

Views From AVENEL

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From the desk of Lucy Wilson
GENERAL MANAGER



The arrival of spring, warm weather, and blooming flowers is greeted with enthusiasm as we bid so long to cold, snowy weather and embrace the sunshine and beauty of Avenel. Collectively, we've experienced the unprecedented challenges of the last two years and are eager to move forward, spending time together with neighbors, friends, and family.

The ACA management team and I look forward to personally meeting the many new families who've recently joined Avenel and welcoming them to the best community in the DMV. We encourage all to take a few moments to greet our new neighbors, as the idea of community has never been more important.

Be Well, Stay Connected and Engaged.

Financial Status *(unaudited)* As of January 31st, 2022

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 5,150,998
Accounts Receivables	\$ 62,192
Current Assets	\$ 57,048
Fixed Assets	\$ 1,207,835
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,478,073

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	\$ 376,115
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MEMBERS EQUITY	\$ 6,101,958
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*Information provided by Comsource Management, Inc.



The Avenel Community Association extends a warm welcome to the following new residents who joined our Community:

Abbey Terrace:

- The Stroud and Kim Family

Chartwell:

- The Ashford Family
- The Coleman Family
- The Duan and Wu Family
- The Mahoney Family
- The Richardson and Rosario Family
- The Vinnakota and Chon Family

Eagle Ridge:

- The Drujak Family
- The Hanika and Guerrero Family
- The Hess Family
- The Ghauri Family
- The Khan and Sharmeen Family
- The Miller Family
- The Ooton Family
- The Urzua and Larenas Family
- The Volk Family

Oaklyn Woods:

- The Chappelle Family
- The Hingson Family
- The Kornfeld and Gordon Family
- The Krishnan Family
- The Singh Family

Player's Crossing:

- The Albergo Family
- The Chen and Xu Family
- The Henderson Family
- The Hoverman Family
- The Jordan Family
- The Lee Family
- The Nelson and Brewer Family
- The Novak and Saenger Family
- The Sullivan and Thompson Family

Player's Gate:

- The Bennett Family
- The Gitner Family
- The Nelson Family
- The Singh Family
- The Williams Family

Player's Turning:

- The Franklin Family

Pleasant Gate:

- The Fornaro and Chwee Family
- The Mittal and McNamara Family
- The Shi Family

Prescott:

- The Dufek Family
- The Finkel and Cifuentes Family
- The Hayes Family
- The Herrera and Arana Family

- The Kline Family
- The Phelan Family
- The Song and Wang Family

Rapley Preserve:

- The Benkowski Family
- The George Family
- The Reyes Family
- The Wang Family
- The Zhao and Fang Family

Saunders Gate:

- The Albergo Family
- The Stroebe Family

The Gates:

- The DeLucia and Impeduglia Family
- The Eisenberg Family
- The Greenstreet and Fukami Family
- The Halvorsen Family
- The Hoggle Family
- The Irony Family
- The Sarvis Family
- The Wang and Han Family

Willow Gate:

- The Maloy Family
- The Menconi Family
- The Woorman Family

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News & Notes

Pool Opening Memorial Day Weekend



The pool will open Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 28, 2022. Please make sure your pool passes are ready to enjoy the summer fun. This year we’re anticipating that the Pool Community Room and Picnic Area will be available to rent. Keep an eye on your community emails for more information to follow.

In addition, the ACA and Avenel Social Committee are planning a Grilling Social for the opening weekend. Volunteers are always needed to make our events a success and if you are interested in grilling for a couple of hours, or helping out in one way or another during Memorial weekend, please contact the ACA office.

Avenel Swim Team

The Avenel Alligators Swim Team is preparing to welcome all Avenel children aged 4 to 18 (as of 6/1/22) for the 2022 season! We offer two options depending on skill level: to participate on the Swim Team, children must be able to swim one length of the pool unassisted; children who cannot swim or can’t yet manage one length unassisted are invited to join our Pre-Team.

Our Avenel Alligators have won our division in the Country Club League two of the past three years, and many of the senior swimmers on our team have been with us since they were 6 or 7 years old. We foster a family atmosphere and endeavor to nurture relationships between children and parents alike. Please note that all participating families must volunteer at least twice per summer – we can’t do it without you!

Swim Team and Pre-Team practices begin on Tuesday, May 31, and take place every weekday (except Swim Meet days) at:

Pre-team: 5:00-5:30 pm
Ages 10 and under: 5:45-6:45 pm
Ages 11 and over: 6:45-7:45 pm



DEADLINES AND FEES: For a child to participate, an application and the fee of \$300 per child is **due by May 15**; after May 15, the fee is \$325 per child. The absolute deadline is Monday, May 30. SWIMMERS NOT REGISTERED BY MAY 30 CAN NOT SWIM IN THE FIRST MEET ON JUNE 9, and a second late fee of \$100.00 will be added to the \$325 fee (except for families moving into Avenel after May 1). Discounted fees are available for families with three or more children participating.

Applications are available at www.liveatAvenel.com and contain the dates for all swim meets and other important team events.

We are also seeking parents or adult guardians to train as Stroke and Turn judges or Starters. If your child is swimming or plans to swim year-round, this training will allow you to participate in their meets throughout their swim careers.

Swim Team Meet & Greet:

This year’s Swim Team Meet & Greet with the coaches will be held on Friday, May 6, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Potomac Pizza. This fun and casual event is open to all Avenel residents, pool members, and their families who are interested in the swim team.

Kids at Avenel

The Kids at Avenel Club is happy to report that membership continues to grow across the villages. In response, the Kids at Avenel was established to plan future events throughout the upcoming year for children of all ages, along with adults-only events. The next event planned will be the Spring Festival on Saturday, April 2, from 3-5 pm. For more information or to join, please contact Tammi Damas at kidsatavenel@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed



Modifications and Standards Committee Volunteers Needed: Are you interested in serving on an Avenel Committee? The Modifications Committee and Standards Committee are seeking volunteers.

The Modifications Committee and Standards Committee are comprised of residents who volunteer their time and commit to uphold and preserve the architectural and aesthetic integrity of the community for the benefit of all homeowners.

If you would like to work with your neighbors and assist them in the process of making exterior improvements to their homes within the framework of the architectural guidelines, then the Modifications Committee may be the Committee for you! The key requirements include:

- attending evening meetings held on the second Monday of each month;
- taking time to review the applications and visit the properties before the meetings; and
- being committed to assuring that improvements are consistent with Avenel’s architectural guidelines.

Volunteers with a background or knowledge of construction, architecture, engineering, design, landscaping, or real estate are particularly needed.

Social Committee Volunteers Needed:

The Avenel Social Committee seeks to foster a greater sense of community by planning and executing events throughout the year. These events include summer fun parties at the community pool, the 4th of July Bike Parade, and the Halloween Trunk-or-Treat, to name a few. Attendance continues to rise at these events, and we would like this community engagement to continue to grow. This can only be accomplished with the help of more volunteers.

Any time commitment will help. If you are not able to be a full-time member of the Social Committee, we welcome volunteers to pitch in and lend a hand for just one of the year’s events. Please consider chipping in by taking an active role. It’s a great way to meet neighbors and gratifying to know that just a small commitment of your time can make a big difference to our community.

Contact Lucy or Colby at the ACA office for more information.

Volunteer Spotlight:

The Association would like to recognize one of our long-standing committee members, Joanne Joseph. Joanne is an original member, having served on the Standards Committee for an incredible 27 years! We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude for her many years of dedication and outstanding service to the community.

Are You Missing Out?

The community electronic communications regularly sent out by the Association are chock full of timely information. The Association also sends electronic communications to residents of specific villages when there is information specific to one section of the community. Be in the know, and sign up for our mailing list by sending a quick email to customerservice@liveatavenel.com with your email information.



Congressional Country Club will be hosting the KPMG Women’s PGA Championship from June 22nd - June 26th. Residents should note that the WSSC/Equestrian center fields off Oaklyn Drive will be utilized by the tournament for volunteer and other limited parking. General public parking will not be permitted in Avenel. While there will be an increase in the volume of vehicles traversing along Oaklyn Drive and Persimmon Tree Road, and delays are to be expected, we are not anticipating a significant impact to the community.

For information on ticket sales, visit: www.kpmwomenspgachamponship.com.

WINTER BLUES

ROBERT RIECK, LICENSED TREE EXPERT & CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL HORTICULTURIST, MCFALL AND BERRY



Many of our beautiful plants have suffered through a tough winter season. Some of our Hollies, and other specimen plant material, have received severe winter burn. Leyland Cypress trees and White Pines have had some limb damage due to heavy snow and ice. In most cases, winter burned plant material will drop damaged leaves that have been negatively impacted during the extremely low temperatures and high winds.

This will flush out new leaves during the spring. This can be a minor setback to the growth for a season, but there's no need to be concerned. Mother Nature has been working this out for many years. Limbs of the White Pines and the Leyland Cypress trees bent down by the heavy snow and ice will return to their place in the canopy structure without the need of pruning or intervention of any kind.

Winter has not only been hard on the plants this season. Our native animals have also been impacted this winter season. They have been browsing on plant material they usually would not find appealing. Most of the damage from this will fill back in during the summer.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITORS

FROM THE DESK OF ED CALDWELL, ACA SURVEILLANCE SUPERVISOR

The spring season brings an increased number of door-to-door solicitors throughout Avenel despite signage prohibiting such activity. Common types of solicitation we frequently experience include magazine sales, door/window/roof replacement services, landscaping services, pest control services, and telecommunication services.

Surveillance staff utilizes its best efforts to promptly respond to resident reports of solicitation. In most cases, solicitors comply with requests to discontinue solicitation in Avenel. When solicitors are uncooperative, unlicensed, or trespass between homes, surveillance staff will contact the Montgomery County Police for assistance. Residents should consider contacting the police directly at their non-emergency number: 301-279-8000.

The Association suggests all residents follow these basic safety tips when encountering door-to-door solicitors: Never open the door to someone that you don't know. Always use your peephole/surveillance camera to see who is at the door. Do not engage in conversation with a solicitor or other stranger through your front door, or the services offered by a solicitor.

Another related safety issue concerns open garage doors. Often valuables inside the garage or in an unlocked vehicle are in full view and can catch the attention of passersby. Surveillance staff will continue to call residents when they encounter an open garage door between 11 pm and 6 am. Avenel is fortunate that we enjoy an overall safe community. Working together to avoid crimes of opportunity play an important role in maintaining our safe environment.

FLIGHT PATH CHANGES

BY JANELLE WRIGHT, AVENEL BOARD MEMBER AND REPRESENTATIVE ON THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY QUIET SKIES COALITION



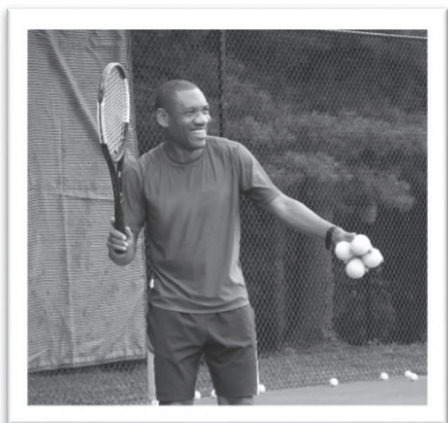
DCA is back to pre-COVID 19 volume, which means more overflights of the community. While it may not feel like it, we actually have fewer flights directly overhead than we did back in early 2020. Today, Air Traffic Controllers are “shortcutting” about 20% of approaching flights during non-rush hour times - these are times of day when the arrival schedule is light and the controllers have the time and space between flights to take aircraft off of published arrival flows early and direct them to the airport. This shortcutting creates some dispersion in the airspace, which relieves some of the burden on those of us who live under/near the published path. However, even when shortcutting, many of these approaches still fly over Avenel - they just don't fly in the exact same places. The flight paths are more random. It's worth noting that some aircraft never make it to Avenel. Some stay east of us near the Cabin John Parkway, some stay south of us over the Potomac River, and some remain over Virginia. Note: There are times of day when it feels like there is one approaching aircraft after another. These are “busy” times of day when Air Traffic Controllers must leave aircraft on the published procedures and there is no opportunity for shortcutting. This is why a new “GPS” approach procedure expected in 2023 is important for noise mitigation.

The new approach procedure is expected to start at the CIA in Langley, VA, instead of over Montgomery County (currently, the approach begins near the corner of Persimmon Tree Rd. and Country Club Dr.). When this new procedure is published, there should be a notable decrease in the number of flights over Avenel and our neighbors. So, to sum up the situation for approaches, traffic has increased at DCA, but we would have even more total flights overhead were it not for periodic shortcutting/dispersal. **There should be noticeable improvement in late 2023.**

A year ago, the departure path that used to fly directly over Avenel was moved about a mile south to the Naval Surface Warfare Center and the Potomac River. While Avenel residents can still hear (and see) departing aircraft because they are at a high altitude and at full thrust, the southerly shift in the path resulted in a 3 dB decrease in noise for much of Avenel.

COACH GEORGE

Tennis/Pickleball at Avenel



Hello, wonderful people of Avenel! My name is George Odiong, and I am privileged to be a part of your beautiful community as the tennis/pickleball professional. I am delighted to continue contributing to the growth and value of the community through the programs we run at Avenel Swim and Tennis.

Nothing unifies like sports, and that is why it is with great joy and gratitude that I strive to serve at Avenel, providing fun activities for both kids and adults that will continue to foster unity amongst not only family members and friends but also neighbors.

The 2022 season will be kicking off in the spring. We are also giving parents ample time to know that they don't have to drive far for summer tennis programs for their kids. We will be fully engaged during the summer months of June - August. Last year we had kids as young as four years old from 9 am - 10:30 am and some from 10:30 - 12 Noon, Monday - Friday.

The George Odiong Tennis team is excited and looking forward to seeing **YOU ON THE COURT.**

Visit our website www.georgeodiongtennis.com for more information or reach out by phone or email at: 301-742-9528; georgeodiongtennis@gmail.com



WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP

The Wells Fargo Championship, hosted by the TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm, will be held the week of May 2, 2022. Professional play will commence on May 5th and continue through the 8th. This major golf event is sure to be enjoyed and attended by many of our resident golf enthusiasts.

Members of the Avenel Community Association qualify for a 10% discount on grounds tickets, limited to 4 tickets per day. The Association has previously shared the direct link to purchase your tickets (<https://fevo.me/3pzS7Ei>) and will continue to send electronic updates. Residents may also log into the community webpage, Liveatavenel.com, for additional information and links and/or scan the QR code to direct you to ticket information.

While the WSSC fields and Avenel Park will be closed to the general public for parking, they will be utilized by the tournament for limited uses, including police, fire and rescue. As we know from past experience, events of this size will create traffic delays and certain disruptions. The Association will continue to meet with tournament organizers to minimize disruption to the greatest extent possible, however, we ask that residents remain patient and plan accordingly.

Please keep an eye on your inbox for additional information and feel free to contact the ACA office with any questions.

We look forward to this national coverage event, highlighting the beauty of the championship course, and community.



PESTICIDE LAW COMPLIANT
LAWNCARE PRACTICES

FROM THE DESK OF TOM RITTER, ACA OPERATIONS
MANAGER/ AGRONOMIST

As we enter our third full growing season working under the restraints imposed by the Montgomery County Pesticide Law, I have a few observations and a suggestion.

The law bans the products previously used to control broadleaf weeds, crabgrass, and yellow nutsedge in turf. We do have a chelated iron product available for broadleaf weed control which is reasonably effective, but there are currently no products available that effectively control crabgrass and nutsedge. As a result, these weeds can proliferate during the summer months, which causes a noticeable decline in the aesthetics of lawn areas with moderate to high weed populations.

The dense summer annual weed populations thin out the desirable turfgrass species, making late summer/fall aeration and seeding even more important in maintaining high-quality turf. To aid in the recovery of the lawns in the fall, the Association moved from single aerating to double aerating 50% of lawn areas in conjunction with seeding in the fall of 2020. **Beginning this year, the landscape service will include double aerating and seeding 100% of lawn areas to further increase the level of recovery of the lawns.** I have been quite impressed with the quick and effective recovery observed from this more aggressive approach to fall lawn renovation in both 2020 and 2021.

For those weaker turf areas in your lawn, I suggest that you consider spring aeration and seeding along with an application of an organically rich topsoil/compost product. This service is not included in the landscape contract, but it is a relatively inexpensive additional service option. Requests for proposals may be directed to Lisa with McFall and Berry or another landscape contractor of your choice.



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Trivia

What was the first key golf event held at the TPC at Avenel the year it opened in 1986?



Answer: The Chrysler Cup

Avenel Website

Liveatavenel.com includes access to:

- Architectural Guidelines
- Community Maintenance Standards
- Modification Application Form
- Board and Modifications Committee Meeting Agendas



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Upcoming Meetings* /ACA Events

- ✧ **The Modifications Committee** – The Modifications Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00 pm. Submissions to the Modifications Committee are due by the 1st Monday of every month.
- ✧ **The Standards Committee** The Standards Committee generally meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month on an as-needed basis at 6:00 pm.
- ✧ **The Homeowners Advisory Committee** The HAC generally meets once per quarter at 6:00 pm. The remaining meeting dates for 2022 are scheduled as follows: June 8th, September 7th, and December 7th.
- ✧ **The Board of Directors** – The Board of Directors generally meets on the 3rd or 4th Tuesday, every other month, at 8:30am. **The next meeting will be held on May 24th.**



Please note that meeting dates and times are subject to change and may be held either in person or virtually. Be sure to check Liveatavenel.com, or the ACA Bulletin Board, for current meeting dates/times, updates & important Community alerts, or call the ACA office at your convenience.