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Red Wiggler Farm Returns to Leisure World

by Gwen Raphael

Red Wiggler Farm is selling fresh produce at Inter-Faith Chapel through the end of August. Opening day is Thursday, July 30 from 9-11 a.m. Sales will continue each Thursday on Aug. 6, 13, 20 and 27. Sponsored by the Missions Committee of the Inter-Faith Chapel, the farm stand will be located in the chapel parking lot (3680 S. Leisure World Boulevard).

Tomatoes, corn, peaches, squash, peppers, herbs, melons and other produce will be available as different vegetables and fruits come into season. Each week Red Wiggler growers pick high-quality produce especially for Leisure World residents and look forward to visiting the community.

Certified organic, Red Wiggler Farm is a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit located in northern Montgomery County.

The farm was founded in 1996 and continues to expand its operation to provide meaningful employment to individuals with developmental disabilities as they participate in its vocational-educational program.

Red Wiggler has been bringing fresh produce to the Leisure World community for 15 years. Initially sponsored by a member of Kiwanis, the farm first began selling at Our Lady of Grace. After a couple of years, however, it realized that the space was too small to accommodate the stand, produce, staff and customers, so the operation was moved to the Inter-Faith Chapel parking lot.

Come and shop. Not only will you receive the freshest local produce, but you will also have an opportunity to speak with growers who will answer questions about the farm and offer cooking suggestions, if requested.

Patriotic Pride



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The Leisure World Independence Day parade and program on July 3 was a true community gathering. Twenty-nine clubs, groups and mutuals marched in the parade, including the recently organized Leisure World LGBT Alliance, participating for the first time. **See more Independence Day coverage on page 10.**

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Frauds and Scams: If it Seems too Good to be True...Beware

by Herman N. Cohen

This is Part 2 of a two-part series. In the previous edition of Leisure World News (July 3), Part 1 reviewed the case of a Leisure World resident defrauded in an "auto repair scheme," and the successful outcome to that situation through the intervention of Montgomery County Police Community Service Officer Sharif Hidayat.

This installment provides further information about how to avoid fraud, listing some of the current scams that have been identified by law enforcement, and the red flags associated with them. Popular recent frauds are:

Contractor Fraud

A contractor might troll neighborhoods looking for homes owned by seniors. Posing as a helpful handyman, the fraudster tells the homeowner he was just passing by and happened to notice that some part of the home — such as the roof or chimney — is in danger of falling apart. The contractor offers to fix the "problem" for a modest fee — even though there was nothing wrong with the home to begin with. In this scheme the victim may never know he has been defrauded.

Telemarketing Fraud

According to the National Consumer League's National

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American Spirit

Leisure World of Maryland celebrates Independence Day 2015

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The streets of Leisure World were transformed on July 3 with a lively procession of residents representing a diverse slate of clubs and organizations, and a number of mutuals, marching along with local officials and public servants in the annual Independence Day Parade. Two residents presided over the festivities: U.S. Army Veteran Charles Gaumont (parade marshal) and U.S. Coast Guard Veteran Stephen McCleary (master of ceremonies). Following the parade, a captive audience at Veterans Plaza, in front of Clubhouse I, enjoyed musical selections from the Leisure World Chorale and Browningsville Cornet Band, remarks from Leisure World Board of Directors Chair David Frager and religious leaders, and a keynote speech by McCleary. The patriotic celebration concluded with a soulful rendition of “America the Beautiful” by Ray Charles emanating throughout the plaza.



Grand Marshal Charles Gaumont, with John Carr.



Mitch of LGBT Alliance



Leisure World Association for African American Culture (LWAAAC). Photo by Alfonso Holston



Baby Boomer Club. Photo by Bob Stromberg



Democratic Club of Leisure World.



Master of Ceremonies Stephen McCleary



Vantage Point East residents with replica of their building.



Women of Creekside show American spirit.



9-Hole Ladies lead procession of Golf Club golf carts.



Chinese Club of Leisure World.



Color guards from the U.S. Army Military District of Washington (foreground) and Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.



Jewish War Veterans, Charles B. Krieger Post #467



Morton ("Morty") Davis and Shirley Henderson don patriotic colors.



From left, Joan Guberman and Carole Kennon of Villa Cortese.



Member of LGBT Alliance photographs the Lawn Bowls Club.



Lions Club of Leisure World marches with mascot in tow.



Leisure World Chorale performs medley of Armed Forces anthems. Photo by Louis Paley



Republican Club President Fred Seelman and Gizella Kelemen. Photo by Bob Stromberg



Sharon Boone (LWAAAC), Trixie Lopes (Ladies Bridge), and Louise Langley (LWAAAC president)



Paul Eisenhauer of Mutual 10 (Kelmscot Village) with nephew Andy Eisenhauer (standing).