing to the Board of Directors. The fobs are only replacing the entry key to the building and the storage room key. The fobs **are not replacing** your unit keys.

The call system in the lobby for your guest remains the same as it was before the change. Everyone will continue to have their same entry code for guest and press "9" to open the door for them. The new call system will allow residents to use their cell phones to let guest in. If you would like to update or change the line you want your guest to call you on to get into the building please call the Association Office. Only one phone line can be used.

We have installed recording color cameras to the front entrances of both building and are also recording the loading dock cameras.

If you are having a hard time coming to the office to pick up your fobs please call the office to see if we can help get them to you. If you are having trouble with a fob or the call system please call the office.

Association Office: 301-598-1530 Email: [greenstwo@verizon.net](mailto:greenstwo@verizon.net)

Monday through Friday- 8:30am- 5pm

**THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL RESIDENTS FOR  
THEIR COOPERATION AND PATIENCE IN THE TRANSITIONING OF THIS  
SYSTEM.**

**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greens at Leisure World II was held in the Party Room #3, 15115 Interlachen Dr., Silver Spring, Md. 20906 on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Phil Marks, President, Jane Hughes, Vice President, Phil Klubes, Treasurer, Barbara Kaze, Secretary, Al Lukas, Paul Spiegel and Bob Stromberg - Directors

Management: Jolene King, Asst. General Mgr., Perla Nunez Administrative Asst. and Erica Lieberman, Recording Secretary.

Visitors: Stan Hertzbach, Chair, Bldg. & Grounds Committee, Inez Bargmann, Ken and Jean Eister, Earl Geldon and Phil Yaffee.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Klubes reviewed the Mutual 20B Expense Budget, the 2013 Reserve Expenses and the Cash Investment Statement with the Board of Directors.

The Property Manager's Report for the month of January was received, noted and made part of the record.

The Board approved the purchase of 8 budget friendly smoking stations for front and back entrance, loading dock and north garage not to exceed \$400 to be charged to the Operating Budget. Ash trays will be removed from the garages.

Board approved purchase of a color camera to be installed in Bldg. #3 entrance at a cost not to exceed \$795 to be charged to the Replacement Reserve.

The Board authorized negotiations with Culbertson Company of Virginia to complete the facade work on Bldg. #4 for an amount not to exceed \$1,498,625 Thus project will be funded from the Replacement Reserve Fund.

The Board approved the mailing fee of \$5.00 to owners that wants fobs mailed.

Parking Lot: Mr. Hertzbach discussed the restriping of the Parking Lot with the Board. He stated that he had discussed the restriping with the Property Manager and that the Mutual needs to comply with Maryland's applicable laws and codes.

**General Manager's Report:**

Lifeline Update: The transition to a new operating system continues. Approximately 50% of the "swaps" has been completed. Management is working with the Phillips Lifeline Co. to develop information on new features. An article announcing these enhancements will be published in the Leisure World News.

New staff members of Leisure World of Maryland Corporation Andrew Romanelli, Service Plumber; Lynn House, Community Manager, Mutual 20B.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am.

## FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGER'S DESK.....

### CANADIAN GEESE

It's that time of year when all thoughts turn to Spring—including the geese. Canada geese are particularly opportunistic and can easily become accustomed to people. They respond to landscape features that provide expanses of short grass for food, water, and a lack of natural predators—the ideal situation that Leisure World provides.



Canada geese, like all native waterfowl in the United States, are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act—it is illegal to hunt or kill the birds. The Association maintains a special permit issued by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources that permits only the removal of eggs in a nest to help control the population. In addition, geese deterrents will be installed on the open balconies of the 1st floor units. If you encounter a nest—do not attempt to disturb the nest or chase the parents away. The geese are extremely protective and could become aggressive. Please report the problem to the Office.

### REMINDERS

- Smoking is not permitted in any common areas of the buildings, (including lobbies, hallways, elevators, stairwells, garages, loading docks, basements, storage rooms, restrooms, and party rooms), nor within 25 feet of the buildings (including canopies).
- All contractors and cleaning staff must come in through the loading dock. There is a call box that they use to be let into the building. All contractors must be scheduled with the office.
- All pet owners are responsible to clean up after their pets.
- Please call Security at the main gate to report any events or problems that occur after office hours and on weekends.
- Please make sure that the Association Office has all your emergency contacts up to date.
- In case you lose your mailbox keys the Association Office will change the locks for a \$25 fee.
- Please notify the office if you will be away for more than 3 days. Especially, those residents of Bldg. # 4 with the façade project coming soon.

**THE "FILE OF LIFE"**

If you have not yet updated the information on your "File", now is the time to do it, use pencil for this. The File of Life is a red plastic packet held by a magnetic strip. It is to be placed on the outside of the refrigerator door. Paramedics and EMT's are trained to look for this packet. The data in the file is the most recent listing of your medical condition and medications being taken as well as vital contact information. It is a good idea to keep one in your wallet, purse and car. "File of Life" forms are available at the MedStar Pharmacy in the Medical Center.

**-By Jane Hause-**

**A CUP OF CACAO**

When you drink hot Cocoa, you may not be aware of some interesting facts about this drink.



In Central and South America the beans grow all year round. Cocoa beans were used as money by the Mayans and Aztecs. Europeans added sugar to make the chocolate we know. A Spanish explorer brought the bean to Europe. Enjoy hot cocoa and chocolate this winter. It makes it all the more important how geography and history play a part.

**-Jane Hause-**

**MOVIE NIGHTS**

To the residents of Mutual 20B,

I am thanking all of you for the wonderful support you have given me on the Thursday nights that I have been showing the movies. I will keep trying to show entertaining movies for all of you. To the residents that have not been there, it would be great to see you and have a night out with the rest of us. We now have captions so if you have difficulty hearing you can read the captions.

Again thank you and I look forward to seeing you every Thursday night. The office posts what movies are being shown in the elevators and on the desk in the lobby. If you have a suggestion please let me know 301-598-6206.

**-Lenore Kalen-**

**NEW RESIDENTS****DONNA BECKER  
Bldg. # 3**

Donna was raised in this area. She is currently employed as an Administrative Assistant. She moved into her condo the latter part of September. Because she knew a few people living here, the decision to move in was relatively easy.

This is her first venture into high rise living and she is pleased with her selection. Donna has traveled to Canada and has enjoyed visits to Florida.

Crocheting is a favorite pastime. She also is a Redskins fan and has visited our stadium a few times to see the Nationals play. Hopefully Donna will be able to attend a few of our buildings activities and get to meet her new neighbors.

**CAROLYN CORNET**

**Bldg. # 4**



Carolyn was born and raised in this area. Her husband was in the service and over the years they traveled and lived all over the states. They eventually settled in Rockville and raised their four children there. After her husband's passing, Carolyn sold the large family home and visited Leisure World with her neighbor who was a real estate agent. It was an immediate hit !

Carolyn never thought she would ever want to live in a high rise but she was delighted with the 8<sup>th</sup> floor unit she was shown. Being right next to the elevator was also a plus. She, like many of us, enjoys the feeling of being in safe surroundings.

Her main hobby is reading. Carolyn spends most of the summer months at her Ocean City condo and enjoys her 3 month stays in Florida during the winter. She has many family members close by to keep her company.

**-By Joyce Chido-**

**A Peek Inside**

.....with Jean Anderson, Bldg. #3



Jean is holding one of her “ Pooh “ quilts. Too busy to spend time quilting when her own children were young, she has provided “ Pooh “ quilts for several young grandnieces and nephews.

This hobby started years ago when Jean purchased a Winnie the Pooh coloring book to get designs for her quilt patterns. Her daughter Karen did all the embroidery work while Jean did the appliques and the actual quilting. Jean has also made a few quilted wall hangings plus a Mickey Mouse quilt for a young male relative.

Jean eventually made a quilted carrying bag so she could bring along her handiwork whenever she was away from home and had spare time on her hands.

**-Photo & Story by Joyce Chido-**

**GROUNDHOG DAY**



Groundhog Day is a day celebrated on February 2. According to folklore, if it is cloudy when a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day, then spring will come early; if it is sunny, the groundhog will supposedly see its shadow and retreat back into its burrow, and the winter weather will continue for six more weeks. Customs of the holiday involve celebrations where early morning festivals are held to watch the groundhog emerging from its burrow.

In southeastern Pennsylvania, Groundhog Lodges (Grundsow Lodges) celebrate the holiday with fersommlinge social events in which food is served, speeches are made, and one or more plays or skits are performed for entertainment. The Pennsylvania German dialect is the only language spoken at the event, and those who speak English pay a penalty, usually in the form of a nickel, dime, or quarter per word spoken, with the money put into a bowl in the center of the table. The largest Groundhog Day celebration is held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania with Punxsutawney Phil. Groundhog Day, already a widely recognized and popular tradition received widespread attention as a result of the 1993 film Groundhog Day. According to Groundhog Day organizers, the rodents' forecasts are accurate 75% to 90% of the time.[ However, a Canadian study for 13 cities in the past 30 to 40 years found that the weather patterns predicted on Groundhog Day were only 37% accurate over that time period—a value not significant compared to the 33% that could occur by chance. According to the Storm Fax Weather Almanac and records kept since 1887, Punxsutawney Phil's weather predictions have been correct 39% of the time. The National Climatic Data Center has described the forecasts as "on average, inaccurate" and stated that "The groundhog has shown no talent for predicting the arrival of spring, especially in recent years" According to the latest Groundhog appearance - we're headed for 6 more weeks of "More of the Same". Advice to fellow residents - STAY WARM !! THINK "SPRING"!!-

**By Gladys Blank-**

**LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 20B!**

**Movie Night PR # 4-**

“Big Miracle” March 20



**Movie Night PR#3-**

“Capt. Phillips” March 19

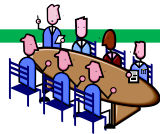
**Spring Fling Chicken Dinner:**

March 26, 2014 at 6pm, PR # 3 & # 4





**DATES TO REMEMBER:**  
**MEETINGS**



**Activities:** 4/21/14- 10 am, PR # 4  
**Budget & Finance:** 4/8/14- 10 am, PR # 4  
**Building & Grounds:** 4/1/14- 10 am, PR # 4  
**Communications:** 4/1/14- 1:30 pm, PR # 4  
**Coordination:** 4/22/14-9:30 am, PR # 4  
**Board Mtg.:** 3/26/14-9:30 am, PR # 3  
**Landscape:** 4/8/14- 2 pm, PR # 4

**MAINTENANCE**



**Fire Alarm Test:** April 17, 2014  
**Building #3, 10 a.m. & Building #4, 11 a.m.**



**HAPPY SPRING!**

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Gladys Blank, Chair, Joyce Chido, Vice Chair  
 Jane Hause, Mary Jane Dowling & Tsegaye Beyene

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Philip Marks - President  
 Jane Hughes - Vice President  
 Barbara Kaze- Secretary  
 Philip Klubes - Treasurer  
 Al Lukas  
 Robert Stromberg  
 Paul Spiegel

**ASSOCIATION OFFICE: 4-116**

Lynn House- Property Manager  
 Perla Nunez– Administrative Assistant

**HOURS OF OPERATION:**

8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**

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**PRESIDENT' S DAY- ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

Abraham Lincoln is regarded as one of America's greatest heroes due to both his incredible impact on the nation and his unique appeal. His is a remarkable story of the rise from humble beginnings to achieve the highest office in the land; then, he endured his sons sudden and tragic death at a time when his country needed him most to complete the great task remaining before the nation. Lincoln's human and humane personality and historical role as savior of the Union and emancipator of the slaves created a legacy that endures to this day.

Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Hardin County, Kentucky to Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Thomas was a strong and determined pioneer who found a moderate level of prosperity and was well respected in the community. The couple had two other children, Abraham's older sister Sarah and younger brother Thomas who died in infancy. Due to a land dispute, the Lincolns were forced to move from Kentucky to Perry County, Indiana in 1817 where the family "squatted" on public land to scrape out a living in a crude shelter hunting game and farming a small plot that Thomas was eventually able to buy. Abraham was 9 years old when his mother died. The 9 year old Abraham grew more alienated from his father and quietly resented the shared work placed on him at an early age.

A few months after Nancy's death Thomas married Sarah Bush Johnson, from Kentucky with three children of her own. She was a strong and affectionate woman with whom Abraham quickly bonded. Though both his parents were most likely illiterate, Sarah encouraged Abraham to read. It was while growing into manhood that he received his formal education - an estimated total of 18 months. Reading material was in short supply in the Indiana wilderness. Neighbors recalled how Abraham would walk miles to borrow a book.

At 22 Abraham struck out on his own making a living from manual labor. He spoke with a backwoods twang and walked with a long striding gait. He was known for his skill in wielding an ax and early made a living splitting wood for fire and rail fencing. Young Lincoln eventually migrated to New Salem, Illinois where over a period of years he worked as a shopkeeper, postmaster and eventually a general store owner. It was there that Lincoln, working with the public, acquired social skills and honed his story-telling talent that made him popular with the locals.

**-By Tsegaye Beyene-**