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NEWS

Limited-Ticket Event To Benefit C&O Canal Park

"Park After Dark – A Special Evening Under The Stars."

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Almost every Potomac resident has fond memories of the C&O Canal: Bicycling along the towpath, hiking the Billy Goat Trail, meandering along the canal on a beautiful fall day, riding in the mule-driven barge, picnicking along the Potomac or even staying in one of the newly remodeled Canal Quarters.

Now those who love and appreciate the canal and all it means to them and their families have an opportunity to give back to their beloved C&O Canal National Park

Those who would like to support the C&O Canal should plan to attend the inaugural "Park After Dark – A Special Evening Under the Stars" on Sept. 24 on the grounds of the Great Falls Tavern. The event is hosted by the park's official nonprofit partner, the C&O Canal Trust.

A committee of more than 40 has planned the lantern-lit evening which will feature "grog" at the bar, a campfire, a catered chili



PHOTO BY LEE GOODWIN

The Park After Dark fundraiser takes place Sept. 24 on the grounds of the Great Falls Tavern.

and fixins' dinner by Corcoran Caterers, desserts from Firehook Bakery, and music by the 19th Street Band. The committee recommends "towpath chic" as the dress for the event. In other words, ladies, keep your heels in the closet.

"The event will be the largest fundraiser in the history of the C&O Canal National

Historical Park – and the response has been fabulous," said Matt Logan, president of the C&O Canal Trust. "People love this park and are eager to support it however they can. This park ranks in the top 20 of most visited national parks – we have four million visitors a year – more than Yellowstone and Yosemite. At the Trust, our goal is to give

all of these people the opportunity to give back to the park that gives them so much."

Honorary co-chairs of the event are Gov. Martin O'Malley, U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin and U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen. Major corporate sponsors and foundation sponsors are Booz/Allen/Hamilton and the J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation.

Board Member M J Veverka outlined six "Experience Packages" to be auctioned at "Park After Dark." She said, "These 'Experience Packages' are designed to be unique and fun. Each one will allow the people who purchase them to enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime outing with friends and family in the C&O Canal National Park."

They are:

❖ A 3-hour photo lesson for four people with National Geographic Senior Photo Editor Dan Westergren followed by lunch at The Hunter's Inn in Potomac.

❖ A late afternoon hike for 8 – 10 people with Deborah Barber of The Nature Conservancy followed by a meal at Old Angler's Inn in Potomac.

❖ A 3-hour kayaking lesson for six people with Olympian Davy Hearn followed by lunch at The Irish Inn in Glen Echo.

❖ An archeological exploration at the Canal Farm for 4-6 people with the National Park Service regional archeologist followed

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Have You ...

... seen Potomac from
these vantage points?

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Great Falls

More water flows over Potomac's Great Falls, than Niagara Falls. For up close views, enter the C&O Canal National Historical Park on MacArthur Boulevard, walk 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.

Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center and Olmsted Overlook

11710 MacArthur Blvd.
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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>

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. Be sure to ride the little train through the woods, it's delightful.

See more on Potomac's parks in this guide on pages 10-11.

C&O Canal

Potomac is bordered by more than 12



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Kayaking at Great Falls.

miles of the C&O Canal, the towpath and the Potomac River. From Carderock to Riley's Lock, Potomac provides opportunities to enjoy the sights and sounds of the river while walking, biking, birding, taking a stroll with the children or grandchildren, or even taking a kayak lesson on the flatwater. Wildlife is abundant. All outdoor areas of the C&O Canal National Historical Park are open daylight hours year round. Access the canal at the River Center, Lock 8 or Carderock Park, both off the Clara Barton Parkway; from the trails and parking across from Old Anglers Inn on MacArthur Boulevard; from the Great Falls entrance at MacArthur Boulevard and Falls Road (entrance fee); from Swains Lock, Penneyfield

Lock, Violettes Lock or Riley's Lock, each off River Road out past Potomac Village about 2 miles apart.

Blockhouse Point Park

www.blockhousepoint.org

Locals who know the 630 acres of land that straddles River Road between Toneytown and Callithea Farm call Blockhouse Point the jewel of Potomac. The hike to Blockhouse Point itself offers panoramic views of the Potomac River, especially in winter.

The natural and cultural resources at Blockhouse Point are among the most valuable in the country, although a walk along its trails often provides complete solitude.

The park contains a variety of exceptional and rare habitat, including mature upland forest, floodplain forest, wetlands, streams and river-rock outcrops. Nine species of threatened, endangered or watchlist species of plants have been identified in the park, along with 25 species of fish, nine species of amphibians, four species of reptiles, 39 species of nesting birds and 10 species of mammals.

Blockhouse Point also tells a little of Potomac's history. During the Civil War, the 19th Regiment Massachusetts Voluntary Infantry built three blockhouses in 1862 to guard Violette's Lock and Pennyfield Lock, taking advantage of panoramic views from Blockhouse Point. Union sentries kept watch for Confederate movements across the river and at area fords.

Billy Goat Trail

Thousands hike the challenging Billy Goat Trail every year, although it is never crowded. Access across from Old Angler's

Inn (10801 MacArthur Blvd.) or at the Great Falls Tavern Visitor's Center (11710 MacArthur Blvd., 301-767-3714) or at Carderock Park off the Clara Barton Parkway. The loop between the C&O Canal and Potomac River is less than five miles long, but allow plenty of time to stop and enjoy spectacular views of the rockface, Potomac River 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.

Eat at a Historic Potomac Restaurant

Hunters Inn, calls itself "the Cheers of Potomac." 10123 River Road, 301-299-9300. Opened in 1977, it's a great place to sit at the bar for a drink and conversation, or for lunch or dinner. thehuntersinn.com.

Normandie Farm, <http://popovers.com>, 10710 Falls Road, 301-983-8838. Long-time Potomac institution opened in May 1931, and is now a hub of community meetings and special celebrations. Rotary Club meets here for lunch each Wednesday at noon. Potomac Chamber holds networking events and awards dinners here. Famous Sunday brunch.

Old Anglers Inn, 10801 MacArthur Blvd. oldanglersinn.com, 301-365-2425. This famous Potomac restaurant located in a his



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The Dentzel Carousel at Glen Echo Park.

www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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Who Governs Potomac?

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COUNTY COUNCIL

Potomac residents live in County Council District 1, and are represented by Councilmember Roger Berliner (D-1) as well as the four at-large councilmembers, Marc Elrich, Nancy Floreen, George Leventhal and Hans Riemer. All nine members of the current Montgomery County Council are Democrats.

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Potomac is split between two state legislative districts, 15, which includes much of the upcounty,

and 16, which includes Bethesda and Chevy Chase. Each district has one senator and three delegates. All members of the Montgomery County delegation to the Maryland General Assembly are Democrats.

Maryland's existing districts were adopted in 2002. The redistricting process began with the Census count in spring of 2010. It will continue with public hearings, review and analysis of proposed plans and eventual adoption of revised districts. They will be in place in time for the Congressional primary of 2012 and the State Legislative Election of 2014.

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At the Potomac Day Parade: Councilman Roger Berliner who represents Potomac on the Montgomery County Council.

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28, each member may bring one guest each night. Guest passes purchased in advance at PCC are \$3. Guests will be charged \$5 at the door. Members must be accommodated first, so the center reserves the right to limit the number of guests admitted on any given night.

♦ **After Hours** for grades 6-8 begins Nov. 4 from 9:15 - 11 p.m. Annual membership fee is \$25. Register online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec and click on Rec Web. Course code: 316425. Guest fee is \$5 at the door.

For more information, contact the center at 240-777-6957

Check Out the Potomac Community Center

The Potomac Community Center is hosting the following events:

♦ The annual **Family Fun Fest** — for the entire family — will be held on Friday, Sept. 23, from 4 - 7 p.m. Activities include carnival games, moon bounce, petting zoo, games and bingo. Cost is \$5 for unlimited rides and games. The snack bar will be open for pizza, soda, hot dogs and shaved ice.

All proceeds will benefit programs at the Potomac Community Center. The center is handicapped accessible.

♦ The 20th year of **Club Friday** for grades 3

- 6 - begins Friday, Oct. 14 from 7-9 p.m. Registration begins Sept. 1 on line at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec and click on Rec Web. Course code: 316575.

Club Friday will not meet on Nov. 25, Dec. 23, and Dec. 30 or when schools close early or are closed due to inclement weather.

An annual \$65 membership fee will enroll a child in Club Friday. Membership will be limited to 550 children. Once 550 children have registered, parents can add their child's name on the waiting list. Guests will not be admitted the first two weeks of the program. Beginning Oct.

Insiders Tip: Links To Get Involved

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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
Glen Echo Park, www.glenechopark.org
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Montgomery County Park and Planning, www.mcmcpc.org,
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Montgomery County Police,
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Montgomery County Road Runners Club,
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Nature Conservancy, www.nature.org
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Potomac Community Center,

www.montgomerycountymd.gov (find "parks, culture and recreation" under "culture and leisure," and scroll to Potomac Community Center)
Potomac Conservancy, www.potomac.org
Potomac Library, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/libraries
Friends of Potomac Library, www.folmc.org (scroll to Potomac, under "find a chapter")
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.mcrcc.org



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.)

7 Locks

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.

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 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.

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.

46,255

Potomac's population, according to the 2000 U.S. Census.

SOURCE: Montgomery County Park and Planning

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C&O Park

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by lunch.

❖ A conversation with Joel Achenbach, the Washington Post columnist and George Washington historian, for 12 people accompanied by a wine tasting presented by MacArthur Beverages in an historic lockhouse.

❖ A ride on a canal boat for up to 15 children followed by lunch or dinner at Potomac Pizza and dessert at Sprinkles. A birthday cake will be provided by Firehook Bakery.

The proceeds from the event will support four Canal Trust programs. The first program is Canal Quarters, which has restored and furnished four canal lockhouses and will be opening two more this fall. The second program to benefit is the Canal Discoveries program. Another program receiving funding is Canal Pride Days. Canal Towns, the fourth program, will promote services and amenities available in the various towns located near the towpath.

Only 200 tickets will be sold for this Sept. 24 event. The price is \$150 per ticket. (\$115 is tax deductible.) Tickets can be reserved online at www.ParkAfterDark.org or by calling 301-714-2233.



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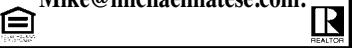
The best idea is to open negotiations. Even if the price is lower than what you had anticipated and there are contingencies, everything is negotiable. You can counter with a higher price and work with the contingencies and perhaps a mutual meeting of the minds can be reached.

Unless the offer is too far below the asking price, even then you can still counter. Negotiating is the best way to get there and your Realtor is trained to negotiate. A new listing generates a lot of activity and those first offers are often the best, so work with your Realtor to try to reach an agreement, then get ready to pack your bags!

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SCHOOLS

2011-12 School Calendar

MONDAY, AUG. 29

First day of school for students

MONDAY, SEPT. 5

Labor Day, holiday, no school for students and teachers

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28

Early release, K-12, Students dismissed after lunch, planning and grading

THURSDAY, SEPT. 29

Rosh Hashanah, holiday, no school for students and teachers, (Yom Kippur is Saturday, Oct. 8)

FRIDAY, OCT. 21

MSTA Convention, MCAAP Fall Conference, no school for students and teachers

FRIDAY, OCT. 28

First marking period ends

MONDAY, OCT. 31

Professional day for teachers, no school for students

THURSDAY, NOV. 10

Early release day, K-8, students dismissed after lunch. Parent conferences, reports cards distributed.

FRIDAY, NOV. 11

Early release day, K-8, students dismissed after lunch. Parent conferences.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23

Early release day, day Thanksgiving, students dismissed after lunch.

THURSDAY, NOV. 24 – FRIDAY, NOV. 25

Thanksgiving, holiday, schools and offices closed.

MONDAY, JAN. 23

Professional day for teachers, no school for students.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

Report cards distributed

MONDAY, FEB. 20

Presidents' Day, holiday, schools and offices closed.

FRIDAY, MARCH 02

Early release day, K-12, planning and grades, students dismissed after lunch.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Third marking period ends

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Professional day for teachers, No school for students

POTOMAC INSIDER



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The new Cabin John Middle School

MONDAY, DEC. 26 –

MONDAY, JAN. 2, 2012

Christmas holiday through New Year's Day holiday, schools and offices closed. Schools resume Tuesday, Jan. 3

MONDAY, JAN. 16

Martin L. King, Jr. Day, holiday, schools and offices closed.

FRIDAY, JAN. 20

Second marking period ends

MONDAY, JAN. 23

Professional day for teachers, no school for students.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

Report cards distributed

MONDAY, FEB. 20

Presidents' Day, holiday, schools and offices closed.

FRIDAY, MARCH 02

Early release day, K-12, planning and grades, students dismissed after lunch.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Third marking period ends

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Professional day for teachers, No school for students

MONDAY, APRIL 2 –

MONDAY, APRIL 9

Spring break, no school for students and teachers. (Note: Passover begins April 6, Easter, Monday April 9)

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

School resumes

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Report cards distributed

MONDAY, MAY 28

Memorial Day, holiday, schools and offices closed

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

Professional day for teachers

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

Report cards mailed

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www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org

Schools At a Glance

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WINSTON CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL

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Potomac, Md. 20854
301-469-1200
Principal: Joan Benz
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/churchillhs

Churchill Feeder Schools:
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Bells Mill Elementary
Seven Locks Elementary
Herbert Hoover Middle School
Beverly Farms Elementary
Potomac Elementary
Wayside Elementary

WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Bethesda, Md. 20817
301-320-6600
Principal: Alan Goodwin
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/whitmans
Whitman Feeder Schools:
Thomas Pyle Middle School
Bannockburn Elementary
Bethesda Elementary
Bradley Hills Elementary
Burning Tree Elementary
Carderock Springs Elementary
Wood Acres Elementary

THOMAS S. WOOTTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Rockville, Md. 20850
301-279-8550
Principal: Michael Doran
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Connelly School of the Holy Child Celebrates 50 Years

Since then, the school has grown to offer an academic curriculum for young women in grades 6-12.

The school's first community-wide celebration is a Mass on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 11 a.m. with His Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick presiding.

The festivities of the school year continue in April with the 2nd Annual 5K Tiger Trot that winds through the streets of Potomac and

the retro "Prom Night" Gala.

The school is also planning its 8th annual Christmas shopping extravaganza, Mayfield Market, the weekend before Thanksgiving. On Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., the school is transformed into a shopping mecca with more than 70 vendors providing hand-



As Connelly School of the Holy Child celebrates its 50th Anniversary, it is planning its second Tiger Trot competition in April 2012.



Holy Child transforms its school into a shopping paradise the weekend before Thanksgiving.

OBITUARY

Carol Ladd, 89, Dies

Breeder of dogs, horses.

By CISSY FINLEY GRANT
THE ALMANAC

Former Potomac resident, Carol Lee Bowman Ladd, 89, known throughout the area as a breeder of championship chocolate Labrador retrievers died of abdominal cancer at Aspenwood Senior Living Center, Silver Spring.

Mrs. Ladd, who with her late husband, Robert D. Ladd, Sr., lived in Montgomery County for 45 years, moved to Potomac in 1960, and later to Poolesville where they established Haverhill Farm. It was here she fulfilled a lifetime dream of raising Labradors and Arabian horses.

At a July 16, memorial reception, her son, R. Daniel Ladd, Jr., remarked "Mom threw herself into breeding chocolate Labrador retrievers. She would stay up nights through a delivery of puppies because she loved them and they were a source of pride to her."

Mrs. Ladd earned the reputation of focusing intensely on new interests. This observation rang true when she was able to breed into her chocolate Labs the "chocolate eye,"

as compared to the common yellow eye. In addition, several of her dogs earned American Field Trial Grand Championships.

"She was the dog lady of Potomac and then became the dog lady of Upper Montgomery County," Austin Kiplinger, a long-time family friend said. Kiplinger, and both Mr. and Mrs. Ladd were Cornell University graduates and life-long alumni activists.

It was at Cornell where Carol Ladd met and married Bob Ladd. They married in 1943 following their graduations. She earned a degree in biology and nutrition at Cornell and it was a family joke that Carol told her children, "I don't care where you go to college as long as it is on the Cornell campus." Only Robin, the oldest of their five children, chose Wellesley. The others are all Cornellians, as are twelve living members of the immediate family.

When the family settled in at Haverhill Farm, Poolesville, Mrs. Ladd's interest in horses and dogs vigorously continued. She participated in showing and raising Arabian horses, one of which still lives at the farm.



Her many interests grew to include photography, genealogy and genetics. "She would read extensively about the subject and become an expert," her son, Dan, remarked at a recent memorial reception at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

In 1986, her expertise turned to dolls and doll making. She became a founder of the Sugarland Searchers Doll Club of Maryland. The club, now

with 28 members, will celebrate its 25th anniversary this year. "She actually took classes and learned how to make porcelain dolls," club member, Celia Sullivan, of Potomac, said. "She went through the whole process; pouring the slip into the mold, firing them, wiring, painting, dressing and enjoying," Sullivan recalled.

The mother of five children, Mrs. Ladd, according to her daughter Merle Ladd Silverman, "devoted herself to giving her children many different educational experiences including being a troop leader for Brownies and Girl Scouts, and teaching Sunday School. "She provided us with art, ballet, swimming, riding and diving lessons. She was a traditional homemaker and

mother," Merle added.

Mrs. Ladd, who died June 27, moved to this area with her family from Tulsa, Okla. where they had lived after World War II, following her husband's tour of duty abroad as an Army officer. She was involved in numerous organizations including the Cornell Club of Washington, the Potomac Hunt Club, Seneca Valley Pony Club, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Poolesville; Congressional Country Club and the aforementioned doll club.

A native Californian, Mrs. Ladd was born in Oakland and lived in the Bay area until she was 12. The daughter of the late Lucille and Charles Bowman, she moved with her family in 1934 to upstate New York, but never lost her love for the west coast. "When she came to visit we always took a drive to San Francisco, past the two houses where she lived as a child," her daughter, Merle Silverman, now herself a Californian, recalled. Mrs. Ladd's great-grandfather was responsible for the family's ties to California when he went west for the great Gold Rush and settled in Oakland.

Her immediate survivors include her five children Robin L. McEntire, Silver Spring; Robert Daniel Ladd, Jr., Bethesda; Merle L. Silverman, Foster City, Calif.; retired Army Col. Charles B. Ladd, Douglasville, Ga. and Phebe L. Mertes, Helotes, Texas; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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EDITORIAL

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The Potomac Almanac car in the Potomac Day 2010 parade.

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of members, WMCCA will then:

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❖ Work with other community groups to broaden citizen awareness; and

❖ Provide education forums, publicize issues, and strengthen community involvement.

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❖ Save sensitive areas from over-development;

❖ Preserve trees and stream valleys;

❖ Limit commercial areas;

❖ Retain quality and style in commercial establishments;

❖ Maintain low density zoning and residential quality of the area; and

❖ Keep major highways from cutting across the community.

In the process, WMCCA has won the respect of County and State officials and the community at large.

See www.wmcca.org,

Inside West Montgomery County Citizens Association

Potomac's umbrella citizens association.

The Green Wedge

In 1964, the Montgomery County Council adopted the General Plan "On Wedges and Corridors." This plan established land use guidelines for the County and set the standard for local and area master plans. The General Plan "envisioned the Potomac Subregion as a low density residential wedge area, which would complement the developed I-270 corridor."

The plan explains that a "low density, rural and semi-rural area is needed not only for aesthetic reasons, but ... as a conservation area to protect the public water supply" and to insulate agriculture "from the development pressures which affect those areas closer to the transportation corridor."

Throughout its over 47-year history, The West Montgomery County Citizens Association strives to maintain quality of life by monitoring growth and by 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 of the General Plan as set forth in the 1980 Master Plan for the Potomac Subregion.

Organized For Action

In 1989-90, WMCCA adopted a full range of policy statements addressing Ethics in Government, Taxation, Planning and Zoning, Environmental Issues, and Roads. These statements are the basis of members' common ideas. They articulate direction and allow the organization to quickly and judiciously respond to new questions and agendas.

Through its Committees, WMCCA is primed to accomplish its objectives and to:

❖ Study proposals in State and County Transportation, Planning and Zoning, Taxation, Environmental Protection and Services;

❖ Review agendas of the County Council, Board of Appeals and Planning Board;

❖ Assess impact and develop position statements on issues, then represent these positions before County and State authorities.

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POTOMAC INSIDER

The Potomac I Love

BY GINNY BARNES

PRESIDENT, WEST MONTGOMERY COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The Potomac Subregion is blessed with abundant natural resources and a wide range of open spaces. We have the first Master Plan in the County to be predicated on retaining the health of our streams, forests and wetlands. We are sensitive to maintaining water quality because the mighty Potomac River forms one long edge of our border and the WSSC Water Filtration Plant on River Road supplies drinking water to both Montgomery and Prince George counties. Look around and you see evidence of our environmental planning in stream valley parks running the length of Cabin John Creek, Watts Branch, Muddy Branch and portions of Rock Run. You see it in our two-lane road system and the open section grass swales adjacent to them to infiltrate rainstorm runoff. We have designated some of our roads Rural and Rustic to maintain our ties to both the past and the agricultural lands to our North. With predominantly low density residential zoning and a Village Center, we are intended to buffer the upper two thirds of Montgomery County known as the Agricultural Reserve.

It takes all this intent planning to have a community like Potomac. Close to Washington D.C. but with lush green neighborhoods edged by parks and trails through stream valleys leading to our premier natural attraction, the C&O Canal National Historic Park. A ribbon of green stretching 180 miles along the Potomac River edged by a towpath trail attracting birdwatchers, hikers, bicyclists, fishermen, naturalists and anyone who wants to stand beside a great river under towering Sycamore trees and feel

INSIDERS PERSPECTIVES



Blockhouse Point

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE/THE ALMANAC

a touch of wilderness. From the bluffs above the towpath at Violette's Lock, you can see the Blue Ridge Mountains on a clear day. At Olmstead Island looking out on the Great Falls, you can watch numbers of Great Blue Herons fishing from the rocks in rainbows of spray, hearing only the

sound of crashing water. In spring, between the towpath and the River's edge Bluebells flower in great swaths beside flowing water. You could spend a lifetime here without seeing all the natural wonders Potomac offers. One of the many reasons I love it.

Take in a Play

Of course I'm biased, but I would certainly recommend new (and long-time) Potomac residents take in the shows of the Potomac Theatre Company. This fall the PTC is doing "The Music Man" in late November at the Bullis School.

For events, I think the Potomac Day Parade in October is a fun event for young and old. The high school sporting events for Churchill, Whitman, and Wootton are very good and the level of play is often outstanding.

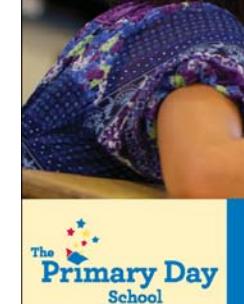
My favorite places to eat in Potomac are Renatos Italian Restaurant, the Hunter's Inn, and for dessert, Sprinkles.

— HARVEY LEVINE



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Potomac Insider's Guide to Parks

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

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.

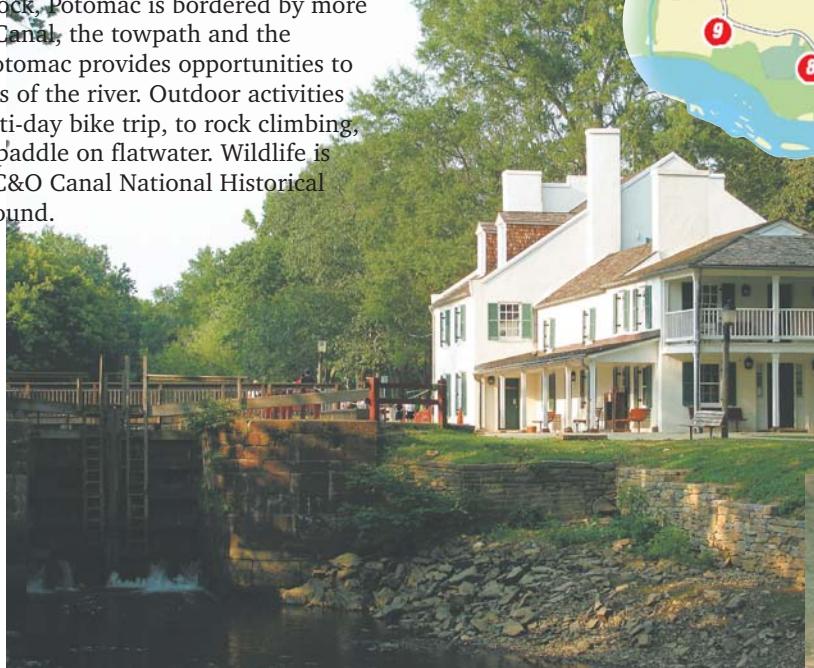
2 Old Angler's Inn Access

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. Hikers have quick access to the Billy Goat Trail from here. 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 challenging 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



4 Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center and Olmsted Overlook

11710 MacArthur Blvd.
301-767-3714

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, of 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



5 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.

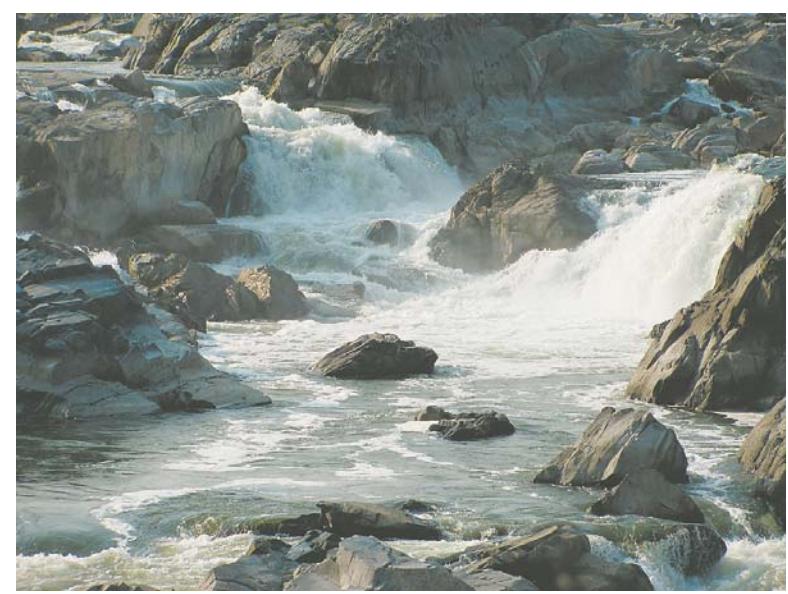
Pennyfield Lock was President Grover Cleveland's favorite destination when he went on fishing excursions, according to the Potomac Master Plan. The Pennyfield Lockhouse, built in 1879, was the home of lock-keeper Charles W. Pennyfield. This house is currently in poor condition, but the National Park 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/

6 The River Center (Lockhouse 8)

7906 Riverside Drive, Cabin John
www.potomac.org

The Potomac Conservancy runs the The River Center at Lockhouse 8, open weekends from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nature walks, canoeing trips, art exhibits, educational events and canoe cleanup events are offered throughout the year. See its website for a schedule of events. One goal of The Potomac Conservancy is to



7 Swain's Lock

Swain's Lock Road (off River Road)

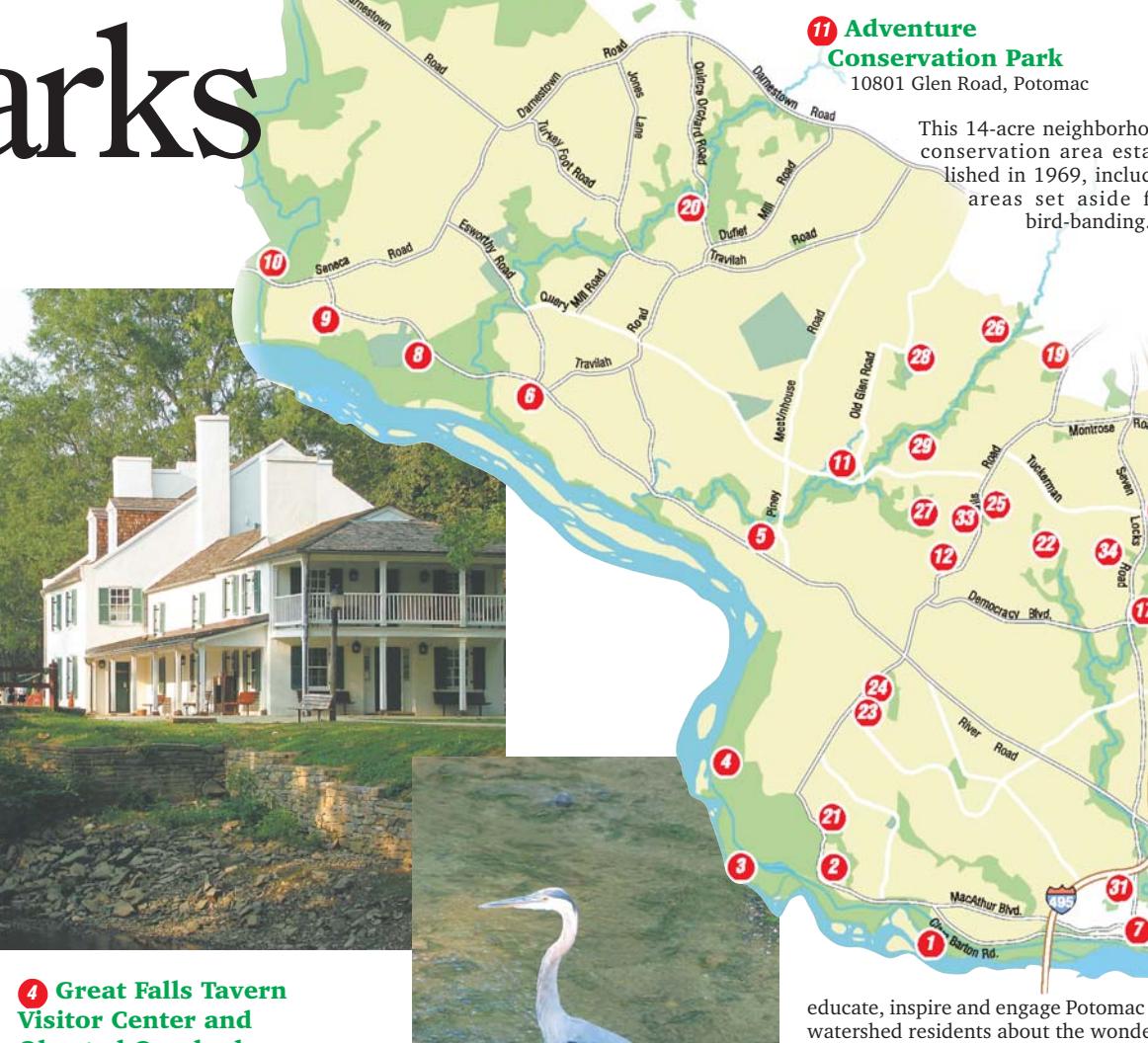
Campsites are available at Swain's Lock, one of the largest of the canal lockhouses. The lockhouse is named for Jess Swain, a lock-keeper in the early 1900s whose father helped in the excavation and construction of the canal. After running a boat rental and refreshment stand at Swain's Lock for almost a century, the family ceased operations in 2006.

INSIDER'S TIP: Montgomery County recently developed a brochure so people can walk the footsteps of Union Soldiers, available on the website. Blockhouse Point, often referred to as the jewel of Potomac, is an area to enjoy peace, solitude, and an example of the natural and cultural resources of Potomac that rival the most valuable in the country.

8 Violette's Lock
Violette's Lock Road (off River Road)
Violette's Lock offers one of the more beautiful views of the sunset over the Potomac River.



PHOTOS BY KEN MOORE/THE ALMANAC



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.

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

Blockhouse Point also tells a little of Potomac's history. During the Civil War, the 19th Regiment Massachusetts Voluntary Infantry built three blockhouses in 1862 to guard Violette's Lock and Pennyfield Lock, taking advantage of panoramic views from Blockhouse Point. Union sentries kept watch for Confederate movements across the river and at area forts.

INSIDER'S TIP: Parents with children in grades three to six, should stand by to register them for Club Friday. Club Friday is a joyous, supervised party with many activities that meets Friday evenings at the Potomac Community Center, October-March. (And volunteers are always needed.) Family Fest will be Friday, Sept. 23.

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.

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19 Hadley's Playground at Falls Road Local Park

12600 Falls Rd.
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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, 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.

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

21 Rockwood Manor Park

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

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.



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

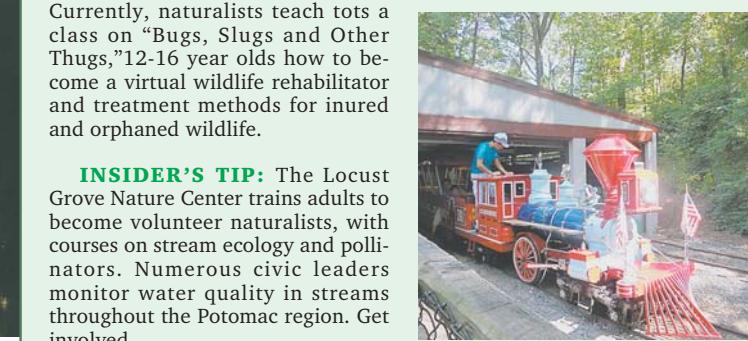
7801 Democracy Boulevard
301-365-2440

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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Can't Miss These

Here are a few editors' picks:

❖ Family Fun Fest, Sept. 23, starting at 4 p.m., Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Rd., Potomac. Sponsored by Montgomery County Recreation and Friends of Potomac Community Center, carnival rides and games, prizes, petting zoo, DJ, "Minute to Win It," \$5 for unlimited rides and games.

❖ Potomac Country House Tour is an annual Potomac tradition in early October organized by Saint Francis Episcopal Church, giving a glimpse inside some of Potomac's most interesting homes while raising funds for dozens of local charities.

❖ Potomac Day, Oct. 22. Parade, 10:30 a.m., Oct. 22, 2011, Potomac Village. Arrive before 10 a.m. to avoid road closures. Free children's rides and more, sponsored by Potomac Chamber of Commerce.

❖ Potomac Theatre Company presents "The Music Man" in November. Call 301-299-8571. See www.potomactheatrec.org.

❖ Cure Autism Run and Walk, July 4, 2012, brings more than 2,000 people together in Potomac Village in a festive celebration to raise money for autism research. See www.autismspeaks.org or email autismspeaks5K@autismspeaks.org

— COMPILED BY KEN MOORE

AUGUST 2011

Great Falls Tavern, Mule-Drawn Canal Boat Rides, through October. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m. Experience living history while traveling up the canal, locking through lift



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Don't Miss Out

2011-2012 Potomac Event Highlights

locks during this one-hour boat ride. Call the C&O Canal National Historical Park at Great Falls Visitor Center, 301-767-3714.

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Potomac Farmers Market, organized by Montgomery County, through October, Thursdays, 2-6:30 p.m. Potomac United Methodist Church, 9908 South Glen Road at corner of Falls Road and Democracy Blvd. 301-590-

It," \$5 for unlimited rides and games. **Family Night**, Friday, Sept. 23, 7:30-9 p.m., Potomac Community Center at 11315 Falls Rd., Potomac, \$5 per bingo ticket, prizes will include Club Friday memberships, snack bar. Call 240-777-6957. Family Fun Fest and Family Night benefit programs at Potomac Community Center.

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. 1-30 at Artery Plaza Gallery, 7200 Wisconsin Ave. 301-215-6660. See www.bethesda.org.

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/.

Annual Bazaar, Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church 10620 River Road, Sept. 23-25. See www.peterpaul.net. Call 301-765-9188.

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OCTOBER 2011

West Montgomery County Citizens Association (WMCCA), Potomac's umbrella citizens association, is scheduled to hold its first general meeting of the season on Wednesday, Oct. 12, and meets the second Wednesday of each month, October through May, Potomac Community Center, 7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. www.wmcca.org.

Potomac Country House Tour is an annual Potomac tradition in October organized by Saint Francis Episcopal Church, giving a glimpse inside some of Potomac's most interesting homes while raising funds for dozens of local charities. See www.potomaccountryhousetour.org for listing of activities and this year's schedule.

Taste of Bethesda, Oct. 1 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The 22nd Annual Taste of Bethesda, a food and music festival in the Woodmont Triangle area of downtown Bethesda. Enjoy "tastes" from more than 55 participating restaurants, along with live entertainment and a children's activities area and classic car show. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

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, Sept. 10, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 240-777-0690. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter.

Half Marathon

Sept. 11, 7 a.m., Annual Parks Half-

marathon, www.parkshalfmarathon.com. Run

from Rockville to Bethesda. Sponsored by

Montgomery County Road Runners Club,

www.mcrcc.org.

Potomac Chamber of Commerce Networking

Thursday, Sept. 15, 4-6 p.m., Normandie Farm

Restaurant.

Family Fun Fest

Friday, Sept. 23, 4-7

p.m., Potomac

Community

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annual meeting, Friday, Oct. 28, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Woodend

Sanctuary in Chevy Chase. 8940

Jones Mill Road. See

www.audubonnaturalist.org or call

301-652-9188.

Montgomery County Out of the Darkness Community Walk, to prevent suicides. Oct. 15, 9 a.m. to noon. Carderock Park Pavilion.

Check-in at 8 a.m. This 3-5 mile



The Landon Azalea Garden Festival, May 4-6, 2012 in the Perkins Garden and the Landon campus, 6101 Wilson Lane, Bethesda. The annual 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. Call 301-320-3200 or visit www.landon.net.

walk, in conjunction with 200 communities across the country this fall, benefits the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. See www.afsp.org or call Sharon Cardarelli at 301-518-5748, escapegirl@comcast.net.

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Bethesda Row Arts Festival, Oct. 15-16, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission free. Call 301-637-5715. See www.bethesdarowarts.org.

NOVEMBER 2011

The Potomac Chamber of Commerce's annual awards dinner, honors Potomac's citizen, businessperson and youth of the year, Thursday, Nov. 10. Normandie Farm, 10710 Falls Road. See www.potomacchamber.org.

Potomac Community Center Open Flea

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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.

42nd Annual Book Festival, Nov. 3-13, at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville. More than 5000 books and music of Jewish content will be featured, including 25 Exciting Author events. Call 301-881-0100. See www.jccgw.org.

Rockville 10K/5K, 36th annual Montgomery County race, returns Nov. 6 to King Farm Village Community Center. See www.mcrcc.org.

West Montgomery County Citizens Association

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Dinner of Champions, Saturday, Nov. 19 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 20th annual 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. 24, 8:30 a.m. at 9401 Old Georgetown Road at Spruce Street. Includes a two-mile walk/run; **wheelchairs welcome**. See www.turkeychase.com.

Winter Lights is a 3.5-mile drive through a holiday light show at Seneca Creek Park with more than 350 illuminated displays. The 15th Annual Winter Lights Festival premiere is Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 25-26, then nightly Dec. 2-31. Proceeds from the Festival benefit local charities. Call 301-258-6350 or visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

DECEMBER 2011

West Montgomery County Citizens Association, general meeting, Dec. 7, Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Dr., 7:15 - 8:45 p.m. Public is welcome. See www.wmcca.org.

Potomac Library Book Sale, 10101 Glenolden Dr., Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 240-777-0690. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter.

Bethesda's Winter Wonderland takes place Dec. 2-3 at multiple locations, including concerts at Imagination Stage and in Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. The event features caroling, ice sculpting, storytelling, holiday performances and hands-on craft activities for children. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

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Jingle Bell Jog 8K, Dec. 11, 9 a.m., at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. See www.mcrcc.org.

Chanukah Festival, Dec. 18, 1-3 p.m. 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, collecting unwrapped new toys for needy children. Call 301-365-2255 or visit www.cjpvfd.org.

JANUARY 2012

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. Potomac falls into two districts, District 15 and District 16, each one with one senator and three delegates. <http://mlis.state.md.us>

Chinese New Year is Monday, Jan. 23. Watch for local events at Potomac Library and Potomac Elementary School, which has a Chinese language immersion program.

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FEBRUARY 2012

The Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival is held over President's Day weekend, at the Hilton Washington D.C./Rockville Hotel and Executive Meeting Center. 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.thanksgivinginfebruary.org. Interfaith Works coordinates the fundraiser, 14 West Montgomery Ave., Rockville, 20850, 301-762-8682.

West Montgomery County Citizens Association, general meeting, Feb. 8, Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Dr., 7:15 - 8:45 p.m. Public is welcome. See www.wmcca.org.

REST OF 2012

As organizations finalize their calendars, here are some highlights to look out for during the rest of 2012. See www.PotomacAlmanac.com.

West Montgomery County Citizens Association continues to meet the second Wednesday of every month through May at the Potomac Library. See www.wmcca.org.

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MARCH 2012

Potomac Theatre Company Spring production, March 9-25, 2012, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Play to be announced. In the Blair Family Center for the Arts at the Bullis School, 10601 Falls Road. Call 301-299-8571. See www.potomactheatreco.org.

APRIL 2012

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 Peak 10K run along Rockville Pike from Shady Grove Metro to White Flint Mall. See the Montgomery County Road Runners Club website at www.mcrcc.org or pikespeak10k.com.

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towpath. Call the Canal Trust at 301-714-2233, www.canaltrust.org, or see the park website at www.nps.gov/choh

Audubon Naturalist Society's

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Potomac Horse Center Annual Spring Open House

, see www.PotomachHorse.com

Run Aware 5K, Cabin John Regional Park, Westlake Drive, organized by Montgomery County Road Runners Club. Race through woods, trails, and, if lucky, mud. Along with the 5K (Cross Country Series) race, there will be a .25 and .5 mile Young Runs and a 1K (Junior Participation Series) race. Last year's race was the first weekend in May. See www.mcrcc.org.

Spring Festival at the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George 7701 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. The annual festival, May 4-6, includes traditional Greek cuisine, outdoor/indoor dining, Greek dancing, church tours and Greek pastries. Call 301-469-7990 or visit www.stgeorge.org.

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Strawberry Festival at Potomac United Methodist Church, 10300 Falls Road in Potomac, is 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, May 4-6, 2012 in the Perkins Garden and the Landon campus, 6101 Wilson Lane, Bethesda. The annual festival dates back to the mid-1950s when Landon's founders, Paul and Mary Lee

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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.

JUNE 2012

Potomac Theatre Company's June show is a Cabaret where the audience

eats and drinks while watching a series of One-Act plays. June 15-24, 2012. In the Blair Family Center for the Arts at the Bullis School, 10601 Falls Road. Call 301-299-8571. See www.potomactheatreco.org.

Imagination Bethesda

, June 2, 2012, is a children's street festival celebrating the arts. 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.

2012 AT&T National

, June 25-July 1, 2012, features 120 PGA Tour professionals at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda who will compete for a \$6.5 million purse. The event raises funds and awareness for the Tiger Woods Foundation while paying tribute to U.S. armed forces. See www.usga.org.

JULY 2012

Autism Speaks Annual 5K run and one-mile walk to benefit research on autism takes place on July 4 at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden

Dr., one block from 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. See www.gaithersburgmd.gov

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 late June or early July is 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 2012

Bethesda Outdoor Movies: Annual outdoor movie series at corner of Norfolk and Auburn avenues. Contact 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org for schedule.



Potomac Country House Tour is an annual Potomac tradition in October organized by Saint Francis Episcopal Church, giving a glimpse inside some of Potomac's most interesting homes while raising funds for dozens of local charities. See www.potomaccountryhousetour.org for listing of activities and this year's schedule.

ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

Free Live Music. At the Beer Garden at Old Angler's Inn Restaurant all summer long. At 10801 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. Call 301-299-9097.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 24

Free Pizza. Noon to 4 p.m. Potomac Pizza will be offering a free slice of pizza as a cure to the end of summer doldrums. Guests who visit any of the restaurant's four locations will receive a free slice of pizza and a soft drink. At Chevy Chase Center: 19 Wisconsin Circle, Chevy Chase; Potomac Promenade: 9812 Falls Road, Potomac; Traville Village Center: 9709 Traville Gateway Dr. Rockville; Kentlands Market Square: 625 Center Point Way, Gaithersburg.

Ukefest 2011. Put Up Your Ukes. 7 p.m., Gudelsky Concert Gazebo. Strathmore has a passion for the uke — and has made the UkeFest an annual occasion. Grammy winners Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer highlight the festival, bringing with them a merry assortment of uke soloists and uke bands including Gerald Ross, Victoria Vox and the Sweater Set, plus The Riders, The Piney Branch Kids Ukulele Ensemble and the Washington Ukulele Orchestra. At 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or www.strathmore.org.

Family Fun Night. 6:30 – 8 p.m. Come to Har Shalom for an evening of family fun and learning. A great introduction to the religious school. Open to the community. Invite friends and neighbors! No fee! Learn to make challah and create a silk painted challah cover. At 11510 Falls Road, Potomac. Email Rabbi Deborah Cohen at rabbicohen@harshalom.org

THURSDAY/AUG. 25

Tribute to Simon & Garfunkel. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Sixty musicians will celebrate the songwriting and performing career of Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. Admission is \$8. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. Slow Blues Lesson from 8:15 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 to 11:30 p.m. At the Back Room at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to info@CapitalBlues.org or www.CapitalBlues.org.

U.S. Army Band Concert. 7:30 p.m. Part of Music in the Parks with the U.S. Army Blues band. At Glen Echo Park, Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo. Call 301-634-2222 or www.usarmyband.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 27

Rockville Wine and Music Festival. Noon to 6 p.m. Cost is \$15. Sample some of the best wines from across Maryland, participate in a cooking demonstration and wine seminars, and enjoy live musical entertainment. At Rockville Town Square in Rockville. Call 240-314-8620 or go to www.rockvillemd.gov/uncorked.

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$15. Music by the Count Basie Big Band. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 3700 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

AUG. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

Fall Change-Over Sale. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$3/bag for all it will hold. Sponsored by the five non-profit organizations that make up the Montgomery County Thrift Shop, 7125 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Shop reopens on Friday, Sept. 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Evelyn Macfadden 301-468-6124.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 1

Summer Concert Series: "Crimestoppers." 7:30 p.m.

Free. Enjoy free music in the Park during the Summer Concert Series in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Call 301-634-2222.

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 9 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. Slow Blues lesson from 8:15 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 to 11:30 p.m. At the Back Room at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to info@CapitalBlues.org or www.CapitalBlues.org.

SEPT. 2 TO 30

Friday Night Concerts on the Square will be held Friday evenings starting on Sept. 2 through Sept. 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. The free concerts will feature bands from a wide range of musical genres from Samba to Cajun, offering something for



SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

The Yardbirds. 8 p.m. With special guests The Taildraggers. Tickets are \$35/regular; \$33/seniors and students. At the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. Call 240-567-5301.

Waltz Magic. Introductory Waltz workshop from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.; dancing from 3:30 to 6 p.m. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 9 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. Slow Blues lesson from 8:15 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 to 11:30 p.m. At the Back Room at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to info@CapitalBlues.org.

BSO Season Preview Concert. 8 p.m. Music Director Marin Alsop leads the BSO in a 2011-2012 season preview. The concert features excerpts from the programs of the 2011-2012 season, such as Strauss' Also sprach Zarathustra, Stravinsky's Firebird Suite and a performance of the third movement of Dvoák's Cello Concerto, featuring the BSO's Principal Cellist Dariusz Skoraczewski. At the Music Center at Strathmore. Tickets are \$10 and available through the BOS ticket office, 410-783-8000 or BSOmusic.org.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 9

Enrollment Night. 6 to 8 p.m. Best suited for kids ages 3 and under but open to all. At My Gym Potomac, 11325 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, Call 301-983-5300; also at My Gym Bethesda, 5110 Ridgefield Road, Bethesda, 301-652-2820. For more information, visit mygym.com/potomac or mygym.com/bethesda.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

35th Anniversary Reading Series. 7:30 p.m. The Writer's Center kicks off its Reading series with former Rockville and Gaithersburg resident Martín Espada, the "Latino poet of his generation." Admission: \$10 for TWC members/ students; \$15 for non-members. At The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda. Call 301-654-8664 for details, or visit www.writer.org.

The Yardbirds. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40. The group will be co-billing with Spencer Davis at the Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. Call 240-567-5301.

Back to School Event. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Festivities include: video games and Discovery Toys for children; The Children's Inn at NIH with interactive activities; Shady Grove Adventist Hospital prepares healthy snacks with children, decorating book covers with Churchill HS Crew Team and more. At Potomac Place, intersection of River and Falls Roads in Potomac. Call Arlene Elling 301-379-4117.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

10th Anniversary Remembrance of 9/11. A time of guided reflection, prayer and silent meditation. At 9:45 a.m. Worship will begin at 11 a.m. At Potomac Presbyterian Church, 1030 River Road, Potomac. Call Pastor Sean Miller at 301-299-6007.

Sept. 11 Community Remembrance. 12:30 p.m. Local elected officials, including County Executive Isiah Leggett, County Council President Valerie Ervin and City of Rockville Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio, will participate in the program that will include remarks by a family member of one of the Montgomery County victims. At Courthouse Square Park in Rockville. Call Judy Stiles at 240-777-6875.

everyone. The concerts are sponsored by Federal Realty Investment Trust. At Rockville Town Square, 200 E Middle Lane, Rockville. Visit www.rockvilletownsquare.com. Sept 2 — Mambo Combo (Tropical Rhythm/Samba) Sept 9 — CrazyFish (Rolling Stones tribute band) Sept 16 — Sons of Pirates (Beach Music/Acoustic Rock) Sept 23 — Donegal Express (Irish-American Roots Rock) Sept 30 — The Crawdaddies (Cajun/Zydeco)

SEPT. 2, 3, 4

"Mlle. Modiste." The Victorian Lyric Opera Company presents a concert production of this operetta by Henry Blossom and Victor Herbert. Tickets \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$16 for students. Call 240-314-8690. Further information at www.vloc.org. Performances Sept. 2 and 3, 8 p.m. and Sept. 4, 2 p.m. at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr., Rockville.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 4

Waltz Dance. 3:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band,

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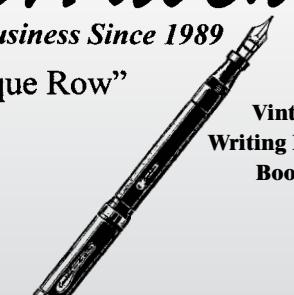
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SPORTS

Getting To Know Churchill Sports

Girls lacrosse team wins second consecutive region championship.

School: Winston Churchill High School
Mascot: Bulldogs.

School Colors: Blue and green.

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

Football Coach: Joe Allen (third year).

The Bulldogs suffered from uncertainty at the quarterback position early in the 2010 season and managed just seven points in their first three games. After being outscored 76-0 in their first two contests, the Bulldogs bounced back to win their next four and nearly made the playoffs.

Boys Basketball Coach: Matthew Miller.

Girls Basketball Coach: Kate McMahon.

Baseball Coach: Scott Blackwood.

Boys Lacrosse Coach: Jeff Fritz

Girls Lacrosse Coach: Christen Gjeldum.

Rival School: Wootton.

Churchill and Wootton met in the regional playoffs in both boys and girls lacrosse. The top-seeded Churchill girls knocked Wootton out in the quarterfinals with a 12-10 overtime victory. The Wootton boys got the best of Churchill, winning 10-7 in the semifinals.

What happened last year: The boys cross country team finished state runner-up for the second year in a row. The girls soccer team finished region runner-up, falling to eventual state champion Bethesda-Chevy Chase in the region final for the second straight season. The boys soccer team reached the

regional semifinals. The hockey team won the state championship. The boys basketball team won a division title for the first time in more than three decades and advanced to the region semifinals. The girls basketball team reached the region semifinals for the second straight year. The baseball team, after starting 0-5 while being outscored 31-6, regrouped and reached the region championship game. The Bulldogs knocked off defending state champion Sherwood in the semifinals before losing to Gaithersburg in the championship game. The girls lacrosse team won its second straight region title and went undefeated before losing in the state semifinals. Tennis player Kevin Chu won the state singles championship.

Historic Achievements: Last season, the boys basketball team won its first division championship in 32 years. The golf team has won 11 state championships. The boys soccer team has won seven state championships. The football team won state titles in 1976 and 1977.

Famous Graduates: Brian Holloway (1977 graduate) was an All-American offensive lineman for the Bulldogs who went on to play at Stanford University. He was a first-round draft pick of the New England Patriots in 1981 and was selected to play in three Pro Bowls. He also played for the Los Angeles Raiders. Swimmer Mike Barrowman (1987) won a gold medal in the 200-meter breaststroke at the 1992 Olympics. Linebacker Dhani Jones (1995) 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.

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Kyle Edwards, then a junior, and the Churchill boys basketball team won a division title for the first time in 32 years.

Getting To Know Whitman Sports

Girls swim team wins second consecutive metro championship.

School: Walt Whitman High School.

Mascot: Vikings.

School Colors: Black, white and Columbia blue.

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

Football Coach: Jim Kuhn (fifth year).

The Vikings finished the regular season with a 7-3 record and qualified for the playoffs for the third time in four years. Whitman lost to Gaithersburg in the first round of the postseason. The Vikings limited the opposition to 14.2 points per game in the regular season and held eight of 10 opponents to 14 points or less.

Boys Soccer Coach: Dave Greene.

Boys Basketball Coach: Chris Lun.

Girls Basketball Coach: Pete Kenah.

Baseball Coach: Joe Cassidy.

What happened last year: The girls cross country team won the state championship, led by individual champion Anna Ryba. The volleyball team defeated Churchill in the opening round of the regional tournament. The boys soccer team advanced

to the regional quarterfinals, where the Vikings lost to eventual state champion Magruder. The girls soccer team won a regional playoff game. The girls swim team won its second consecutive metro championship. The girls basketball team reached the regional semifinals. The boys basketball team won a regional playoff game. The baseball team advanced to the regional semifinals. Sean Ngo and Aries Wong teamed up to win the boys doubles tennis state championship.

Historic Achievements: The boys soccer program has won eight state championships, the last coming in 2009. The girls soccer program won the state title in 2004. The boys basketball program captured the state crown in 2006. The girls basketball team won a state championship in 1995.

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

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Val Djidotor and the Whitman football team reached the playoffs in 2010.

NEWS



Supporting Nick's Organic Farm

A potluck party, held in conjunction with the Maryland Organic Food and Farming Association, attracted residents to raise funds for Nick Maravell's organic farm. Maravell has farmed 20-acres on Brickyard for more than 30 years to develop a "county organic incubator." The county is in the midst of a process of seeking a contractor to build and operate four soccer fields encompassing the site.

REAL ESTATE

Helping Seniors 'Rightsize' Their Homes

Potomac resident Eric Stewart knows that while moving can be a difficult transition, the task can seem overwhelming for seniors faced with the additional burden of downsizing their homes.

Stewart, a real estate agent and host of WMAL's "The Eric Stewart Show," helps seniors "rightsizing" their homes during his presentation "Preparing Your Home for Today's Market," on Thursday, Aug. 25, 1-3 p.m. at Ingleside at King Farm, a

community care retirement center in Rockville. The event is open to the public.

Some tips Stewart makes in his presentation to start people down the road to "rightsizing" their homes include establishing a "Loading Zone" and a "Keep Area."

The loading zone, an area in the home dedicated to getting rid of stuff, can be established by setting up four areas:

- ❖ An area for things that have value and can be sold.
- ❖ A giveaway area, things to donate to charity or give to friends and family.
- ❖ An area for throw-away items.
- ❖ An area to stand to be able to reach items and handle overflow.



Stewart

The keep area is for valued belongings and has three areas:

❖ A Memory Conversion Corner, an area for items like old photos that can be digitized.

❖ An area for valuables and heirlooms.

❖ An area for bric-a-brac like books and novelties.

Furniture and large items will

stay in place and labeled with red, yellow or green labels. Red for giveaway or sell, yellow for undecided and green for items to be moved into the new home.

To help decide what to keep and what to get rid of, Stewart suggests asking three questions: Do I need it? Do I love it? Do I use it?

These and more tips can be found in Stewart's Rightsizing Guide 2011 at <http://www.box.net/shared/22dhxcvbx5g8iovakqjd>, or call 800-900-9104.

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historic building showcases its woodsy setting near the river, and a beautiful outdoor setting in good weather.

Glen Echo Park

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

Originally a Chautauqua 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.

Adventure 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 was for children to be involved.

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 walks, canoeing trips, art exhibits and canoe cleanup events are offered throughout the year. One goal of The Potomac Conservancy is to educate, inspire and engage Potomac watershed residents about the wonders of living near the Potomac River and its tributaries.

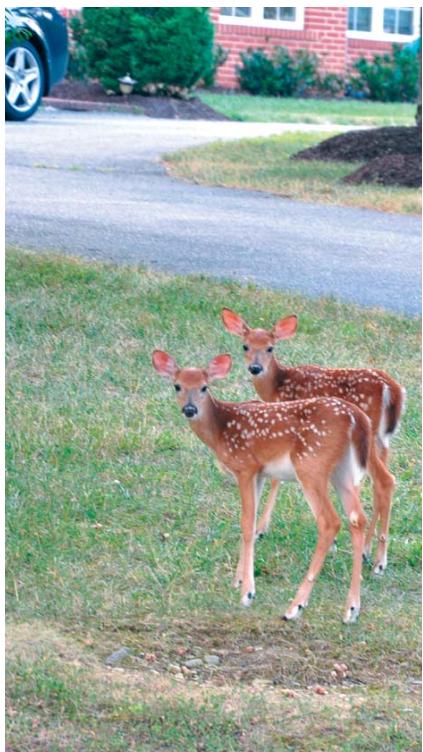


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-William Van Horne

No "APPtitude" For That

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Even though there are seemingly "apps" for everything these days, there is no "app" for the app-challenged, is there? A tutorial of sorts for those most deficient in what is becoming increasingly *de rigueur*: the app from the App Store. The new dictionary. The new means of accessing information and learning about – and dare I say, manipulating your circumstances/your life. The only problem I see with respect to the assimilation of "apps," other than this operator's minimal instincts for such resources compounded by poor judgment, is that it feels ever more crucial that one own a hand-held device, the four-letter word updated to a three-word must-have; a ubiquitous symbol of our times, apparently.

Not that I'm intimidated by such devices, but I am poorly prepared, poorly educated and poorly positioned for their use and hopefully non-abuse. And given the direction that technology is taking the world and the omnipotence of such small, modern-day conveniences where information is barely a click away, the need to get on board, rather than to be bored by their usefulness, is becoming more of a necessity by the nanosecond. As Red, (Morgan Freeman) said near the end of the Oscar-nominated movie, "Shawshank Redemption:" "Get busy living or get busy dying;" (not a Kenny-with-cancer reference). The fad stage is over. The Industrial Revolution has re-struck.

I can accept that. But embracing it is my problem. How exactly do you teach an old dog new tricks? How do you change a lifetime of almost rote-like instincts – and movements ("ready-fors")? I've spent 50-plus years developing these patterns and habits; how do I change the course of history (which right now might seem more like a curse) which has led me to middle age?

I suppose if the answer to these questions were easy, most middle-agers and seniors would likely be holding their devices, not holding onto their past. But since Rome wasn't built in a day ("Neither was Milwaukee;" a Three Stooges reference), I presume patience is in order. Unfortunately, patience is what I have the least of these days. Being diagnosed with a terminal disease will do that to you – at least it has done it to me. Oh, I have my moments to be sure, but generally speaking, my focus has narrowed and my tolerance has almost disappeared. (I'm not exactly Larry David in "Curb Your Enthusiasm," but I'm not shrinking too many violets, either.)

Maybe what I need is a change? Maybe I need to go where this man has never gone before (and not to a Star Trek Convention; although I do have a communicator which makes a very familiar sound)? Maybe learning something new (use of a "hand-held device") might just jump-start the mental momentum which sometimes seems like it could use a jolt – and I am not referring to the highly-caffeinated drink of the same name? Maybe navigating a pathway to the information superhighway might actually help rather than hinder my daily putting?

Since I'm not inclined – or able – to live large, maybe I can evolve into a more enlightened, educated and technically savvy individual, and integrate myself into the present and forsake a little bit, anyway, of the past? After all, middle age shouldn't be the end, it should be the beginning. Life's too short (don't I know it!) to be stuck in neutral. I need to drive to survive, in and out of the car.

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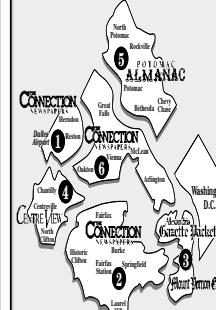
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SPORTS

Getting To Know Wootton Sports

Girls cross country team excels.

School: Thomas Wootton High School.

Mascot: Patriots.

School Colors: Red, white and blue.

Athletic Director: Christopher Thompson, 301-279-8575

Football Coach: Eddie Tolliver (second year).

The Patriots finished 2-8 for the second consecutive season, beating Churchill and Northwest.

Boys Basketball Coach: Chris Bohlen.

Girls Basketball Coach: Maggie Dyer.

Baseball Coach: JD Marchand.

Rival School: Churchill.

While the football team had a down year in 2010, the Patriots helped keep Churchill out of the playoffs with a 48-42, four-overtime victory. During the 2010-11 winter season, the boys basketball team snapped Churchill's 13-game winning streak with an overtime win. The boys lacrosse team beat Churchill in the regional semifinals.

What happened last year: The volleyball team won a regional playoff game. The girls cross country team finished sixth in the state. The field hockey team finished region runner-up. The Wootton boys soccer team won a regional playoff game.

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: "It's tough. I actually joke with all of my friends who have summer jobs — I don't have anything — but they always say, 'Football is your job.' I'm out here every day. I know every day I can't do anything from 4 o'clock to 8 o'clock because I have football. You can see all these guys out there; they're doing the exact same thing. It shows a lot of dedication. It means a lot to us as a senior class that we have all these guys coming out here every day. It's not just the projected starters, it's everybody." — Wootton lineman Ben Killion about summer workouts.

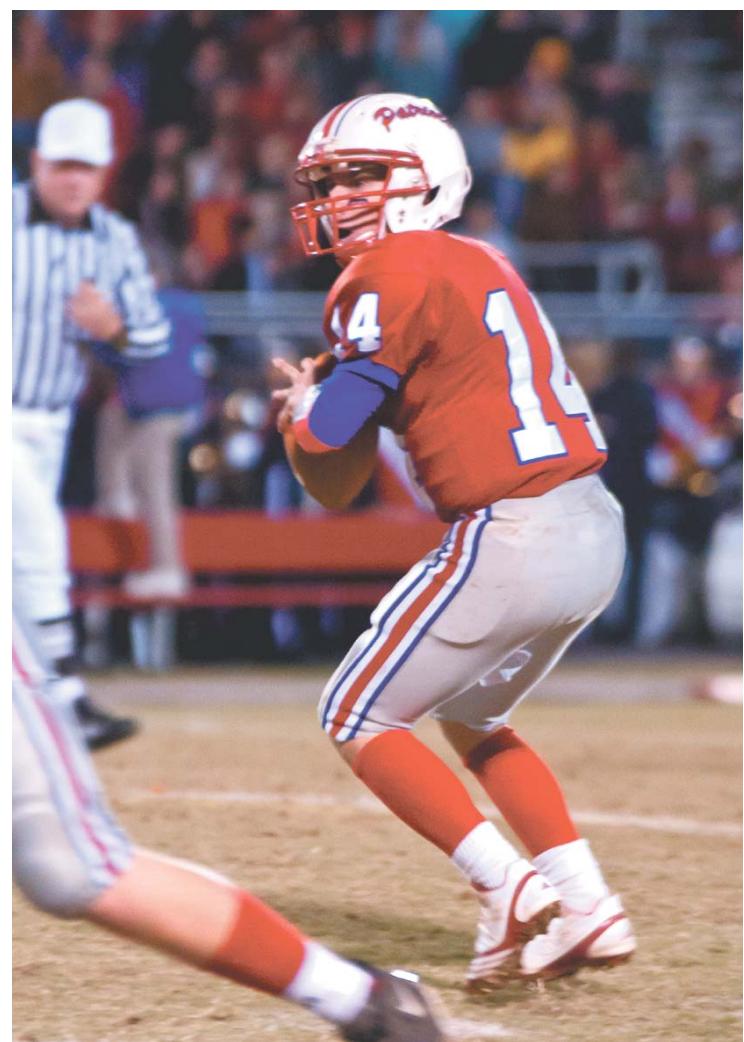


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Chris Papadopoulos and the Wootton football team look to rebound from a 2-8 record in 2010.

Getting To Know Bullis Sports

Football team finishes with winning record.

School: The Bullis School.

Mascot: Bulldogs.

School Colors: Blue and gold.

Athletic Director: (boys)

Andres Parra, 301-983-5701
x809, (girls) Kathleen Lloyd 301-983-5738.

Football Coach: Patrick Cilento

The Bulldogs went 6-4 in 2010, including wins in their last two games.

Boys Basketball Coach: Bruce Kelley.

Girls Basketball Coach: Kira Orr.
Baseball Coach: Brian Lumpkin.

Famous Graduates: 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 collegiately 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: "We had to have a lot of communication and we kind of lacked that last year. Now, it's like we've come together. Also ... we did not have a lot of confidence in ourselves and each other. We had a lot of young girls last year and now their confidence is up. We trust each other and [we're] a lot [sounder] as a team." — Then-senior Nicole Aust about the 2011 Bullis girls lacrosse team.



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Nicole Aust and the Bullis girls lacrosse team started the 2011 season strong with a lopsided win over Bishop O'Connell.

At Churchill

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ESPN reporter Rachel Nichols graduated from Churchill in 1991.

Quotable: "It's kind of fun having a target on our back because we get to come out and prove that we really are where we're supposed to be." — Lacrosse player Katie Ruben, then a senior, during last season's undefeated run to a second consecutive region championship.

At Whitman

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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. Movie director Spike Jonze (Adam Speigel) graduated in 1987.

Quotable: "It's not all glory, that's for sure. There's been a lot of quiet evenings at the dinner table at our house." — Head football coach Jim Kuhn, describing the ups and downs of his relationship with his son Henry Kuhn, who was the Vikings' starting quarterback.

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