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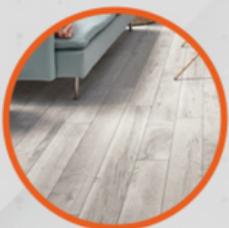
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Electrical



Plumbing



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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Rudnaldo Hodges, Board President

Happy Fall Everyone! I want to thank our Board of Directors (BoD) Vice President, Joe Vecchio for the insightful and thoughtful articles he wrote for the October edition. Had I known Joe was such a good writer, I would have asked him to contribute sooner. If you missed the October edition, login to the portal **WATERGATE AT LANDMARK (connectresident.com)** (<https://wal.connectresident.com/>) and find the link under “Forms and Documents” or check the mail room area for paper copies. The Resident Services Office is yet another source. If you prefer the digital path, you will find an abundance of other interesting community information in general placed on the “connect portal” by our BoD Executive Assistant, Christina Clark, and our Communications Manager, Brianna Hawkins. You may even find answers to your many heretofore unanswered questions.



Residents can seamlessly access Community News, Documents, Newsletters, Board Packages and the Wheel via the Resident Connect portal.

Al Roker, NBC’s weather anchor, likes to say, “Here’s what’s happening in ‘your/our’ neck of the woods.” Here is what’s happening at WAL this fiscal year. Firstly, the most popular projects that are happening are the outdoor racquet and multipurpose courts demolition and reconstruction. Last month, the Board of Directors approved the creation of six pickleball courts and the reconstruction of two tennis courts from the original four tennis court configuration. While the decision may not please all our racquet sports patrons, a significant amount of investigation, deliberation and debate preceded the decision in the interest of fairness and equity.

The Indoor Pool and Spa are scheduled to reopen on Saturday, November 4. Writing on behalf of our staff and the four construction contractors who did the work to complete the renovations; thank you for your patience. You may recall from previous communications that the 2022 Structural Visual Survey detection of concrete sparring over the pool due to water penetration was a high priority for repair and the genesis of the Indoor Pool project. The ceiling repair needed the most amount of time to complete, more than what was originally estimated. Hence, the extended delay in restarting indoor pool operations. The pool renovation itself was extensive and once completed, will only require minor maintenance for years to come.

You will also see crews from NOVA Painting company painting signposts, light posts, rails, and other metal structures to speed up our project and spruce up our environment. These painters are under contract to help our staff painters who were inundated with unplanned paint jobs added to their scheduled work, including painting the indoor pool deck, walls and pillars.



The Indoor Pool will reopen to Pool Patrons on Saturday, November 4.

Highest priority, fix as soon as practical, infrastructure repairs were budgeted for FY2024, so be alert to parking and traffic pattern impacts as contractors continue to repair expansion joints and garage ceilings. Curbs and sidewalks, and roadways will also get needed attention.

Another highly anticipated project that started in 2023 and is projected to be completed in fiscal year 2027 is the high-rise buildings shared hallway redecoration. Of course, there are many other smaller projects slated to be completed this fiscal year which started in October. If you would like more information regarding the various projects, additional details or status updates I encourage you to attend our monthly board meetings and if you happen to miss the meeting check out the board documents posted on the “connect resident” portal. Should you want to get in on the action consider joining one of our committees or being a candidate for the Board of Directors in 2024.



As you can see, WAL is making extensive use of our property management contractor’s “connect resident” portal to post much of our Associations business documentation. We have also contracted with Vote HOA Now (VHN) for the past two years to host our Annual Meeting Notice and accompanying Board of Directors’ proxy ballots. During their October meeting, the Elections Committee voted to recommend extending the VHN subscription for another year and, the Board approved use of VHN’s for additional polling. In accordance with July 2023 revisions of Virginia law, the Board will have considered allowing members to opt out of receiving paper documents, including the Annual Meeting Notice and budget. In 2022 and this year, the Annual Meeting Notice was both mailed and posted on the VHN-hosted website.

Virginia law will allow our association to enable members to “opt out” of receiving the mailed packets, potentially saving thousands of dollars in postage, printing, paper, and labor costs. The VHN site used for electronic voting can also be used to poll association members desiring to opt out of postal mailings. Finally, the annual WAL registration starts this month, so make sure your primary owner name, primary owner email address and primary owner telephone number are all up to date. These are essential to BoD online voter registration and other electronic mail deliveries you may want to receive.



This article contains a lot of information; however, there is much more available, so consider accessing the portal or the numerous WAL communications media for more and newer information about the goings on in our community. In closing, I salute our military veterans and wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

2023 - 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Alex Davila	2024
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Eileen Greenberg	2025
Theresa Mulrane	2025
Gregory Wade	2025

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Board Elected Officers

Terms Expires

Rudnaldo Hodges, President	2024
Joseph Vecchio, Vice President	2024
Susan Bouldin, Treasurer	2024
Vivian Moran, Secretary	2024

SAFE STEPPING IN THE COMMUNITY

By Patrol Services Department

As the days grow shorter and cooler, the Patrol Services Department urges residents to prioritize safety while navigating the community. Following these simple guidelines can make a significant difference in ensuring your well-being:

Avoid Cell Phone Use: Distractions can be hazardous. Keep your focus on your surroundings, especially when crossing streets or paths.

Avoid Listening to Headphones: While music can be a great companion, it's crucial to hear approaching vehicles or potential hazards.

Watch for Vehicles Moving Out of Parking Spaces: Be vigilant, especially in high-traffic areas, where cars may suddenly pull out of parking spots.

Use Pedestrian Walking/Jogging Path/Crosswalks: Stick to designated paths and crosswalks. They are designed to provide the safest routes for pedestrians.

Wear Reflective Clothing at Night: Visibility is critical. Ensure you're easily seen by wearing reflective clothing, especially after dark.

Only Wear Sunglasses During the Day: While sunglasses are a great accessory, they can impede your vision in low-light conditions. Save them for sunny days.



Carry a Flashlight at Night: Illuminate your path to avoid potential tripping hazards or obstacles.

Make Eye Contact with the Driver: When crossing roads, establish eye contact with drivers to ensure they're aware of your presence.

Always Assume Drivers Don't See You: Even if you have the right of way, exercise caution and be prepared for unexpected actions from drivers.

Patrol Services understands the diverse transportation needs of our community. With a mix of high-rises and a popular walking trail, it's essential for everyone to stay vigilant and follow these safety tips. By doing so, we can ensure that everyone enjoys a secure and pleasant experience while moving around our beautiful community.

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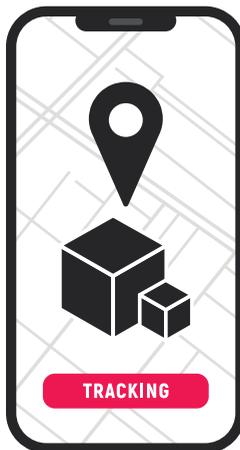
By Aleena Hampton, Chair of Communications Committee

It's frustrating that you're expecting a package, and it seems like it's taking a lot longer to arrive than you planned. Did you know you can track your packages and be notified when and where they were delivered? When you order something from a vendor, use your email or cell phone so you can be notified when the package was sent, by what carrier, and a tracking number. Here's some helpful information for common carriers where you can sign up for tracking:

UPS: Sign up and create an account (no cost) at: <https://wwwapps.ups.com/doapp/signup>

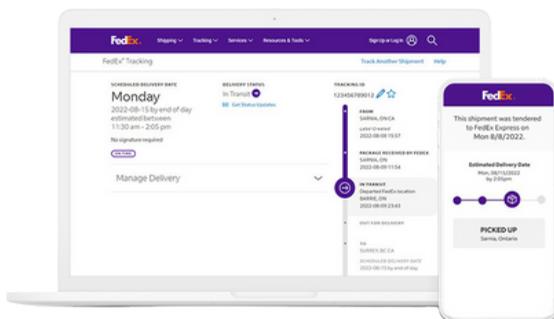
Click on sign up and create a profile. This can be set to where you will receive notice on all incoming packages.

You can set how you want to be notified either by email or text. Where you want your package delivered...make sure the vendor and your profile indicate you want it delivered to your door. UPS will sometimes take a picture of where the package was placed. Check your tracking; sometimes UPS will transfer to the post office with another tracking number.



FEDEX: Create a user ID and password (no cost). Set up your notifications (email or text). Make sure your address includes your unit number.

Under delivery instructions, you can indicate you want it delivered to your front door and if you want your doorbell to ring. After establishing a user ID and password, set up your profile. Set up your notifications (email or text). Make sure your address includes your unit number.



AMAZON: If you're a Prime member, when you set up your account, indicate how your packages will be delivered, whether you're sending or receiving. Be aware that sometimes Amazon will use UPS or the post office. Keep track of where your package is. Amazon drivers take pictures of where they put your package. And you can go online and see where the truck is.

USPS: Sign up for Informed Delivery at USPS.com. Informed delivery will not only tell you about everyday packages, but also what letters are in your mailbox. The notification will include a picture of your mail. Use your email/text to be notified. Make sure you include your unit number in your address. The mailboxes at WAL are small, and you need to clear them every day if you have mail.



Experience seamless tracking with USPS by tracking your package with live updates and a visual preview of your mail deliveries. - Photo by usps.com

You still need to clear the box even if you think there is only junk mail. If you're going out of town, place your mail on hold. This can be taken care of online.

Some Tips:

- Include your unit number in the address (i.e., 205 Yoakum Pkwy, Unit XXX) for accurate delivery. Unmarked packages may be left in the lobby.
- If your package isn't at your door, check the lobby—weekends especially. Contact the vendor/carrier after confirming its presence there.
- WAL isn't liable for deliveries; please don't leave packages in the lobby. They may be taken. Retrieve promptly.
- If you find mail not addressed to you, use the outgoing mailbox, not the counter. Safeguard sensitive documents to prevent scams.



NEWER FSR CONNECT PORTAL

By Jene Lyons, Deputy General Manager

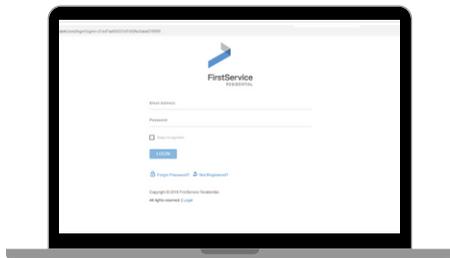
How do you access your First Service Residential (FSR) Assessment Account details?

Do you click on one of the links below from the official Watergate at Landmark website www.watergateatlandmark.com website or do you go directly to dcmetro.fsrconnect.com or <https://Connect.connectresident.com>?



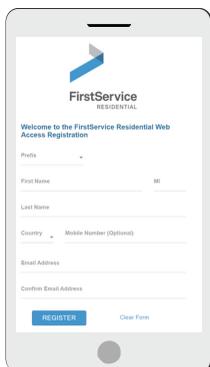
www.watergateatlandmark.com will still continue to operate.

Watergate at Landmark WAL Connect Resident



To register for the new(er) FSR portal to view your account:

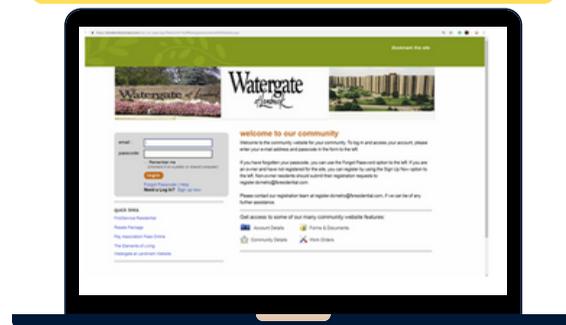
1. Go to the Official Watergate at Landmark website (www.watergateatlandmark.com), click the FSR Website (FirstServiceResidential) and click on the Watergate at Landmark WAL Connect Resident website. Alternatively, you may go directly to the new port by visiting <https://Connect.connectresident.com>
2. Click **Login** and select the **Create Account** option (Note: Plan to create a new password as the Legacy password will not work on the new portal).
3. Register with your email address.
4. Link your account using your home address (Ex. 203 Yoakum Pkwy, #518, Alexandria, VA) or Account Number (ZZZDEV-0001-01) as reflected on payment coupons if you receive them.



If you need assistance registering or linking your account, please call FSR 24/7 at 800-870-0010 for assistance getting set up on this new portal.

Legacy Website for FirstService Residential

Will no longer be active after 12/31/23.



This Portal will no longer be active after 12/31/23. Please register for an account on the WAL Connect Resident Portal.

This distinction is important because, after 12/31/23, the Legacy website (portal) for FSR will no longer be active. This means if you use the Legacy Website for FirstService Residential as a portal to your FSR account details, you will want to register for the new resident portal before the end of the year. Some of you already utilize the new portal, so change may not even be necessary.

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UPCOMING HOLIDAY OPERATING HOURS

Elections Day, November 7

Normal Hours of Operation
 Shuttle Service: Shopping schedule modified for voting runs.

Veterans Day, November 10

All Offices Closed
 No Shuttle Service
 Fitness Center: 4 AM – 12 AM
 Indoor Pool: 10 AM – 10 PM
 Library: Closed
 Racquet Club (FOB Only): 6 AM – 11 PM

Thanksgiving, November 23

All Offices Closed
 No Shuttle Service
 Fitness Center: 4 AM – 12 AM
 Indoor Pool: 10 AM – 10 PM
 Library: Closed
 Racquet Club (FOB Only): 6 AM – 11 PM

SHUTTLE STOP TO VOTE!

By Watergate at Landmark Management

The designated polling place for Watergate at Landmark resident Election Day voting is at Samuel W. Tucker School, 435 Ferdinand Day Dr. To ensure everyone can cast their vote, a special run to the polls has been arranged on November 7.

Following the usual morning rush hour schedule run, only one shopping run (9:30 a.m.) will take place followed by the 10:50 a.m. shopping run for pick-ups only! However, starting from 1:20 p.m., residents can hop on special Voting-related runs departing from Building 1,2,3 4. Once residents have cast their votes, the driver will be waiting to bring them back to Watergate.



Mark your calendars for November 7 and make your voice heard at Tucker School!

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Watergate at Landmark RECENT SALES

ST#	MODEL	BR/FB/HB	SQFT	DATE SOLD	PRICE	GARAGE
203	A	1/0	863	10/27/23	\$270,000	No
307	C	1/1	986	09/27/23	\$299,900	No
205	D	1/1/1	1,064	09/29/23	\$320,000	No
203	E	2/2	1,098	10/26/23	\$315,000	No
309	G	2/2	1,309	10/11/23	\$375,000	No
309	G	2/2	1,309	10/16/23	\$385,000	No



Hi. My name is Rob Blitzer and I am a 34 year Resident and Realtor at Watergate at Landmark. I have been helping my Clients buy and sell Real Estate all over Northern Virginia but there is a special place in my heart for Watergate! Watergate is not just 4 walls and a ceiling or just another community. It's a Life Style and a very comfortable Lifestyle at that. Over my 34 years at Watergate, we have been through a lot... Recessions, Elections, Runaway Stock Markets, Pandemics, Cicada Invasions (Twice) and even an Earthquake. Through it all, Watergate continues to keep on Rockin' and even improving with age. Whether it's the Amenities, Location or just the overall Comfortable LifeStyle, it's great living here and I'm Enthusiastic about Watergate now and what the Future holds.

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2023 Community Happy Hour

Murder Mystery Night



MIDNIGHT IN PARIS

By Carolyn Winters, Chair of The Social Committee



Ooh La La! New Year's will be special this year as we head to one of our favorite cities. And there is no flying... all we have to do is stroll down to the Terrace Lounge. The entrance for our festive evening begins at the entrance door of the TV room. Once you have checked in, hang your coat and carry your favorite beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) to your table.

Experience the **Midnight in Paris** event on New Years Eve, **December 31** from 7 to 9:30 p.m in the Terrace Lounge. Tickets are \$55 with no refunds. Tickets are available through December 24. Guests are encouraged to bring their beverages. Attire is jacket and tie for men, and cocktail attire for women.

You may notice the Eiffel Tower Lounge on your way in. That should be your first stop. Our hosts for the night (Joanne Burke, Madeleine Homayoonfar and Christine Ricci) will welcome you with a glass of bubbly! While in the Eiffel Tower Lounge, chat with your neighbors and notice Madeleine's cousin's beautiful Parisian paintings. Plan to take a selfie of yourself in front of a Paris café.



Around 7:30 p.m., Bob Smith and Robert Vetter will start to play some of our favorite tunes. Greg Wade, our MC for the evening, will introduce residents who will be singing/ entertaining us and he will tell a few corny jokes. Dancing in the Eiffel Tower Lounge is also encouraged.

Ben's Catering is serving tables of delicious French Hors d'oeuvres. The menu for the evening includes.

- Mini Croque Monsieurs
- Smoked salmon canapés
- Pâté sandwiches
- Gougères (cheese puffs)
- Asparagus and Gruyère Tarts
- Stuffed Mushrooms with/ vegetable filling
- Tapenade w/ Baguettes

A Charcuterie Table that will delight the eye! Extra sharp Cheddar, Brie, Manchego Cheese; and Chorizo, Italian Dry Salami, Sopressata, Calabrese and Genoa salamis; Olives & Pickles; Grapes, Strawberries, Raspberries and Blueberries; Nuts and dried fruit.

Desserts include Assorted Macarons, Mini Eclairs and Profiteroles. We end the night wishing everyone a "Happy New Year" as they head to their next party celebrating the "dropping of the ball" in Times Square!

If you want to join the Cabaret entertainment (singing, storytelling, jokes, magic trick etc.), please contact the Activities Office by **November 30**. We are looking for five Residents who would like to share their talent with us on this very festive evening.

STAYING CONNECTED TO WAL

By Brianna Hawkins, Communications Manager

Are you up to date with the latest at Watergate at Landmark (WAL)? From newsletters and texts to email blasts, there's a wealth of resources to keep you informed. Whether you're a paper or digital reader of the Watergate Weekly, rely on the Wheel, or frequently check the bulletin boards, WAL ensures residents have ample options to stay in the know.



Residents can now share personal property and wanted notices from the locked glass cases labeled as Resident Advertising & Classifieds, online at watergateatlandmark.com/residents.html.

As a resident at Watergate, you have an array of communication channels at your fingertips:

Watergate Weekly and The Wheel: Check out comprehensive updates, features and highlights in the weekly flyer and monthly magazine publications. Stay in the loop with community events, news, and important notices.

Bulletin Boards: Conveniently located throughout the community, bulletin boards serve as information hubs. Check them regularly for Association announcements, event details, and other community-related news.

CCTV Announcements: Watch for announcements broadcasted on our Closed-Circuit Television system. These announcements cover essential updates and notices: Comcast channel 970 or Master Antenna channel 8.

Email Blasts: Receive timely updates directly to your inbox. Be it event reminders, policy changes, or important notices, email blasts ensure you're always in the loop by adding your email to your FSR account and selecting your preferred communication preferences.

Text Notifications: For those on the move, opt for text notifications. Receive critical updates right on your phone, ensuring you are promptly informed even when you're not at home. Fill out the Opt-In Text Message Form at the Resident Services office.

Social Media Channels: Follow us for real-time updates and engaging community content on platform X (Formerly Twitter), Instagram and Facebook. Connect with fellow residents and be part of the vibrant WAL online community.



Would you like to sign up or update your communication preferences?

Fill out the form to share your WAL related communication references with the Communications Manager.

Link: <https://forms.gle/QN3nZXCURoxcAEqK7>



ANNUAL REGISTRATION BEGINS!

By Resident Services Team

Watergate's Annual Re-registration begins **Monday, November 13**, ensuring precise records and updated contacts. Please prepare to provide copies of the following personal documents listed below:

- WAL ID
- Driver's License
- DMV Registration
- Digital Photo
- Emergency Contact
- Pet Registration



Accurate and updated information helps you as a resident access all amenities, provide standard service requests (e.g. maintenance requests, lockouts) and alerts you in case of an emergency.

LOCKED OUT OF YOUR HOME?

By Shalayah Nesbitt, Operations Coordinator

In times of unexpected lockouts or emergencies, having quick and hassle-free access to spare keys is crucial. For those without a convenience key on file or unable to reach the front desk, there's a solution at hand. By contacting Patrol Services, a dedicated team is ready to step in and provide the assistance needed. With an Emergency Key readily available, residents and guests can regain access to their spaces swiftly and efficiently.

It's worth noting that while this service ensures convenience and peace of mind, there is a nominal \$25 service charge associated with Patrol Service's assistance. This fee helps cover the costs associated with the provision of this valuable service, ensuring that residents can rely on a reliable and responsive solution in their time of need. Don't let unexpected lockouts become a source of stress - trust in Patrol Services for a seamless resolution.



FALL GROUP EXERCISE SCHEDULE

Season Ends December 31, 2023



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Mondays

Pilates | 10:30 a.m. | Terrace Lounge

Wednesdays

Tone/Balance/Stretch | 12:15 p.m. | Terrace Lounge

Thursdays

Aqua Zumba | 6 p.m. | Indoor Pool

Saturdays

Gentle Yoga | 9 a.m. | Terrace Lounge

ACTIVITIES

OFFICE SURVEY

Scan your mobile device camera screen over the QR code to the right to access the survey.



Please take a moment to fill out our activities survey and help shape future activities and classes. You can access the survey at <http://www.watergateatlandmark.com/activities.html> or QR code.



SHUTTLE FEEDBACK SURVEY

By WAL Management

Your input is the key to shaping an improved shuttle service at Watergate at Landmark. From identifying preferred shuttle routes to refining accessibility, your feedback will pave the way for a smoother experience. Join us in this survey and be a part of the movement for positive change

This survey will serve as a crucial foundation for management in evaluating the current state of our shuttle service at Watergate at Landmark. By understanding residents' preferences and concerns regarding shuttle usage, accessibility, and destinations, management will be equipped to make informed decisions on necessary improvements. Additionally, insights on the convenience of the schedule and the suitability of the bus size will be pivotal in fine-tuning the transportation offerings, ultimately ensuring a more efficient and satisfactory experience for the entire community. Your participation in this survey is invaluable in shaping the future of our shuttle service.



Survey Period: Look for the surveys during the week of November 13. You can drop off your completed survey in front of the Resident Services Office or conveniently use the provided QR code through November 30.

The survey aims to gather insights on various aspects of the shuttle service at Watergate at Landmark. It covers:

Shuttle Usage: Determining which shuttle runs residents primarily utilize, whether the Metro Rush Hour Schedule or the Shopping Schedule.

Accessibility: Assessing the accessibility of shuttle stops, allowing residents to provide feedback on their ease of use.

New Destinations: Inviting residents to suggest destinations not currently served by the shuttle service.

Details of Suggested Locations: Request further information about these suggested destinations, including names, addresses, and types of establishments.

Ideal Times for Stops: Gathering input on preferred times of day for the shuttle to make stops at these suggested locations.

Convenience of Current Schedule: Rating the convenience of the current shuttle schedule on a scale of 1 to 5.

Areas Needing Improvement: Identifying specific shuttle runs or stops that may not be effectively serving the community.

Bus Size Preference: Gauging residents' preference for the current larger shuttle bus size versus a smaller size.

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U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. F. Jane Cotton, (Retired)

I entered the U.S. Air Force in the lowest enlisted grade of Private and retired in the permanent Commissioned Officer grade of Lt. Colonel. I served a total of 21 years of continuous active duty, which included two years as an enlisted Airman, and 19 years of continuous active duty as an officer. I was one of the first three women of color to complete the United States Air Force Officer Candidate School at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. My service included 18 months in the Philippines at Clark Air Force Base and a partial tour of several months in Japan.



Joe Vecchio, USAF, (Retired)



In my final four years at the Pentagon as Chief of the Middle East/Africa Division, current events in Israel evoke vivid memories. Our mission centered on the management and deployment of U.S.-made combat aircraft and air munitions to 17 nations across the Middle East and Africa. the Middle East and Africa. Notably, Israel, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan, the Emirates, Kenya, and Nigeria were among the key recipients of these weapon systems, some of which are still in active service today. Balancing the demands of these allied governments was akin to a blindfolded juggling act with a dozen balls in the air.

One particularly fateful incident unfolded during a visit to Cairo, just before Egypt's annual October 6 parade. Field Marshal Mohamed Abu Ghazala, the Egyptian Minister of Defense and a longtime friend, extended a special invitation to join the reviewing stands alongside President Anwar Sadat and esteemed Egyptian military and government figures. Regrettably (or perhaps, providentially for me), prior commitments necessitated my absence.

I entrusted my assistant, a U.S. Air Force LT. Colonel, with the honor. The subsequent events are etched in history. The following day, during the parade, uniformed militants breached the reviewing stand, claiming the lives of President Sadat and many others. Both the Defense Minister and my assistant were wounded. Reflecting on this incident, had I stayed, I might not be here today to recount this indelible tale.

On a positive note, my responsibilities led to frequent visits, particularly to Egypt, Israel, Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan, and Kenya. In these countries, senior military officials graciously escorted me, creating enduring memories.



Vince Patton, U.S. Coast Guard

I proudly dedicated three decades to the U.S. Coast Guard from 1972 to 2002. Over the years, I served in diverse locations, including Cape May, NJ; Governors Island, NY; Detroit, MI; Chicago, IL; Cleveland, OH; Washington, DC; Seattle, WA; Port-au-Prince, Haiti; Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, and Portsmouth, VA. My service also encompassed seven years at sea aboard three different ships.



I have specialized in communications, personnel administration, and training throughout my career. I also became a qualified maritime law enforcement boarding officer, participating in over 60 search and rescue missions, four Alaskan fisheries' enforcement patrols, and a dozen specific maritime law enforcement missions.

The pinnacle of my career was being chosen as the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, the highest enlisted rank in the service. This achievement also marked a significant milestone, as I became the first African American to attain this esteemed position. Since September 2004, I have proudly called Watergate at Landmark my home as a resident and condo owner.



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A SPOOKTACULAR SUCCESS

By Brianna Hawkins, Communication Manager

The Pet Halloween Costume Contest held at the Upper Terrace in October was a spooktacular hit! The 'Best All-around Doggy' award went to the enchanting 'Bride & Groom', while 'Prissy the Feline Slinky' slinked away with the title of 'Best All-around Kitty'. The event not only showcased our community's love for pets but also provided a delightful opportunity for neighbors to come together in celebration.

Winners

Best All-around Doggy: Bride & Groom

Best All-around Kitty: Prissy the Feline Slinky



Prissy the Feline Slinky

Bridget Jaspart, the Chair of the Pet Committee, extended a warm thank you to our fantastic judges, Addison and Adam, for their invaluable contributions. Laughter and excitement filled the Upper Terrace as residents and their adorable pets paraded in creative costumes.



The event not only showcased our community's love for pets but also provided a delightful opportunity for neighbors to come together in celebration. For those interested in becoming part of the Pet Committee, attendance at the committee meetings on the first Thursdays at 7:30 PM is encouraged.



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UPCOMING *Events*

November **1**

**WAL BOOK CLUB
WEDNESDAY**

7:30 PM • Conference Room 2 + Virtual • Free
"The Violin Conspiracy" by Brendan Slocomb will be discussed in November. All are welcome! Please contact Diane Mullens for virtual access at dpmullens@comcast.net.



**JUNIOR SENIOR HAPPY HOUR PILOT
FRIDAY**

5 - 7 PM • Terrace Lounge • Free
The Youth Committee proudly presents a new initiative - a dedicated space for Watergate's vibrant youth and wise seniors to unite, share stories, and forge connections. The gatherings will begin with small group discussions, leading to lively full-group conversations. Sessions will touch on activities, from engaging art workshops to intriguing explorations of various topics.

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November **11**

**STORY TIME
SATURDAY**

10:15 - 10:45 AM • Lower Terrace • Free

The Youth Committee invites WAL little ones and caregivers for a story time event designed exclusively for aged 0-3 years old! Join us in the Terrace Lounge for captivating tales and a special experience that will spark their imaginations and love for reading. The second event of the month is on November 25.

11 *November*

**PICKLEBALL LESSONS
SATURDAYS**

11 AM - Noon • Racquet Club • Free



Want to learn the game of pickleball? Free one-hour lessons on Saturdays until November 11 at 11:00 a.m. Indoor courts. Paddles and balls provided. Space is limited. Sign up by contacting Terry Schlossberg at terryschlossberg@comcast.net. Sponsored by the Recreation Committee.

November **11**

**HOLIDAY PHOTO SHOOT
SATURDAY**

11 AM - 2 PM •

Upper Terrace/Meadow • Free



The Pet Committee will offer mini sessions with WAL's own pet photographer Gerry! Ten-minute time slots are available for free and photos will be shot near the Upper Terrace (where you will meet for your session). To reserve your time, please send an email to Pet@WatergateAtLandmark.com.

November **16**

PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH MARKET SHUTTLE TRIP

THURSDAY

10 AM Pick up • 2472 Solomons Island Road Annapolis, MD 2140. • \$15



Join the *A&E Committee* for a trip to the Pennsylvania Dutch Market Shuttle Trip. Departure at 10 a.m., residents can shop and eat lunch at the market.



November **17**

**HAPPY HOUR
FRIDAY**

5 - 7 PM •

Terrace Lounge • Free

Mark your calendars for a lively Happy Hour on November 17 in the Terrace Lounge! Wine, beer, and refreshments will be available. Donations are encouraged. Exclusive market specials may be ordered before or during the event. Residents are welcome to stay after 7 p.m.

November **18**

**HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING
SATURDAY**

5 - 7 PM •

Terrace Lounge • Free



The Senior Committee invites the WAL community to gather in the spirit of giving for the gift-wrapping volunteering event. The wrapped boxes will grace our community holiday trees, lobbies, the Terrace Lounge and Town Square's centerpiece tree. Donations of wrapping supplies and tape are welcomed.

NOVEMBER

2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR Tone/Balance/Stretch -12:15 PM - TL Recreation - 5 PM - VI Infrastructure - 7 PM - VI WAL Book Club - 7:30 PM -CF2/VI	2 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR Youth - 6 PM - VI Pet - 7:30 PM - VI Zumba - 6 PM - TL	3 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2 AR-40 Working Group - 3 PM - CF1	4 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Pickleball Lessons - 11 AM - RC
	5 Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL Communications - 1 PM - CF1	6 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Mahjong - 10 AM - CR Seniors - 2 PM - TL A&E - 5 PM - CF2 Covenantants - 7 PM - VI Elections Day 2023 Normal Hours of Operation	7 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR Tone/Balance/Stretch -12:15 PM - TL Landscape - 11 AM - CF2 PRC Meeting - 7 PM - VI	8 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR Landscape - 11 AM - CF2 Elections - 1 PM - CF2 Reasonable Accommodation - 4 PM - CF1	9 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2 Junior Senior Happy Hour Story Time - 10:15 AM - TL - TL - 5 PM Veterans Day - All Offices Closed Hours of Operation No Shuttle Service Fitness Ctr: 4 AM - 12 AM Indoor Pool: 10 AM - 10 PM Library: Closed Racquet Club (FOB Only): 6 AM - 11 PM	10 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2 Yoga - 9 AM - CR Story Time - 10:15 AM - TL Pickleball Lessons - 11 AM - RC Holiday Pet Photo Shoot - UT/ME - 11 AM - 2PM
	12 Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL Budget - 7 PM - VI	13 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Mahjong - 10 AM - CR Social - 6 PM - CF2	14 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Tone/Balance/Stretch -12:15 PM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR	15 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR Zumba - 6 PM - TL Amish/Dutch Market Shuttle Trip - 9:30 AM Pickup	16 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2 Happy Hour - 5 - 7 PM - TL	17 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Holiday Wrap Event - 9 AM - CF2
	19 Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL Budget - 7 PM - VI	20 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Mahjong - 110 AM - CR	21 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Tone/Balance/Stretch - 12:15 PM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR	22 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR No Shuttle Service Hours of Operation Fitness Ctr: 4 AM - 12 AM Indoor Pool: 10 AM - 10 PM Library: Closed Racquet Club (FOB Only): 6 AM - 11 PM	23 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2 Thanksgiving All Offices Closed Hours of Operation No Shuttle Service Fitness Ctr: 4 AM - 12 AM Indoor Pool: 10 AM - 10 PM Library: Closed Racquet Club (FOB Only): 6 AM - 11 PM	24 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR Zumba - 6 PM - TL
	26 Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL	27 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Mahjong - 10 AM - CR Board Meeting - 7:30 PM - TL/VI	28 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Tone/Balance/Stretch - 12:15 PM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR	29 Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR Zumba - 6 PM - TL	30 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2	31 Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2

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