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The unused roller hockey rink at Potomac Community Center could provide a facility for sports for children and adults with disabilities by next spring.

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by Michael Matese

**The Evolution of Luxury**

At the beginning of the 20th century, "luxury living" was defined by indoor plumbing and electricity. The dawn of the 21st century often sees homes with more bathrooms than there are bedrooms—the concept of "luxury homes" has evolved and flourished. Today's 'must haves' are items that hadn't even entered the consciousness of home builders even a century ago, while their "luxury" standards are the things we now consider common efficiencies. Whether building or remodeling, today's home owners are thinking "green" and buying "Smart" homes. Components such as eco friendly building/renovations materials, energy saving innovations in everything from water dispensers to solar panels are more prevalent than ever today. Bathrooms with spa features that are built to conserve water, solar heating and smart appliances that cook well but save energy are making their way into homes every day. Hidden storage, televisions that can be put away to show, bathrooms that are more like spas, with their steam showers and heated floors are coming more and more to the forefront of home design and renovation. When you're looking for a new home or a vacation hideaway, let your REALTOR® know exactly what you're looking for and she can make sure that all of your 'favorite things' are just waiting for you.

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Grilled Oyster Company will be opening in the Cabin John Shopping Center in the last week of August or the first week in September.

# Restaurant To Open At Cabin John Center

**Owner of Grilled Oyster Company praises location.**

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMNA

**R**aw, freshly shucked oysters, Chesapeake Bay crab dishes, grilled clams, local farm chopped salad, prime rib, blackened chicken wings — these menu items and much more will be featured at the newest restaurant in the Cabin John Shopping Center. According to owner Rick Dugan, The Grilled Oyster Company will be opening the last week of August or the first week in September.

The Grilled Oyster Company is moving into the former Pomegranate Restaurant space, next to the Cabin John Shopping Center Giant Food store.

"My wife Valerie and I have been searching for a long time for a good location for a restaurant,"

said Dugan. "We are very excited about the space. We redecorated the restaurant, but the kitchen did not need many changes. It is exceptionally nice and very clean."

Dugan and his wife will be managing the restaurant together. "We are focusing on sustainable fresh seafood and local vegetables. Our oysters may come from Prince Edward Island or further away, but many of our dishes will be Chesapeake inspired."

Dugan may look familiar to Potomac residents. He started as a busboy in 1980 at O'Donnell's Restaurant in Bethesda to pay his way through the University of Maryland. He remained at O'Donnell's for many years, serving as general manager. Dugan also worked at Clyde's Restaurants and Brio. He is thrilled to be opening his own restaurant: "We have found the community to be very supportive. As we've been getting the restaurant ready to open, people have stopped by to meet us, inquire about the restaurant

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**Alexis Kende and Mary Cassell, in the middle, participate in a soccer game with other athletes of the TOPSoccer program in November at Wootton High School. Youth with all disabilities, including those in walkers, participate in the program, despite the difficulty getting around grassy and often muddy fields in their walkers. TOPSoccer is exploring the possibility of using the old inline skating rink at the Potomac Community Center for its programs, which would allow all of the athletes to compete without difficulty due to their equipment.**

## Roller Rink Adapting

**A recreation site for people with disabilities.**

BY KEN MOORE  
THE ALMANAC

**P**am Yerg has been looking at the dormant roller hockey rink at the Potomac Community Center with vision.

“We believe it holds huge potential value as a multi-sport facility for use by people in our county with disabilities,” she said.

Last month, the county repaired the wheelchair ramp leading to the rink. Work is also being completed on the accessible parking spaces at the community center and sidewalk ramps.

That was serendipitous, said Gabriel I. Alborno, director of the county’s Department of Recreation. The county already had a project in place to ensure ADA compliance to its recreation areas throughout the county, he said.

But that project did eliminate one cost of renovating the rink, he said. Plans have moved forward on the adapting the rink, and this fall, the county plans to seek input from the neighborhood residents.

“We want to have consent with neighbors and the community and to see if there are thoughts, issues and concerns,” Alborno said.

The county hopes for the rink to be fully adapted and ready for use next spring.

“There is a tremendous need for this type of amenity,” he said.

The dormant rink could provide a safe,

flat surface for people with disabilities who use assistive devices such as crutches, walkers, wheelchairs or prosthetics. It could be used for soccer, kick ball, T-ball, bocce and various other sports.

Yerg coordinates the TOPSoccer adaptive program and is the area director of Special Olympics MD-Montgomery. Some of her players use crutches and walkers and “struggle through the ruts and grass and the mud” to be part of soccer activities and games.

The county is researching the surface to use for the rink to best accommodate athletes who use wheel chairs or crutches.

The rink could also benefit Wounded Warriors, an organization supporting disabled veterans in partnership with Walter Reed National Medical Center and Disabled Sports USA, as well as other programs in the county that serve those with disabilities.

The Wounded Warriors program has asked the county for an inventory of accessible recreation facilities across the county, Alborno said. With Walter Reed relocating to Bethesda, wounded warriors will be treated there.

Last year, the county had issued a Request for Proposals to develop a public private partnership for soccer and other uses in the area behind the Community Center. That RFP included demolishing the rink.

That’s when Yerg took a simple action. She sent a proposal of her idea and vision for the rink to the county last fall.

“I don’t know if I would be talking about this if we were starting from scratch with the current fiscal situation,” Yerg said. “When you have a facility already in place that is not being used, it just makes sense.”

## Will Maravell Go or Stay?

**Organic farmer told to vacate land Aug. 15; challenge to occur in Montgomery County Circuit Court Aug. 14.**

BY KEN MOORE  
THE ALMANAC

**T**he county told Nick Maravell that he must vacate Brickyard Road by Aug. 15 so it can move forward with plans for soccer fields.

Maravell asked to stay.

Last week, Maravell, owner of Nick’s Organic Farm, filed a motion to stay while the Montgomery County Circuit Court determines the ultimate outcome of the 20 acres on Brickyard Road.

Maravell has leased the property from the school system since 1980 to steward an organic farm. In March 2011, despite no public involvement or knowledge, the Montgomery County School Board voted to turn the land over to the county for a public-private partnership for soccer fields.

“There would be no harm to the Board, MCPS, the County or MSI if Petitioners are allowed to remain on the Property during the pendency of this action,” wrote James L. Parsons Jr., attorney for Maravell and Nick’s Organic Farm. “Neither the County nor MSI have submitted an application with [Park and Planning] related to the change of use for the subject property,” according to Parsons. “Thus, MSI does not yet have the necessary permits to begin the construction of the soccer fields.”

The Maryland Department of Agriculture certifies the farm as organic, which it has been since 1986. Maravell seeks to maintain “status-quo” while legal issues are decided by the courts.

“If a stay is not entered, petitioners will be forced to vacate the property after Aug. 15, 2012. As a result, over 30 years years of organic soil building will be lost,” according to the Circuit Court documents.

Maravell also requested an expedited hearing in Circuit Court.

A hearing had already been scheduled for Aug. 14 to respond to a related Circuit Court matter filed by the Brickyard Coalition. The Brickyard Coalition claims the county has not fully responded to its request under the Maryland Freedom of Information Act.

Both Maravell and the Brickyard Coalition asked for Judicial Review of last week’s State Board of Education ruling. The state

board ruled that Montgomery County’s Board of Education did not violate law when voting to turn the land over to the county during a March 2011 meeting.

Maravell and the Brickyard Coalition challenge the validity of the lease to the county. According to the court documents:

“There are serious legal questions going to the merits, including but not limited to:

“a) Whether the Board’s action was illegal because it exceeded its authority under Section 4-114 of the Maryland Education Article, because the Lease does not result in direct benefits to the Board in carrying out its educational responsibilities.

“b) Whether

the Board’s actions violated its own policies and procedures as stated in the Board of Education Handbook and the Open meetings Act.”

The Almanac did not obtain the county’s Circuit Court response to Maravell’s motions by its Tuesday presstime.

But the county believes there is a critical need for soccer fields in the county and County Executive Isiah Leggett acted to meet that need.

The county also says it offered Maravell help to relocate his farm, as well as language in the Request for Proposal that included a section of the soccer site to be devoted to a farm use.

The county says MSI was the only bidder during the Request for Proposal period.

The county, through legal documents, also says it has been responsive to the Brickyard Coalition requested release of information.

The county has claimed that the Master Plan confirms that the site is suggested for ball fields, a claim opponents contest by quoting the Master Plan itself.

On Monday, Aug. 6, Leggett announced a new program to support farmers that emphasizes the need for farmers to have long-term access to their land.

“Our region has an ever-increasing demand for sustainable, local food — food that nourishes our children, reclaims our environment and provides meaning employment within the County,” said Leggett. “The New Farmer Pilot Project will give new farmers a head start by matching them with private land owners and a support network that enables them to grow their businesses.”



## Pepco and Derecho Storm

The Maryland Public Service Commission will host eight public hearings across the state this month to ask residents about their opinions and experiences during the June 29 Derecho Storm that left many homes and businesses without power for more than a week.

A hearing at Montgomery County Council headquarters in Rockville Tuesday, Aug. 7 included on all three power utilities that serve Montgomery County, but the focus of the hearing was planned to be on Pepco.

The hearing was scheduled to be broadcast live by County Cable Montgomery and will be available through the county website at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov).

Written public comments should be sent by Sept. 10 to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, Md. 21202. Contact Regina L. Davis of the Public Service Commission at [rdavis@psc.state.md.us](mailto:rdavis@psc.state.md.us) or at 410-767-8054.

## New Farmer Pilot

County Executive Isiah Leggett announced a pilot program to support, train and mentor new farmers by placing them on individual, longer-term, leased sites.

The program will encourage new farmers to start and sustain new farms in Montgomery County, said Leggett, at a conference at Red Wiggler Farm Barn in Germantown.

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Two private land owners have already agreed to lease a portion of their properties to new farm businesses for five years or more, and more landowners are expected to participate. Access to land makes the difference between prospective farmers starting in Montgomery County or looking elsewhere, said Jeremy Criss, manager of DED Division of Agricultural Services.

Montgomery County’s program differs from other “incubator programs” across the country in the amount of time farmers are permitted on the leased land. Shorter-term programs challenge farmers to find new sites, conditioning soil at new sites and planning new plots immediately.

“You only want a new business to endure the start-up phase once,” said Steve Silverman, director of the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development. “If new farmers are able to start their businesses on private land, and not have to worry about finding new space right away, they will have a better chance at long-term success.”

The program has financial support from the U.S. Small Business Administration, private landowners, and a training partnership with the University of Maryland Extension Program. Green Economy Task Force, the Sustainability Working Group, the County Commission on Health and the Montgomery County Food Policy Council advocate for increased production of local food. Montgomery County’s Agricultural Reserve was created in 1980 and encompasses on third, or 93,000 acres, of Montgomery County’s land. New farmers will be selected through an application program that started with the announcement Tuesday, Aug. 6. The County and landowners leasing land hope to have new farmers on their sites within 10 weeks.

See [www.choosemontgomerycountymd.com](http://www.choosemontgomerycountymd.com).

# FIELD NOTES

## Tyler Abell’s Merry-Go-Round Afternoon

BY CAROLE DELL  
THE ALMANAC

**T** Tyler turning 80? No way. But, here we were, at a birthday party featuring everything but a performing horse, although there were plenty in the pastures, and there he was, Tyler wearing a cap with the number 80 and the letters WFM — had to be a radio station. No, said Tyler, the initials were Walter F. Mondale’s and the year was 1980 and the cap was a gift. But, never mind, today was Tyler Abell’s day to celebrate 80 with another gift: friends from close by and as far away as Arizona and Florida who celebrated this Saturday afternoon with him, his wife Bess and their family.



**Dell**

Tyler and Bess Abell, who were married in 1955, (they eloped back then), are Potomac stalwarts who have lived a life immersed in politics and a passion for their farm. He is a lawyer and former Chief of Protocol serving under President Lyndon Johnson from 1968-69; and she, a former White House social secretary to Lady Bird Johnson. He is stepson of nationally syndicated columnist, Drew Pearson; and she, the daughter of Earle Clements, former congressman, governor of Kentucky and U. S. senator.

Their farm overlooking the Potomac River, where the party took place, is called Merry-Go-Round farm and has been in Tyler’s family since the ‘30s. It was the spot where Drew Pearson went to escape Washington and who later turned it into a farm, which he named after his syndicated column: “Washington Merry-Go-Round.”

Tyler grew up here, rode horses here, raised a family here, and created a community here when he developed this 210-acre piece of Eden. Around 79 unique home sites now meander unobtrusively throughout the farm, which has over 30 horses, an indoor riding ring and miles of trails — a perfect place for a party.

On the invitation, they called it a Mini-Fair and it was that and much more. I walked into yesterday when I walked down the lane towards the party where sounds of the ‘60s wafted out on the guitar beat of Santana. His rhythmic vibe vied with the calling out of Bingo numbers announcing their winners; kids were swinging with a hula-hoop while some brave folks sat to have their caricature created. We paused at the popcorn stand just like old times and it brought back memories of another moment, our younger selves maybe.

It was a convergence of the old and the new. Friends



**Tyler and Bess Abell share lunch with friends at his birthday celebration, while behind them, friends chat and watch the children try their skills at the hula-hoop.**

from the early years mingled with the residents of today’s Merry-Go-Round community, just as “a younger than that” Potomac crowd began to show through, those who only know the older Tyler and Bess and probably have no idea about that ‘60s Capitol Hill crowd and what a swish young couple Tyler and Bess were.

When we bought our farm here in the ‘70s, we discovered Tyler. He had already staked out our pastures, his cattle lowing in the early morning. The previous owner had failed to tell us that he rented out our fields.

So there we sat facing a fully-stocked farm and a farmer who didn’t look the part and suggested martinis were the right way to end the day. Back then we were the newbies and soon discovered there was much to learn about Tyler and Bess.

But, today, the folks from “old Potomac” prevailed and lingered over lunch to exchange war stories of obstreperous steers and broken fences and the Potomac Hunt back when they rode the hills around here.

It was a splendid afternoon spent with all those who came to celebrate Tyler’s 80 remarkable years. And, scattered around the party among the mementos of his life we found a gift for us, the guests: a young Tyler, smiling, looking oh so Robert Redfordish, artfully emblazoned on a souvenir cookie.

I took one home but haven’t the heart to eat it.  
Happy Birthday, Tyler.

## Grilled Oyster Opens in Cabin John

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and wish us good luck. I am looking forward to seeing many of my former restaurant guests at our new venture.”

The restaurant will be open for lunch and dinner from 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. The hours on Friday and Saturday are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Even though seafood is a major menu item, the restaurant will offer both meat and vegetarian items. Most dinners are priced from \$18 - \$22, although the 2 pound lobster and filet mignon will be a bit higher. The menu also includes small plates and dishes for sharing. The 135-seat restaurant will include outdoor dining as well as a full bar with Happy Hour specials and a complete wine list. A private dining room is available for parties of 25.

“We are a family-friendly restaurant,” Dugan said. “Our menu features many kid-friendly items, including Mac and cheese and grilled cheese — but we also have crab cakes, salmon and mussels on the kid’s menu. I know my 7-year-old and 10-year-old appreciate variety in kid’s meals — and that’s what we are providing. We



**Rick Dugan, owner of the Grilled Oyster Company, with daughter Olivia and son Jack.**

also have a wonderful coffee program. We will be featuring Chesapeake Roasting coffee — an excellent coffee product.”

Reservations can be made at The Grilled Oyster Company by calling 301-299-9888. The restaurant is located in the Cabin John Shopping Center, corner of Tuckerman Lane and Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Its website is still under construction but will be available soon.

# Home Life Style



Susan Matus of Case Design/Remodeling renovated the basement of this Bethesda home to make room for a pool table and bar.



Susan Matus of Case Design/Remodeling renovated the family room of this Bethesda home to make it suitable for entertaining.

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## Remodeling and Renovating Local designers design a home that is compatible with one's lifestyle.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE ALMANAC

**L**ifestyle and social considerations are as important as design and aesthetic decisions when remodeling or renovating a home, say some local designers. From bathrooms with a water closet to second floor laundry areas and kitchens that flow freely into the family room, homeowners should determine how the space will be used before beginning a remodeling project.

"I try to figure out how the family lives," said George Hodges-Fulton of BOWA. "If I know who is doing what where and when I can design around it. If something drives you up a wall and you're ready to go see Dr. Phil with your spouse, let's just design around it."

Hodges-Fulton restructured the dated kitchen of a McLean home to add more space for an active family that includes three teenage boys. An addition extending from the rear wall of the kitchen expanded the footprint of the home. The plan included a butler's pantry, family dining area, sitting room and screened porch. The addition of windows allowed natural light to stream into the space.

"The specific reason that the addition was put on was to provide the husband with a place to read the Sunday paper and still be engaged with the family," said Hodges-Fulton. "He travels quite a bit, but the idea would be that the family would have a Sunday morning gathering space. The addition definitely changed the dynamic and improved family time."

Guy Semmes of Hopkins and Porter Construction in Potomac, Md. transformed the cramped, dark interior of a Damascus, Md., home into a haven of light and nature. Floor



Guy Semmes of Hopkins and Porter Construction in Potomac transformed the cramped, dark interior of this home into haven of light and nature. Floor-to-ceiling windows offer a panoramic view of the backyard.

to ceiling windows make up the entire rear wall of the addition, which also unified the kitchen, family room and living room, creating an open, flowing space with a panoramic view of the tree-filled backyard.

"We wanted to take advantage of all the southern light from the backyard and to make the home feel more expansive," said Semmes. "We integrated the outdoors with the interior spaces. It made everything flow so much nicer."

**HUSBAND AND WIFE DESIGN** team Suzanne and Robert Kalmin of RJK Construction in Fairfax created a space in the bathroom of a Reston home to make laundry less laborious.

"The homeowner had an active family," said Suzanne Kalmin. "She had to do laundry

for three kids and two adults. The washer and dryer were in the basement. She wanted a laundry area that didn't require her to run up and down the stairs constantly."

The Kalmins remodeled the large second floor master bathroom to include a space for the washer and dryer. "All of the bedrooms are on the top level, so it made more sense," said Robert Kalmin. "Instead of walking up and down the stairs she could just go straight across the hall. She could do laundry at night while relaxing in her bedroom."

Potomac, Md.-based designer Susan Matus of Case Design/Remodeling transformed an outdated Bethesda home, creating a space that would feel inviting to the homeowners' daughter, son-in-law and

three grandchildren. The design included a ground level office and family room, and a renovated basement with room for a pool table and bar. Even the walls were stripped of the existing wood paneling.

"The family room walks out to the backyard where there is a very beautiful pool," said Matus. "Before the renovation, the family room did not have a clear exit out to the pool area. We added French doors that open to the patio."

When renovating a kitchen, an Alexandria homeowner wanted the warm look of a slate floor, but not the high-maintenance that comes with a natural stone surface in a high-traffic area. Designers Allie Mann and Jim Wrenn of Case Design/Remodeling suggested a porcelain slate with high variation to provide the look and feel of slate without the tiresome upkeep.

From free-flowing rooms to low-maintenance spaces, designers say that are able to incorporate most homeowner requests into a remodel or renovation. "Every homeowner has their own style," said Robert Kalmin. "When it comes to construction, we're able to accomplish everyone's style."

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— George Hodges-Fulton

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# Potomac REAL ESTATE

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IN JUNE 2012, 56 POTOMAC HOMES SOLD BETWEEN \$2,910,000-\$475,000.

## Top Sales for June 2012



**1** 13 Purcell Court, Potomac — \$2,910,000

**3** 8620 Chateau Drive, Potomac — \$1,900,000



**2** 12724 Greenbriar Road, Potomac — \$2,200,000



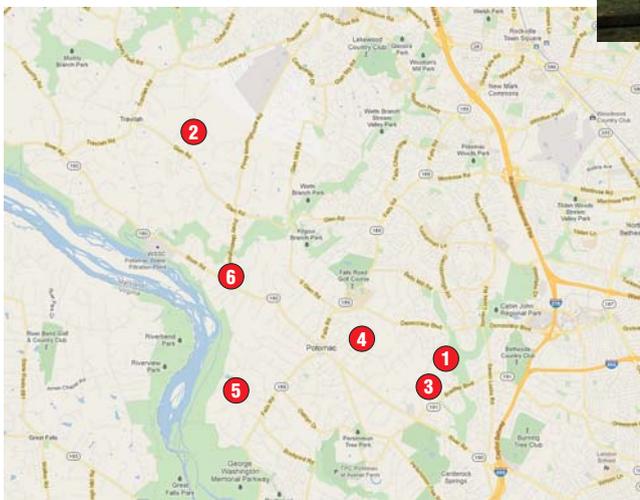
**6** 11407 Swains Creek Court, Potomac — \$1,628,000



**5** 10912 Cripplegate Road, Potomac — \$1,630,000



**4** 9612 Halter Court, Potomac — \$1,650,000



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1 13 PURCELL CT	7	6	2	POTOMAC	\$2,910,000	Detached	0.69	20854	MCAULEY PARK	06/04/12
2 12724 GREENBRIAR RD	5	5	2	POTOMAC	\$2,200,000	Detached	2.00	20854	PALATINE	06/27/12
3 8620 CHATEAU DR	5	5	1	POTOMAC	\$1,900,000	Detached	2.00	20854	KENDALE	06/30/12
4 9612 HALTER CT	6	5	2	POTOMAC	\$1,650,000	Detached	2.07	20854	CAMOTOP	06/29/12
5 10912 CRIPPLEGATE RD	4	2	1	POTOMAC	\$1,630,000	Detached	2.22	20854	POTOMAC FALLS	06/14/12
6 11407 SWAINS CREEK CT	7	5	1	POTOMAC	\$1,628,000	Detached	2.00	20854	SADDLE RIDGE	06/15/12

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# HOME SALES

In June 2012, 56 Potomac homes sold between \$2,910,000-\$475,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$629,000-\$475,000 range. For the complete list, visit [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision
8509 WILKESBORO LN	5	3	1		ROCKVILLE	\$629,000	Detached	0.21	20854	REGENCY ESTATES
11836 ENID DR	4	2	1		POTOMAC	\$620,000	Detached	0.21	20854	REGENCY ESTATES
8616 WILD OLIVE DR	4	2	1		POTOMAC	\$620,000	Detached	0.22	20854	REGENCY ESTATES
11613 GREENLANE DR	5	2	1		POTOMAC	\$600,000	Detached	0.25	20854	REGENCY ESTATES
7535 CODDLE HARBOR LN	3	2	2		POTOMAC	\$574,000	Townhouse	0.09	20854	INVERNESS KNOLLS
11719 TIFTON DR	4	2	1		POTOMAC	\$560,000	Detached	0.26	20854	REGENCY ESTATES
8048 INVERNESS RIDGE RD	3	2	2		POTOMAC	\$485,000	Townhouse	0.05	20854	INVERNESS FOREST TH
10731 DEBORAH DR	3	3	1		POTOMAC	\$475,000	Townhouse	0.05	20854	INVERNESS FOREST TH

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## Zoning Rewrite Project Underway

Montgomery County planners have been revising sections of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance since 2010. Planners seek to rewrite the Zoning Code — last rewritten in 1977 — to modernize antiquated, redundant zoning regulations and create new tools to help achieve goals in community plans, according to the Montgomery County Planning Department.

“The current 1,200 page code is viewed as inconsistent and outdated. The revised code — which will be considered by the Planning Board in a number of work sessions before going to the County Council for review early in 2013 — is expected to reduce the number of zones, clarify what uses are permitted in each zone, and rethink 1950s-era commercial strips and office parks,” according to

Planning Board officials.

Planners have released a consolidated draft combining all of those sections and seek input before taking a revised draft to the Planning Board for consideration in September and throughout the fall.

The draft Zoning Code covers what's permitted in each zone, how one can build, and the process by which development is reviewed and approved. It consolidates 123 existing zones into less than 40 proposed zones and seeks to ensure consistency with current height and density rules as well as recommendations in each community's Master Plan.

Download the draft at [www.zoningmontgomery.org](http://www.zoningmontgomery.org). Feedback is encouraged at the Zoning Rewrite Project's online comment board.

## BUSINESS NOTES

Westfield Montgomery is bringing Stacy London's "What Not To Wear" to the mall with its **Stylist On Demand service**, featuring free consultation sessions and interactive services with London's stylists. The focal point of the new offering is the Westfield Style Lounge, a dedicated space in the mall where professional stylists will provide free personalized style consultations for shoppers. The Westfield Style Lounge amenity is now operating at Westfield Montgomery. Operating hours are Saturdays from 12 – 5 p.m. and Sundays from 12 – 4 p.m. The Ask A Stylist service is also now available during all mall hours.

Larry Shulman, founder of the law firm **Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker** in Potomac, was inducted into the Maryland Business Hall of Fame in honor of the positive impact his work has had on Maryland business owners, residents and educational organizations. Shulman is one of three business leaders recognized at the Maryland Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Meeting & Business Hall of Fame Awards Dinner held in the spring at the BWI Airport Marriott Hotel.

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# LETTER

## Simply Irreplaceable

To the Editor:

Having read Ken Moore's excellent summary of the Brickyard school site in the Potomac Almanac, Aug. 1-7 issue, I have several questions:

1) Why would the State School Board reprimand the Montgomery County School Board twice for their failure to follow proper procedure and then approve this?

2) Why is a traffic study being conducted on Saturday when the problem is going to be weekday traffic? Will they count cars on weekdays between 4 and 7 p.m.?

3) Why is no consideration of the educational potential of the farm being considered?

4) Why is there no consideration of the number of fields we already have in the area, as well as other plots Mr. Moore mentions?

5) Why aren't the fields being located closer to where the need is? (This area has more fields

than it needs and is already providing fields for kids from other communities.)

6) Why does the county administration continue to maintain this is "to benefit the community" when the fields are going to be fenced and locked when not in use and the administration has stated these fields are to serve Chevy Chase and North Potomac?

7) Why has the county administration refused to release public information that is supposed to be publicly available?

8) Why is the administration calling an unusable corner "a turf farm" when there is no way to farm this patch for turf?

The administration evidently believes that if people constantly read that these are "community ball fields," they will believe this is true even though this is not the case according to what the administration has told us.

As Mr. Moore points out, there are other plots in the area that would serve the community much better by spreading them out to lessen driving distances and to avoid traffic congestion.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to [almanac@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:almanac@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

The following Potomac students have earned the distinction of dean's list at the Georgia Institute of Technology for spring semester 2012: **Erik Mulchandani** and **Mariel Rezende**.

Some 20 Montgomery County Public Schools students have received college- and university-sponsored National Merit Scholarships in the latest round of awards. These awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship. The winners, their intended career fields and the sponsoring university or college are:

♦ Winston Churchill High School: **Ariel Lai**, University of Maryland, computer programming; **Cindy Yiin**, University of Southern California, architecture;

♦ Walt Whitman High School: **Nathaniel T. Rabner**, University of Maryland, journalism;

♦ Thomas S. Wootton High School: **Meghna Ramaswamy**, University of Maryland, medicine; **Christopher Y. Wong**, University of Maryland, materials science/engineering; **Narain S. Krishnamurthy**, University of Maryland, quantitative finance.

**Sammer Eghtesadi** of Potomac, has been named to the spring semester dean's list at Radford University. He is a senior social science major.

**Avery Uslaner** graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology from Colorado College. Uslaner is the son of Ric and Debbie Uslaner of Potomac

**David Lee**, the son of Chunqing Lei of Potomac, was recognized for outstanding achievement at Randolph-Macon Academy at the school's first end-of-year awards ceremony on May 14. David was recognized as a member of "The Academy's Own" for assisting the Admission Department.

**Page Erickson** of Potomac has been named to the President's List at Clemson University for the spring 2012 semester. Erickson is majoring in Marketing.

**Megan Weis**, a resident of Potomac received a bachelor of science degree from Fairfield University's College of Art and Sciences on May 20 at its 62nd Commencement ceremony.

**Brian Stevens** of Potomac graduated and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Union College during its 218th Commencement exercises.

**Amy Cutler** of Potomac has been named to the dean's List at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, for the spring 2012 semester.

Potomac area residents **Jacqueline Allen**, **Daniel**

**Lader** and **Jimena Lazarte** were named to the Dean's List at Salisbury University for the spring 2012 semester.

Potomac area residents **Matthew McElroy** and **Rebecca Bader** were named to the dean's list at The University of Hartford for the spring 2012 semester.

Several Potomac residents have been named to the dean's list at Clemson University for the spring 2012 semester including **Kelly Ann Johnson**, Accounting major and **William Ashbrook Patch III**, Financial Management major.

The following student was among the 218 graduates from the Loomis Chaffee Class of 2012: **William Lewis** of Potomac, received Mathematics Department Honors, was an Exhibited Student Artist for oil painting, and was a member of the Barbeque club, the LC Superfans club, and the Not Using Tonight Students club (NUTS). He was also a member of the Boys Varsity Basketball team. He will matriculate at Denison University.

This Potomac resident was among the seniors who graduated from Colby College May 20, receiving a bachelor of arts degree at the outdoor commencement in Waterville, Maine: **Abbey P. Wallace** of Potomac, the daughter of Richard and Anne Wallace of Potomac, majored in global studies and anthropology and is a graduate of St. Andrews Episcopal School.

Notre Dame of Maryland University celebrated a historic commencement on May 26, its first as a university and the final official event of Dr. Mary Pat Seurkamp's 15-year presidency. **Reine-Ines Djama** of Potomac was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in business, cum laude.

**Michelle Marriott**, a resident of Potomac and a first year at SMU, was named to the the Southern Methodist University undergraduate honor roll for the Spring 2012 semester.

**Patricia Atwater** of Potomac, has been placed the Deans' Commendation List for outstanding academic achievement at Gettysburg College in the spring 2012.

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) students have received National Merit Scholarships in the latest round of awards sponsored by universities and colleges. The latest winners, their intended career fields and the sponsoring university or college are:

Winston Churchill High School: **Joshua D. Preuss**, University of Maryland, mechanical engineering

Walt Whitman High School: **Elizabeth N.**

This is not about community needs, this about a soccerplex (which is what the administration has called it) that is going to make mega-bucks for MSI, a private enterprise profiting off of public land and paying a pittance for it — only \$500 more a year than the organic farmer, who has more to offer the community, the county, and the entire subregion with school field trips to learn first hand about farming, vegetables and good nutrition, with organic feed and seed for other organic farmers, as well as instruction for other farmers on how to farm organically and how to save the watershed, not to mention growing organic food for Montgomery County School kids vs parking lots for 300 cars, four soccer fields, a grandiose snack bar, and, of course, let's not forget the "turf farm." (I want to see the day they get turf farming equipment in that back right corner.)

The emperor has no clothes. Once we've lost this unique resource for our kids, we won't be able to replace it.

**Elisabeth Waugaman**



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## At Summer Camp

A Summer-at-WES camper, **Theodore Dematatis**, age 6, cools off at the outdoor show at Bethesda Pool during Washington Episcopal School's summer camp last month when temperatures soared to near 100. Visit [www.w-e-s.org](http://www.w-e-s.org).

**Bartlett**, Vanderbilt University, music  
Thomas S. Wootton High School: **Alice Jenlin Chang**, The University of Chicago, economics;  
**Catherine Ji**, University of Southern California, engineering

The following Potomac residents have been named to the Cornell University College of Arts and Sciences' Dean's List for Spring Semester 2012: **Lucas Chang**, **Casey Ebner**, **Vesna Harasi**, **Elizabeth Kaufman**, **Dina Khatib**, **Samantha Miller**, **Elizabeth Rust**, and **Daniel Tsoy**.

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# SPORTS



PHOTO BY MIKE COMER/PROSWIM VISUALS

Bethesda native **Katie Ledecky**, seen during the U.S. Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb., won a gold medal in the 800-meter freestyle on Aug. 3 during the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

## Ledecky Wins Olympic Gold in 800

**E**ven before entering the pool at Aquatics Centre in London, 15-year-old Katie Ledecky held the distinction of being the youngest member of the 2012 U.S. Olympic team. When she had finished competing, the Bethesda native held the title of gold medalist.

Ledecky, a rising sophomore at Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, won gold in the women's 800-meter freestyle event, recording an American-record time of 8 minutes, 14.63 seconds on Aug. 3, breaking Janet Evans' 23-year mark of 8:16.22.

Ledecky finished more than four seconds faster than her nearest competitor, Spain's Mireia Belmonte Garcia, who took silver with a time of 8:18.76. Great Britain's Rebecca Adlington, who set the world record (8:14.1) in 2008 and finished with the fastest time during this year's qualifying heats, took the bronze with a time of 8:20.32. One day earlier, Ledecky won heat three with a time of 8:23.84 to advance to the finals.

One month earlier, Ledecky earned a spot on the Olympic team by winning the 800 at the U.S. Olympic Trials on July 1 in Omaha, Neb. Janet Hu, a rising junior at Oakton High School in Vienna, Va., also swam at the Olympic Trials and said she was excited to see Ledecky win gold in London.

"It was an amazing experience," Hu said of competing at the Trials. "My times weren't what I hoped for, but it was also really exciting to watch my friend Katie Ledecky make it, and [on Aug. 3] she got the gold medal, so that was even more exciting to watch."

Ledecky is a member of the Palisades swim team of the Montgomery County Swim League.

During her freshman year at Stone Ridge, she was ISL all league and a high school All-American in the



PHOTO BY USOC

**Katie Ledecky, 15, is a rising sophomore at Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart.**

200 freestyle (eighth) and 500 freestyle (third). She also broke ISL meet records in the 200 and 500.

Ledecky trains with coach Yuri Suguiyama at the Curl-Burke Swim Club. Ledecky's mother, Mary Gen, swam at the University of New Mexico and is a swim rep for Palisades.

### SCHOOL NOTES

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**Chun Yeh**, of Potomac, has earned academic honors at Purdue University for the spring 2012 semester.

The Washington Post Young Journal-

ists Development Program named 11 local high school journalists to participate in a free weeklong online journalism workshop and gain the opportunity to work closely with journalists from The Washington Post to sharpen their skills as multiplatform

journalists. Participants were selected based on a combination of relevant experience, writing samples and recommendations. Among the 2012 participants are: **Emilie Plesset**, Winston Churchill (Potomac) and **Joe Sageman**, Bullis School (Potomac).

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# Derive to Survive



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Now that I can taste food again, or rather have food taste like normal again, my attitude is much improved. Unfortunately, one of the side effects of some heavy-duty chemotherapy drugs is poor appetite, brought on – occasionally – by the fact that everything you eat and drink (a bit of an exaggeration, but not much) tastes lousy. And it's been my experience now (nearly three and a half years and still counting) that if I'm not deriving pleasure from what I'm eating and drinking, I am deriving displeasure. Not only am I being deprived of an everyday and much-needed/expected positive reinforcer, I am experiencing a negative of Epicurean proportions. It's a lose-lose. No wonder I've been miserable.

Originally, in March, 2009 when I began my first-line chemotherapy (six cycles/infusions of a chemotherapy cocktail consisting of three drugs for six hours every three weeks), after a few infusions, eating became a challenge. Then it wasn't that food didn't taste good, it was that its taste – good or bad, held no particular sway for me. I was indifferent to it; I just wasn't interested. I was also extremely fatigued from my treatment (red blood cells – in addition to your cancer-carrying white blood cells – are destroyed during treatment; they provide your energy), so even getting off the couch to walk into the kitchen was exhausting. Food was not the answer. In fact, it was more of a question, as in: What am I going to eat? To which my usual reply was: "I don't care." And so I lost weight. I remember one appointment with my oncologist during this time when he threatened, unless I gained weight, to hospitalize me. I was hardly shriveling up to nothing, I thought, but I guess I was beginning to shrivel. An unhealthy situation for a cancer patient needing strength to endure his treatment.

And so weight has come off and gone back on, and so forth and so on for nearly three and a half years. As the chemotherapy drugs with which I have been infused have changed, so too have my eating tendencies, not uncommon for patients undergoing treatment for cancer. (Perhaps you're aware of one of the presumptive benefits of medical marijuana: appetite stimulator, although it was never suggested or prescribed to me.) First and foremost though, the patient has to be able to tolerate the treatment, and being weak – from hunger, complicates the demands on an already compromised immune system (an effect of your white blood cells being destroyed). And if you've been given a terminal stage IV diagnosis – with a less than encouraging prognosis, as I had, having circumstances arise – self-imposed or otherwise, which prevent your oncologist from treating you as aggressively as is prudent, is hardly an encouraging start – or finish, to your day.

But this most recent food-taste experience was unique: I felt like eating. I had energy to eat. I even had foods in mind to eat. Unfortunately, the food was either tasteless/disappointing, or in many cases, it was downright putrid – not even mediocre. There was no more looking forward. There was only looking backward to tastier meals and inward to my frustration, and in so doing I felt lousy about myself and my prospects and it was reflected in my column's content. Now I feel better because I'm eating better. Once again, food tastes like it's supposed to. I know it's good for me; I just hope it's bad for the cancer.

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## THURSDAY/AUG. 9

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**Youth Orchestra.** 7 p.m. Strathmore will present the National Youth Orchestra Canada's unparalleled musicianship in the Music Center. Free. Visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

**Blues and Swing Dance.** 9-11:30 p.m. In the Back Room at Glen Echo Park. Beginner lesson at 8:15 p.m. DJ Mike Marcotte & Guests will play a variety of blues music. \$8. No partner required. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231, email [info@CapitalBlues.org](mailto:info@CapitalBlues.org) or visit [www.CapitalBlues.org](http://www.CapitalBlues.org). The Back Room entrance is located on the far left side of the Spanish Ballroom. 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 11

**Book Sale.** 10 a.m. Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Dr. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Most hardbacks \$1 and paperbacks \$.50. 3 hours.

**Art Show.** Landscape painter Barbara French Pace will be featured at the Yellow Barn Art Gallery in Glen Echo Park. The exhibit is open from noon - 5 p.m. A reception for the artist will be held at 5-7 p.m. The exhibition is titled *Summertime*. Contact the Yellow Barn Gallery, at 301-371-5593.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 12

**Art Show.** Landscape painter Barbara French Pace will be featured at the Yellow Barn Art Gallery in Glen Echo



## By the Sea

Landscape painter Barbara French Pace's work will be featured at the Yellow Barn Art Gallery in Glen Echo Park Saturday, Aug. 11 and Sunday, Aug. 12. The exhibit is open from noon to 5 p.m. both days. A reception for the artist will be held at 5-7 p.m. Aug. 11. The exhibition is titled *Summertime*. Contact the Yellow Barn Gallery, at 301-371-5593.

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## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 15

**UkeFest 2012.** 7 p.m. Part of Strathmore's Free Summer Outdoor Concert Series. At the Gudelsky Concert Pavilion at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Ln. Call 301-581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

## THURSDAY/AUG. 16

**Blues and Swing Dance.** 9-11:30 p.m. In the Back Room at Glen Echo Park. Beginner lesson at 8:15 p.m. DJ

Mike Marcotte & Guests will play a variety of blues music. \$8. No partner required. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231, email [info@CapitalBlues.org](mailto:info@CapitalBlues.org) or visit [www.CapitalBlues.org](http://www.CapitalBlues.org). The Back Room entrance is located on the far left side of the Spanish Ballroom. 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 18

**Art Show.** The selected works of Turkish watercolorist, Gul Bozacioglu will be featured at the Yellow Barn Art Gallery in Glen Echo Park. The exhibit is open from noon-5 p.m. A reception for the artist will be held at 5-7 p.m. The exhibition, titled *Istanbul: A Lover's Gaze* will be

Bozacioglu's first show in the United States. Contact the Yellow Barn Gallery, at 301-371-5593.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 19

**Tree Identification Walk.** River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Dr. Go on a walk with tree expert Laura Miller to identify different types of trees. Contact Hannah Larson at [larsen@potomac.org](mailto:larsen@potomac.org).

**Wilderness 101.** River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Dr. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free wilderness outdoor safety class. Topics include lightning safety, ticks, first aid kits, and more.

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**Canal Stewards Service Activity.** 10 a.m.-noon. Join us at the River Center to clean up the lockhouse area and the nearby towpath. Cleanup is open to all ages, and all necessary supplies are provided. Activities include picking up trash, vegetable pruning, or repairing the towpath and trails. At River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Dr. Contact Anne Sundermann at [sundermann@potomac.org](mailto:sundermann@potomac.org) or 301-608-1188 x208.

## ADOPT



### GUS

Gus is M, 5 yrs., 15lbs., neutered, Pomeranian/Beagle mix. Gus was rescued from a bad breeder situation but that didn't affect his sweet nature. He's housebroken, gets along with dogs and cats, and seeks out human affection, especially if a treat is involved. Not enough nice things can be said about Gus. Whoever adopts him will get a loving, adorable little boy.

To learn more about Partnership for Animal Welfare, the pets shown, volunteer, or make a much-needed, tax-deductible donation please contact P.A.W. at [www.paw-rescue.org](http://www.paw-rescue.org), call 301-572-4729, or write P.A.W., P.O. Box 1074, Greenbelt, MD 20768.



### JET

Jet is M, 5 yrs, 8lbs, neutered, Chihuahua. Little Jet was one of those dogs careless owners let wander the streets until picked up. He has a social personality, gets along with people and dogs and loves snuggling in a human lap. Jet would be a fine boy for an adult or older child home where he could be cherished and have the wonderful life this super boy deserves.

## THROUGH AUG. 12

**Children's Play.** Imagination Stage's popular show for the very young: *Wake Up, Brother Bear!* has been extended.

This 40-minute show invites children into world of a young brother and sister bear as they explore the seasons. 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Appropriate for ages 1-5, tickets are \$10, with a \$5 lap seat for children under 12 months. Purchase tickets at [www.imaginationstage.org](http://www.imaginationstage.org), at the Imagination Stage box office, or 301-280-1660.

## THROUGH AUG. 18

**Art Show.** Strathmore concludes its 2011-2012 exhibition season with *Inform/Re-form*, in which the artists repurpose materials, and sometimes make their own, to create large-scale installation, site-specific works and mixed-media pieces in the Mansion at Strathmore. Call 301-581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

## THROUGH AUG. 21

**Kids Night.** Shows on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Live kids entertainment and children eat free. Shows include *Mad Science*, *The Diggity Dudes* (Family Band), *Mike's Magic & Comedy Show*, *Reptiles Alive!*, and more. At Rockville Town Square, 200 East Middle Ln. Visit [www.rockvilletownsquare.com](http://www.rockvilletownsquare.com) for details.



## The Puppet Co. presents Snow White and the 7 Dwarves.

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## THROUGH AUG. 22

**Movies on the Square.** Wednesdays at dusk (around 8:45 p.m.) Schedule: Movies include *The Muppets*, *Footloose*, *Dolphin Tale*, *Independence Day*, *Soul Surfer*, *Mission Impossible: Protocol*, *Miracle*, *Transformers: Dark of the Moon*, *Cars 2*, *The Last Lions* and *Moneyball*. At Rockville Town Square, 200 East Middle Ln. Visit

## THROUGH AUG. 23

**Wine Down, Music and Wine Series.** Every Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Live music, food and \$5 wine tasting. Bands include *Dan Haas Trio* (Pop), *The Oscillators* (Jazz), *Tom Principato* (Blues), *Jeff Carmella Band* (Acoustic Rock), *Ewabo* (Tropical), *The Nighthawks* (Swing) and more. At Rockville Town Square, 200 East Middle Ln. Visit [www.rockvilletownsquare.com](http://www.rockvilletownsquare.com).

## THROUGH SEPT. 2

**Snow White.** The Puppet Co. at Glen Echo Park presents *Snow White and the 7 Dwarves*, Thursdays and Fridays at 10 and 11:30 a.m.; Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. 40 minutes. Recommended K-6. \$10 adults and children. Call 301-634-5380 or visit [www.thepuppetco.org](http://www.thepuppetco.org).

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