

# Potomac ALMANAC

# Fall Fun and Entertainment

Kylin White, 3 of North Potomac, enjoys interacting with one of the horses at the Potomac Horse Center open house on Sunday, Oct. 3.



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The New Orleans rock band Better Than Ezra will honor area military with a special musical appearance on Saturday, Oct. 9, during Military Appreciation Day at the Champions Tour's final major of the season. The concert, scheduled to begin at approximately 3 p.m. after play concludes, will take place on the stage adjacent to the 18th fairway.

Admission to the Constellation Energy Senior Players Championship will be free for all spectators this year, and will include admission to the concert. Complimentary tickets will be available



Signs for the Senior Players Championship are ready and waiting at the 17<sup>th</sup> hole at Avenel.



Horses and geese at Avenel enjoy a peaceful Sunday, Oct. 3, before the arrival of the 28<sup>th</sup> Seniors Players Championship, which takes place this week, Oct. 5-10.

at the admissions gate, or pick tickets up in advance at local FedEx Office locations (limit four per person).

Upgraded tickets to two hospitality venues are available for purchase. World Golf Hall of Fame members com-

peting at Avenel this week include Hale Irwin, Tom Kite, Bernhard Langer, Larry Nelson, Nick Price and Tom Watson.

Other golfers include: Fred Couples, Mark Calcavecchia, Tommy Armour III, Fred Funk, Bill Glasson, Tom Lehman, Corey Pavin, Fuzzy Zoeller, Hal Sutton and Jay Haas.

## Get Active

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### RUN WITH IT

Start a running routine, or simply take some short stints along the C&O Canal and enjoy the beauty surrounding the Potomac River.

For those serious about establishing a running routine, the Montgomery County Road Runners Club holds weekly workouts for various runners of various abilities. The club also conducts race training runs, youth clinics, special events and information on road races throughout the year.

See [www.mcrrc.org](http://www.mcrrc.org)

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Many meet across from Old Angler's Inn on MacArthur Blvd.

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Hayrides to the pumpkin patches are

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## GETTING AROUND



Austin Kiplinger lights his birthday candles while Bonnie Nicholson, (right) and a group of well wishers look on.

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THE ALMANAC

## Bye, Bye Summertime

BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT  
THE ALMANAC

Not saving the best for last, however, the birthday party (his 92nd) Bonnie Nicholson gave for Austin "Kip" Kiplinger was held just three days prior to the autumnal equinox thus qualifying for a spot in a summer round-up of celebrations with a grand finale.

Sandwiched between a (July 16) hurricane, many 90-degree days and violent thunderstorms (including the three to five day electrical outages in late July), the penchant to let the good times roll throughout the summer months hardly missed a beat.

On a perfect Sept. 18 evening, when a

harvest moon was almost full and shining, Bonnie and Kip's new in-town residence and garden, just 15 minutes from his daily trips to the Kiplinger D.C. offices, were filled with family and friends bearing congratulatory messages.

Valet parkers scurried to find spots for arrivals on city streets. Guests were directed to the garden of the recently purchased Klinge Street, 1940s-built home, where cocktails were served preceding a buffet dinner in the dining room. "This house is small and 70 people can fill it up fast," Bonnie said, while leading one of many requested house tours.

Both she and Kip will retain their Chevy Chase condos for the present. Montevideo, SEE BYE, BYE SUMMERTIME, PAGE 19

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To become a registered voter, an individual must be a U.S. citizen, live in Montgomery County, and be at least 18 years of age on or before Nov. 2, 2010.

Applications for the General Election may be obtained by calling the Voter Information Service at 240-777-VOTE until Tuesday, Oct. 5. Applications are also available in county libraries, regional services centers, all offices of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, the Motor Vehicle Administration, and all U.S. Post Offices. Applications may also be downloaded at [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) or [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections).

Individuals may also register at the Board of Elections, 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210, Gaithersburg, on the following dates: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 9, from 1-5 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 10, from 1-5 p.m.; and Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 8:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Large type applications are available upon request via email [elections@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:elections@montgomerycountymd.gov) or by telephone at 240-777-8500.

For more information on voter registration, call

the Voter Information Service at 240-777-VOTE, or visit the website at: [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) or [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections).

Election Judges are still needed – call 240-777-8533.

## Election Early Voting

There are five centers where voters can cast their votes before Election Day for the General Election. Early voting will take place Friday, Oct. 22, through Thursday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Sunday

General Election Day is Nov. 2, regular polling places open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Early Voting Centers

The Maryland State Board of Elections conditionally approved the five early voting centers for the Montgomery County Board of Elections for 2010 Gubernatorial Elections.

The five early voting Centers are:

- ❖ Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center, 14625 Bauer Drive, Rockville 20853
- ❖ Germantown Recreation Center, 18905 Kingsview Road, Germantown 20874
- ❖ Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recreation Center, 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville 20866
- ❖ Montgomery County Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville 20850
- ❖ Silver Spring Civic Building, 8525 Fenton Street, Silver Spring 20910

## THIS WEEK IN POTOMAC

### Citizens Association To Meet

West Montgomery County Citizens Association is scheduled to meet next Wednesday, Oct. 13, 8 p.m., at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. (See WMCCA commentary on page 6.)

All members of the public are welcome and encouraged to become active.

The last two meetings of 2010 are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 10 and Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m., at the Potomac Library.

### More Fun for Bicycles

A bicycle safety law went into effect Oct 1, requiring drivers in Maryland to maintain a “buffer zone” between their vehicles and bicyclists. Maryland law now requires motorists to “pass safely at a distance of not less than three feet” when overtaking a cyclist.

In Maryland, motorists can be fined \$1,000 and receive three points if they injure a bicyclist by violating their right of way.

Also going into effect on Oct. 1 is the Electronic Communications Traffic Safety Act of 2010, which requires motorists in Maryland to use a hands-free device, such as a Bluetooth, to talk on cell phones while the vehicle is in motion.

This violation is enforceable as a secondary offense, meaning that a driver can only be cited if pulled over for another offense like speeding, according to AAA Midatlantic.

### Get Involved: Remove Invasive Species

The Nature Conservancy of Maryland/DC will host invasive plant removal events along the Potomac River on Thursday, Oct. 7 and Monday, Oct. 11 at 10 a.m. both days, rain or shine.

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# OPINION

## Don't Blame It on the Trees

BY GINNY BARNES  
WMCCA PRESIDENT

**P**epco power outages, particularly over the past year, have created serious questions about Pepco's ability to provide reliable electricity to customers. During the severe storms of last winter and this summer, extended periods without power became health dangers for citizens. As a result, the Public Service Commission has initiated an investigation into the causes and held public hearings on Aug. 30 and Sept. 2. It is plain that Pepco's performance is far from acceptable. There are no clear standards against which Pepco and other Maryland utilities can be measured with regard to frequency and duration of outages. There are no consequences for poor performance and no metrics for customer communication. Without standards of reliability that an electric utility is obliged to meet, how can we judge accountability when the lights go out and the air conditioning goes off?

Many other states have adopted "performance based ratemaking," which holds that a utility's earnings from ratepayers be linked with how well it performs the duty of delivering electricity to customers. The Public Service Commission has been urged to adopt this approach by County Councilmember Roger Berliner and state Del. Brian Feldman, who have also initiated potential legislation if the Commission does not implement reliability standards.

Pepco would have us believe – and has stated in the press – that it is the fault of so many trees getting in the way of their power lines. WMCCA has a long history of fielding complaints from members of the community regarding Pepco's pruning practices that often extend well beyond the public right-of-way and onto private property. Pepco is not interested

### WMCCA Meeting

The next West Montgomery County Citizens Association meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 13, 8 p.m. at the Potomac Library.

If schools are closed because of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled.

A representative from Pepco will discuss power outages and Susan Buffone, policy analyst in the Office of Councilmember Roger Berliner, will discuss the Public Service Commission investigation and potential solutions to the reliability of electrical service. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

in preserving a healthy tree canopy nor in the long-term viability of trees and the parts of trees they cut away from power lines. In fact, their contractors seem to have no ecological literacy or training beyond getting rid of what they see as obstructions. We live in a community known for our abundant roadside tree canopy. Many homeowners have conservation easements to preserve trees and forest on their properties. As we wrestle with ongoing climate change, the economic value of tree cover increases. As part of the current scrutiny on reliability, we expect Pepco to find solutions that do not include the wholesale removal of an asset that provides so many vital environmental benefits.

### PLANNING AND ZONING

BY GEORGE BARNES

**Nextel Appeal** – We have decided, after consultation with our attorney, that we will not pursue an appeal of the Circuit Court's refusal to overturn the Board of Appeals decision in the case of the Nextel equipment structure at the Cabin John Fire Station on Falls Road. If we could immediately address our actual concern, which is that a cellular phone structure on privately-owned land belonging to a volunteer fire company, not the County, is required to obtain a Special Exception, we would have

continued our case in the appellate court. Unfortunately, we had been forced into a procedural challenge over a minor aspect of the case – and could not get to the real issue without first resolving the minor one. The Board of Directors felt that the cost to continue was too great. Hopefully, we will be able to address the real issue at some time in the future.

### ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT Sewer and Water Category Changes

WSSCR 07A-TRV-10: Travilah Oak Center – On Sept. 16, the Planning Board voted unanimously to support their staff recommendation and deny this request on the grounds it is inconsistent with the Approved and Adopted Potomac Subregion Master Plan. The County Executive has also recommended denial. It violates the Ten Year Water and Sewer Plan. Four major civic organizations joined us in opposition to this application: North Potomac Citizens Association, Darnestown Civic Association, Montgomery Countryside Alliance, and the Montgomery County Civic Federation. The site is well outside the sewer envelope, located in the center of RE-2 residential zoning. It currently supports 13 operating businesses. Both streets of the corner are open section country roads, one of which, Glen Road, is classified as Rustic. The owners have already received approval for an office building fronting Rustic Glen Road that is also intended to be developed on septic.

Approval of this request would set a precedent that threatens the Montgomery County sewer service policy and individual County Master Plans – as well as the recent stronger positions on smart growth taken by the State of Maryland, the Planning Board, and the County Council to concentrate development around existing infrastructure. On Sept. 27, the Council held a public hearing and on Sept. 29,

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### 3-Foot Law

To the Editor:

Starting Oct. 1, 2010, the 3-Foot Law is effective in Maryland. With so much attention being focused on the new cell phone law, the 3-Foot Law has received little attention. This new law requires that a motor vehicle passing a bicyclist, an Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device (EPAMD), or a motor scooter, or pedestrian give at least a three-foot buffer of clearance. It also requires that cars turning across a marked bicycle lane give the cyclist the right of way. These two laws emphasize a growing intolerance in Maryland for aggressive, thoughtless and dangerous drivers.

I have experienced more acts of aggression and anger directed at me on my bicycle from motor ve-

hicles this year than ever before. This is equaled only by the increasing numbers of dangerous and aggressive drivers I experience when I'm driving my car. Perhaps this reflects the growing demand for road use by both cars and bikes. Some drivers behave as if they can single handedly scare bicyclists off the road by passing impossibly close.

Please remember when passing bicyclists that we are fragile flesh and blood. Please do give us a minimum of 3 feet when you pass us: we are your family, your friends, your neighbors and your co-workers ... and it is now the law!

**Barbara E. Hoover**  
Potomac  
MDBicycle Chair  
Washington Women Outdoors



#### For Their Health

**GoodEarth of Potomac donated plants and workers to help the Early Childhood Education Center at Congregation Har Shalom on Falls Road plant fruits and vegetables in the center's garden on Sept. 20 as part of its efforts to promote healthy life styles.**

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# OPINION

## WMCCA

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the Transportation and Environment (T&E Committee) agreed with the Planning Board and County Executive and voted for denial. The request will now go to the full Council on Oct. 12.

WSSCR 09A-TRV-05: 12500 Circle Drive in Glen Hills – The County Executive and Planning Board agreed this request should be denied because it is inconsistent with the Potomac Subregion Master Plan sewer restrictions in both the Piney Branch Watershed and Glen Hills. Denial is further supported by the fact that there is no current public health problem at the site. The T&E Committee concurred, recommending denial.

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Micky and Bruce Block concentrate on their Bingo cards at the Potomac Community Center's Family Bingo night.

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## Community Gathers for Fun Fest

### Barlock feted for her 20 years service.

Linda Barlock enjoyed the cake at her retirement party on Friday, Sept. 24, at the Potomac Community Center where she served as its director for over 20 years.

Of her party she said, "It was beyond words. It was such a surprise with the balloons and cake. I didn't expect any of that." As for her retirement she plans to "enjoy time away from working and do some traveling. The thing I will probably miss most are just the constant contact with many different [people] — from the seniors to moms with their tiny tots. I have lots of great memories of what happened to me here."

Barlock was honored with a proclamation from Montgomery County Council. Larry Chloupek. Allan Cohen of the Potomac Community Center advisory board also thanked Barlock for her years of service and dedication to the Potomac community.

About 300 people attended over the course of the afternoon and evening.

At one point, a duck escaped from the petting zoo, taking its first flight ever to settle on the roof of the community center. While the other ducks in the petting zoo called repeatedly to their escaped friend, it actually fell to the fire department across the street to come rescue the duck from the roof.

Linda Barlock, left, and Sarah Ross cut the cake at Barlock's retirement party.



The petting zoo, "Squeals on Wheels," is operated by John Phillips.



PHOTOS BY EMILY McDONELL

# Open Houses

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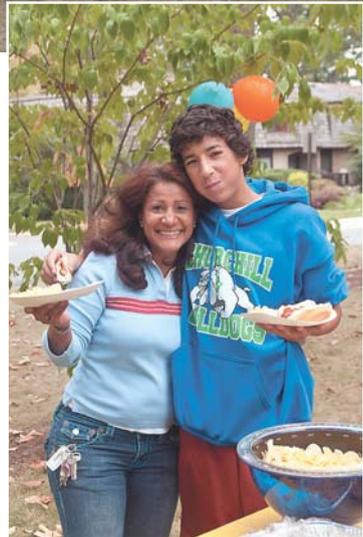
**Being Neighborly**

About 40 people — and two dogs — attended the neighborhood picnic in Inverness Forest on Sept 26. The sun came out and the party is in full swing.

PHOTOS BY HARVEY LEVINE/  
THE ALMANAC



The head chef, Evan Foster, cooks hot dogs.



Rita Carvajal and Daniel Wigle, a Churchill freshman, are enjoying the food and the party.



Julio, 3, and his father Alfredo Cupe sample the food at the picnic.

**PEOPLE NOTES**

**Tess Lee of Potomac** won first place on her horse Tinka's Lad in the \$500 M&S/WIHS/NAL Children's Hunter Classic at HITS Constitution Classic, which ran from Aug. 25-29 in Culpeper, Va.

**Army National Guard 2nd Lt. Matthew R. Ford** graduated from the Armor Officer Basic Course at Fort Knox, Ky. Ford, a platoon leader, is assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 16th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Knox, Ky. He has served in the military for one year. He is the son of William R. and Theresa J. Ford of Cold Spring Road, Potomac. The lieutenant graduated in 2005 from Wootton High School, Rockville, Md., and received a bachelor's degree in 2009 from the University of Maryland, College Park.

**LET'S TALK**  
*Real Estate*



by **Michael Matese**

**Typical Fees**

All closings come with fees, there's no way around them. Your Realtor will explain them to you so you know as you're going over the settlement statement, and here are some of the costs that will be covered.

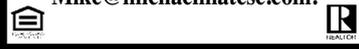
Fees that will be going to third parties are generally firm. Fees for the title search, appraisal, attorney's fee, credit report and title insurance are set. However, be careful and always ask. Unfortunately there are less than reputable lenders out there who could overcharge you for these services. Find out how much a credit report usually costs and compare it to what you're being charged.

Fees for service such as courier, or express mail and other administrative chores can be reduced as well. National Association of Mortgage Brokers will tell you, "You name them, they're negotiable."

One last category that industry insiders not so affectionately refer to as "junk" fees are excessive processing/documentation fees charged by unscrupulous lenders. Be sure your mortgage company is not charging you twice for the same service. Examples are settlements costs, underwriting fees and application fees, all of which are just different names for the same service. Your Realtor will be more than happy to help you with these and any other questions you may have!

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**Deborah Owen-Sohocki** is a licensed professional counselor, certified teacher, and author; she brings a wide experience to her work with children and families. She has spoken to international and national audiences on a wide range of topics including resiliency, leadership and communication, parenting issues, school discipline, stress management, emotional intelligence, and personality types. She is a co-author with Jane Nelsen of *Positive Discipline: A Teacher's A-Z Guide*.

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## Get Active

FROM PAGE 3  
Experiencing a moonrise from a kayak will take your breath away. Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m. Register at [www.PotomacPaddlesports.com](http://www.PotomacPaddlesports.com).

The "Fall Colors" trip, four hours of paddling, offers views of the pageantry of fall as the trees provide a vivid display of color and light reflected on the water's surface. All equipment is provided. Bring a waterproof camera on this four-hour trip that begins at Pennyfield Lock. Oct. 23 and 24. Register at [www.PotomacPaddlesports.com](http://www.PotomacPaddlesports.com).

### MOUNTAIN BIKING

The Cabin John Trail, 10 miles long and alongside the Cabin John Creek between the Beltway overpass near Seven Locks Road, permits mountain biking. Recently opened to mountain biking, Cabin John offers a variety of rolling trails that descend and run parallel to Cabin John Creek. Cabin John Regional Park is a popular destination for the local mountain biker who can't get away to more remote locations.

For a flatter, longer ride, try the C&O Canal, with splendid views of the Potomac River between Georgetown and Cumberland, with all of Potomac in between. The towpath is 184 miles of biker's paradise. Great access points in Potomac include Great Falls, Swain's Lock, Pennyfield Lock, Violette's Lock and Riley's Lock.

### LEARN TO RIDE A HORSE

Potomac Horse Center, 14211 Quince Orchard Rd., North Potomac, offers riding classes for "Mini Mites" (5-8 year old children) through adults of all levels. Programs include a classical dressage program, combined training, and hunter/jumpers, with riders competing under the supervision of different trainers. The center holds about 12 horse shows a year, as well as clinics featuring internationally recognized instructors in many equestrian disciplines. Other offerings include birthday pony parties, pony rides, trail riding classes through wooded parkland, a summer horse camp program, a therapeutic horseback riding program, and more. Currently offering a free introductory ride plus a discounted three-lesson mini-session. Call 301-208-0200 or see [www.PotomacHorse.com](http://www.PotomacHorse.com)

### HIKING, VIGOROUS: BILLY GOAT TRAIL

Hiking along the Billy Goat Trail offers spectacular views of the Potomac River and fall foliage as the colors peak over the next few weeks.

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, the 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.

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. 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](http://www.nps.gov/choh/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm)

### HIKING, GENTLER: GREAT FALLS OVERLOOK

Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center and Olmsted



Visitors and horses enjoyed the interaction at the Potomac Horse Center on Sunday, Oct. 3.

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. Bridges and boardwalks traverse a rare floodplain terrace environment, ending with an observation deck to marvel over the spectacular views of the Falls and the head of Mather Gorge. Read how the sea level dropped 300 feet during the Ice Ages two million years ago, leaving the Potomac River to carve a channel through the bedrock. This left a 60-foot drop at Great Falls.

Accessible to wheelchairs and strollers. The tavern is open year round, seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

[www.nps.gov/archive/choh/Visitor/Centers/GreatFalls.html](http://www.nps.gov/archive/choh/Visitor/Centers/GreatFalls.html)

### BIRD WATCHING

Saturday Birding at Locust Grove Nature Center, 7777 Democracy Boulevard, 301-765-8660. Jay Jones has been birding for 45 years and knows the local birding scene. His enthusiasm for birds is contagious, and he looks forward to sharing it with novice and veteran birders alike.

Join him on Saturday mornings as he leads bird walks in Cabin John Regional Park and other nearby hotspots. Youth over 10 are welcome to attend with adult supervision. Bring binoculars if you have them or borrow a spare pair, and don't forget your field guide.

If Saturday morning brings rain or poor visibility, the walk will be rescheduled for the following Wednesday.

Meet at the Locust Grove Nature Center parking lot for each hike at 8:30 a.m.; the tour will last until 10:30 a.m.

[http://www.montgomeryparks.org/nature\\_centers/locust/index.shtm](http://www.montgomeryparks.org/nature_centers/locust/index.shtm)

The canal has river, forest, marsh and field habitats alongside the towpath, and Rileys Lock and Lock 7 are favorites of local birders.

The Lockhouse 8 River Center, run by the Potomac Conservancy and National Park Service, holds regular events including nature walks and bird walks.

On Oct. 17, bird walks will be part of the 3rd annual Potomac River Jam, a day-long celebration of the river and canal, from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Enjoy a sampling of River Center events like birding along the towpath and a bug walk for the kids. Local musicians will perform throughout the afternoon, and local artists will display their river scenes. Canoe trips over to Minnie's Island will be offered, and bring the kids for face-painting and fun activities. See [www.potomac.org](http://www.potomac.org)

Audubon Naturalist Society offers free beginner birds walks at its headquarters in Chevy Chase on Saturday mornings, September through November and March through June, and monthly on the second Saturday in December, January and February. Meet at 8 a.m. outside the Audubon Sanctuary Shop. Bring binoculars. Walks last approximately one hour; registration is not required. Woodend Sanctuary, 8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase, 301-652-9188.

There are also free, volunteer-led bird walks in a variety of locations, giving birders a chance to explore new areas with other birding enthusiasts. See [www.audubonnaturalist.org](http://www.audubonnaturalist.org).

# Glen Echo Park Reflects Artistic Roots

Park provides springboard for many kinds of creativity.

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Glen Echo Park, off MacArthur Boulevard, began in 1891 as a National Chautauqua Assembly, teaching the sciences, arts, languages and literature. By the early 1900s, Glen Echo Park had become a premier amusement park, and remained open until 1968.

In 1971, after the federal government obtained the land, the National Park Service began managing the park. The National Park Service collaborated with artists and arts organizations to create an arts program in the spirit of the original Chautauqua movement. Today, the park's programs and facilities are managed by the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Inc., a nonprofit organization, while the National Park Service continues its role in managing the grounds and providing historical interpretation.

Glen Echo Park  
7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo  
[www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org)

— EXCERPTED FROM  
[WWW.GLENECHOPARK.ORG](http://WWW.GLENECHOPARK.ORG)

Here are a few of the many lessons available at Glen Echo:

### BLOWING GLASS

Become a glassblower, glassmith, or gaffer, working on an art that combines intense heat, skill and beauty. Classes are offered year round for beginner through advanced levels and open studio time is available for experienced artists. The studio is open to the public Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m.

[www.glenechoglassworks.com](http://www.glenechoglassworks.com)

### SILVERSMITHING

Classes include basic silversmithing techniques, intermediate learning and advanced jewelry making as well as career development. View silver artist-in-residence, Blair Anderson's ongoing show at Silverworks Studio and Gallery open on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. [www.silverworksglenechopark.com](http://www.silverworksglenechopark.com)

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Photoworks offers small classes, a variety of courses and a professional faculty of commercial and fine art photographers. Photoworks, a studio in the Arcade building, is equipped for black/white film development and printing with an enlarger for each student, two film developing rooms, and a mat cutting area. The digital studio is equipped with scanners and printers. All chemicals are provided. Students provide camera, film and paper. Laptops are encouraged for digital classes.

[www.glenechophotoworks.org](http://www.glenechophotoworks.org)

### DRAWING AND PAINTING

The Yellow Barn Studio provides a variety of classes in watercolor, oil and acrylic painting for students at all levels. Resident painter and instructor Walt Bartman's goal is to provide a place where those interested in painting can have the opportunity to meet, collaborate and display their work. The



Glen Echo Park's 1921 Dentzel Carousel is now in its 90th year. Open May-September.

Yellow Barn Gallery hosts individual and group art exhibits year-round and is open on Saturday and Sundays from 12 to 5 p.m.

[www.yellowbarnstudio.com](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com)

### CALLIGRAPHY

Learn the art of calligraphy with artist Alana Hunter at Feather Tree Hill Studio. Classes in calligraphy, handwriting improvement, wearable art, set design and creative paper crafts offered.

[www.glenechoyurt.blogspot.com](http://www.glenechoyurt.blogspot.com)

### KILNFORMED GLASS

The Art Glass Center at Glen Echo is a school, a resource center, and a gallery for kilnformed. A variety of classes for beginning students to master classes for advanced artists in fusing, kiln casting, mosaics, jewelry, Venetian glass bead making and stained glass. The Art Glass Center's Studio and Gallery are open to visitors Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

[www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org](http://www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org)

### CERAMICS AND POTTERY

Glen Echo Pottery is a fully equipped studio that specializes in high temperature reduction firing with a year-round schedule of daytime and evening classes. Instruction geared to the level of any individual student. The Pottery Gallery Yurt is located on the main entry path from the parking lot and is open Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m.

[www.glenechopottery.com](http://www.glenechopottery.com)

### MIXED MEDIA AND PRINTMAKING

B&C Multi-Arts Studio is collaboration between two artists, Napoleon Bongaman and Cassie Lynott. Bongaman is a multimedia artist from Cameroon. Lynott is a multifaceted artist exploring printmaking and jewelry design. Their studio is located in a small yurt along the main pathway from the parking lot. [www.creativelinesarts.com](http://www.creativelinesarts.com) or [www.cassielynott.com](http://www.cassielynott.com)

### MIXED MEDIA AND SURFACE DESIGN

Along with teaching art techniques in mixed media, textiles, color and design for teens and adults, Bonnie Lee Holland has a particular interest in creativity and creative problem solving. Her classes and workshops are labs for exploration. Her art, including her more recent large-scale painting, textiles, hand scrolls, and mixed media installations, has been exhibited at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, the Textile Museum, and many regional arts centers. Visit her studio on the first floor of the Yellow Barn.

E-mail: [bonnieleeholland@mail.com](mailto:bonnieleeholland@mail.com)

### MUSIC LESSONS

The Washington Conservatory of Music joined the Park community in summer 2009. The Conservatory is a nationally accredited independent community music school that has served students of all ages and since 1984. At Glen Echo Park, the Conservatory offers music classes, summer camps for children and teens, group ensembles and occasional public performances.

[www.washingtonconservatory.org](http://www.washingtonconservatory.org)

### ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

#### DRAWING, PAINTING AND CRAFTS

The Young Creative Spirit is the children's art residency at Glen Echo Park. The program encourages children to trust their own interpretations and uses a variety of media to expand their experience. Serving ages 5 through 12.

[www.youngcreativespirit.org](http://www.youngcreativespirit.org)

#### CLAY ANIMATION

Clay Animation offers classes and camps for the future moviemaker.

[www.www.claymovie.com](http://www.www.claymovie.com)

#### PUPPETRY

The Puppet Co. Playhouse is one of the few puppet theaters in the United States built from the ground up specifically for puppetry. The new facility, finished in 2003, seats up to 250 people, presenting about 475 performances annually.

[www.thepuppetco.org](http://www.thepuppetco.org)

## Haunted Forest

Markoffs Haunted Forest at the Calleva Farm: 19120 Marrinsburg Road, Dickerson, (just past Poolesville), 301-216-1248  
[www.markoffshauntedforest.com](http://www.markoffshauntedforest.com)

Markoffs Haunted Forests is only open weekends between now and Halloween, then it vanishes. Choose from two terrifying trails and join in a dozen other "spine tingling" events from zip-lines to ghost hunts. The Markoffs have been freaking out October visitors for the past 17 years, and they say every year it gets

a little crazier. "Don't be a chicken, come walk through our woods."

The forest opens in October only at dusk (about 7 p.m.) on the following days: Friday, Oct. 8; Saturday, Oct. 9; Friday Oct. 15; Saturday Oct. 16; Thursday Oct. 21; Friday Oct. 22; Saturday, Oct. 23; Thursday, Oct. 28; Friday, Oct. 29; Saturday, Oct. 30, and Sunday, Oct. 31.

Ticket prices \$25 on Friday and Saturday, \$20 on Thursday for first ticket, discounts available for additional tickets. Arrive before 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, or before 9:30 p.m. any other day.



The real witches of Potomac turn out in style for Potomac Day.

## October Means Potomac Day

Potomac Day in Potomac Village, the annual community festival sponsored by the Potomac Chamber of Commerce, will be held Saturday Oct. 23.

The highlight of the day is the Potomac Day Parade beginning at 10 a.m., featuring hundreds of entrants, including bands, horses, antique cars, school groups, scouting organizations, and candidates for elected office. The children's fair will kick off at 11 a.m. with free amusement rides and activities. Classic cars will be on display, and a business fair will be set up in the Potomac Promenade parking area.

The Potomac Day parade will also feature the People of the Year. The business person of the year, citizen of the year and youth of the year will have a special place in the parade, and will also be honored at an awards dinner at Normandie Farm on Nov. 18, where the Potomac Day charity will also receive a check from the Potomac Chamber of



Storybook characters from the Potomac Community Library were among the attractions in the Potomac Day parade in 2009.

Commerce. At presstime, the chamber had yet to name the people or charity of the year.

Call the Potomac Chamber of Commerce at 301-299-2170 or visit [www.potomacchamber.org](http://www.potomacchamber.org).

## Learn from the Naturalists

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Numerous Montgomery County environmentalists, naturalists, and activists lead tours of Potomac's jewels and treasures, from Great Falls Park, to birding adventures through Locust Grove, to Blockhouse Conservation Park.

This is just a sampling of websites to look for throughout the fall and entire year to gain knowledge of our area.

**Audubon Naturalist Society**  
Woodend Sanctuary — Headquarters  
8940 Jones Mill Road  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
301-652-9188

[www.audubonnaturalist.org](http://www.audubonnaturalist.org)  
**Conservation Montgomery**  
P.O. Box 7292  
Silver Spring, MD 20907

Email: [ConservationMontgomery@live.com](mailto:ConservationMontgomery@live.com)  
To contact a member of the board, call 240-793-4603

[www.conservationmontgomery.org/](http://www.conservationmontgomery.org/)

**Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center**  
11710 MacArthur Blvd.

Potomac, MD 20854  
301-767-3714  
Open year round, seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

<http://www.nps.gov/archive/choh/visitor/centers/GreatFalls.html>

**Locust Grove Nature Center**  
7777 Democracy Boulevard  
Bethesda, Maryland 20817  
301-765-8660

[http://www.montgomeryparks.org/nature\\_centers/locust/index.shtm](http://www.montgomeryparks.org/nature_centers/locust/index.shtm)

**Potomac Conservancy**  
8601 Georgia Avenue, Suite 612  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
301-608-1188

[www.potomac.org/](http://www.potomac.org/)

**The River Center** at Lockhouse 8 is a cooperative project of Potomac Conservancy and the National Park Service. Housed in a historic lockhouse along the C&O Canal, the River Center at Lockhouse 8 offers visitors a glimpse into the history of the Canal and the future of the Potomac River. The River Center is open Saturdays and Sundays from May 1 through October, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lend a Hand in River Restoration Projects: The River Center at Lockhouse 8 offers a readily accessible area for river restoration activities, such as invasive plant removal efforts. <http://www.potomac.org/site/river-center-events/index.php>



## On the Market



### Potomac - Absolutely Stunning

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**For more information contact Elaine Koch,  
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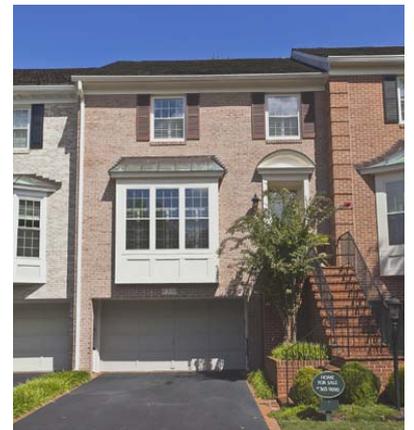


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**For more information contact Val Puddington,  
Coldwell Banker, 301-613-1833,  
vpuddington@cbmove.com,  
www.cbmove.com/valerie.puddington.  
This town home is priced at \$969,000.**

## Profiles in Real Estate – Marc Infeld

Marc Infeld is currently the Number One top-producing agent at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Potomac, Maryland. When the area's top corporations relocate their highest-level executives, they rely on the high-end customer service that Marc is known for.

Licensed in Maryland, Virginia, and DC, Marc is also very active in community and volunteer activities.

Since 2009 he has served on the Advisory Board of CB Cares Foundation, the charitable arm of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. There he participates in fundraising and in approving grant solicitations. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Family Services, Inc., one of Maryland's largest non-profit companies with over 100 years of service to the community. He chairs that organization's Communication Committee and most recently supervised the

redesign and development of the corporate website.

In addition to real estate, Marc spends much of his time with youth sports coaching and participating in his children's school communities and programs. Marc enjoys working with technology in both his personal and business life and is an accomplished web developer and Internet marketing expert.

Marc's broad business and community experience has helped him greatly to understand and appreciate the diverse needs of his clients. "Everybody's different," he says. "You can't provide cookie-cutter services in an area like Potomac where there's such a mix of public and private professions and interests. You also have to be ready to help clients at a moment's notice; my door is always open."



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11212 GREENBRIAR PRESERVE LN	4	4	1	POTOMAC	...	\$1,360,000	Detached	0.29	.....	GREEN BRIAR PRESERVE
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10701 BOSWELL LN	6	5	1	POTOMAC	...	\$1,225,000	Detached	1.06	.....	PINEY GLEN VILLAGE
8308 RIVER FALLS DR	5	3	2	POTOMAC	...	\$1,165,000	Detached	0.36	.....	RIVER FALLS
9600 CONESTOGA WAY	5	4	1	POTOMAC	...	\$1,150,000	Detached	0.50	.....	MASS AVE HIGHLANDS
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12223 DREWS CT	4	4	2	POTOMAC	...	\$1,110,000	Detached	4.77	.....	BEALLMOUNT
8208 HACKAMORE DR	5	4	1	POTOMAC	...	\$1,100,000	Detached	0.35	.....	RIVER FALLS
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**The David Sager Swing Quintet** at Normandie Farm Restaurant plays in Margery's Bar every Thursday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. No cover. There is a dance floor and dinner is available. Normandie Farm is at 10710 Falls Road, Potomac. Call 301-983-8838.

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pianist and composer who fell in love with jazz and blues at age eight, has played festivals and venues throughout the U.S. Call 301-581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 6

**Specialty Tea: Chari-Tea.** 1 p.m. \$26 reservations. At the Mansion at Strathmore. The Strathmore Tea Room honors several tea ladies, volunteers and patrons who are breast cancer survivors. Breast cancer survivor and musician Meg Baker performing on the harp and piano. Call 301-581-5108.

**Matt Wigler, jazz and blues piano.** 7:30 p.m. \$12 tickets (Stars \$10.80). At the Mansion at Strathmore, Shapiro Music Room. Wigler, a 16-year-old

## THURSDAY/OCT. 7

**Our Lady of Mercy School Open House.** 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tour classrooms, meet teachers and administrators, observe curriculum. Visit the library/media center, art studio, computer lab, gymnasium, TV studio and more. At 9222 Kentsdale Drive, Potomac. Call 301-365-4477 or [schooloffice@olom.org](mailto:schooloffice@olom.org).

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# FALL FUN

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www.olom.org.

**Slow Blues and Swing Dance.** 9 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. Beginner lesson from 8:15 to 9 p.m. DJ Mike Marcotte & Guests will play a variety of styles. At the Back Room of Glen Echo Park. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to info@CapitalBlues.org or www.CapitalBlues.org.

**Paul Galbraith, classical guitar.** 7:30 p.m. \$28 tickets (Stars \$25.50). At the Mansion at Strathmore, Shapiro Music Room. Galbraith explores the music of Bach, Haydn and other classical composers. Part of the Strathmore Guitar Festival. Sponsored by Asbury Methodist Village. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

**Baltimore Symphony Orchestra: Superpops Gotta Dance.** 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$28. At the Music Center at Strathmore, Concert Hall. Conductor Jack Everly, along with dozens of dancers, explores the vast spectrum of movement and music. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 8

**Historic Home Tour.** 11 a.m. and noon. Free. At the Mansion at Strathmore. Guided tour illuminating the history, architecture and personal stories of the mansion. Call 301-581-5109 or visit www.strathmore.org.

**Salsa Dance.** 8 p.m. to midnight. Lesson from 8 to 9 p.m.; dancing to recorded music until midnight. At the Ballroom Annex of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Phone: 703-599-3300 or visit www.oohsalsa.com.

**Contra Dance.** 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$9. Lesson from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.; called dance to live music with the Glen Echo Open Band from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Email: fndcontra@yahoo.com.

**Swingin' the Blues.** 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$14. Two beginner lessons of West Coast Swing or Slow Blues from 8 to 9 p.m.; dancing to the band BG and the Mojo Hands from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Email: dbarker@glenchopark.org

**The Dave Brubeck Quartet and The Callaway Sisters.** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$29-\$69 (Stars: \$26.10-62.10). At the Music Center at Strathmore, Concert Hall. The Callaway Sisters perform music from the '60s and '70s. Kennedy



**Carl Palmer**

## FRIDAY/OCT. 22

**The Carl Palmer Band Solo Tour.** 8 p.m. Known for the music of Emerson, Lake & Palmer and the band, Asia. Tickets are \$25/regular; \$23/seniors and students. At the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. Box Office: 240-567-5301.



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**Ryan Burke, Noah Mitchel and Thomas Copas.**

## OCT. 13-17

**"The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."** Wednesday to Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10/regular; \$8/seniors and students. At the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. Box Office: 240-567-5301.

Center Honoree Dave Brubeck performs songs from his 70-year musical career. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

**Strippall Ballads: The Perfect Pipe Bomb.** 9 p.m. \$10 tickets in advance (Stars Price \$9); \$12 at the door. At the Mansion at Strathmore, Shapiro Music Room. A folk opera showcasing Strippall Ballads signature take on Americana music styles. Doors open at 8 p.m. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 9

**Light the Night Walk.** Activities begin at 5 p.m.; Walk begins at 7 p.m. A fund-raiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. At Rockville Town Square. Visit www.lightthenight.org/nca or call 703-399-2941.

**Truck Touch.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Experience the area's largest and most diverse Truck Touch. Come play, explore, and climb on over 20 trucks — from monster trucks to smart cars, school bus to trash trucks, tow trucks to bobcats, children can experience all the trucks they love to see and read about. \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, free for children under 2. At Suburban Nursery School, 7210 Hidden Creek Road, Bethesda.

**Swing Dancing.** 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. Lesson from 8 to 9 p.m.; dancing to the Blue Moon Big Band from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Spanish Ballroom of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Phone: 301-340-9732.

**Mahler's "Resurrection" Symphony.** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$32-\$79. Maestro Piotr Gajewski will lead the National Philharmonic in its first concert of the 2010-2011 season. The concert will feature one of Gustav Mahler's most renowned works, the Symphony No. 2 in C minor, known as the "Resurrection," and showcase soprano Iwona Sobotka, mezzo-soprano Magdalena Wór and the National Philharmonic's nearly 200 voice all-volunteer chorale. At the Music Center at Strathmore. Visit nationalphilharmonic.org, or call 301-581-5100.

**The Playhouse Puppetry Slam.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. A showcase of 3- to 10-minute vignettes aimed at mature audiences. Tickets are \$15. Ages 13-16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. At The Puppet Co. Playhouse, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call 301-634-5380 or visit: www.thepuppetco.org/schedule/slam/

**Mosaic Stepping Stones.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$155 tuition, plus \$10 materials fee (Stars \$139.50), At the Mansion at Strathmore, Sun Porch. This three-session workshop teaches students the

basics of mosaic. Each student will design and complete a 12-inch square all-weather stepping stone. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 10

**Family Dance.** 3 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5. Live music by Young People's Band. Spend the afternoon dancing with your children. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo.

**Contra and Square Dance.** 7 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$12/nonmembers; \$9/FSGW members. Lesson at 7 p.m.; followed by dances with the Rhythm Method String Band from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo.

**Slow Blues and Swing Dance.** 7 to 11 p.m.

Admission is \$12/dance only; \$17/lesson & dance. Slow Blues workshop with Mike Marcotte and Donna Barker from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; dancing to live music by the Moonlighters from 8:30 to 11 p.m. At the Back Room of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, send e-mail to dbarker@glenchopark.org or visit www.DanceDC.com.

**InfoExpo.** Noon to 4 p.m. Free. A free community event providing information, health screenings, expert speakers and entertainment, focused on the needs and interests of those 50 and older. Actors Michael Tucker and Jill Eikenberry will speak. JC Hayward of WUSA-9 TV will emcee. At White Flint Mall. Call 301-949-9766.

## MONDAY/OCT. 11

**Vintage Guitar Concert.** 11 a.m. to noon. \$15 tuition (Stars \$13.50). At the Mansion at Strathmore, Shapiro Music Room. This concert/lecture features guitarist and collector Ken Lelen and bassist Matt Koch playing hits from the 1920s, '30s and '40s. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 12

**Cheryl Prashker's "It's All About the Drums," with Zoe Mulford and Brad Yoder.** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18/door; \$15/advance. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville, 100 Welsh Park Dr., Rockville. Contact David Spitzer at focusrockville@earthlink.net or 301-275-7459 or visit www.FocusMusic.org.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 15

**Oktoberfest.** 7 p.m. Benefit in memory of Joshua Stouck and to support the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Children's National Medical Center. Admission is \$150/person, which includes open bar, beer tasting, silent auction, chef stations with wine tasting and live entertainment. Valet parking. At The Old Angler's Inn, 10801 MacArthur Blvd. Potomac. Contact Mindy Buren at 301-526-8820.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 16

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party.** 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Appetizers, desserts and beer and wine. \$45 per person. R.S.V.P. and pay for tickets on the OLOM School website at www.olom.org/school. Email pictures to share to Susan Brewer at shbrewer@verizon.net or send to 8608 Chateau Drive, Potomac, MD 20854. The event will be held at Our Lady of Mercy School, 9222 Kentsdale Drive, Potomac.

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# Churchill Football Team Wins Third Straight

The Churchill football team appears to have moved past its 0-2 start. The Bulldogs, after being outscored 76-0 in losses to Gaithersburg and Seneca Valley, won their third straight game, defeating Northwest 29-6 on Oct. 1.

"Our kids are growing up right now," head coach Joe Allen said. "They're getting used to the pace and the tempo of the game."

Churchill has allowed just six points during its three-game winning streak. Against Northwest, Bret Sickels led the Bulldogs with six tackles. Bret Johnson finished with four tackles and Jacob Suissa recorded three. Nadim Elhage finished with one sack, Aik Davis and Coby Rodman each intercepted a pass and Jake Sickels forced a fumble.

The defense is led by coordinator and former NFL defensive back Willie Williams.

"They're playing really well," Allen said. "Coach Williams is doing a great job with preparation each week. The one difference from last year is we're not predictable on defense. We do a lot of different things."

Offensively, Churchill posted season highs for points (29) and rushing yards (260). Leading the way was junior Curtis Kamara, who totaled 154 yards and three touchdowns in 17 carries. Allen said Kamara is getting back to full strength after suffering a high ankle sprain before the season. He now has 302 yards and four touchdowns in 64 attempts after missing the season opener.

"He's running," Allen said, "with a little more pep in his step."

Marcus Brown carried 14 times for 59 yards against Northwest and quarterback Lansana Keita rushed seven times for 48 yards.

Keita started in each of Churchill's three victories after missing time for family reasons. Against the Jaguars, Keita completed 4 of 10 passes for 65 yards in Churchill's triple option offense. He completed one pass



**The Churchill defense, seen earlier this season, has allowed just six points in the Bulldogs' last three games.**

to four different receivers, including a 43-yarder to Brown.

"Lansana," Allen said, "gives us more versatility in terms of passing the ball."

Churchill (3-2) will host Magruder for homecoming at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 8. The following week, the Bulldogs will travel to face Wootton.

## Whitman Football Improves to 4-1

The Whitman football team, led by the pass-and-catch combo of Henry Kuhn and Michael Flack, beat Blake 35-12 on Oct. 1 to improve to 4-1. Kuhn completed 13 of 33 passes for 274 yards and two touchdowns and Flack hauled in eight receptions for 153 yards.

Kuhn threw touchdown passes to Rico Djidotor and Arsalan Nejad. Miles Davis scored two touchdowns on the ground and Tony Atkinson added one. Davis rushed for a team-high 68 yards and Val Djidotor finished with 60.

Whitman has not allowed more than 12 points in a game.

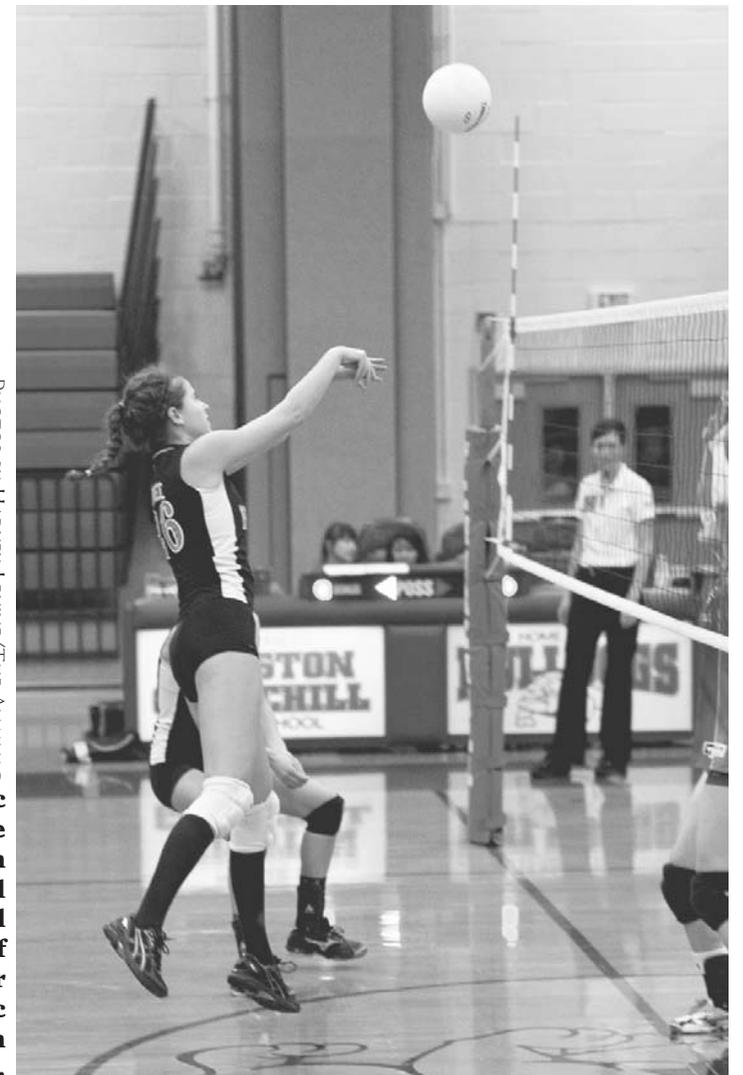
The Vikings will travel to face Wootton at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 8.

## Wootton Football Falls to BCC

The Wootton football team lost to Bethesda-Chevy Chase, 26-7, on Oct. 1, dropping the Patriots' record to 0-5. Wootton will host Whitman at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 8.



**Whitman receiver Michael Flack, seen earlier this season, caught eight passes for 153 yards on Oct. 1 against Blair.**



**Vera Ivezic and the Whitman volleyball team dropped a pair of matches after a dramatic five-set win over Churchill.**

## Fourth-Quarter TD Lifts Bullis

The Bullis football team scored the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter to defeat Bishop Ireton, 20-17, on Oct. 2. The win improved the Bulldogs' record to 3-2. Bullis led 6-3 at halftime.

Bullis will have a week off before traveling to face St. Stephen's & St. Agnes on Oct. 16.

## Whitman Volleyball Drops a Pair

The Whitman volleyball team followed a dramatic come-from-behind victory over Churchill with losses to Walter Johnson (3-1, Sept. 28) and Northwest (3-2, Sept. 30), dropping its record to 3-4. Whitman will travel to face Bethesda-Chevy Chase at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 8.

## Churchill Volleyball To Host Dig Pink

The Churchill volleyball team will host a Dig Pink match on Oct. 13 to raise money for breast cancer research. The match is against Kennedy at 3:30 p.m. There will be concessions, door prizes and a serving contest. Those interested are encouraged to

wear pink.

## Local to Skate in 'Ice Champions Live!'

Nine-year-old Rockville native Mary-Katharine Mulera, a student at Our Lady of Mercy in Potomac, will participate in the 6th Annual Michael Weiss Foundation "Ice Champions Live!" on Oct. 24 at The Kettler Capitals Iceplex in Arlington.

Much like any child her age, Mary-Kate enjoys drawing, swimming, playing with friends and with her family's Wheaten Terrier, Rockne. But she is also a dedicated figure skater with dreams of Olympic Gold, who began skating at the age of 2. Now the youngster will have the opportunity to share the ice with a list of Olympic, World and National skating champions that includes Brian Boitano, Ilia Kulik, Kimmie Meissner, Todd Eldredge, Christina Goa, Michael Weiss, John Zimmerman and many others.

The event will help raise money for the Michael Weiss Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides scholarships to aspiring Olympians to assist them in all facets of training and competition with an emphasis on continuing their education. The Foundation is currently sponsoring 23 recipients and has raised more than \$300,000 for deserving applicants to date.



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**Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department participates in the Potomac Day parade every year. The fire department open house is Oct. 24 this year, the day after Potomac Day.**

## Climb on the Fire Engines

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## THIS WEEK IN POTOMAC

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More than 100 volunteers are expected to participate at various sites along the Potomac River Gorge, the 15-mile section of the Potomac River between Great Falls and Theodore Roosevelt Island in D.C. Volunteers will help cut down exotic invasive shrubs and vines that threaten the native plants in the Potomac Gorge.

Find out more and sign-up for the event by contacting Mary Travaglini at PotomacGorgeVol@tnc.org. This event is part of a yearlong collaboration between Crystal Light and The Nature Conservancy.

## River Jam

The third annual Potomac River Jam, a day-long celebration of the Potomac River and C&O Canal, is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 17, at the River Center at Lockhouse 8. Local musicians will play acoustic sets of Celtic, folk and indie music through the afternoon.

Canoe trips over to Minnie's Island will be offered. Bring children for face-painting and other activities. All events are free.

The event is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The River Center is a cooperative project of the Potomac Conservancy and the National Park Service.

The Brockway, Cabin John's antique 1930s fire engine, will be on display, as well as Cabin John's swift water rescue boats and tanker 730, a 3,500 gallon water tanker used for firefighting where fire hydrants aren't accessible.

Station 10 on River Road serves as Cabin John's headquarters, and houses offices and multiple meeting rooms, as well as the fire apparatus for day to day operations. Engine 101, Engine 102, Rescue Squad 10, Ambulance 109, Brush 105, Underwater Rescue Team (URT), Strike Team 10 (Boat support, boats), Utility 10, Chief 10 and Chief 10-2 are kept at Station 10. Cabin John also operates Station 30 at 9404 Falls Road. Cabin John's response area includes the Capitol Beltway, the Potomac River, and residences and businesses in the Bethesda and Potomac area.

Contact Potomac Conservancy's Outreach Coordinator Deanna Tricarico, tricarico@potomac.org, 301.608.1188, x204.

## Free Golf, Better Than Ezra Concert at Avenel

The 28th Seniors Players Championship takes this week, Oct. 5-10, at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm. At this four-round, 72-hole event, 78 players will compete for \$2.7 million in prize money at this final major championship of the season, officially called the Constellation Energy Seniors Player Championship. See www.pgatour.com/tournaments/s507/

The New Orleans rock band Better Than Ezra will honor area military with a special concert on Saturday, Oct. 9. The concert is scheduled to begin at about 3 p.m. after play concludes for the day.

Admission to the tournament will be free for all spectators this year, and includes admission to the Better Than Ezra concert. Tickets will be available at the admission gate or in advance from local FedEx offices.

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## Asked But Not Answered



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

"Fine" and "Yes" I can answer because I sort of expect the questions before they're asked, and I kind of know from whom and where they're coming. The other day however, I was asked one of the standard questions written about in the above-mentioned columns, but it was asked in a completely unexpected context/environment and as a direct result, I was taken totally by surprise.

I was grocery shopping, alone at my local Giant, minding my own business when I caught a glimpse/stare from a woman, about my age, standing in the Produce section. We were too far away for a conversation but I did take note of the look. It/she did not really register on my radar and I thought nothing of it. (Though I appear relatively "normal" now; as a former bald, unhealthy-looking, chemotherapy patient, I have grown — and grew — accustomed to such looks and never let them bother me. I know how I looked but I never let anyone's reaction to my appearance affect me in the slightest; I certainly had bigger fish to fry, if you know what I mean?) And I imagine, that would have been the end of it, had it not been for a second in-store encounter approximately 15 minutes later.

This time the location was in the Frozen Foods section; this woman and I were now in the same aisle, a few feet away. She stared at me, again; this time she spoke, called me by name, in fact. I looked at her, still not remembering who she was, and confessed that she had me at a loss; I apologized for not recognizing. Then she told me her name, and her husband's name as she pointed to him standing nearby (whom I hadn't seen yet — or at all), and of course, I immediately exclaimed their names. I hugged her and then reached out to shake her husband's hand.

I had not seen this couple in at least 13 years, an amount of time I calculated since it had been that long that I've been working at the Connection. Our previous friendship/association, such as it was (casual through mutual friends, even though I actually knew them in college) hadn't been updated over the years. Though Dina and I remain extremely close with these mutual friends, they have not and as a consequence, our respective lives have not intersected for many years.

After the awkward exchange of pleasantries and recollections, and inquiries about these friends, came "the question." Though I am asked about my health all the time (as most people are), I have not been previously asked about it by anybody who doesn't already know my particular circumstances. And since I don't exactly — currently — look the part of a stage IV lung cancer patient, it was easy — for me, to dodge their well-meaning question/comment: "Jeez, Kenny, you look great! How are you doing?" and respond accordingly:

"Great." "Fine," I answered. And as I hemmed and hawed and stammered my way around the obvious (in my head, anyway), I decided not to even mention the "obvious," and kept my answers short and sweet, deciding instead to spare them — and myself, quite frankly, the following lead balloon: ("Oh. Not bad. Except I was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer last February.")

I just couldn't climb that emotional mountain; what they don't know won't hurt them (believe me). But my telling them might have hurt me. And so I made no mention of "it." I figured this time the less said the better. At this stage (pun intended) of my cancer-affected life, self-preservation has to be my number one concern.

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

# GETTING AROUND Bye, Bye Summertime

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the historic Kiplinger home in Poolesville, home to the Potomac Hunt Races, and square dances in the old barn, will remain in the family. "We will manage it, but we are city people," Kip's daughter-in-law, Ann, told a friend. Ann, her husband, Knight, and their children Daphne, and Brigham, were in the crowd as was another daughter-in-law, Dana, and her mother Chloe Stifel, and Kip's nephew John Grandin and his wife, Pamela, who drove to town from Culpepper (Va.) where they recently made a job-related move after 25 years of Poolesville residency.

It was a great mixture of country (if one can still call Potomac country) and city friends including Bonnie's daughter Katie Woods, and son, Craig, with his wife, Toni. Mabel and Griff Holland were there as were Anne Camalier and Pat Bush who revealed they were Holton arms classmates of yore (no year mentioned!); Noel and Bill Holbrook, (he is former Potomac vet Dr. Hal Holbrook's brother); Potomac Hunt's jTMFHs Vicki and Skip Crawford; Candy and Jack Sommerville; Peggy Pickard with Art Fox and Winx and Claiborne Irby.

Bess and Tyler Abell joined the celebration as did Mary Munroe who recently invited friends for a dinner party at her Potomac home. Fortunately, her invitations went out early enough for return and rebound. She neglected to put on stamps. As the story goes, all but one came back. The postman knew that invitee and paid the postage. Reportedly, it was a smashing party.

### MORE NONAGENARIANS

Jumping back to early summer, Dick Moran's family, and there are numerous, joined forces and honored him on his 90th birthday with a large dinner party at



**Dick Moran (left) and Harry Semmes celebrated Moran's 90th birthday at a party at O'Donnell's.**

O'Donnell's restaurant. Moran daughters, Jennie Manders, Phoebe Manders, Martha Moran Meyer, Becky Jackson, and his sons, Rick, Andy and Duncan, plus spouses, and plus Dick's wife, Susan, made it a very befitting tribute to a former

fox hunter, Realtor and gentleman who has hung his hat around the Potomac area for half a century.

Cocktails and dinner were followed by roasts and toasts, the most hilarious and touching from the 18 grandchildren who sent letters which were read aloud by Kathy Moran. Rick Moran's eldest daughter, Megan, living in Santiago, Chile, where she teaches English, had the crowd in an uproar when her letter was read, revealing a few of her grandfather's antics of the past.

Susan Monahan followed with a poem equally informative. It was that kind of evening. There was sentiment mixed equally with mischief for the gentleman with a visionary sense who was one of few who instigated the original Potomac Polo Club and the Middletown Valley Hunt Club, decades past.

Another nonagenarian, Ted Cain, nearly a decade the husband of Potomac's Elie Pisarra Cain, didn't take but a few years to make a dent in Potomac's life style.

Seen working with Elie at all of the Potomac Theatre's productions, helping with the Potomac parade route, fixing anything in sight that needs fixing, lunching with the Wednesday group at Potomac Pizza or bi-weekly with PULSE, in the village, Ted is a man to rely on. A man of action, he gets things done.

One thing he didn't do, and wasn't allowed to do, was prepare his 90th birthday dinner. His son, Bruce, did much of that, with help from Elie's son, Tony Pisarra, and a host of other relatives from both sides of the families.

As guests poured into their Piney Meetinghouse home, including Ted's sister, Charlotte Magurn from Concord, Mass., and brother Leo Cain from Cape Neddick, Maine, and grandson Matt Browning with his wife Sarah, from Austin, Texas, it was obvious, another great gathering was in the making.

Elie's son Stuart, hand in cast from a sky-diving accident, ("my latest sport") and his son, Cory, came up from Florida. There were also neighbors and near neighbors: Nan and Manning Muntzing with their house guests, Suzanne and Terry York visiting from Alabama; Laurana Reed who braved the D.C. crowds to check out the Tea Party gathering; Shelby and Roemer McPhee, Polly Webster, Betty and Darrell Coover, Marilyn and John Shockey, she not looking forward to the following week's sinus surgery; Marilyn and Harold Dankner, who are retaining their Potomac home, but are now officially Floridians; Ann and Art Johnson, Mardelle Richey, Joan McPhee, Alan Beck and a host of others. "I don't know for sure how many we invited, but I know there were 71 forks used," Elie laughingly remarked.

### LABOR DAY

Steaks, chicken, bratwurst, friends arriving with casseroles of every variety, "dueling" barbecue pits and cupcakes by the dozens set the mood for Devereaux Raskauskas' and Bill Murphy's Labor Day party at their Spring Meadow place.

"We needed another grill so Bill got a charcoal one. I had the gas one," she said. It was apparent he thought he could out grill her. Not! After such a long day, (some folks had participated in Potomac Hunt's opening cubbing season which translates to being in the saddle at the crack of dawn) "people were so hungry," Devereaux said. Leonard Proctor, who celebrated his 80th birthday last April was one of the early morning fox hunters in the gathering of about 40 guests, as was Spring Meadow's civic association leader Bob Randall and his



**Pat Bush (left) and Bill Holbrook (right) hear words of wisdom from Austin Kiplinger at his 92nd birthday party.**

wife, Angie, and Devereaux's dad, Jim Bonfil. The end of the summer season marks the beginning of the Inter-School Horse Show series for Devereaux, founder of the organization 16 years ago. "We have varsity and junior varsity shows, with 150 students in the program," she explained. The students, from both public and private schools in the area, compete against each other in hunter divisions and sportsmanship competition, September to April.

### WEDDING BELLS

It was not only a "Welcome Home" celebration for Kerry Anne Chromiak following a recent tour of duty in Kuwait, but she and Michael Phillips, a former Potomac resident, were also belatedly celebrating their engagement. Michael's sister and brother-in-law, Christi and Chad Mitchell, (he's a Mitchell of Potomac's longest village business, "Mitch and Bill's") honored the couple with cocktails and dinner for 60 friends and family members.

The Mitchells chose for the party the spacious lawn at the Adamstown home where Kerry and Mike will live. It was a perfect, late August setting. Buffet tables crowded with roast pig, fresh from a backyard roaster where a mouth-watering aroma emanated, accompanied varieties of salads and garden fresh veggies. Other tables featured hors



**Michael Phillips and Kerry Chromiak**

d'oeuvres and desserts. A lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps, Kerry's six-month assignment to Kuwait just happened to conflict with an earlier planned engagement announcement. Hence the delay. Her parents, Carol Beth and Harry Chromiak, and siblings, Kara and Michael, were here from their New Jersey home for the party as was her grandmother, Margaretta Kelly, from Philadelphia, where the wedding will take place, Oct. 14, 2011.

Nursing tends to run in the Chromiak family. Her mother is an emergency room nurse in Philadelphia. Michael Phillips, is an EMT and professional firefighter with the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Department.

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**William F. X. Moody  
 Robert Hryniewicki 202-243-1620**



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**POTOMAC, MARYLAND**  
 Brand new 17,000 square foot brick home, 5 bedrooms, 6 full baths, 4 levels, elevator, 4 car garage, over 2.5 acres. Delivered about 90% finished. \$2,490,000

**Lori Leasure 240-498-1884**



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**MARWOOD, POTOMAC, MARYLAND**  
 NEW PRICE! Stunning Bogdan-built estate home on 2 private acres featuring elegant public rooms & wonderful casual spaces. Chef's kitchen & family room overlook landscaped yard & picturesque pool. 7BR, 6 full & 2 half baths. \$2,395,000

**Meg Percesepe 240-441-8434**



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**POTOMAC, MARYLAND**  
 Brand new and beautiful describes this sensational Arts and Craft home with over 8800 sq ft of finished space on four levels using the highest quality materials enhances a wonderful "easy to live in floor plan". 3 car garage. \$2,195,000

**Marsha Schuman 301-299-9598**



**POTOMAC, MARYLAND**  
 Custom built New England style country home amongst rolling fields. Exquisite details, library, stone walls, pool & picturesque vistas. \$1,999,000

**Adaline Neely 301-580-2214  
 William F. X. Moody 202-243-1620  
 Robert Hryniewicki 202-243-1622**



**POTOMAC, MARYLAND**  
 NEW PRICE! This is a perfect 10! Great renovation and close in location make this home a special find. Large rooms, high ceilings, fantastic new kitchen, updated baths, pool, finished basement and more! \$1,395,000

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**AVENEL, POTOMAC, MARYLAND**  
 Located a chip shot from Avenel's championship golf course, this stately home offers 3 finished levels of elegance & comfort, banquet-sized dining room, master suite & walk-out LL. \$1,368,800

**Adaline Neely 301-580-2214  
 Anne Killeen 301-706-0067**



**POTOMAC, MARYLAND**  
 This remodeled colonial with traditional floor-plan features family room with fireplace, master suite with renovated bath, sunroom with exit to pool and gourmet kitchen with breakfast room. \$1,199,900

**Marsha Schuman 301-299-9598**



**POTOMAC, MARYLAND**  
 Charming Williamsburg Colonial in pristine condition on beautiful two acre lot maintained and updated by original owners. Grand Manor roof, new siding, updated kitchen with granite. Near Potomac Village. \$1,195,000

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**POTOMAC, MARYLAND**  
 Lake Normandy Estates - Beautiful colonial in move-in condition on cul-de-sac. 2009 addition to main & LL including designer kitchen, breakfast room, 3 season porch. Open family room/kitchen, 4BR, 3FBA on 3 levels. \$1,175,000

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**AVENEL, BETHESDA, MARYLAND**  
 Beautifully maintained home on premium lot with scenic backyard views of matured trees and 13th Fairway of the newly renovated Avenel Golf Course. Very well priced exquisite home. \$1,159,000

**Traudel Lange 240-463-6918**



**WESTMORELAND HILLS, BETHESDA, MD**  
 Charming Cape in mint condition. Renovated/renodeled with exquisite moldings, on large corner lot! Living room with fireplace, dining room, den, sun room, finished lower level, family room, two spacious bedrooms. 2 car garage. \$975,000

**Joanne Pinover 301-404-7011**



**GLEN OAKS, POTOMAC, MARYLAND**  
 NEW PRICE! Beautiful renovation of popular Country Place model includes sunroom & breakfast room additions, gorgeous new master bath and great yard on cul-de-sac/Churchill. \$919,000

**Meg Percesepe 240-441-8434  
 Alison Shutt 301-219-7671**



**WESTGATE, BETHESDA, MARYLAND**  
 Fabulous Williamsburg Colonial with lovely living room with wood burning fireplace. New kitchen with marble counters and tile, top of the line appliances. Sun room, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, huge backyard and garden! 1 car garage. \$885,000

**Joanne Pinover 301-404-7011**



**FALLSREACH, POTOMAC, MARYLAND**  
 Renovated and spacious colonial on a third of an acre backing to common area. New appliances, HVAC, exterior paint and trim/siding replacement. 4 bedrooms, 3 full and 1 half baths. \$879,000

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