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**Water Gate of Landmark Residents**

**City of Alexandria Permits and WAL  
Modification approval submission included!**

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**Bathroom**



**Flooring**



**Electrical**



**Plumbing**



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*Common Area Maintenance Related Requests:*

# PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Rudnaldo Hodges, Board President

I hope summer 2023 has been a good one for our residents now that time has elapsed since the coronavirus pandemic. Although we've had to deal with smoke and haze from the North and stifling air masses from the South, we have fortunately had an abundance of beautiful summer days. The Board of Directors has approved an extension of operating days of the Outdoor Pool until September 15th! Additionally, the following projects have come to fruition: Indoor Racquet Court renovations, Terrace Lounge Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) replacement, Gazebo renovations and some smaller projects.

The Indoor Pool repairs associated with the 2023 visual structural survey and painting of the ceiling are completed. During the ceiling repair phase more damage was discovered than initially estimated. This necessitated additional days for repairs, thus extending the length of the total project. Once these repairs are finished the pool contractor will complete the pool renovation and then Environmental Services staff will clean the pool deck before Maintenance gives it a fresh coat of paint. Extending the Outdoor Pool operations will shorten the gap between outdoor and indoor pool operations. Barring unforeseen circumstances, the indoor pool project will be completed by mid-October. Check the WAL "Weekly" and CCTV for updates and an official announcement regarding the Indoor Pool reopening date!



Enjoy an extended Outdoor pool season (Weekday 12 - 7 PM and Weekends 10 AM - 6 PM) to September 15 due to ongoing repairs on the Indoor pool. Photo by Suman Nayyar

During the July Board of Directors' meeting, the Board approved a new and more modern-looking electronic cipher lock as an additional option to a previously approved dead bolt cipher lock; it is the Schlage BE489WB Encode Smart Wi-Fi Deadbolt with Camelot Trim in Satin Nickel. After the Board meeting, I thought... "I would like one of those for our unit."

As I researched and followed the process for getting one of these locks installed, I realized that there is a need to share this information for the benefit of equally interested residents. Furthermore, the need to document my experience came to light when during the Board meeting a resident asked if she could proceed with the modification upon Board approval. The answer was...NO, and here is why. During the March 2023 meeting, the Board approved Policy Resolution No. 96, RENOVATION AND ARCHITECTURAL MODIFICATION POLICIES.



The pertinent renovations and modifications are extensive and too numerous to list in this article, however, it does include doors, doorbells, door knockers, handles, locks and the like.

Should you have any questions regarding whether a change you wish to make requires approval, here is what you can do. Go to the Association Office in the Community Center and request a copy of PR No. 96, or sign on to the our property management service provider's web portal which is currently, First Residential Services via the following web address: <https://wal.connectresident.com>

One last comment regarding forms for processing renovations and modification! Once you land on the FSR WAL website, login, search for “Forms & Documents”, then “Forms and Applications”, followed by “Renovation Architectural Change Request Form”. Download the form, fill it out, and submit your form to the Resident Services Office. These will assist you in getting your request through the approval process. Your request will be assigned a case number which will be referenced during future communications. After your modification request has been “approved” you will receive a formal approval letter. Sign the Agreement form letter that is included, have your contractor sign as well, date and return the letter to Resident Services.

Following PR No. 96 is necessary to preserve the aesthetic qualities of our environment, ensure we are safe within our living spaces, and prevent unit owners from being assessed fees for non-compliance. Do these things and you will get the correct answer: YES!



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By Ron Gibson, Maintenance Facilities Director

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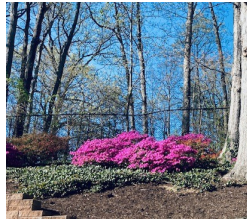
## How Do I Address Common Area Concerns?

Should you have any questions, suggestions or concerns regarding landscaping or any other Common Area, please reach out to our Operations Coordinator, Shalayah Nesbitt.

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# WAL OPERATIONS IN MOTION

## Where Maintenance Meets Living - Latest Updates & Tips

By Shalayah Nesbitt, Operations Coordinator

### Building 1

- Performed the semi-annual emergency generator PM service, including 2-hour load bank testing.
- Performed the annual fire alarm testing of the building strobes and horns.

### Building 2

- Performed the semi-annual emergency generator PM service, including 2-hour load bank testing.
- Performed the annual fire alarm testing of the building strobes and horns.

### Building 3

- Replaced 2 blown fuses in the north end roof top HVAC unit.
- Performed the semi-annual emergency generator PM service, including 2-hour load bank testing.

### Building 4

- Replaced several timbers around the lobby ellipse that were hit by an unknown vehicle.
- Performed the semi-annual emergency generator PM service, including 2-hour load bank testing

### Indoor Pool Repairs

- Indoor pool ceiling, including concrete removal and repainting, were successfully executed by Consolidated Waterproofing (CWC) after a contract with BECS Engineering.
- Indoor pool and spa replastering contract undertaken by High Sierra Pools, work ongoing.
- Repainting of pool and deck in progress; anticipated completion by October 15, 2023.
- Reinstalled 2 ceiling light fixtures that were removed during the indoor pool concrete ceiling repairs.

### Community Center / Racquet Club

- **RC** - Installed a new water cooler with bottle fill capabilities in the Racquet Club.
- **RC** - Enhanced convenience by adding 12 hooks on the Indoor court wall near the entrance for athletic bags.
- **RC** - Improved court aesthetics and functionality by installing new side curtains, nets, and adjusting cables.
- **CC** - Replaced a cracked urinal in the men's restroom by the Market Café.



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Submitting a request is a breeze – drop us an email at [operations@watergateatlandmark.com](mailto:operations@watergateatlandmark.com), or visit the front desk at the community center to complete a physical work order. Your safety is our priority, and we're here to make sure your living space remains secure and comfortable.

# UNITED IN MEMORY

## Our Community's Journey through 9/11



As we step into September, we draw closer to the anniversary of the events that took place on 9/11 in 2001. In an effort to foster unity and remembrance, our community came together last August, inviting residents to share their personal memories of that historic day. The result is a touching compilation that speaks to our collective strength, compassion, and resilience. This dedicated piece allows us to honor and memorialize 9/11 through the eyes of our neighbors. Each memory forms a strand in the tapestry of our community, binding us together. As we read, remember, and reflect, let this special tribute remind us of the power of unity in the face of adversity.

*On 09/11, I was attending a meeting at the White House which began at 0900 and was terminated within 15 minutes as the order came from the Secret Service to evacuate the building. We had just a brief account of what was happening as we abandoned the building.*

*The Metro had shut down and my car was at the Pentagon City garage. While standing on the sidewalk wondering what options existed besides walking, a young lady stopped her car at the curb and asked if I was going to Virginia. She gave me and another gentleman a ride to the location of our cars. Fortunately, I was able to retrieve my car but spent the next three hours trying to navigate the streets to return to Watergate. It was my good fortune to avoid the attack on the Pentagon. I learned the details of the attacks from my car radio on the way home.*

**MAYNARD ANDERSON, BLDG. 2 RESIDENT**



*September 11, 2001, remains etched in memory. As a retired Federal employee with 34 years, including 25 with the FAA, the tragic attacks left an indelible mark. Amidst routine work that day, the unfolding events gripped us. The shock of witnessing the planes crashing into the World Trade Center and Pentagon is unforgettable. Professionally, the Federal Aviation Administration's response showcased its excellence. The unprecedented national ground stop, compelling over 4,500 aircraft to land safely, was a remarkable achievement. The tragic events underline the importance of stringent aviation security. We cannot forget the sorrowful chapter in American history, ensuring such devastation is never repeated.*

**JOHN FLYNN, BLDG. 2 RESIDENT**



*On September 11, 2001, amidst classifying TC 1600 cases, a jet's roar and crashing sound halted my work. The news arrived through a call from a coworker, Kate White - a plane had hit the Pentagon. From Crystal City's evacuation to the packed Blue Line train home, I saw the Pentagon's smoke from Van Dorn Metro Station. At Watergate at Landmark, security checks awaited, and I reassured my father via landline. The account reflects my personal experience and not the stance of the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the US Department of Commerce. I gathered details on the 9/11 plot through the Washington Post and WTOP Radio post-September 11.*

**EDWARD WARD, BLDG. 4 RESIDENT**







*On September 11, 2001, a day that started warmly in Washington turned tragic around 9 AM with airplanes crashing into the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and Pennsylvania. I was working in Dupont Circle and witnessed the unfolding disaster on a conference room TV. Chaos reigned as cell and landline communications failed, Metro shut down, and an eerie exodus from DC commenced. I left with my carpool, passing the burning Pentagon and sensing the uncertainty that lay ahead.*

*In the aftermath, Watergate's General Manager, Mr. Sultan, took swift action, rerouting shuttle buses and ensuring connectivity amid Metro closures. The return to normalcy was gradual; airports remained closed, and new security measures were adopted nationwide. In our community of over 5,000 residents, we mourned the loss of Meta Waller at the Pentagon, commemorating her through ceremonies, a planted tree, and a bench at the 9/11 Memorial. As the years pass, visits to the memorial and reflections on those lost continue to honor their memory.*

**LIBBY COOPERMAN, BLDG. 2 RESIDENT**



*We can't forget. Events like 9/11 instantly evoke memories. At work near M & 19th, NW, I heard the news. As Director of Administration at a national law firm, the unfolding tragedy left us stunned. We evacuated due to a bomb threat, streets gridlocked. My husband walked to me, witnessing chaotic scenes, portable radios abuzz. We waited, grabbed hotdogs, took Metro, called loved ones, ensuring safety. Stories emerged - a partner saw the tower hit, another stranded in Mexico. We navigated threats at a co-pilot's funeral. Amid cancellations, our France trip paled against the greater concerns.*

**EUGENIA BURKES, BLDG. 3 RESIDENT**

*On September 11, 2001, from my workplace at the Office of Inspector General, Department of Defense's Office of the Inspector General, I witnessed the Pentagon's southern section being struck by a plane, resulting in a fiery explosion. Evacuation and communication breakdowns followed, leaving uncertainty about the unfolding situation. Unable to contact my carpool colleague stationed in the Pentagon, I embarked on a long journey home through impassable roads, encountering the kindness of strangers on the way.*

*In the aftermath, I observed the determined reconstruction of the damaged Pentagon, symbolized by a large American flag hanging on the building. Despite the physical restoration, the emotional impact of the event lingered, as we struggled to return to normalcy while vivid memories of the tragedy remained.*

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#### SATURDAYS

Gentle Yoga - 9 a.m. - Terrace Lounge

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# ARTIST OF THE MONTH

By Brianna Hawkins Communication Manager

Discover the artistry of WAL resident, Howard Cihak, our featured artist this month. On a journey to Hidden Valley Trail at the South Mountain Park in Phoenix, AZ, Howard's camera lens uncovered a fascinating rock formation resembling an eye with intricate lines akin to wrinkles. Howard orchestrated a unique spectacle by patiently waiting for the perfect alignment of the Moon. The resulting photograph showcased the Moon cradled within the rock's "eye," a fusion of nature and cosmic views that exemplifies Howard's storytelling artistic skills. His work transports us beyond the realms of the ordinary, narrating the tale of the universe's collaboration with the natural world.



Digital art mixed with photography created by WAL resident, Howard Cihak

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# FOOD PROGRAM FOR ALEXANDRIA RESIDENTS

By Brianna Hawkins, Communications Manager

ALIVE! Food Program is a vital community resource, ensuring access to nutritious food through both direct distribution to clients and valuable support to Alexandria's local food pantries. By collaboratively enhancing food security, ALIVE! strives to create a healthier and more resilient community. Learn more at ALIVE! monthly programs at: [www.alive-inc.org/food-program-in-alexandria-virginia/](http://www.alive-inc.org/food-program-in-alexandria-virginia/)

## Weekend Food Distribution Events (Saturday, September 30th):

- Drive-through: Northern Virginia Community College (Lot B-1 via 5000 Dawes Ave) from 8:30 am to 10:30 am
- Walk-up: Cora Kelly Elementary School (3600 Commonwealth Ave) and William Ramsay Rec Center (5650 Sanger Ave)

## Pop-Up Food Distribution Events:

- Thursday, 09/14: William Ramsay Rec Center (5650 Sanger Ave) from 4:30 pm to 6 pm
- Friday, 09/15: Old Town Community Church (212 S. Washington St) from 10:30 am to 12 pm
- Saturday, 09/16: UNCUT Youth (1501 Cameron St) from 10 am to 12 pm
- Saturday, 09/16: Fairlington United Methodist Church (3900 King St) from 8 to 10 am
- Thursday, 09/21: Hammond Middle School (4646 Seminary Rd) from 4 to 6 pm



## ALIVE! West End Food Hub:

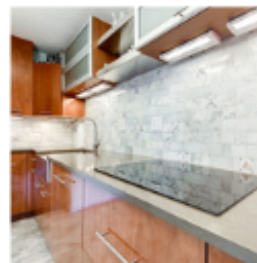
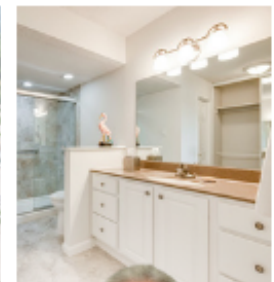
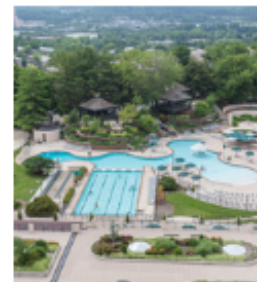
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  - Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: 11 am – 6 pm (Closed 2 -3 pm)
  - Saturdays: 10 am – 2 pm

ALIVE! Food Hubs provide not just nourishment but also personal items, cleaning supplies, school supplies, and connections to crucial support services. Bring proof of Alexandria City residency and join hands with ALIVE! to strengthen our community.

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205	C	2/1	986	08/02/23	\$300,000	No
203	E	2/2	1,098	07/31/23	\$285,000	No
205	F	2/1/1	1,211	07/27/23	\$345,000	Yes
205	F	2/1/1	1,211	07/17/23	\$350,000	Yes
203	E	2/2	1,309	08/01/23	\$375,000	No
203	H	2/2	1,365	08/04/23	\$350,000	Yes
205	K	3/2/1	1,621	07/28/23	\$390,000	Yes
309	J	3/2	1,621	07/26/23	\$405,000	Yes



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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Watergate at Landmark proudly welcomed a multitude of residents to its annual National Night Out event in August. The event, which was hosted by the Youth Committee, had enthusiastic participation from neighbors, reinforcing our strong sense of community. Representatives from public safety agencies including the Alexandria Police, Alexandria Sheriff's Office, and Alexandria Fire Department, alongside city leaders, joined us in reaffirming our commitment to neighborhood safety. The event provided a delightful platform for children to interact with community figures and neighbors, fostering a memorable atmosphere of unity and celebration.

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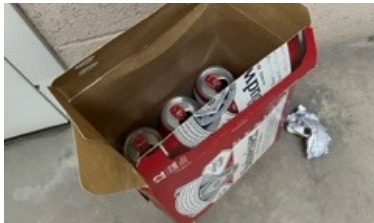
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# ELEVATOR, WALKWAY AND TRASH TIPS

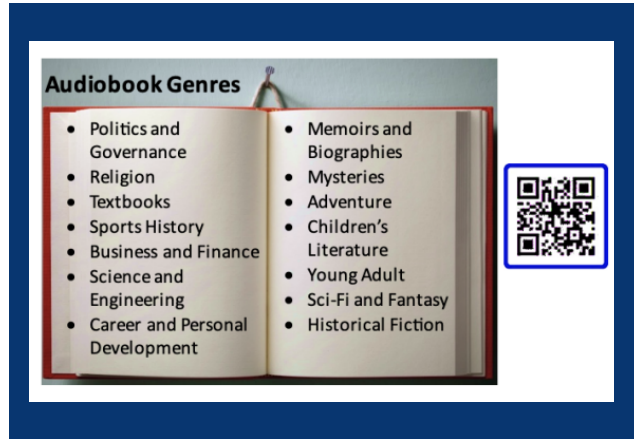
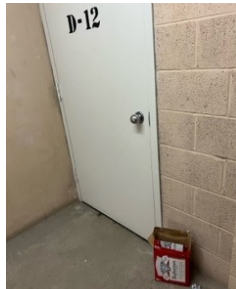
By Javier Ortiz, Chief of Patrol Services

In a high-rise living environment, such as Watergate, the significance of Elevator, Walkway, and Trash Etiquette cannot be overstated. By following the WAL guidelines, we have the remarkable opportunity to elevate safety, convenience, and the collective well-being of each esteemed resident.

- **Trash Etiquette** - Utilize the designated chute for securely bagged items. For larger items that don't fit in the chute, kindly take them to the loading dock area.
- **Common Walkways** - Let's keep them inviting by maintaining cleanliness and minimizing noise disturbances.
- **Elevator** - Please remember to patiently wait your turn, extend a helping hand by holding the door, and be mindful of peak usage times.



Improper placement of trash in a WAL walkway.



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# DIDN'T GET THAT EMAIL

By Brianna Hawkins, Communications Manager



Consider trying these tips if you didn't get a mass email.

At Watergate at Landmark, we rely on batch emailing as a crucial part of our communication strategy. We're here to provide you with some insights into this process and offer tips to ensure you stay informed. Just like many other companies, we utilize batch emailing to reach our large and vibrant community of residents. This approach allows us to efficiently share important updates, events, and news. To make this possible, we work with a third-party system that operates similarly to our emailing setup.

- Verify that your email is entered in FSR Connect and that you've opted in to receive mass communications. Oftentimes this is the biggest culprit in missed emails.

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  - WatergateLandmark.VA@fsresidential.com

\*This email address sends out Weekly Flyers, Wheel e-magazines and other correspondence that come through the Communications Department.
- Some Internet Service Providers (ISPs) recently implemented a new Spam Filtering System. As a result, some emails sent to you from the Association may be filtered to your Junk or Spam E-Mail folder unless you add the aforementioned emails to your Safe List or White List. Contact your ISP for instructions or do an online search for adding emails to a whitelist plus your ISP.
- Call or email the Management Office to alert us to issues you're experiencing with receiving. Since we use third-party platforms to display or distribute information, your feedback helps to narrow down potential causes.

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**Friday, September 29, 2023**  
**5 -7 PM ● Terrace Lounge**

Save the date! The next Happy Hour event will take place on September 29 from 5 to 7 PM in the Terrace lounge. The event will feature beer and wine (For Residents 21+ years old), music, and appetizer deals provided by the Market Cafe. Don't miss a chance to socialize with neighbors and enjoy a relaxing evening. Stay tuned for additional details as they become available!

# GET FIT AND FEEL GREAT WITH PILATES

By Milos Jovanovic, Activities Director

## Posture Perfected

In today's digital age, maintaining proper posture is a challenge we all face. Pilates acts as a beacon of balance, guiding you toward impeccable alignment. As you engage your core and mindfully move through the exercises, you'll find your posture naturally realigning. The benefits extend beyond the studio – a poised stance not only exudes confidence but also mitigates the strain often caused by prolonged sitting or poor posture.



*Discover richer, more vibrant existence through core-strengthening movements.*

## Strength Reimagined

At the heart of the Pilates experience lies its profound impact on core strength. As you embark on this transformative journey, you'll find your body growing stronger, your muscles more defined, and your posture elevated to new heights. With each controlled movement, you'll tap into dormant strength, unveiling a newfound vitality that resonates throughout your day-to-day activities. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or just starting your fitness odyssey, the fluid motions of Pilates will gradually release tension and grant you a supple, agile body.

## BEGINNERS PICKLEBALL LESSONS

By Terry Schlossberg, Recreation Committee Member

Are you ready to uncover the thrill of a sport that's sweeping the nation? Say hello to pickleball, the fastest-growing racquet game in the U.S.! If you're curious and eager to give it a shot, you're in luck – enthusiastic volunteers are here to offer you free one-hour lessons for four whole weeks. Starting on **Saturday, October 21**, and running until **November 11**, these lessons are your ticket to experiencing the excitement of pickleball.

To secure your spot in this opportunity, all you need to do is reach out to [terryschlossberg@comcast.net](mailto:terryschlossberg@comcast.net) and register. This incredible chance to learn pickleball is brought to you by the Recreation Committee, who are all about making sure you have a fantastic time while staying active. So, mark your calendars and gear up for some racquet action – we can't wait to see you there!



*Gather up at the indoor courts every Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon. Paddles and balls will be provided*

- Saturday, October 21 until November 11
- Saturdays - 11 a.m. - Noon
- Indoor Court
- Free!



# UPCOMING *Events*

# 6



*September*

WAL BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY

7:30 PM • Conference Room 2 + Virtual • Free

"In A Sunburned Country" by Bill Bryson will be discussed this month. All are welcome! Please contact Diane Mullens for virtual access at [dpmullens@comcast.net](mailto:dpmullens@comcast.net).



*September*  
PENTAGON 9/11  
MEMORIAL COMBINED  
WITH DEA MUSEUM  
THURSDAY

Pick up at 9:30 AM • Shuttle Trip • \$12

Join the *A&E Committee* on a shuttle trip to the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial that includes a complimentary tour of the DEA Museum! Experience two tours in one day: Pentagon 9/11 Memorial honoring lives lost and the enlightening DEA Museum shedding light on America's drug history and inspiring change. Don't miss this opportunity to pay homage to history and learn about America's public policy. The museum has officially reopened its doors after a two-year closure!

# 8

*September*

YAPPY  
HAPPY HOUR

FRIDAY

7 - 9 PM •

Upper Terrace • Free



People and pets alike are invited to attend the last Yappy Happy Hour for 2023 on the Upper Terrace! This is a *Pet Committee* sponsored event.

*September*

STORYTIME IN THE  
TERRACE

# 9

SATURDAY

10:15 - 10:45 AM •  
Terrace Lounge • 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.



# 16

*September*

DOGGY SWIM

SATURDAY

10 AM - 12 PM • Outdoor Pool • \$10 per family

Extend the summer outdoor pool season at the Annual Doggy Swim! Bring your pups to paddle, play and make a splash in the Outdoor Pool on 9/16. In case of rain, the event will take place on 9/17. The cost is \$10 per family paid at the pool entrance (cash only!), and don't forget your dog's WAL registration tag!

# 12

*September*



LUNCH ON THE  
PORCH  
TUESDAY

Lunch begins at Noon • Lower Terrace • \$50/person

Join the *Seniors Committee* for the Fall Lunch on the Porch. Limited to 36 guests due to space constraints, this gathering will feature an Italian-catered meal from Aldo's Italian Kitchen with options for the main course, sides, dessert and beverages. Secure your spot by reserving at the Activities Office.



*September*

# 21

MORVEN PARK & LUNCH IN  
LEESBURG SHUTTLE TRIP

THURSDAY

Pick up at 9:30 AM • Shuttle Trip • \$22

Join the *A&E Committee* on a shuttle trip to Morven Park in Leesburg, VA. Morven Park features the renowned Morven Park International Equestrian Center, the historic Davis Mansion, and the Morven Park Center for Civic Impact. Lunch drop-offs will be in Leesburg.

*September*

# 17

COURT RE-OPENING  
FALL PARTY

SUNDAY

2 - 4 PM • Outdoor Courts  
4 - 7 PM • Gazebo 2 + 3 •  
\$5 (Cash Only)

Join the *Recreation Committee* for a celebration marking the upcoming renovation of the Outdoor courts, the reopening of the Indoor courts and the approach of fall. Bring your racquet or paddle, along with your favorite foods and beverages to share in the Gazebo. Contact the Activities Office to register (deadline is September 15).



# UPCOMING *Events*

September

CONTINUED

# 30

STORY TIME IN  
THE TERRACE  
SATURDAY

10:15 - 10:45 AM ·  
Terrace Lounge · Free



The Youth Committee invites WAL little ones and caregivers for an enchanting storytime 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.



October

# 27

MURDER MYSTERY  
NIGHT  
"PASTA, PASSION AND  
PISTOLS"

FRIDAY  
7-9PM · Terrace Lounge  
\$10 (No refunds)

Step into the mystery with the Watgate Players for a gripping "Who Done It!" night. Our Master of Ceremony of Horror, Stephanie Lowe, welcomes you to La Speranza Ristorante in New York City, as we honor the legacy of Pepi Roni – the late Chef and owner. Join the gathering of family and friends for his "Celebration of Life," delving into the enigma of his untimely demise. Among them, 8 suspects hide, one of whom holds the key to the truth. Sip, Listen, and Unravel! Costumes Optional.

**Mama Rosa Roni** (Vivian Moran) left Italy with Pepi on the day she was supposed to marry his twin brother, Rocco. She is Pepi Roni's wife. Mama runs the restaurant with Pepi.

**Angel Roni** (Pat Espinet) is Pepi and Mama Rosa's only daughter. Angel is in college and runs her own small business. She also has been dating a French man who works for her Uncle Rocco.

**Marco Roni** (Paul Sonnhalter) is Pepi and Mama Rosa's son. Marco dreams of being a professional soccer player but he works at La Speranza as a waiter. Pepi wants him to take over the restaurant when he retires. Marco resents this.

**Rocco Scarfazzi** (Joe Vecchio) is Pepi's identical twin brother. He came to New York City to try and patch up the strained relationship with his brother, Pepi. He lives on the family vineyard in Italy and is President of Scarfazzi Enterprises.

**Tara Misu** (Marsha Ward) is Rocco's fiancé. She started out as a maid in Rocco's house on the family vineyard. But now she is hoping to be the "Mistress" of the house and inherit all of the fortune.

**Bo Jalais** (Rob Blitzer) is Rocco's right-hand man at the vineyards and at Scarfazzi Enterprises. His friend encouraged him to work with Rocco because he is a wine expert. He has been courting Angel Roni and wants to marry her.

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**Clair Voyant** (Genie Baskir) is Mama Rosa and Pepi's psychic and day-to-day adviser. She can see into the future and advises both Mama Rosa and Pepi separately. She knows many secrets.

**Father Alfredo** (Geoff Baskir) is the local priest, and his church is near La Speranza. Father and Pepi's brother, Rocco, have also been good friends from Italy and whenever Rocco comes to town he visits with Father Alfredo. Pepi does not know that Rocco comes to town or visits with the good Father.

It's time to get your Halloween costume out of the closet, bring your favorite beverage and/or snack and join in the fun of solving this murder mystery.



# SEPTEMBER

# 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p><b>LOCATION KEY</b>            BL=Building   BP=Billiard &amp; Ping-Pong   BR=Blue Room   CF1=Conference Room   CF2=Conference Room 2 CR=Card Room   FC=WAL Fitness Center   GZ= Gazebos   IP=Indoor Pool   LB=Library   LD=Loading Dock   LT=Lower Terrace   M=Market   MA=Multi-purpose Area   ME=Meadow   OP=Outdoor Pool   OT= Outdoor Tennis Court   P=Playground   PA=Picnic Area   PG=Putting Green   PR=Party Room   RC=Racquet Club   TL=Terrace Lounge   TS=Town Square   TV=TV Room   UT=Upper Terrace   VI=Virtual  </p>							
3	Labor Day Hours of Operation Resident Services and Assoc. Office: Closed Library: Closed Activities Office: Closed Shuttle Bus: No Service Fitness Center: 4a.m. - midnight Indoor Pool: Closed Outdoor Pool: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Racquet Club (Foot Access Only): 6 a.m. - 11 p.m.	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Mahjong - 11 AM - CR Communications 12:30 PM - LB + VI Seniors - 2 PM - TL A&E - 5 PM - CF2 Covenantants - 7 PM - VI Special Board Meeting and Town Hall - 7 PM - TL	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR WAL Book Club - 7:30 PM - CF2 / VI Infrastructure - 7 PM - VI	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR Aqua Zumba - 6 PM - OP Pentagon 9/11 Memorial w/ DEA Museum Shuttle Trip - 9:30 AM Pick-up Youth - 6 PM - VI Recreation Court Discussion Meeting - 7 PM - TL Pet - 8 PM - VI	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2 Yappy Happy Hour - 7 PM - UT	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR Aqua Zumba - 6 PM - OP Reasonable Accommodation - 4 PM - CF1	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Story Time in the Terrace 10:15 - 10:45 AM - TL
10	Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Mahjong - 11 AM - CR Lunch on the Porch - 12 PM - LT Social - 6 PM - CF2	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Tone/Balance/Stretch - 12:15 PM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR Landscape - 11 AM - CF2 PRC Meeting - 7 PM - VI	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR Aqua Zumba - 6 PM - OP Reasonable Accommodation - 4 PM - CF1	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2 Last day for Outdoor Pool Swimming	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Doggy Swim - 10 AM - OP (Rain Date 9/17)	
17	Court Re-opening Fall party - 2 to 7 PM OT: 2 - 4 PM and then moving to GZ 2 + 3:4 - 7 PM (Rain Date 9/24)	Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL Budget - 7 PM - VI	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Tone/Balance/Stretch - 12:15 PM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR Morven Park & Lunch in Leesburg Shuttle Trip - 9:30 AM Pick Up	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2 Happy Hour - 6 - 8 PM - TL	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Story Time in the Terrace 10:15 - 10:45 AM - TL	
24	Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Mahjong - 11 AM - CR Board Meeting - 7:30 PM - TL/VI	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Bridge - 2 PM - CR Tone/Balance/Stretch - 12:15 PM - TL	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Cards - 4 PM - CR	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Knit and Stitch - 10 AM - CF2 Happy Hour - 6 - 8 PM - TL	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Story Time in the Terrace 10:15 - 10:45 AM - TL	

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