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Potomac History by the Numbers

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12,000

Years ago, Potomac was initially settled by Paleo-Indians, based on evidence of habitation along the Potomac River.

1700s

European explorers settled the area in the early 1700s, establishing estates and tobacco plantations with slave labor. Tobacco was the most suitable crop for the region's climate and soil.

1714

Land now known as Potomac Village settled and called Offutt's Crossroads.

1751

Magruder's Blacksmith's Shop, built by 1751 at the intersection of Seven Locks and River roads, is the oldest standing structure in Potomac. Ninian Magruder, a blacksmith, served the needs of merchants and travelers and fixed wagons and shod horses. His initials are carved on the chimney. River Road was used to transport tobacco to the port of Georgetown.

1840s

Many farmers grew discouraged and moved west after the cultivation of tobacco depleted the soil's nutrients. (Wheat was the next planted crop until the mid-19th century.)

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River Road developed from a trail to a wagon road to help farmers take produce to markets.

Eventually, wagon roads connected Georgetown with farmland of Potomac and Rockville. Landowners petitioned the county to designate Seven-Locks Road as a county thoroughfare after the wagon road became so well traveled. South Glen Road, Kentsdale Drive, Tuckerman Lane, Bells Mill Road and Brickyard Road also improved in this fashion.

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Miles of the C&O Canal in use between Georgetown and Seneca by 1831, only three years after President John Quincy Adams broke ground for the canal near Little Falls in 1828. By 1850, the canal was in use to Cumberland.

1859

The canal was used to transport grain, flour, coal and farm produce after fertilizers were imported via the canal and used to re-enrich Potomac soil.

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Years that the Seneca Stone Quarry's reddish sandstone was mined from 1774 to 1900.

The Seneca sandstone was used for the iconic Smithsonian Institution Building, many of the lockhouses and most of the aqueducts along the Canal, such as the one at Riley's Lock.



One of the mules at Great Falls that pull the canal boat through the locks. The boats run Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

1850s

Construction of the Washington Aqueduct, designed to tap clean water supply above Great Falls for use in the District, led to growth in population. A dam was built at Great Falls to divert water into a conduit that ran to reservoirs in the District.

18,000

Union troops garrisoned into the area. Blockhouse Point (See Insiders Parks pages 10-11) provided a vantage point for Union soldiers on the lookout for Confederate troops. Darnestown was the site of many Civil War battles, and area residents had divided loyalties.

1861

Civil war soldiers discovered gold in the area, and mines were developed in Rock Run and near Great Falls. (See Insiders Parks pages 10-11) The Maryland Mine, at Falls and MacArthur, was one of 14 gold mine in the Potomac area and operated intermittently until 1951.

1865

By time of the Civil War, Offutt's Crossroads had two general stores, a blacksmith shop and a post office. After

emancipation, many autonomous African-American communities developed and many black landowners, who earned a living as laborers on local farms, provided food for their own families on their own small farms. One community developed along Oaklyn Road and another, the Cropley community, developed near the place Angler's Inn now stands.

1881

Offutt's Crossroads renamed Potomac. Thomas Perry built the Perry Store on the corner of River and Falls roads the year before. His wife, Marian Perry, served as postmistress. The original building is part of the Chevy Chase Bank building. In 1986, the building was moved 21 feet to accommodate the widening of the intersection.

1940s/1950s

Many farms between Potomac Village and Rockville were converted into housing developments.

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Percent population increase in the 1960s in Potomac.

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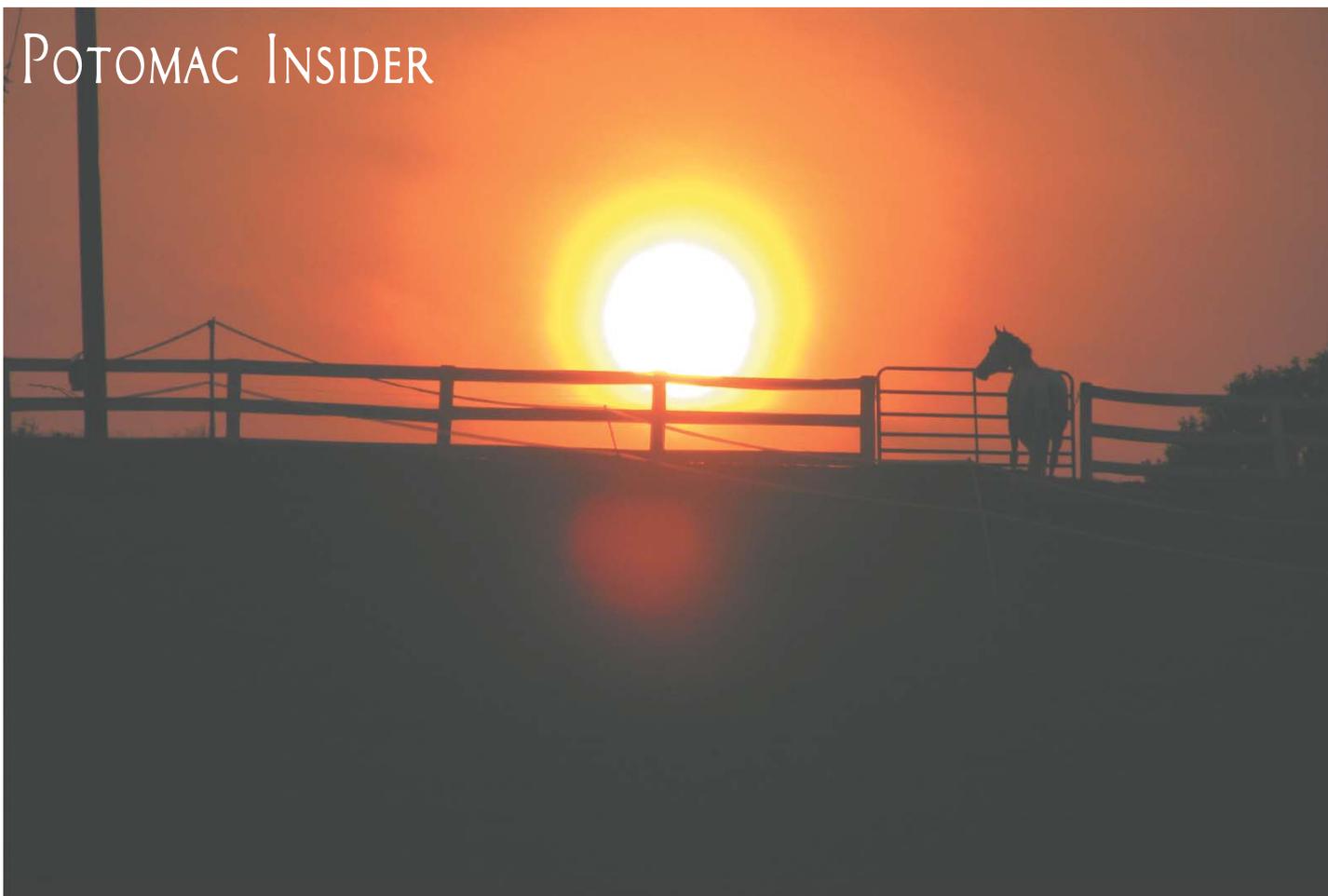


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The sun sets over Callithea Farm, a county park and equestrian center next to Blockhouse Point off River Road.

Living in Potomac

Residents reflect on their community.

Here are some thoughts on what makes Potomac special:

GINNY BARNES:

What do you love about Potomac?

Potomac has an abundance of trees, forests and stream valleys leading to the River. Thanks to good planning, Potomac Village still has the feel of a village that grew up around a country crossroads. It doesn't sprawl down River or Falls Road and it is becoming more walkable as we add paths and sidewalks.

What "insider's tip" about Potomac would you share with a friend?

For its size, the C&O Canal represents one of the most diverse parks in the National Park System. I consider it one of Potomac's greatest assets.

You can reach the canal towpath and the Potomac from so many access points along our roadways and once on the towpath, you can walk all day. It is part of our history, a wonderful place to walk, bike, birdwatch or picnic. A real family place on our doorstep.

What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Potomac?

Join the West Montgomery County Citizens Association, come to monthly meetings, meet people active in our community and help protect what we have and shape the future we want for Potomac.

Barnes is the Environmental Chair and President Elect, effective September, of the West Montgomery County Citizens Association.

SUSANNE LEE:

What do you love about Potomac?

That we are the "Green Wedge" between Virginia and Gaithersburg. Home to lots (but never enough) tree canopy, Great Falls, and the C & O Canal.

What "insider's tip" about Potomac would you share with a friend?

Best sights — kayakers "playing" in the white water at Great Falls overlook just before sunset, early spring wildflowers along the C & O Canal. A little known Potomac

treasure - Query Mill Hill Farm - superb organic vegetables - sold at the Rockville Farmers Market on Saturday mornings.

What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Potomac?

Join and become active in the West Montgomery County Citizens Association.

ADAM GREENBERG:

What do you love about Potomac?

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Adam Greenberg, owner of Restaurant Zone and Potomac Pizza, tosses T-shirts to the crowd during the Potomac Day Parade. Potomac Day 2010 is Saturday Oct. 23.

Welcome

This issue of the Potomac Almanac includes our annual Newcomers and Community Guide.

Through narrative, listings, viewpoints and photographs, we endeavor to capture what it means to live here, highlights of places to visit and things to do, a snapshot of local history, help finding community resources and tips on adjusting to living here.

If you are new to the area, you'll find resources and ideas on these pages and on our Web site, www.PotomacAlmanac.com. Even some longtime residents may not have visited some of the key places in and nearby their community.

We offer many more resources on our Web site.

There you will find the complete community guides for each of our 15 papers, including more extensive listings than appear in the newspapers. You can also access the print edition of each of our papers online, showing each page exactly as it appears in the paper, including cover, photos, display ads and classified advertising. Go to www.ConnectionNewspapers.com, and click on "Print Editions" in the red bar.

As a local, weekly newspaper, the Almanac's mission is to bring the news you need about your community, to give you the information you need to enjoy the best things in and near your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record milestones and events in community and people's lives.

AT THE ALMANAC, we invite newcomers to the area and long-time residents alike to be a part of providing more reader input. Let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your

part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, call us or send us an e-mail.

We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an e-mail letting us know about something you especially liked or didn't like about our coverage.

We appreciate readers' ideas. If you see something that you think might be a story, or something you have a question about, give us a call, or drop us a line. If you know of a person or an organization doing important work, something that might make a good feature story, we are looking for people to feature each week.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes of a variety of personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries. We are also interested in events

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New to Montgomery County?

The Montgomery County website provides excellent resources to help get acclimated, including registering to vote, licensing animals, local rules about trash and recycling, libraries, parks, schools, the Department of Motor Vehicles and more:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cittmpl.asp?url=/content/citizen/newbie.asp>

Don't Miss These 2010-2011 Events

AUGUST 2010

Great Falls Tavern, **Mule-Drawn Canal Boat Rides**, May – October. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m. Experience living history while traveling up the canal, locking through lift locks during this one-hour boat ride. Call the C&O Canal National Historical Park at Great Falls Visitor Center, 301-767-3714. (Note: Call before you go, boats running sporadically in Fall 2010 due to low water in the Potomac River.)

Glen Echo Park's **1921 Dentzel Carousel**, is in its 90th year. The 1921 carousel will be open Saturday and Sundays, from noon to 6 p.m. through September. Call 301-634-2222 or visit www.glenechopark.org.

Potomac Farmers Market, organized by Montgomery County, through October, Thursdays, 2-6 p.m. Potomac United Methodist Church, corner of Falls Road and Democracy Blvd. 301-590-2823.

English Language Conversation Club, Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Dr. Saturday, Aug. 28, 3 p.m. 240-777-0690.

First day of school, Montgomery County Public Schools, Monday, Aug. 30. See www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org.



The Dentzel Carousel at Glen Echo Park runs Saturday and Sunday, noon to six, May through September.

SEPTEMBER 2010

Guided tours of **Riley's Lockhouse**, one of the C&O Canal's original lockhouses. Join volunteers in period costume and explore the life of a lock-keeper. September and October (also May and June). Riley's Lock Road (off River Road.) www.nps.gov/choh/.

Yellow Barn Studio and Gallery 40th Annual Labor Day Art Show features the work of more than 200 artists, ranging from painting to pottery at Glen Echo. Visit www.glenechopark.org or www.yellowbarnstudio.com. The 40th Annual Labor Day Art Show's opening reception, Friday, Sept. 3, Spanish Ballroom and will continue to be exhibited from Sept. 4-6. Free. Call 301-634-2222.

Cabin John Kid's Run at the Cabin John Regional Park in Potomac, Westlake Drive. See www.mcrcr.org. Free for runners 18 and under. Sunday, Sept. 5. A mile run, half-mile

run and quarter mile young run is offered. Registration is race-day only.

Public school holiday, Monday, Sept. 6, Labor Day.

72nd Annual Labor Day Parade in the City of Gaithersburg, Monday, Sept. 6 at 1 p.m. rain or shine. Call 301-258-6350.

Public schools closed for Rosh Hashanah, Thursday, Sept. 9. (Note: Yom Kippur is Sat., Sept. 18.)

Tour De Canal, Sept. 10-12, bicycle tour, choose either 184, 100 or 20 miles of towpath riding from Cumberland to Georgetown. The ride, the 14th annual event, benefits the Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area. Call 703-766-9025, e-mail tourdecanalnca@alz.org, or visit www.alz.org/nca.

The Trawick Prize, downtown Bethesda's annual juried arts competition awards: Bethesda Contemporary Art Awards. The

exhibition featuring The Trawick Prize finalists will be held from Sept. 1-25 at The Trawick Gallery, 2728 Hampden Lane, Bethesda, 301-215-6660. Opening Sept. 10, 6-9 p.m. See www.bethesda.org.

Potomac Library Book Sale, 10101 Glenolden Dr., Saturday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m. 240-777-0690. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter.

Half Marathon, Sept. 12, 5th Annual Parks Half-marathon, www.parkshalfmarathon.com. Run from Rockville to Bethesda. Registration open, entry limited to 2,750 runners. Sponsored by Montgomery County Road Runners Club, www.mcrrc.org.

First Congenital Heart Walk, Sept. 12, at George Mason University, 10 a.m., registration opens at 9 a.m. The walk, including many Potomac people, is a joint effort between the Adult Congenital Heart Association and the Children's Heart Foundation. See www.congenitalheartwalk.org.

Vote. Primary Election Day is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 14, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Montgomery County Board of Elections 24-hour information line, 240-777-8683. See www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections.

Public Schools closed, Sept. 14. Primary Election.

Family Fun Fest, Friday, Sept. 24 at the Potomac Community Center at 11315 Falls Rd., Potomac. An annual festival for children and families, featuring carnival games, moon bounces, clowns and more. Call 240-777-6960. This year's festival honors Linda Barlock, the center's longtime director who recently retired.

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OCTOBER 2010

West Montgomery County Citizens

Taste of Bethesda, Oct. 2 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The 21st Annual Taste of Bethesda, a food and music festival in the Woodmont Triangle area of downtown Bethesda. Enjoy "tastes" from 50 participating restaurants, along with live entertainment and a children's activities area. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

Capital Area **Gulf Coast Relief Run** at Churchill High School, 11300 Gainsborough Road, Oct. 3. Registration for the 5-k run or walk begins at 7 a.m., festivities beginning at 8 a.m. Event to benefit to the Greater New Orleans Foundation's Gulf Coast Oil Spill Fund. www.gulfcoastrelief.org. Students organized this event, which is presented by the Winston Churchill High School Key Club.

Potomac Oak Day each October celebrates a 275-year old oak tree near the Potomac Oak Center at the corner of Travilah and Glen roads with a picnic and other festivities. Watch the Almanac for announcement of this year's celebration.

Potomac Library Book Sale, 10101 Glenolden Dr., Saturday, Oct. 9, 9 a.m. 240-777-0690. Sponsored most monthly by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter.

Firehouse Open House at the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department Station 10, 8001 River Road. Activities include live action demonstrations, including stop, drop and roll, stove fire demonstrations and automobile extrication. Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department now hosts birthday parties for children. Call 301-365-2255 or visit www.cjpvfd.org.

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This mansion will be among the houses featured on the **55th Annual Potomac Country House Tour on Oct. 2-3**. The tour begins at **Saint Francis Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac Village**, where there will also be 20 vendors, the Maryland Sweets Café and gourmet lunch on both days. See www.potomaccountryhousetour.org.

Association (WMCCA) holds its first general meeting of the season on Oct. 13, meets the second Wednesday of each month, October through May, Potomac Library 8 p.m. WMCCA strives to maintain quality of life in Potomac by monitoring growth and placing the highest priority on green space. WMCCA aims to protect the environment; perpetuate animal and bird habitats; encourage low density, controlled growth and confined commercial areas; and it supports the philosophy, policies and goals in the Master Plan for the Potomac Subregion. www.wmcca.org.

55th annual **Potomac Country House Tour**, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 2-3. An annual glimpse inside some of Potomac's most interesting homes. This year, see award-winning contemporary home designed by David Jameson, Avenel Farm Estate, family renovated colonial, River Falls Town Home along with a Maryland Sweets Café and gourmet lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on both days, 20 vendors at Saint Francis Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac Village. See www.potomaccountryhousetour.org for complete listing of activities.



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Audubon Naturalist Society annual meeting, Monday, Oct. 11, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Woodend Sanctuary in Chevy Chase. 8940 Jones Mill Road. Maryland State Sen. Brian E. Frosh (D-16), representing parts of Chevy Chase, Bethesda and Potomac (District 16) is scheduled to speak. The meeting will include several brief reports, recognition of volunteers and the Natural History Field Studies graduates, and the election of members to the ANS Board. See www.audubonnaturalist.org or call 301-652-9188.

Montgomery County **Out of the Darkness** Community Walk. Oct. 16, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Carderock Pavilion. Check-in at 8 a.m. This 3-5 mile walk, in conjunction with 200 communities across the country this fall, benefits the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Call 301-972-2280 or trishtraylor@comcast.net. See www.afsp.org.

Potomac Day in Potomac Village, the annual community festival, will be held Saturday Oct. 23. Arts and free entertainment for all ages, ranging from rides for children to an antique show and business fair. The highlight is the Potomac Day Parade at 10:30 a.m., featuring hundreds of entrants, including bands, horses, antique cars, school groups, scouting organizations, and candidates for elected office. Call the Potomac Chamber of Commerce at 301-299-2170 or visit www.potomacchamber.org.



Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter, provide storybook characters to march in the Potomac Day Parade.

Annual Bazaar, Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church 10620 River Road, Sept. 24-26. See www.peterpaul.net. Call 301-765-9188.

Bethesda Row Arts Festival, Oct. 16-17. 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Sunday. 7250 Woodmont Ave. Call 301-637-5715. See www.bethesda-rowarts.org.

NOVEMBER 2010

Vote. General Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 2, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Montgomery County Board of



Horses and hounds of the Potomac Hunt get ready to lead the Potomac Day Parade, taking place this year on Oct. 23, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

Elections 24-hour information line, 240-777-8683. See www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections.

Public Schools Closed Monday, Nov. 1, Professional day for teachers.

Public Schools Closed Tuesday, Nov. 2, Election Day.

The Potomac Chamber of Commerce's **annual awards dinner**, honors Potomac's citizen, businessperson and youth of the year. Scheduled annually in November, at Normandie Farm, 10710 Falls Road. See www.potomacchamber.org.

Potomac Community Open Flea Market at the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, has been regularly scheduled on a biannual basis in November and May. Call the community center, 240-777-6960.

41st Annual Book Festival, Nov. 4-14, at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville. Best selling authors visit the JCC to discuss their recently published books. Call 301-881-0100. See www.jccgw.org.

Rockville 10K/5K, Montgomery County's oldest race, returns Nov. 7.

See www.mcrrc.org. **West Montgomery County Citizens Association (WMCCA)** general meeting, Nov. 10, Potomac Library 8 p.m.

Potomac Library Book Sale, 10101 Glenolden Dr., Saturday, Nov. 13, 9 a.m. 240-777-0690. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter.

Potomac Theatre Company's production of "The Micado" from Nov. 19- Nov. 28. Friday, Saturday 8

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p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. In the Blair Family Center for the Arts at the Bullis School, 10601 Falls Road. Call 299-8571. See

www.potomactheatreco.org.

Autumn Lights Auction and Reception, Audubon Naturalist Society, Nov. 20, 6-9 p.m., Woodend Sanctuary in Chevy Chase, 8940 Jones Mill Road. Supports ANS environmental education and advocacy programs. Items to donate for auction welcomed. See audubonnaturalist.org or call 301-652-9188.

Dinner of Champions, Nov. 20 at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call 301-881-0100 or see www.jccgw.org. The event honors those who have achieved success in the world of sports, and those who have made extraordinary contributions to the community. The dinner benefits the Jewish Community inclusive programs for individuals with special needs.

Turkey Chase 10K Run benefits the YMCA Bethesda-Chevy Chase, YMCA's Youth and Family Services and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rotary Club Foundation. Race takes place on Thanksgiving, Nov. 25, 8:30 a.m. at 9401 Old Georgetown Road at Spruce Street. Includes a two-mile walk/run; wheelchairs welcome. See www.turkeychase.com.

Public Schools Closed for Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 - 26.

DECEMBER 2010

West Montgomery County Citizens Association, general meeting, Dec. 8, Potomac Library 8 p.m. Public is welcome.

Potomac Library Book Sale, 10101 Glenolden Dr., Saturday, Dec. 11, 9 a.m. 240-777-0690. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter.

Bethesda's Winter Wonderland takes place Dec. 3-4 at multiple locations, including a concert at Imagination Stage and in Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. The event features caroling, ice sculpting, storytelling, holiday performances and hands-on craft activities for kids. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

Winter Lights is a 3.5-mile drive through a holiday light show at Seneca Creek Park with more than



PHOTO BY CAROLE DELL/THE ALMANAC

A dressage demonstration during the Potomac Hunt Races, a steeplechase that takes place each year in May.

350 illuminated displays. The 15th Annual Winter Lights Festival premiere is Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 26 - 27, then nightly Dec. 3 - Jan. 1 (closed Mondays and Dec. 24). Proceeds from the Festival benefit local charities. Call 301-258-6350 or visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

Jingle Bell Jog 8K, Dec. 12, 9 a.m., at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. See www.mcrrc.org.

Chanukah Festival, Dec. 5, all day, Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. Chanukah-related projects and activities. See www.jccgw.org.

Christmas Tree Sale, Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, Station 10, 8001 River Road. Call 301-365-2255 or visit www.cjpvfd.org.

Santa on Fire Engines, toy collection, is also run by the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire

Department. A procession of fire engines carry Santa on a tour of Potomac neighborhoods over the course of several evenings in December. Call 301-365-2255 or visit www.cjpvfd.org.

Public Schools closed, Fri, Dec. 24 until Jan. 3, 2011.

January 2011

The **Maryland General Assembly** meets in Annapolis each year for 90 days to act on more than 2300 bills including the State's annual budget. The 428th Session will begin Jan. 12, 2010. Potomac falls into two districts, District 15 and District 16, each one with one Senator and three Delegates. http://mlis.state.md.us
Public Schools closed, Monday, Jan. 17, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
Public Schools closed, Monday, Jan. 24, professional day.

FEBRUARY 2011

Chinese New Year is Feb. 3. Watch for local events at Potomac Library and Potomac Elementary School, which has a Chinese language immersion program.

The Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival is held over President's Day weekend, at the Doubletree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Feb. 18-21. The festival provides live musical performances, workshops and seminars. Call 301-468-1100. See www.midatlanticjazzfestival.org.

Thanksgiving in February, Bethesda Cares. Dine out in one of the 100 restaurants supporting hunger relief work of local nonprofit agencies providing food and grocery money to those in need. See www.thanksgivinginfbruary.org.
Public Schools closed, Monday, Feb. 21, President's Day.

REST OF 2011

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Youth members of the Greek Orthodox Church perform a variety of traditional Greek dancing during their annual festival which occurs in May.

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here are some highlights to look out for during the rest of 2011. See www.PotomacAlmanac.com.

APRIL 2011

The Bethesda Literary Festival has been held annually in April. Features poets, authors, journalists, novelists, poetry slams, essay contests and youth book parties. Literary events take place in downtown Bethesda's bookstores, galleries and retail businesses, as well as the library and elementary school. Visit www.bethesda.org.

Pike's Peek 10K run along Rockville Pike from Shady Grove Metro to White Flint Mall. See the Montgomery County Road Runners Club website at www.mcrrc.org or pikespeek10k.com.

"Blast from the Past" at Winston Churchill High School, 11300 Gainsborough Road in Potomac, presents its annual rock and roll musical revue featuring student cast members, musicians and stage crew. Late April or early May. Call 301-469-1200 or visit www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/churchills for dates and more information.

The Annual C&O Canal Pride Days, a joint effort between the park and Canal Trust, bringing hundreds of volunteers into the park to conduct maintenance projects. Work at C&O Canal National Historical Park at Great Falls (Md.) and other sites along the Potomac River and C&O Canal towpath. Call the Canal Trust at 301-714-2233 or see the park website at www.nps.gov/choh.

Audubon Naturalist Society's Nature Fair and spring festival takes place annually. Woodend Sanctuary in Chevy Chase. 8940 Jones Mill Road. See www.audubonnaturalist.org or call 301-652-9188.

Potomac Watershed Cleanup, sponsored annually by Alice Ferguson Foundation. More than 14,500 volunteers picked up 251 tons of trash at 275 different sites at last year's April cleanup event, including 24.9 tons of tires, 13,945 bags of trash and recyclables. 15.1 tons of recyclable materials were recycled. Volunteers helped at many sites along the Potomac River in Potomac. See www.fergusonfoundation.org.

Spring Break. Public Schools closed from Monday, April 18 through Monday, April 25.

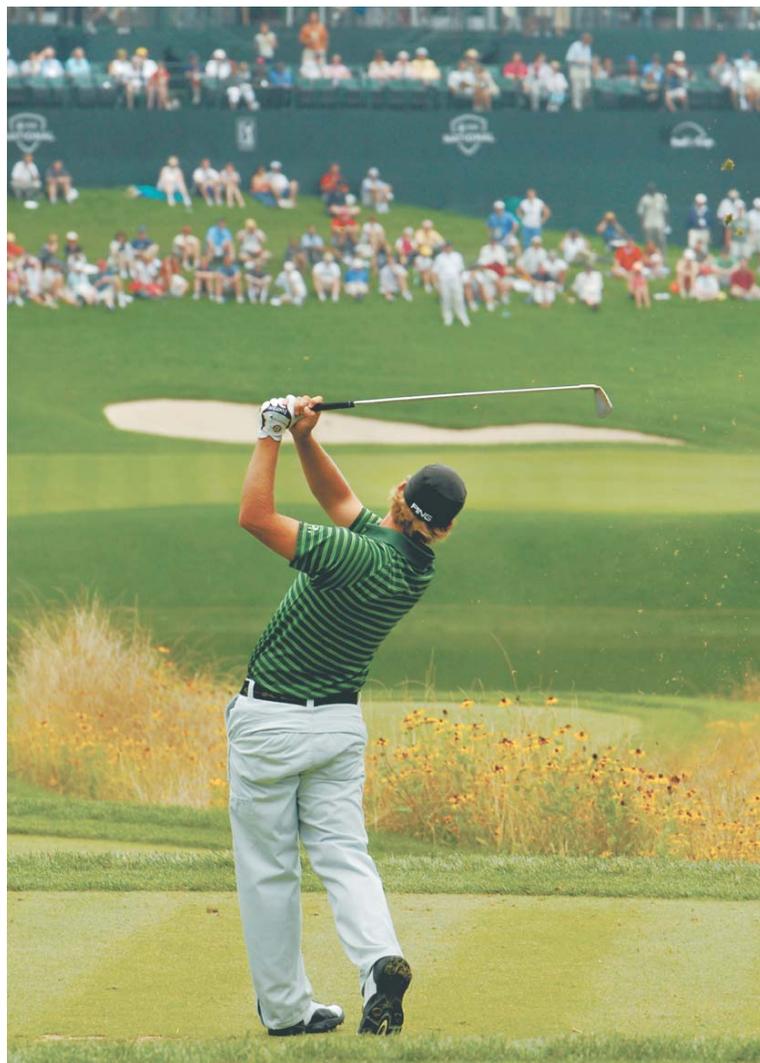
MAY 2011

Mule-Drawn Canal Boat Rides, Great Falls Tavern, May – October. Call the C&O Canal National Historical Park at Great Falls visitor center, 301-767-3714.

Spring Festival at the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George 7701 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. The annual festival, beginning May 6, includes traditional Greek cuisine, outdoor/indoor dining, Greek dancing, church tours and Greek pastries. Call 301-469-7990 or visit www.stgeorge.org.

The Potomac Hunt Races is an annual May tradition, celebrating the sport of steeplechase racing and benefiting local charities. Race day festivities include feature steeplechase racing, thoroughbreds and festival tailgate parties, a car show, pony rides and more. See www.potomachuntraces.com.

Strawberry Festival at Potomac United Methodist Church, 10300 Falls Road in Potomac, is



The 2011 U.S. Open Golf Tournament will take place at Congressional Country Club in June.

traditionally held the weekend before Memorial Day. Berries, a silent auction, bake sale, rummage sale, craft fair, dollar items and games and activities for children. Call the church at 301-299-9383 or visit www.potomac-umc.org.

The **Landon Azalea Garden Festival** takes place April 29, 30 and May 1, 2011 in the Perkins Garden and the Landon campus, 6101 Wilson Lane, Bethesda. The festival dates back to the mid-1950s when Landon's founders, Paul and Mary Lee Banfield opened the newly acquired azalea garden to the public. Mark's Run, a 5-K race and one-mile run also takes place during the festival. A parade will premiere at the 2011 festival. Call 301-320-3200 or visit www.landon.net.

The **Bethesda Big Train** begins its season at the Shirley Povich Field in Cabin John Regional Park, 10600 Westlake Drive. The Big Train plays in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, a wooden-bat collegiate league that has sent athletes to Major League Baseball. See www.bigtrain.org.

Hometown Holidays is a Memorial Day festival and parade in the City of Rockville with concerts, children's crafts and games. Call 240-314-5022 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov.

Public Schools Closed, Monday, May 30, Memorial Day.

JUNE 2011

2011 U.S. Open, Professional golf tournament at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda. June 13–19, 2011, www.usga.org

Imagination Bethesda is a children's street festival celebrating the arts, that has taken place annually in June. The festival will feature costume characters, face painters,

international dance troupes, theater performances, a moon bounce and a variety of hands-on arts activities. Call 301-215-6660 or see www.bethesda.org.

Last day of school, Thursday, June 16. Students dismissed after lunch. (Could vary depending on the number of snow days.)

JULY 2011

Autism Speaks Annual 5K run and one-mile walk to benefit research on autism takes place on July 4 at the Potomac Library at the intersection of River and Falls Roads at 8 a.m. See www.autismspeaks.org or email autismspeaks5K@autismspeaks.org.

Montgomery County Fairgrounds 4th of July Fireworks, 16 Chestnut St., Gaithersburg. Activities include live music, games and food. Call 301-258-6350.

Montgomery College Rockville Campus 4th of July Fireworks, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. Activities include live music and food. Call 240-314-5022. See www.rockvillemd.gov.

Potomac Whitewater Festival in July, an annual fundraising event that celebrates kayaking in the Potomac River. Offers races for kayakers and clinics and activities for the public. See www.potomacfest.com

AUGUST 2011

Bethesda Outdoor Movies: Corner of Norfolk and Auburn avenues. Contact 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org for movie schedule.

Scotland Community Day annually takes place in August at the Scotland Community Center, 7700 Scotland Drive, Potomac. Call 301-983-4455 for more information.

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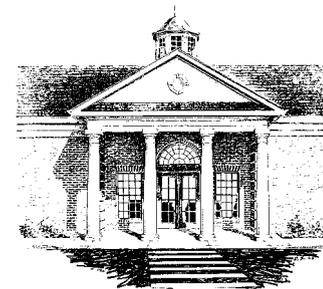
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2002

On May 15, 2002, the Potomac Subregion Master Plan, approved by the Montgomery County Council months before, became part of Montgomery County's general plan. The current master plan, which is a blueprint for land-use in Potomac, updated the 1980 version.

20

In Montgomery County, Master Plans generally look ahead approximately 20 years from the date of adoption, "although they are intended to be updated and revised every 10 years," according to the Master Plan and Park and Planning website.

1st

Paragraph of the "Plan Highlights" in the 2002 Master Plan: "As Potomac has evolved from rural and agricultural to a semi-rural and suburban region, it has retained much of its green character and environmental qualities. These qualities are under threat. ... This Master Plan strongly recommends that sustaining the environment be the preeminent policy determinant in

a subregion so defined by its natural resources. New development and redevelopment must respect the subregion's environment quality, while helping to build communities and resources that will serve existing and future generations of residents."

7

The Potomac Master Plan embraces and confirms seven visions of the Maryland Economic Development, Resources Protection, and Planning Act of 1992. The visions include: development to be concentrated in suitable areas; sensitive areas to be protected; in rural areas, growth to be directed to existing population centers and resource areas to be protected; stewardship of the Chesapeake Bay and land to be considered a universal ethic; and conservation of resources including a reduction in resource consumption.

2

Potomac's roads are limited to two lanes, one in each direction, by the Master Plan. The 2002 approval put at least a temporary end to earlier proposals to widen River Road, Falls Road and Piney Meetinghouse Road to four lanes. Some roads appear wider at intersections because of turn lanes and acceleration lanes.

9

Roads in Potomac are designated as rustic or exceptional rustic, preserving their rural character, including portions of Glen, Glen Mill and South Glen roads, Stoney Creek Road, Boswell Lane and Turkey Foot Road. Black Rock, Pennyfield Lock, Rileys Lock and Violettes Lock roads were already designated as rustic roads and Swains Lock Road is designated as exceptional rustic.

Since 1980

The 1980 Potomac Master Plan recognized the subregion's unique environmental resources and relied primarily on low-density residential zoning, private and common open space, and parkland acquisition to protect the area's sensitive natural resources. ... How-

ever, with increasing demand for homes in the area and recent development trends, this strategy has not been effective in achieving environmental goals. ...

Double 1980-2002

... Average home and garage sizes have doubled in many locations with many properties also featuring large patios, circular driveways, pools and tennis courts, markedly increasing the amount of impervious surface per lot. The primary challenge in Potomac is to maintain environmental integrity in light of these development trends. Potomac's natural resources — forests, floodplains, wetlands, and stream valleys — benefit the entire region, and their protection is critical.

8,000

Acres of wetlands in Potomac.

11,000

Acres of forest in Potomac, roughly one quarter of the area. Almost 80 percent of the forest acres are dominated by deciduous species, including tulip poplar, red oak, white oak, red maple, sycamore and eastern red cedar

RTEs

More than any other Maryland county, Montgomery County hosts plant species now considered to be rare, threatened or endangered (RTEs).

The subregion is home to many of these rare, threatened or endangered species because of unique habitats and the large tracts of forest primarily located in stream valley parks. Many rare, threatened or endangered species are found along the Potomac River, especially in the Great Falls section of C&O Canal National Historic Park. They are protected by the undisturbed parkland along the river and its adjacent tributaries.

SOURCE: 2002 Potomac Master Plan, Montgomery County Park and Planning

Raising Funds for Childhood Cancer Research

Moms Club to host lemonade stand this Saturday.

BY COLLEEN HEALY
THE ALMANAC

In an effort to join the battle against childhood cancer, the Moms Club of Potomac, including several young volunteers, will host their second annual Alex's Lemonade Stand on Saturday, Aug. 28, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Cabin John Giant at 7919 Tuckerman Lane.

Last year members of the community were inspired to get involved with Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation after reading an online news story about Alexandra Scott. Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) emerged from the front yard lemonade stand of cancer patient Alex Scott (1996-2004). 2010 marks 10 years since 4-year-old Alex announced that she wanted to hold a lemonade

stand to raise money to help find a cure for all children with cancer.

Moms Club Member Tara Kavadias is a volunteer again this year because "It is a nice chance for Moms, Dads and kids to get together and give back for a worthy cause. This is a concept kids can understand — how a little child could sell all this lemonade and raise money to help find a cure for childhood cancer. It is a very rewarding experience for the children."

Juli Jamison agrees that the event "is for a good cause and all of my children enjoyed running the lemonade stand."

Julie Krieger wanted "my kids to be involved in something meaningful that could help other people and give them awareness that there are people that have needs any they may be able to help. Last



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Armand Fallah and Julia Kavadias enjoy selling lemonade for Alex's Lemonade stand at the Cabin John Giant grocery store.

year was a great experience and people were happy to give to such a worthwhile cause."

Since Alex Scott held the first stand, the Foundation bearing her name has evolved into a national fund-raising movement, complete with thousands of volunteers

across the country. To date, Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation has raised more than \$30 million towards fulfilling Alex's dream of finding a cure, funding more than 125 research projects nationally. For more information go to <https://www.alexlemonade.org>.

INSIDERS

Welcome

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at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc.

Email us a photo and a note about the event. Be sure to include the names of all the people who are in a photo, and say when and where the photo was taken. We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries are welcome.

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I look forward to hearing from you.

— MARY KIMM,

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Yogathon This Sunday

Yogathon — free Yoga classes offered nationwide — is being hosted by the Hare Krishna Temple (ISKCON) in Potomac. The yoga class will be held at 10310 Oaklyn Drive, Sunday, Aug. 29, from 2 - 4 p.m. Participants are welcome to stay after the yoga class for an experience of kirtan (devotional music), a Bhagavad-Gita discussion, and free vegetarian feast, during ISKCON's weekly Sunday Festival from 4:30-6 p.m.

The event, though focused on youth, is open to everyone and free. Participants are encouraged to bring a yoga mat.

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by
Michael Matese
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Another way to get a more accurate assessment of the value of your home is by getting a prelisting appraisal. It is very important that you select an appraiser who is experienced with luxury homes in your area. A prelisting appraisal will be a valuable asset in deciding on the right price. It is also a professional support to the legitimacy of your asking price, and may give the buyer's lender more confidence in the value of the property and thereby approve the loan.

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Potomac Insider's Guide to Parks

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From Carderock to Riley's Lock, Potomac is bordered by more than 12 miles of the C&O Canal, the towpath and the Potomac River. Living in Potomac provides opportunities to enjoy the sights and sounds of the river. Outdoor activities ranging from an easy stroll to a multi-day bike trip, to rock climbing, to world-class kayaking or a gentle paddle on flatwater. Wildlife is abundant. All outdoor areas of the C&O Canal National Historical Park are open daylight hours year round.

1 Carderock Recreation Area

301-767-3731

Reach this part of the park from the Clara Barton Parkway at the Naval Surface Warfare exit. Carderock is famous for rock faces prized by climbers. The recreation area includes playing fields, a picnic pavilion and access to the Potomac River and one of the loops of the Billy Goat Trail.

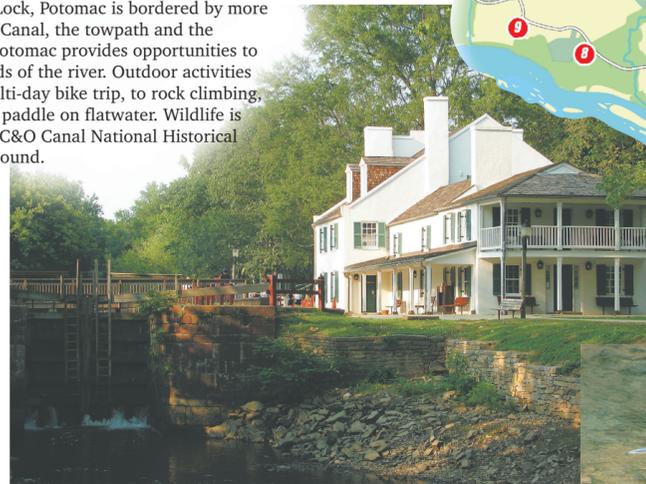
2 Old Angler's Inn Access

Across from 10801 MacArthur Blvd.

Between Carderock and Great Falls, you can also get across the canal to the towpath and the River across from Old Angler's Inn on MacArthur Boulevard. A popular spot for whitewater kayakers, and a great spot to find outdoor adventure companies teaching beginning to advanced kayaking and canoeing. Hiking enthusiasts have quick access to the Billy Goat Trail from here, or those who simply want to take an evening stroll or bikeride along the Berma Road or around Widewater, the area of the canal used for turning large boats around.

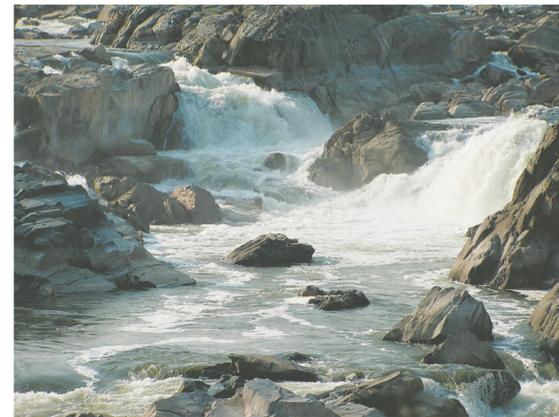
3 Billy Goat Trail

Thousands hike the Billy Goat Trail every year, with access from the Old Angler's site or from the Great Falls Tavern Visitor's Center or Carderock. The loop between the C&O Canal and Potomac River is less than five miles long; bring water and wear good walking shoes. Allow plenty of time to stop and enjoy spectacular views of the cliffs, Potomac River passing through the gorge and sensitive vegetation and rare plants.



The wild power and natural beauty of the Potomac River and its surrounding come alive on this hike that is marked by light blue trail blazes to keep visitors from trampling on Bear Island's many rare plants and sensitive vegetation. The trail can be rough and rocky with steep climbs. But the trail is one of the most popular hikes in all of the metropolitan area, which can be done by people of all ages.

INSIDER'S TIP: The park service seeks volunteer trail stewards willing to hike parts of the trail, educate visitors at the trailheads, protect the natural resources of Bear Island, ensure visitors are prepared for the strenuous hike, share stories about the sensitive vegetation, and reduce trampling of the Bear Island's many rare plants. Active trail stewards carry park radios for emergency communication and can offer basic first aid training to help with minor injuries. www.nps.gov/choh/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm



4 Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center and Olmsted Overlook

11710 MacArthur Blvd.
301-767-3714

Enter the C&O Canal National Historical Park here for up close views of Great Falls by walking 0.2 miles over the Olmsted Island Bridges to the overlook at the end. Bridges and boardwalks traverse a rare floodplain terrace environment, ending with an observation deck over the spectacular views of the Falls and the head of Mather Gorge. More water flows over Great Falls than Niagara Falls.

Accessible for wheelchairs and strollers. The tavern is open year round, seven days per week from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. <http://www.nps.gov/archive/choh/Visitor/Centers/GreatFalls.html>

INSIDER'S TIP: While it costs \$5 per visit or \$20 annually to enter the park at Great Falls, there is no admission charge during the current construction projects. Be sure everyone in the family and any visitors have seen Potomac's great wonder, Great Falls.

INSIDER'S TIP: The Gold Mine Trail can be accessed at the top of the entrance to Great Falls, at the intersection of Falls Road and MacArthur Boulevard, or near the Great Falls Tavern Visitor's center. Trails, which can be used for running with some steep inclines, pass the remains of an old building that was used from 1900-1939 to mine gold.

5 Swain's Lock

Swain's Lock Road (off River Road)

Campsites are available at Swain's Lock, one of the largest of the canal lockhouses. The lockhouse is named for Jess Swain, a lock-keeper in the early 1900s whose father helped in the excavation and construction of the canal.



After running a boat rental and refreshment stand at Swain's Lock for almost a century, the family ceased operations in 2006.

6 Pennyfield Lock

Pennyfield Road (off River Road)

The three-mile walk from Pennyfield Lock to Violette's Lock takes you through many kinds of bird habitat and around Blockhouse Point. Pennyfield Lock was President Grover Cleveland's favorite destination when he went on fishing excursions, according to the Potomac Master Plan. The Pennyfield Lockhouse, built in 1879 inland from the lock house, was the home of lock-keeper Charles W. Pennyfield. This house is currently in poor condition, but the National Park Service awarded a lease to a local non-profit, to rehabilitate the house.

INSIDER'S TIP: Pennyfield Lock is also home to a lockhouse built in 1830 that you can rent by the night. The Canal Quarters Interpretive Program invites visitors to stay in a historic lockhouse for a day and night to learn about the living conditions of a lockkeeper's family. www.canalquarters.org/

7 The River Center (Lockhouse 8)

7906 Riverside Drive, Cabin John
www.potomac.org

The Potomac Conservancy runs the River Center at Lockhouse 8, open weekends from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nature



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11 Adventure Conservation Park

10801 Glen Road, Potomac

This 14-acre neighborhood conservation area established in 1969, includes areas set aside for bird-banding.

12 Falls Road Golf Course

10800 Falls Rd.
301-299-5156
www.montgomerycountygolf.com

Falls Road Golf Course was completed in 1961 on 150 acres of former farmland, and includes an 18-hole course renovated in 2003, plus a clubhouse and driving range. Rates from \$25 each player; cart is \$10. Reserve tee times online.

9 Violette's Lock

Violette's Lock Road (off River Road)

Violette's Lock may not produce applause for sunsets like Waikiki Beach, but does offer one of the more beautiful views of the sunset over the Potomac River.

10 Riley's Lock

Riley's Lock Road (off River Road)

Riley's Lock features a boat ramp on Seneca Creek that allows easy access to a quiet and inviting part of the Potomac River for canoes, kayaks or small motorboats. The Seneca Creek Aqueduct, opened in 1833 and made of red sandstone, allowed thousands of canal boats to move across Seneca Creek from 1833-1924, the year of the canal's closing. The aqueduct was protected by Union garrisons during the Civil War.

Riley's Lockhouse is open for tours on Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. in May and June, and September and October. Volunteers in period costume guide you through one of the C&O Canal's original lockhouses to explore the life of a lock-keeper.

Call the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center to confirm, 301-767-3714.

INSIDER'S TIP: Get involved on the river by joining the Bike Patrol, becoming a Billy Goat Trail Steward, or volunteering to help run the Canal Boat, or serving as a docent at the River Center at Lockhouse 8. www.nps.gov/choh/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm



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19 Hadley's Playground at Falls Road Local Park

12600 Falls Rd.
Park Manager: 301-299-0024

Falls Road Local Park, which showcases the award-winning Hadley's Park, allows all kids to play together. In 1986, the park system acquired the 20-acre park, including soccer, baseball and other sports fields. Hadley's Park, and its accessible theme, equipment, design and surface, have been emulated by approxi-



13 Cabin John Regional Park

7400 Tuckerman Lane
www.montgomeryparks.org/facilities/regional_parks/cabinjohn/

This 528-acre park centrally located offers an Adventure playground, miniature train rides, dog park, picnic areas, lighted athletic fields, ice rinks and indoor/outdoor tennis courts, nature center, softball fields, Shirley Povich Field, home of Big Train baseball.



14 Locust Grove Nature Center

7777 Democracy Boulevard
301-765-8660
www.montgomeryparks.org/nature_centers/locust/VirtuaTour.shtm

Hike the upper meadow of the Locust Grove Nature Center and look for monarch butterflies and caterpillars, listen for wrens and bluebirds, or watch for box turtles crossing the path in the early morning. Wander to the Lower Meadow and watch bats in the late afternoon, sit under the shade of a 200-year-old sycamore and spot minnows, crayfish, bathing birds of beaver activity in the Cabin John Creek. Locust Grove offers programs featuring local natural and cultural history for children, teens and adults. Currently, naturalists teach tots a class on "Bugs, Slugs and Other Things," 12-16 year olds how to become a virtual wildlife rehabilitator and treatment methods for injured and orphaned wildlife.

INSIDER'S TIP: The Locust Grove Nature Center trains adults to become volunteer naturalists, with courses on stream ecology and pollinators. Numerous civic leaders monitor water quality in streams throughout the Potomac region. Get involved.

mately 250 playgrounds across the county, including one at Dulles Town Center and one in McLean.

The park is the brainchild of a Potomac family whose daughter, Hadley, uses a wheel chair. The family envisioned an accessible playground after watching her daughter's wheelchair get stuck in playground mulch as she played with her sibling and friends.

20 Potomac Horse Center

14211 Quince Orchard Rd.
301-208-0200
potomachorse.com/

County-owned and privately run, this large facility offers lessons at all levels year round, summer camp, birthday parties and special events. Open house is Oct. 3; Oct. 24 is the Potomac Horse Center Client Horse Show featuring the Halloween Costume Class. It's a great way to get close to the horsey part of Potomac.

21 Rockwood Manor Park

11001 MacArthur Boulevard, Potomac Reservations/Manager: 301-299-5206

Facilities for weddings, meetings, and overnight accommodations and dormitories for youth groups.

15 Campground

7701 Tuckerman Lane,
301-495-2525 (for permits)

16 Ice Rink

10610 Westlake Drive
301-365-2246

Private and group lessons for all ages, open skating times, and special events. Open year round.

17 Indoor Tennis Courts

7801 Democracy Boulevard
301-365-2440

Private and group lessons for all ages and seasonal court rentals.

18 Miniature Train

7410 Tuckerman Lane
301-765-8670

The miniature train is a replica of an 1863 C.P. Huntington, a locomotive purchased by the Southern Pacific Railroad. The train runs from June 1 to Aug. 31. Monday - Thursday, the first train leaves at 10:30 a.m. and the last train at 6 p.m. On Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays, the first train leaves at 10:30 a.m. and last train at 7:30 p.m.



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Neighborhood Parks

Potomac has many small neighborhood and local parks that offer hiking trails, basketball and tennis courts, playgrounds and sports fields, picnic areas and more. Directory of county parks http://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks_facilities_directory/index.shtml

22 Buck Branch Neighborhood Park

8704 Bells Mill Road

Playground, lighted ballfield, and lighted tennis court.

23 Avenel Local Park

10551 Oaklyn Drive

Playground, softball field, multi-use fields, and tennis courts. Paths suitable for bikes or children's tricycles. The 20.7-acre park was established in 1989.

24 Heritage Farm Neighborhood Park

9520 Hall Road

Playground, multi-use field, softball field, two tennis courts, and picnic area.

25 Potomac Community Neighborhood Park

11301 Falls Rd.

Playground, lighted ballfield, and lighted tennis courts.

26 Fox Hills West Neighborhood Park

12710 North Commons Way

Two-acre park includes playground, tennis courts, multi-use field, and picnic shelter.

27 Bedfordshire Neighborhood Park

11416 Bedfordshire Ave.

33 Potomac Community Center

11315 Falls Road
240-777-6960

This is Montgomery County's busiest community center, providing a variety of recreation activities for all ages such as open gym, arts and crafts, exercise/leisure classes, group support meetings and socials, senior adult activities through the Potomac Seniors program, area and county-wide sports programs, summer camps, programs for individuals with disabilities, children's holiday parties, volunteer opportunities and more. Facilities include a gymnasium, exercise room, meeting rooms, art room, lounge area, community room and social hall. The outdoor area includes two baseball fields and an in-line hockey rink, and lighted basketball and tennis courts. The Center offers table tennis, billiards and foosball, a gymnasium, weight room, social room, meeting rooms, and hundreds of classes through the Department of Recreation.

INSIDER'S TIP: Parents with children in grades three to six, should stand by to register them for Club Friday on Sept. 1. Club Friday is a joyous, supervised party with many activities that meets Friday evenings at the Potomac Community Center, October-March. There are just a little more than 500 members, and the slots are always filled. (And volunteers are always needed.)

34 Scotland Neighborhood Park and Community Center

7700 Scotland Drive 301-983-4455

The 3.75-acre park includes a basketball court, playground, and an open play area. Plans to replace the aging and under-served community center, which serves the Scotland community, are underway.

This 7.8-acre park acquired in 1968 includes a playground and multi-use field.

28 Glen Hills Local Park

12511 Circle Drive

This 25.2-acre park, acquired in 1966, features a playground, softball field, baseball field and two lighted tennis courts and a picnic area.

29 Gregercroft Neighborhood Park

12021 Gregercroft Rd.

One-acre park with playground, picnic area, and open space.

30 Tilden Woods Local Park

6800 Tilden Lane

Playground area, ballfield, lighted tennis courts, and picnic area.

31 Seven Locks Local Park

6922 Seven Locks Road, Cabin John

11.6 acres with playground, open shelter, lighted baseball field, and lighted tennis courts.

32 Cabin John Local Park

7401 MacArthur Boulevard, Cabin John

Six-acre park established in 1933 includes playground, multi-use field, lighted tennis court, basketball court, and picnic area.



35 Glen Echo Park

7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo
www.glenchopark.org

Originally a Chataqua retreat, then an amusement park, Glen Echo National Park now hosts a variety of arts, environmental and history programs. Classes are offered in pottery, painting, photography, glass art, silversmithing, textiles and other arts, as well as in dance, writing and music. The famous 1921 Dentzel Carousel in the center of the park has been giving rides to the public for 90 years. The restored carousel is open for rides in August, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 12 - 6 p.m. In September, Saturday and Sunday, 12 to 6 p.m.

Theatre (www.adventuretheater.org, 301-634-2270) is one of the area's longest running children's theater companies, and the Puppet Co. Playhouse (www.puppetco.org) offers shows as well as for children to be involved.

Living in Potomac

FROM PAGE 3

The small town feel.

All the trees and green spaces
Great Falls Park.

What “insider’s tip” about Potomac would you share with a friend?

Potomac Days
Great Falls Park

What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Potomac?

Get out and explore your new community.

Talk to the local shop owners.

Get involved in local civic and business groups to learn about your community and help shape the future of it.

Greenberg is president of Potomac Pizza.

ELIE PISARRA CAIN:

What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Potomac?

Don’t miss Potomac Day, Oct. 23. Come join the parade or watch it and enjoy many free activities for children after that event; Potomac Theatre’s production production of “The Micado” from Nov. 19-28, Friday, Saturday 8 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. at Bullis School right in the neighborhood near your new home; Visit Great Falls area of the canal which offers everything outdoors from riding a replica packet boat (designed for passengers) on the C&O Canal which has family friendly fares to hiking, biking, or jogging along the tow path parallel to the canal with a peaceful and beautifully natural setting for all to enjoy.

There are many artists who belong to a group called P.A.I.N.T.



Elie Pisarra Cain organizes the Potomac Day Parade each year, and then brings up the rear, making sure everything is in order.

Call Anne Martinez (301-299-6321) for information. We have many great choices of independent and public schools to choose from, churches and synagogues to meet your family needs, parks nearby for recreation and convenient neighborhood shopping centers.

Potomac Newcomers would love to hear that a new family has moved in — ask your Realtor how to reach them to get all the information you need and, if you want to join a Chamber of Commerce or a service club like Rotary we have those, too.

Join these activities to find friends and things to do; all of those who are already involved always want new people to join and help them! There are so many opportunities awaiting your participation. Join in today.

JOHN KOLM

What do you love about Potomac?

The view and the peace along the C&O Canal at the end of the day, especially between Swain’s Lock and Violette’s Lock, where we are often to be found on our bikes.

What “insider’s tip” about Potomac would you share with a friend?

Dinner at Normandie Farm anytime; watching the kayakers dance down Great Falls in summer; icescapes on the banks of the Potomac in winter.

What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Potomac?

Shop local and say hello; explore the wilderness at “off” times when only locals go; join Rotary and get active in service projects.

Kolm, best-selling author, company CEO and Potomac resident.



Andy Alderdice, 2008 Potomac Business Person of the Year, just before the Potomac Day Parade.

ANDY ALDERDICE:

What do you love about Potomac?

A wonderful small town feel, with good restaurants and retail, surrounded by green, rolling, horse strewn pastures, within miles of the heartbeat of our country.

What “insider’s tip” about Potomac would you share with a friend?

Potomac Day in the fall. A walk on the canal. Chamber networking events.

What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Potomac?

Support our local restaurants and merchants, and join the Potomac Chamber of Commerce.

Alderdice is a Realtor with W.C. & A.N. Miller Realtors, a Long & Foster Company

LARRY CHLOUPEK:

What “insider’s tip” about Potomac would you share with a friend?

Our “hidden” jewel is the C&O Canal. My wife and I are huge outdoors people who immensely enjoy running or walking on the towpath at anytime during the course of the year.

LINDA BARLOCK:

What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Potomac?

The absolute best advice I would give to a newcomer to Potomac is to make a visit to the Potomac Community Center as soon as possible. Not only is it a fantastic place to gather information on programs and events, but it is the best place in town to meet the nicest people. I enjoyed my 21 years there immensely and have made countless life long friends.

ELLEN COHEN:

What do you love about Potomac?

Potomac has lovely greenery and large trees for beautiful local walks plus it’s close to plenty of places for longer walks. My favorite walking trails are the Millennium Trail through Rockville; the Capitol Crescent Trail through Bethesda and D.C.; and the canal from Great Falls to Fletchers Boat House. Many people in Potomac don’t even know there’s a trail from Goya Road (near Seven Locks and Montrose) along a creek to behind Cabin John shopping center and through Cabin John Park to River Road and beyond!

What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Potomac?

A new resident can get involved and easily make friends through Potomac’s active school community; golf and exercise facilities; neighborhood pools and associations; library and, of course, the Potomac Community Center — the very best place for kids and adults alike. Also, the local Greater Capital Area Team in Training, the largest fund-raising arm of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, trains you in race-walking, running and biking for marathons — wonderful people and a great cause. No experience needed. You can get your exercise while helping!

The variety of Potomac supermarkets & restaurants is changing and growing — it’s fun to explore new local places!

Cohen, is a Realtor, with W.C. & A.N. Miller Realtors, a Long & Foster Company

MARCIA BLUMER:

What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Potomac?

A sparkling jewel in the Potomac

Area is our Newcomers Club. We are an organization dedicated to the development of fellowship and acquaintance among new residents and their assimilation into the civic life and social activities of their new community. We also welcome women who have recently retired and are now facing the dilemma of how to constructively fill their newly acquired free time. We include Potomac, Bethesda, and all surrounding communities.

We offer many interest and activity groups including but not limited to bridge, canasta, book clubs, dining events and even an investment group. We visit museums, historical sites, and many other places of interest. But most importantly, we provide valuable resource information and opportunities for many new and dear friendships.

For more information, please visit our website at potomacnewcomers.com.

Blumer is publicity chair doe the Potomac Area Newcomers Club.

EDWARD FELDMAN:

What do you love about Potomac?

That I know how to spell it after 25 years! The green, the water, (not the deer or taxes).

What “insider’s tip” about Potomac would you share with a friend?

Never tell anyone you are from here. They charge you more. Go experience the water! The Billy Goat trail where you see no brick or mortar!

What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Potomac?

Please consider not moving here! Fairfax is easier to spell out! It’s way too crowded already! The County and Parks offer great programs with or without children. The parks are always empty as everyone else’s working!

I joke. Partially. Feldman of EMF Realty.

LINDA RIEGER:

What do you love about Potomac?

Really about River Falls — quiet, lots of kids, easy access to the Beltway and airports.

What do you love about Potomac?

Homestead Farm for pick your own fruits.

What advice would you give a new resident on how to make themselves at home and get involved here in Potomac?

Join your local pool and Civic Association.

Insiders Tip: Links To Get Involved

Potomac Almanac,

www.PotomacAlmanac.com,
www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Audubon Naturalist Society,

www.audubonnaturalist.org

Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department,

www.cjpvfd.org.

C&O Canal National Historical Park,

www.nps.gov/choh/

C&O Canal Trust,

http://www.canaltrust.org

C&O Canal Association,

www.candocanal.org

Locust Grove Nature Center,

www.locustgrovenature.org

Montgomery County Council,

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council

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www.montgomerycountymd.gov/firerescue

Montgomery County Park and Planning,

www.mc-mncppc.org,
www.montgomeryplanningboard.org,
www.montgomeryplanningboard.org,
www.montgomeryparks.org

Montgomery County Police,

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Montgomery County Road Runners Club,

www.mcrrc.org

Nature Conservancy,

www.nature.org

Potomac Chamber of Commerce,

www.potomacchamber.org

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www.potomac.org

Potomac Library,

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/libraries

Potomac Newcomers Club,

www.potomacnewcomers.com

Potomac Theater Company,

www.potomactheatreco.org

West Montgomery County Citizen's Association,

www.wmcca.org

Montgomery County Road Runners Club,

www.mcrrc.org

Strathmore Hall/Baltimore Symphony,

www.strathmore.org

The Writer's Center

www.writer.org

Voting and elections,

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections

County services,

including libraries, recycling, community centers, recreation, police and more, www.montgomerycountymd.gov

County services and offerings for newcomers

(and good information for all),
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/citizen/newbie.asp

Montgomery County Public Schools,

including information on school closings:,
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org

Links to Close By Neighborhoods

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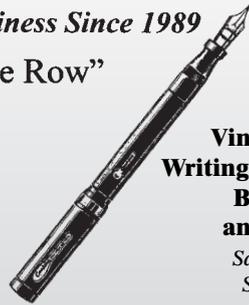
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SCHOOLS



From left: Christian Carty, Amy Dalrymple, and Matthew Collins.

Bulldog Pups Join the Pack

BY DANIELLE COLLINS
THE ALMANAC

It is a day that most of us remember well: the first day of high school. Everything was fresh and exciting. We met new people, marveled at our newfound freedom, and chatted excitedly about upcoming pep rallies, school dances, and football games. For some, the first day of high school did not go as smoothly as planned (think missing buses and getting lost in the hallways), while for others, the first day marked the beginning of a new crush and the discovery of the perfect lunch table. Starting high school remains one of the most significant events of our lives.

With various clubs, team sports, and extracurricular activities, many incoming freshman eagerly anticipate their first day of Churchill. Christian Carty has all the school spirit of a true Bulldog. "I'm looking forward to the Churchill baseball team because everyone seems really nice. I've seen the team play and they are very talented. I'm also looking forward to meeting lots of new friends and starting many new activities." For Amy Dalrymple, "Poms is going to be a great experience. I can't wait to cheer at the football games and pep rallies! I am also very excited about the Homecoming dance in October. It seems like a lot of fun, and I can't wait to go with my friends."

As for my younger brother Matthew Collins, "Club night is going to be very exciting for me. I know that Churchill has so many activities to join, and I'm excited to get involved. I'm also looking forward to going to football games and cheering on the Bulldogs. Churchill seems like a school with a lot of spirit."

Carly Shapiro is particularly excited for the Churchill soccer team. "I've been playing soccer for a long time and I've wanted to be on the Churchill team since elementary school. My older sister plays for the team, and it would be fun to be on it together."

In addition to many activities to join, students also look forward to the introduction of new classes and teachers. Amy Dalrymple says, "Starting my high school schedule will be a great experience for me. I love the classes I am taking next year, and I look forward to the course flexibility I will eventually get as an upperclassman. There are a lot of classes I want to take at Churchill."

Christian Carty is, "a little bit nervous for my classes because high school is going to be such a new experience. I know there will be more homework than I'm used to, but I've heard many good things about the teachers at Churchill, so I know I will learn a lot and have fun." Carly Shapiro explains that, "while I've heard so many great things about all the Churchill classes, I can't wait for my ceramics class next year. I love art and I've always thought that making things from clay was very fun."

Ali Lieberman also commented on the arts at Churchill, saying, "I'm excited for the arts programs because I will get to work with different materials and teachers. I can't wait for high school because I will get to meet other people from different schools. My older sister is going to be a senior at Churchill, so being in school with her will be fun and will make the mornings easier." Some kids are lucky to already know Churchill upperclassman. As Matthew Collins adds, "Already knowing so many seniors makes me feel more



Carly Shapiro.

comfortable since high school is so much bigger than middle school."

Now for all incoming freshmen out there, I have a few words of wisdom about starting high school. Use your lunch hour wisely (I know this sounds trivial, but I promise, it's true). While at times we all fall prey to lunchtime gossip sessions and Dorito-eating contests, take it from me that sometimes the best thing to do is finish that nagging math homework that you will invariably have to do when you get home. Next, get involved in the high school community. There is a club for even the most skeptical freshman, from the Fashion Club, to the Animanga Club, to the Film Critics Club. Trust me, there are options for everyone. Also, try your best to branch out and make a friend in each class. It is always a good idea to have a buddy to call when you need late night help on that chemistry assignment. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, do not stress out. High school is meant to be a fun, new learning experience that you will remember forever. Enjoy it!

OPINION

A 'CLEAR' Step Forward

BY NAT WILLIAMS
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY IN MARYLAND/DC

In my last column I shared some good news from the Potomac River, the Chesapeake Bay, and the Eastern Shore. From rebounding blue crab populations to an emerging national policy for the conservation and management of our oceans and Great Lakes, this past spring brought much to celebrate in addition to blooming wildflowers and longer days. I am pleased to report that summer has brought more welcome news.

On July 30, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources (CLEAR) Act, which, along other important provisions, provides for full and dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the nation's premier program for conserving lands and waters that provide valuable habitat for wildlife, support vibrant local economies, and offer abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation and renewal. The Nature Conservancy applauds the House for its action, and, here in Montgomery County, we extend special appreciation to Congressman Van Hollen for his support of the legislation.

Let me explain briefly how the Land and Water Conservation Fund improves the quality of life for the growing number of people who call this part of Montgomery County home. Consider for a moment the lifeline of our region — the Potomac River. The Potomac provides Maryland so many services, but perhaps the three most important are: drinking water, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities.

Since its inception in 1965, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has invested over \$44 million protecting lands along the C&O Canal, and \$12 million more elsewhere along the Potomac. These three services can be summed up in this way:

DRINKING WATER – The Potomac River is the primary source of drinking water for millions of people in the Washington, D.C. area. The region's forests act as filters for the river, removing sediment and pollutants draining into the Potomac. The healthiest and most intact forests are located upstream, primarily on public land, including the George Washington and Monongahela National Forests and Shenandoah National Park. The Land and Water Conservation Fund has provided funding for key additions to public lands like these, which help protect water quality.

WILDLIFE HABITAT – Some of the region's best wildlife habitat is found in a series of protected lands

along the Potomac River, including Great Falls National Park. The 15-mile section of river around Great Falls has one of the highest diversity of species of any American river within an urban area. This area is important for bald eagles, and is also home to a numerous migratory songbirds, waterfowl, and wading birds like the great blue heron.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES – These same public lands that are havens for wildlife also provide abundant recreational opportunities for tens of thousands of human visitors every year, who come to these still wild reaches of the Washington area to hike, kayak, hunt, birdwatch, or simply relax. Often, these public lands provide the only places where many residents can directly access the Potomac River itself.

Full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund will help conserve additional places – including quiet corners on the Potomac River, but also imperiled Civil War battlefields, urban parks, and beaches and coastal wetlands on Maryland Eastern Shore – in a part of the country that is rapidly losing its open spaces and the economic and environmental benefits they provide. It is worth noting that the CLEAR Act fulfills the promise of the Land and Water Conservation Fund in a fiscally responsible fashion. In fact, the independent Congressional Budget Office estimates that the legislation will actually reduce the federal deficit by \$5.3 billion over the next five years.

While our celebration of the House vote is sincere, it is important to remember that the victory is not complete without action in the Senate and the President's signature. Many of provisions of the CLEAR Act, including full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, are included in similar legislation in the Senate. I hope you will join The Nature Conservancy in urging the Senate to match the House's leadership and its commitment to our nation's lands and waters by supporting full and dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

or more information on the Potomac River, Chesapeake Bay, and the waters off Maryland's coast, please visit nature.org/maryland. For more information on the Land and Water Conservation Fund, please visit nature.org/land_water.

Nat Williams is director of The Nature Conservancy in Maryland/DC, a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the diversity of life on Earth. The organization cares for more than 80 preserves in Maryland and Virginia, including co-ownership of Bear Island at Great Falls Park. nature.org/marylanddc

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INSIDERS GUIDE: SPORTS

Getting To Know Churchill Sports

Girls lacrosse program reaches new heights.

School: Winston Churchill High School

Mascot: Bulldog.

School Colors: Blue and green.

Athletic Director: Dave Kelley, 301-469-1240.

Football Coach: Joe Allen (second year).

The Bulldogs started the 2009 season 7-0 under first-year head coach Joe Allen, but missed the playoffs after losing their final three games to Sherwood, Bethesda-Chevy Chase and **Whitman**.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Matthew Miller.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Kate McMahon.

Baseball Coach: Scott Blackwood.

Rival School: Wootton.

What happened last year: The girls soccer

team won the division championship and advanced to the 4A West regional championship game, where the Bulldogs lost to Bethesda-Chevy Chase on penalty kicks. The golf team placed second in state. The boys' cross country team finished second in the state. The girls' basketball team earned a top-3 seed and advanced to the regional semifinals. The girls' lacrosse team won the region championship, advancing to the state semifinals. The baseball team earned a top-3 seed and advanced to the regional semifinals.

Famous Graduates: Linebacker Dhani Jones (1995 graduate) was a three-time All-Big Ten selection at Michigan before being drafted in the sixth round by the New York Giants in 2000. He also played for the Philadelphia Eagles, New Orleans Saints and Cincinnati Bengals. ESPN reporter Rachel Nichols graduated from Churchill in 1991.

Quotable: "Now we know what it's like — we've never been this far, ever. Now we know what to expect and how much harder we have to work to even get here again, and win." — Bulldog attack Katie Ruben on the girls' lacrosse team reaching the state semifinals.



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Churchill quarterback Alex Kantor in last year's Bulldogs' victory over Wootton.

At Bullis

School: The Bullis School.

Mascot: Bulldog.

School Colors: Blue and gold.

Athletic Director: (boys) Andres Parra, 301-983-5701 x809, (girls) Kathleen Lloyd 301-983-5738.

Football Coach: Sean Murphy

The Bulldogs won their first two games of the 2009 season but dropped their final eight. Bullis was held to 8 or fewer points in eight of its 10 games.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Bruce Kelley.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Kira Orr.

Baseball Coach: Brian Lumpkin.

What happened last year: The boys' basketball team won the IAC tournament, finishing the season 14-13. The boys' lacrosse team won 15 games but lost to Episcopal in the first round of the IAC tournament.

Famous Graduates:

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Getting To Know Whitman Sports



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Whitman's Ross Koehn attempts a shot from the perimeter during a game last year against Churchill at Whitman.

Boys' soccer team captures state championship title.

School: Walt Whitman High School.

Mascot: Viking.

School Colors: Black, white and Columbia blue.

Athletic Director: Andy Wetzell, 301-320-6595.

Football Coach: Jim Kuhn.

The Vikings went 8-2 during the regular season and qualified for the playoffs, where they lost to Quince Orchard in the opening round. Whitman had seven games decided by six points or fewer, finishing 5-2 in those contests.

Boys' Soccer Coach: Dave Greene.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Chris Lun.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Pete Kenah.

Baseball Coach: Joe Cassidy.

What happened last year: The boys' soccer team won the state championship despite not earning a top-3 seed. The girls' basketball team won the division title and advanced to the region championship game. The baseball team upset top-seeded Wootton in the playoffs and advanced to the region semifinals.

Famous Graduates: Ryan Kuehl (1991 graduate) played 12 seasons in the NFL for the San Francisco 49ers, Washington Redskins, Cleveland Browns and New York Giants. Primarily a long-snapper, Kuehl was part of the Giants team that won Super Bowl XLII, upsetting the previously unbeaten New England Patriots. While at Whitman, Kuehl competed in football, basketball, baseball and track, earning 10 varsity letters. In high school, Kuehl played tight end and linebacker. He went on to play football at the University of Virginia, where he was named second-team all-ACC at defensive tackle. Stephanie Smith (2001) led the Whitman volleyball team to a 48-4 record during her three seasons with the team and went on to star at the University of Maryland. Smith ranks No. 2 all time in solo blocks, block assists, total blocks and hitting percentage for the Terrapins.

Quotable: "I thought we were very consistent with how we played all year. The way we played in the playoffs is the way we played all year. The only difference was we scored goals. We got better at the right time, we played a good schedule. ... We were prepared, we were ready." — Head boys' soccer coach David Greene on winning the 2009 state championship.

INSIDERS GUIDE: SPORTS

Getting To Know Wootton Sports

School: Thomas Wootton High School.

Mascot: Patriot.

School Colors: Red, white and blue.

Athletic Director: Christopher Thompson, 301-279-8575

Football Coach: Eddie Tolliver.

The Patriots lost their final five games to finish 2-8. The previous year, Wootton won its final five regular season games and made the playoffs.

Boys' Basketball Coach: Chris Bohlen.

Girls' Basketball Coach: Maggie Dyer.

Baseball Coach: JD Marchand.

Rival School: Churchill.

What happened last year:

The girls' cross country team won the division championship and took fourth at state. Jessie Rubin was the girls' 4A individual state champion. The boys' lacrosse team won the region title and finished runner up at state. The girls' lacrosse team entered the playoffs as the top seed and advanced to

the regional semifinals.

Famous Graduates: Mathis Nkwenti (1996 graduate) reached the NFL despite not participating in athletics until his junior year of high school. He was named all state as a senior at Wootton and went on to play at Temple, where he was an honorable mention All-American. He was drafted in the fourth round of the 2001 NFL draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers and played offensive tackle for three seasons. He is the only Wootton graduate to play in the NFL. Members of the rock group Of A Revolution (O.A.R.) — Richard On, Benj Gershman, Marc Roberge and Chris Culos — attended Wootton. Actor Thomas Jane, who played on "The Punisher" and "Deep Blue Sea."

Quotable: "We had a great season. To make it that far was great. To make it to the state championship game two out of four years is great." — Head boys' lacrosse coach Colin Thomson on the Patriots' advancing to the 2010 state championship game.



Wootton quarterback Jeff Porter throws a pass against Paint Branch last year.

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At Bullis

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Monique Currie (2001 graduate) was an All-American basketball player at Duke before being chosen No. 3 overall in the 2006 WNBA draft by the Charlotte Sting. She has also played with the Chicago Sky and currently plays for the Washington Mystics. Tanard Jackson (2003) is a safety for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He played at the collegiate level at Syracuse and was drafted by the Buccaneers in the fourth round of the 2007 draft. Doug Moe (1957) played basketball at Bullis before attending the University of North Carolina, where he was a two-time All-ACC selection and a first-team All-American as a senior. He played professionally for the ABA's New Orleans Buccaneers and was a three-time ABA all-star and two-time ABA all pro. Moe coached in the NBA for 15 years with the San Antonio Spurs, Denver Nuggets and Philadelphia 76ers. He was the NBA Coach of the Year in 1988 with the Nuggets.

Quotable: "I can't be any happier with our team. We've won most of our matches 7-0 or 6-1. The guys are competing really well, I'm super happy with them." — Head boys tennis coach Steve Miguel.

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The following residents were named to the dean's list at Ithaca College for the spring 2010 semester.

❖ **Amy Pijanowski**, daughter of Brian and Donna Pijanowski of Potomac, was named to the Dean's List at Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School of Communications.

❖ **Susan Landau**, daughter of William and Gail Landau of Potomac, was named to the Dean's List at Ithaca College's School of Humanities and Sciences.

❖ **Heather Mueller**, daughter of Michael and Janice Mueller of Potomac, was named to the Dean's List at Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School of Communications.

Some 103 Montgomery County students recently graduated from Salisbury University. They were among the 1,477 students who received 1,311 bachelor's degrees and 166 master's degrees a ceremony at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center.

* **North Potomac area residents** include **Matthew Cohen**, B.A., communication arts and English; **Matthew Solomon**, B.A., communication arts; **John Sutton**, B.S., accounting; **Gonzalo Valencia Jr.**, B.A., English; and **Sean Young**, B.S., geography.

• **Potomac area residents** include **Patricia Moran**, B.S., interdisciplinary studies; **Nicole Pampillonia**, B.S., geography; and **Jose Puga**, B.S., physics, cum laude.

Steven Bossie, of North Potomac was awarded a bachelor of science degree at the NJIT Commencement held at the Prudential Center May 17, 2010.

For the second year, **Lelia Glass** was named to the dean's list at the University of Chicago where she is majoring in linguistics. Lelia, a 2008 graduate of the International Baccalaureate magnet program at Richard Montgomery High School, is the daughter of Carter and Dale Glass of Potomac.

Elyse Marriott, a resident of Potomac and a first year at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, is included on the honor roll for the 2009-2010 school year, which requires that a student be in the top 15 percent of their school of record.

Raquel Silhy of Potomac has been awarded a Master of Science degree in Management from Kaplan University, a leader in higher education innovation. Silhy's accomplishment was celebrated during a live graduation ceremony on Aug. 7 in Chicago.

FAITH NOTES

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Change - For the Worse



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

Of course, the Postal clerk wouldn't know I have cancer. How could she? It's not as if I am emblazoned with a scarlet "C" on my forehead (which is now mostly covered by a full head of hair, anyway) any more than I respond to any standard greeting by replying that I have cancer (see column entitled, "Fine," 8/4/2010). Still, in my head/brain, I can't help but filter everything I see - and hear, through that prism.

Consequently, when the clerk asked me if I wanted to buy a book of first class stamps (which I didn't need) to make her change-making of the twenty-dollar bill I had handed her less tedious (in fairness to her, all I owed was 34 cents. However, a twenty-dollar bill was all I had) and less problematic with respect to the cash she had in her register (now, in fairness to me; it was a Friday morning at 10 o'clock, she should have had plenty of cash on hand; it's the Post Office!), I hesitated. Not taking my hesitation sitting down (in point of actual fact, she was standing up), she proceeded to attempt to sell me on the benefits of buying 20 44-cent stamps: "They are a good investment. They're good to have." And then the killer, which sent me over the edge and onto a bit of a verbal tirade (although "tirade" is too strong a characterization of my outburst, even "outburst" is too strong a characterization. How about mild rebuke?): "They're forever stamps, they last for like 100 years." And before I went off, I went on the following internal thought process: As a cancer patient OR ANY OTHER HUMAN BEING having as a reason to buy stamps, that they will forever be first-class appropriate regardless of future price hikes - "for 100 hundred years," matters to me because, I'LL STILL BE LIVING IN 100 YEARS. Well, that finished me, or rather started me:

"What do you mean, 'They're good to have?' Is the Post Office closing tomorrow or something? Are you never opening again? 'Good investment?' Are my stamps gaining value every day that I don't use them? '100 years?' Is that reason to buy stamps so that I can still use them in a hundred years? That's so not that point."

Now my question is, if I were not living with a life expectancy-challenged time line, would I have reacted (you'll note, I didn't say, overreacted) in a similar fashion? Would the illogical ludicrousness of what she rationalized as reasons for me needing to buy stamps set me off in fact I had 100 years still to live (instead of 100 days, hopefully a lot more, or less), not considering for a second whether the Post Office, as we know it, would itself even be around in 100 years? (I only know that it's pretty unlikely that I'll be around in 100 years.) The point is moot. I can't change who I am now and/or how I view the world - especially since I've become a member of the cancer club. I am forever affected by its insidious growth inside my body.

I don't blame the clerk for her ridiculous reasoning any more than I apologize for questioning her logic. It's not about her. It's about me. I don't want it to be, but it is. Cancer changes everything, even something as simple as a visit to the Post Office.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

Top Home Sales

Here is a list of some of the highest priced homes sold in Potomac so far this year.

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8603 RAPLEY GATE TER	7	7	2	POTOMAC		\$3,400,000	Detached	0.90		AVENEL	01/22/10
9119 BELMART RD	6	6	2	POTOMAC		\$2,700,000	Detached	2.00		POTOMAC FALLS	06/02/10
9925 BENTCROSS DR	7	7	2	POTOMAC		\$2,300,000	Detached	2.00		FALCONHURST	07/30/10
9417 FALLS RD	6	4	2	POTOMAC		\$1,950,000	Detached	0.62		WILLIAMSBURG GARDENS	02/04/10
10103 BENTCROSS DR	6	4	3	POTOMAC		\$1,725,000	Detached	2.02		CAMOTOP	03/25/10
10601 RIVER RD	6	4	0	POTOMAC		\$1,700,000	Detached	4.05		POTOMAC OUTSIDE	04/15/10
11712 WOOD THRUSH LN	6	6	1	POTOMAC		\$1,694,160	Detached	0.37		GREEN BRIAR PRESERVE	02/05/10
10824 BARN WOOD LN	7	6	2	POTOMAC		\$1,675,000	Detached	2.19		RIVER OAKS FARM	04/30/10
11201 GREENBRIAR PRESERVE LN	6	5	1	POTOMAC		\$1,652,900	Detached	0.77		GREEN BRIAR PRESERVE	06/25/10
9451 NEWBRIDGE DR	6	5	1	POTOMAC		\$1,650,000	Detached	2.00		FALCONHURST	04/12/10
13116 BRUSHWOOD WAY	6	5	1	POTOMAC		\$1,650,000	Detached	2.78		TRAVILAH MEADOWS	05/14/10
12088 WETHERFIELD LN	5	5	1	POTOMAC		\$1,560,000	Detached	2.17		STONEY CREEK	04/30/10
10607 TULIP LN	6	5	1	POTOMAC		\$1,550,000	Detached	2.34		HORIZON HILL	07/30/10
10 RIVER FALLS CT	5	3	2	POTOMAC		\$1,550,000	Detached	0.37		RIVER FALLS	07/30/10
11225 GREENBRIAR PRESERVE LN	5	5	1	POTOMAC		\$1,528,000	Detached	0.96		GREEN BRIAR PRESERVE	07/20/10
6 OAKLYN CT	4	3	1	POTOMAC		\$1,525,000	Detached	2.22		POTOMAC OUTSIDE	06/25/10
12508 MEADOW FARM RD	5	6	1	POTOMAC		\$1,520,000	Detached	2.00		STONEY CREEK FARM	06/01/10
9313 BELLS MILL RD	5	5	1	POTOMAC		\$1,500,000	Detached	0.47		PINE KNOLLS	03/05/10
8801 BRICKYARD RD	6	7	2	POTOMAC		\$1,454,796	Detached	2.34		POTOMAC RANCH	02/09/10
10016 BENTCROSS DR	6	5	4	POTOMAC		\$1,450,000	Detached	2.17		FALCONHURST	04/26/10
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7825 LAUREL LEAF DR	5	5	2	POTOMAC		\$1,395,000	Detached	0.62		FAWSETT FARMS MANOR	07/29/10
9813 CARMELITA DR	5	5	3	POTOMAC		\$1,380,000	Detached	0.46		MCAULEY PARK	03/31/10
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13724 CANAL VISTA CT	6	6	1	POTOMAC		\$1,350,000	Detached	1.86		RIVERS EDGE	02/10/10
12401 ANSIN CIRCLE DR	4	3	2	POTOMAC		\$1,350,000	Townhouse	0.05		WHEEL OF FORTUNE	03/24/10
7939 SANDALFOOT DR	5	5	1	POTOMAC		\$1,350,000	Detached	0.23		AVENEL	06/03/10
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10325 WINDSOR VIEW DR	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,325,000	Detached	0.30		WINDSOR HILLS	05/10/10
10908 RIVERWOOD DR	6	5	2	POTOMAC		\$1,320,000	Detached	2.03		POTOMAC VIEW ESTS	01/25/10
12505 NOBLE CT	6	4	2	POTOMAC		\$1,320,000	Detached	2.00		PALATINE	05/06/10
8532 POTOMAC SCHOOL TER	4	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,305,000	Detached	0.75		AVENEL	02/03/10
12428 BACALL LN	4	5	2	POTOMAC		\$1,300,000	Detached	2.04		STONEY CREEK ESTATES	04/29/10
9233 CAMBRIDGE MANOR CT	4	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,300,000	Detached	0.92		POTOMAC OUTSIDE	07/09/10
8017 HORSESHOE LN	7	5	0	POTOMAC		\$1,298,000	Detached	0.37		RIVER FALLS	07/15/10
11900 PINEY GLEN LN	5	6	1	POTOMAC		\$1,289,000	Detached	2.10		THE PRETTY PART OF POTOMAC	02/26/10
2 TOBIN CT	4	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,280,000	Detached	0.68		MCAULEY PARK	05/14/10
9304 CRIMSON LEAF TER	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,250,000	Detached	0.50		AVENEL	04/20/10
7822 STABLE WAY	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,250,000	Detached	0.18		RIVER FALLS	04/16/10
11613 TWINING LN	4	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,250,000	Detached	0.62		GLEN MILL VILLAGE	06/23/10
10408 BRIDLE LN	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,250,000	Detached	0.35		RIVER FALLS	07/15/10
11908 PINEY GLEN LN	5	3	1	POTOMAC		\$1,235,000	Detached	2.03		PINEY GLEN FARMS	06/10/10
11701 SLATESTONE CT	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,230,000	Detached	0.33		CLAGETT FARM	05/10/10
8606 BRADLEY BLVD	6	5	2	POTOMAC		\$1,227,501	Detached	2.00		CONG FOREST ESTATES	01/31/10
10406 TANAGER LN	7	7	4	POTOMAC		\$1,225,000	Detached	2.00		GLEN MILL KNOLLS	02/16/10
10805 ADMIRALS WAY	4	3	1	POTOMAC		\$1,225,000	Detached	1.06		DARNESTOWN OUTSIDE	04/22/10
9901 BLUEGRASS RD	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,220,000	Detached	0.41		POTOMAC VILLAGE	07/07/10
10117 SORREL AVE	5	5	1	POTOMAC		\$1,215,000	Detached	0.70		POTOMAC VILLAGE	04/09/10
12305 BRIARBUSH LN	5	5	2	POTOMAC		\$1,210,000	Detached	3.49		DARNESTOWN OUTSIDE	04/30/10
9803 GLYNSHIRE WAY	4	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,205,000	Detached	0.23		CLAGETT FARM	06/30/10
11813 WINTERSET TER	5	5	1	POTOMAC		\$1,200,000	Detached	0.38		WINTERSET	07/15/10
6805 CANAL BRIDGE CT	6	5	1	POTOMAC		\$1,195,500	Detached	0.47		POTOMAC OUTSIDE	01/15/10
8806 DEER HOLLOW LN	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,185,000	Detached	0.19		AVENEL	07/12/10
11729 LE HAVRE DR	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,175,000	Detached	0.36		LAKE NORMANDY ESTS	03/26/10
10833 ADMIRALS WAY	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,165,000	Detached	1.12		POTOMAC	03/31/10
12504 ROLLING RD	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,165,000	Detached	5.50		POTOMAC OUTSIDE	06/03/10
13136 BRUSHWOOD WAY	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,160,000	Detached	2.95		TRAVILAH MEADOWS	01/29/10
7737 LAUREL LEAF DR	6	5	1	POTOMAC		\$1,159,000	Detached	0.48		FAWSETT FARMS MANOR	06/08/10
9404 TOBIN CIR	4	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,150,000	Detached	0.46		MCAULEY PARK	06/14/10
9712 BEMAN WOODS WAY	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,135,000	Detached	0.14		AVENEL	02/10/10
8326 TURNBERRY CT	3	3	1	POTOMAC		\$1,125,000	Townhouse	0.11		AVENEL	04/20/10
12500 PARK POTOMAC AVE#705	2	2	1	POTOMAC		\$1,121,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			PARK POTOMAC	05/27/10
12417 BACALL LN	4	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,120,000	Detached	2.00		STONEY CREEK ESTATES	05/27/10
18 SANDALFOOT CT	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,115,000	Detached	0.13		AVENEL	02/26/10
8704 SNOWHILL CT	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,095,000	Detached	0.46		KENTSDALE ESTATES	03/05/10
10808 FOX HUNT LN	5	5	1	POTOMAC		\$1,080,000	Detached	2.00		POTOMAC OUTSIDE	05/27/10
7400 BRICKYARD RD	6	5	1	POTOMAC		\$1,077,500	Detached	0.36		RIVER FALLS	06/08/10
2 WINTERSET CT	4	3	1	POTOMAC		\$1,076,000	Detached	0.42		WINTERSET	07/08/10
10900 EDISON RD	5	4	0	POTOMAC		\$1,065,000	Detached	2.03		POTOMAC OUTSIDE	04/15/10
8220 WINDSOR VIEW TER	5	3	2	POTOMAC		\$1,065,000	Detached	0.30		WINDSOR HILLS	06/25/10
11900 WINTERSET TER	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,060,000	Detached	0.48		WINTERSET	01/29/10
12021 EDGE PARK CT	4	3	1	POTOMAC		\$1,060,000	Detached	0.43		GLEN OAKS	02/18/10
10901 LAMPLIGHTER LN	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,050,000	Detached	0.19		BELLS MILL ESTATES	03/03/10
10840 SPRING KNOLL DR	5	4	0	POTOMAC		\$1,050,000	Detached	2.00		POTOMAC OUTSIDE	04/22/10
12500 PARK POTOMAC AVE #906	2	3	0	POTOMAC		\$1,050,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			PARK POTOMAC	06/09/10
10013 SORREL AVE	6	3	1	POTOMAC		\$1,050,000	Detached	0.48		POTOMAC VILLAGE	07/16/10
8745 HICKORY BEND TRL	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,045,000	Detached	0.29		FOX HILLS	05/26/10
9904 SORREL AVE	4	3	1	POTOMAC		\$1,025,000	Detached	0.37		POTOMAC VILLAGE	06/16/10
12316 BRIARBUSH LN	7	5	1	POTOMAC		\$1,020,000	Detached	2.00		DARNESTOWN OUTSIDE	04/20/10
12025 EDGE PARK CT	4	4	0	POTOMAC		\$1,018,000	Detached	1.11		GLEN OAKS	05/13/10
9028 COPENHAVER DR	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,000,000	Detached	0.61		COPENHAVER	07/28/10

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PETS OF THE WEEK

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Layla is a 2 1/2-year-old spayed Tuxedo DSH cat. Lovely Layla was rescued by a kind rescuer during one of this year's record snowstorms and referred to PAW. She is sweet but independent, prefers men, and is up for a good scratch or time on a lap. Diva Layla will do best in a home with no other animals where she is the center of attention.



Jasper is a 9-year-old neutered Shepherd mix. At 60 pounds, he is a mellow, mature boy who is looking for a kind, gentle adopter. He has great house manners, rides well in the car, and is an easy companion on leisurely walks. Jasper would be a wonderful pet for a family or older person looking for an undemanding friend.



Peppy is a 7-year-old neutered Bichon mix. At 17 pounds, he is a bouncy little guy who loves to run and snuggle with his foster mom. He plays with small dogs and some cats in his foster home and is an all around great guy. Happy Peppy is a gem and would love to take a stroll or play with a new family, the sooner the better.



Newton is a 2-year-old neutered Chihuahua. At 9 pounds, he is a peppy little fellow typical of his breed and also quite a snuggle bunny in someone's arms. He gets along with other dogs, especially the females. Newton would do best in a Chihuahua-experienced home with no small children.

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