

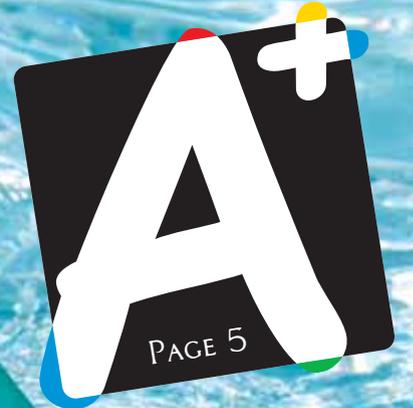
Potomac ALMANAC

'Security Zone' To Close
Part of River to Boaters

NEWS, PAGE 3

Main Street Hosts
Community-Builder Event

NEWS, PAGE 3



CALENDAR, PAGE 4 ♦ CLASSIFIEDS, PAGE 7

PHOTO BY DEBORAH STEVENS/THE ALMANAC

Pool Weather

CALENDAR, PAGE 4

Christine Fantaskey with her granddaughter Greer Heatherington enjoy the sun and water at River Falls community pool last weekend.

Potomac REAL ESTATE

PHOTOS BY DEB STEVENS/THE ALMANAC

IN MAY 2017, 64 POTOMAC HOMES SOLD BETWEEN \$6,100,000-\$525,000.

May, 2017 Top Sales



4 1 Stapleford Hall Court
— \$1,900,000



5 8922 Harvest Square Court
— \$1,675,000

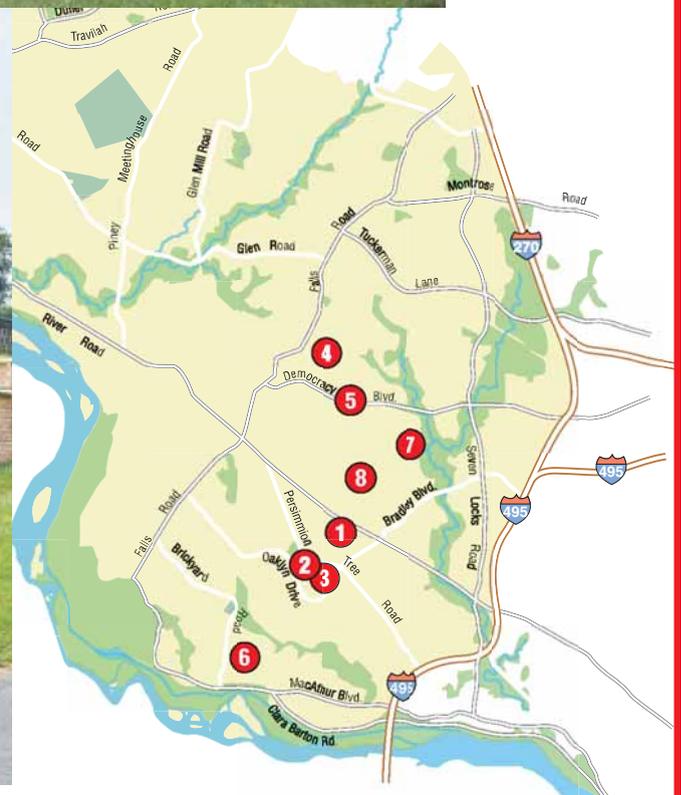
8 9309 Inglewood Court
— \$1,450,000



7 9522 Hemswell Place
— \$1,600,000



1 9005 Durham Drive
— \$6,100,000



6 7312 Brookstone Ct

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision	Date Sold
1 9005 DURHAM DR	10	10	5	.....	POTOMAC	\$6,100,000	Detached	6.33	20854	BRADLEY FARMS	05/09/17
2 9315 RAPLEY PRESERVE DR	5	5	2	.....	POTOMAC	\$2,400,000	Detached	0.54	20854	AVENEL	05/22/17
3 9300 RAPLEY PRESERVE DR	6	5	3	.....	POTOMAC	\$2,350,000	Detached	0.85	20854	AVENEL	05/01/17
4 1 STAPLEFORD HALL CT	6	5	2	.....	POTOMAC	\$1,900,000	Detached	2.04	20854	KENTSDALE ESTATES	05/04/17
5 8922 HARVEST SQUARE CT	5	5	1	.....	POTOMAC	\$1,675,000	Detached	2.00	20854	KENTSDALE ESTATES	05/30/17
6 7312 BROOKSTONE CT	5	4	2	.....	POTOMAC	\$1,625,000	Detached	2.05	20854	MAZZA WOODS	05/09/17
7 9522 HEMSWELL PL	5	4	1	.....	POTOMAC	\$1,600,000	Detached	0.46	20854	MCAULEY PARK	05/10/17
8 9309 INGLEWOOD CT	4	3	1	.....	POTOMAC	\$1,450,000	Detached	2.00	20854	BRADLEY FARMS	05/18/17

COPYRIGHT 2017 REAL ESTATE BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE. SOURCE: MRIS AS OF JUNE 15, 2017.

‘Security Zone’ To Close Part of River to Boaters

Coast Guard cites safeguarding high-ranking U.S. officials when they are at Trump National Golf Club.

BY PEGGY McEWAN
THE ALMANAC

Boating enthusiasts and small businesses that use the Potomac River near Riley’s Lock are concerned about a recent U.S. Coast Guard notification establishing a “security zone” on that section of river which will keep people off a portion of the river “to safeguard high-ranking United States officials at the Trump National Golf Club in Potomac Falls, Virginia.”

Among the high ranking officials who use the club is President Donald Trump.

The names of other ranking officials or the number of those included as needing safety measures requiring the closing of the river was not mentioned in the Coast Guard notice.

“The security zone includes all navigable water of the Potomac River, from shoreline to shoreline, within an area bounded on the east by a line connecting the following points: latitude 39°04’02” W, longitude 077°20’02” W, and bounded on the west by longitude 077°22’06” W, located in Montgomery County, Md.,” according to the notice.

That closes the Potomac River for public use from just above Violette’s Lock to Sharpshin Island, the first island upriver from Riley’s Lock. Seneca Creek, a much used entry point for river sports, flows into the river at the Riley’s Lock aqueduct.

With well-defined boundaries, and possible fines for violation listed as up to \$90,063, the biggest unanswered question is: How to know when the ban is in effect? When is it safe to look forward to a canoe, kayak, or power boat outing on the river or plan a fishing trip without worry of a last minute cancellation because a “high-ranking official” is golfing across the water?

“The Coast Guard has told us they will announce the closure of the river on VHF channel 16, which implies that the river may only be closed when [President] Trump is playing golf,” according to Susan Sherrod,

chairman of the Canoe Cruisers Association, a local canoe club, in an email. “While sea kayakers who paddle the ocean or bay may carry hand held VHF radios, river paddlers do not.”

Adam Van Grack, a lawyer with Longman & Van Grack and a long-time kayaker, said he is representing Calleva and Active Nature, two outdoor education organizations that use the Potomac River at Riley’s Lock. Calleva uses Seneca Creek and the Potomac River daily for its summer camp programs.

“I’ve been advised that under Federal Regulation you have the opportunity to file an official comment to the Coast Guard,” Van Grack said.

He said the businesses have a lot to lose when the river is closed and he is filing a comment on their behalf.

Van Grack also said that at one point while paddling he was asked to leave the river by armed guards in a motorboat.

“Up until recently they have been asking people to move away from the Virginia



PHOTO BY SUSAN SHERROD

Kayakers paddle on the Potomac River near Riley’s Lock across the river from Trump National Golf Club.

shore, which I did,” he said. That was no problem, no big deal.”

But with the new regulations it seems like it is a big deal.

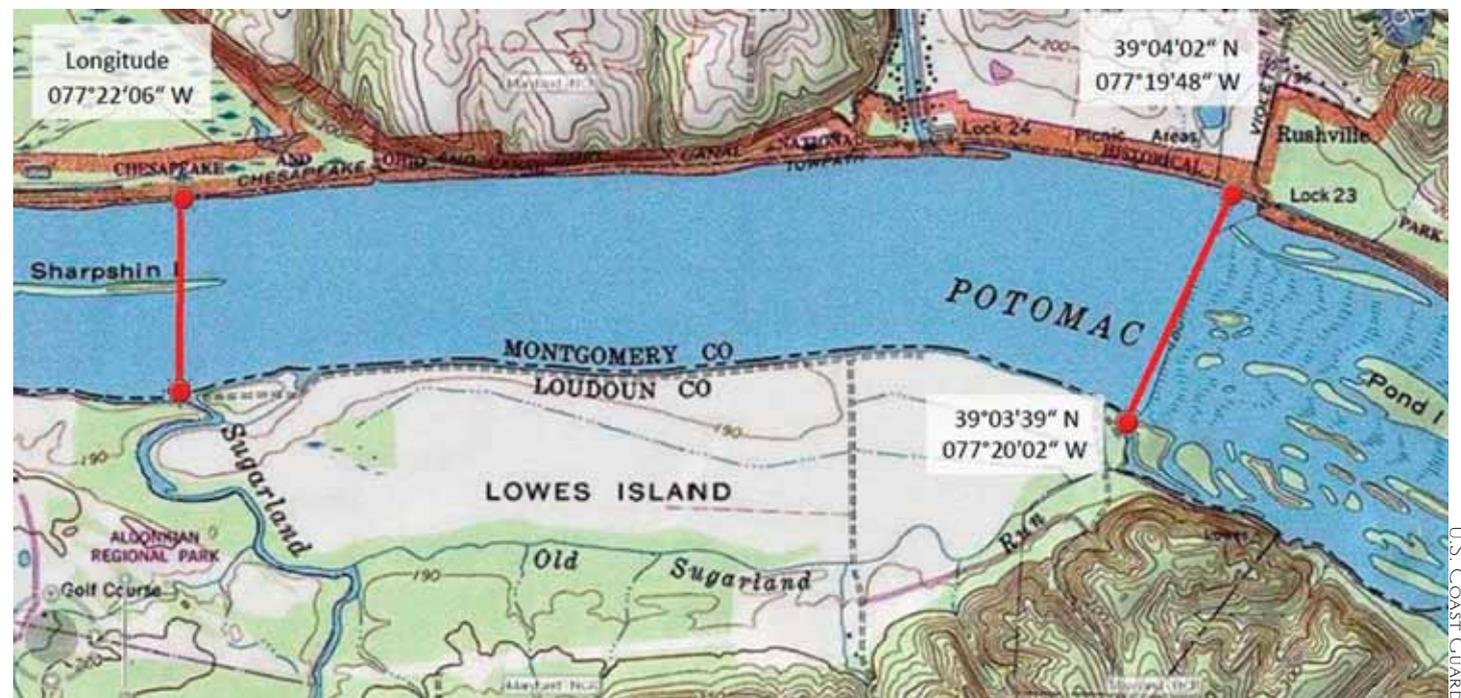
“The truly ironic thing is; if Trump had not cut down all the trees and brush along the Potomac shoreline, his golf course would be protected by nature,” Sherrod wrote in an email.

She is referring to the estimated more than 400 trees and shrubs Trump had re-

moved along the river.

The Trump National Golf Club, which Trump purchased in 2009, is an 800-acre property that slopes down to the Potomac River and includes two 18-hole golf courses in addition to a club house, swimming pool, indoor tennis facility and a fitness center.

Comments on the Coast Guard river closing must be made by Aug. 9. They should be made at <http://www.regulations.gov> mention docket number USCG-2017-0448.



U.S. COAST GUARD

Map of area to be closed to paddlers when President Trump plays at his golf course.

Main Street Hosts Community-Builder Event

Inclusive organization aims to bring community together.

BY GIL JACOBSON
THE ALMANAC

Main Street, a Rockville development project that describes themselves as inclusive and community focused, held a community-builder event during the Bethesda Big Train game on Wednesday, July 12. A community

builder aims to bring people in the community together in a supportive environment, according to Main Street Founder and Board Chair Jillian Copeland. Copeland is from Potomac and founded The Diener School there, which focuses on providing education that supports children holistically.

Copeland described Main Street’s “multi-age, multi-stage” philosophy as helping any

adult with disabilities because they lose their entitlements upon turning 21. Anyone can become involved with the organization, however, she said.

“The opportunity that we’re creating at Main Street is this inclusive community center,” Copeland said. “It’s a seven-unit apart

SEE MAIN STREET. PAGE 6



COURTESY OF ROBIN ALLEN VIA JILLIAN COPELAND

John Bogasky III (center) and Jillian Copeland (right) take a selfie with the Bethesda Big Train mascot, Homer, at Main Street’s July 12 community-builder.

CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

Food Pictures. Deadline Aug. 1, 11:59 p.m. at Photoworks, 7300 MacArthur Boulevard. Foodies: A Juried Photography Exhibition, on display Sept. 15-Oct. 22. Meet the juror Debra Moser, Friday, Sept. 15. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

Pups on the Patio. 4-7 p.m. every Thursday at Silver, 7150 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda. Guests can enjoy drinks, appetizers and dinner with their pets outside on Silver's patio. visit www.eatatsilver.com for more.

2017 Canal Boat Excursions. At Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, 11710 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. April-October, Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. June-August, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. To confirm the boat ride for your visit, call 301-767-3714 for details as special circumstances may affect this schedule. Prices: \$8 for adults (ages 16-61), \$6 for seniors (ages 62+), and \$5 for children (ages 4-15). Children aged three and under ride free. In addition to the boat fee, there is an entrance fee to the park of \$10 per single vehicle.

Tally Ho Toastmaster's Club. First and third Mondays each month, 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road.

Thang Ta. Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. at Sutradhar Institute of Dance and Related Arts, 1525 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring. Learn the ancient art of the sword and spear. \$25. www.dancesidra.org.

Late Night Comedy. Fridays (open mic night) and Saturdays (established comedians) at Benny's Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane, Potomac. Benny's is open 8 a.m.-1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. www.BennysBarGrill.com.

Drop in Art Activities. Every Saturday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Candy Corner Studio at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., parents and children can explore a new art form or theme. \$10/child, parent combo. Drop-in only. www.pgip.org.

Mommy & Me (& Daddy, Too). Third Tuesday each month, 10 a.m. at Rockville Town Square. Meet for a morning out with active learning and creative play with lunch specials, story time, arts and crafts, sing-alongs, prizes and more. rockvilletownsquare.com/events/mommy-and-me.

Live Music & Dancing. Fridays and Saturdays, 7-11 p.m. in Margery's Lounge, Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road. Dance to the music of Barry Gurley. 301-983-8838 www.popovers.com.

Potomac Games Group. Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. at Potomac Community Recreation Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. The world is in the midst of a Golden Age of new board and card games for players of all ages. Free. Contact event host Randy Hoffman at 412-983-5411 or wrandyhoffman@gmail.com.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS
Art Explorers Open Studio. Every Saturday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at The Candy Corner Studio, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Art activities for parents and children. Activities change weekly and there is no pre-registration; \$10 per child. Visit www.glenechopark.org/saturday-art-explorers for more.

Ceramic Classes. Various dates and times. VisArts, 155 Gibbs St,



Holly and Evie Schaeffer

Pool Weather

PHOTOS BY DEBORAH STEVENS/THE ALMANAC

Jason Bretz and Erin Dougherty enjoy the sun and water at River Falls community pool last weekend.



Julia Levine and Erin Dougherty

Rockville. An opportunity to try the new ceramic workshops. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/ceramics for a list of class dates, times.

Registration is Open. for Montgomery County Recreation and Montgomery Parks Summer Programs and Activities. Email ProgramAccess@MontgomeryParks.org. Visit www.MontgomeryParks.org for more.

Toca Summer Soccer Camp. 6-8 p.m. through August 9 at Avenel LP, 10051 Oaklyn Drive. Improving skills, making friends and staying fit. Email info@tocajuniors.com, or call 301-221-8305 for more.

My Gym Potomac Camp. 1-4 p.m. August 7-Sept. 4 at My Gym Potomac, 11325 Seven Locks Road. My Gym camp includes themed games and craft, gymnastics, sports, and snack. \$40 for members, \$45 for non-members. Email potomac@mygym.com or call 301-983-5300 for more.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 19

Mike Surratt Concert. 1-2 p.m. at Damascus Senior Center, 9701 Main St., Damascus. Mike Surratt returns to perform his summer tunes and hits. Free. Call 240-777-6995 for

more.
Maija Rejman Concert. 7 p.m. at Margery's Lounge at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac. Visit www.popovers.com or call 301-983-8838 for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 20

Potomac Village Farmers Market. 2-6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Potomac United Methodist Church located at 9908 S. Glen Road. Email contact@potomacvillagefarmersmarket.net for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 22

Farm Tour. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Butler's Orchard, 22222 Davis Mill Road, Germantown. Market and opportunity to pick fruits and vegetables. Visit www.butlersorchard.com/ for more.
Montgomery County Farm Tour. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary, 15200 Mt. Nebo Road, Poolesville. Poplar Spring is an animal refuge dedicated to the protection of wildlife and the rescue of abused and abandoned farm animals. Hay rides and sale of refreshments, giant yard sale, t-shirts and crafts to benefit the non-profit

sanctuary. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov for more.

Farm and Winery Tour. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Rockland's Farm and Winery, 14525 Montevideo Road, Poolesville. Tour the farm and winery. Visit www.rocklandsfarmmd.com for more.

Rob Patrick Concert. 7 p.m. at Margery's Lounge at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac. Visit www.popovers.com or call 301-983-8838 for more.

SUNDAY/JULY 23

Farm Tour. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Butler's Orchard, 22222 Davis Mill Road, Germantown. Market and opportunity to pick fruits and vegetables. Visit www.butlersorchard.com/ for more.

Farm and Winery Tour. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Rockland's Farm and Winery, 14525 Montevideo Road, Poolesville. Tour the farm and winery. Visit www.rocklandsfarmmd.com.

Introductory Waltz Workshop. 2:45-6 p.m. at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. The 45-minute dance lesson

SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 6

POTOMAC ALMANAC

www.PotomacAlmanac.com

Newspaper of Potomac
A Connection Newspaper

An independent, locally owned weekly newspaper delivered to homes and businesses.

1606 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Free digital edition delivered to your email box. Go to connectionnewspapers.com/subscribe

PUBLISHER

Mary Kimm
mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com
@MaryKimm

EDITORIAL

PHONE: 703-778-9415

E-MAIL:

almanac@connectionnewspapers.com

EDITOR

Steven Mauren, 703-778-9415
smauren@connectionnewspapers.com

ASSISTANT EDITOR

Mike Salmon
msalmon@connectionnewspapers.com

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Susan Belford, Carole Dell,
Cissy Finley Grant, Carole Funger,
Colleen Healy, Kenny Lourie,
Ken Moore

Contributing Photographers

Harvey Levine, Deborah Stevens

Art/Design:

Laurence Foong, John Heinly,
Ali Khaligh

Production Manager

Geovani Flores

ADVERTISING

For advertising information
sales@connectionnewspapers.com
703-778-9431

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES

Display Advertising:
Kenny Lourie 301-325-1398
klourie@connectionnewspapers.com

Andrea Smith 703-778-9411

Classified Advertising
asmith@connectionnewspapers.com

Debbie Funk

National Sales & real Estate
703-778-9444
debfunk@connectionnewspapers.com

David Griffin

Marketing Assistant
703-778-9431
dgriffin@connectionnewspapers.com

Jerry Vernon

Executive Vice President
703-549-0004
jverson@connectionnewspapers.com

CIRCULATION: 703-778-9427
circulation@connectionnewspapers.com

Potomac Almanac is published by Local Media Connection LLC

Five Time First Place Award-Winner
Public Service
MDDC Press Association

Four Time Newspaper of the Year
An Award-winning Newspaper in Writing, Photography, Editing, Graphics and Design

Summer Book Clubs for Children

Ideal time to instill a love of reading, say experts.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Encouraging children to read during summer months can be challenging for some parents, but worth the effort, say local educators, because diving into books offers students an opportunity to boost their reading skills before the start of the next school year. Book clubs with their peers allows children to read in a relaxed, informal setting.

“Book groups during summer vacation are the perfect time for friends to gather and share the love of reading,” said Julie M. Esanu, lower school librarian, St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. “The summer is a perfect time for readers to explore and enjoy a variety of books across different genres and formats, including ebooks, audiobooks, and graphic novels.”

While parents must provide a basic structure for the book club, Esanu says that allowing children to be involved in the planning and book selection, will cultivate a



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Studies show that reading self-selected books cultivates positive attitudes towards books and reading, says librarian Julie M. Esanu.

positive attitude toward books and reading. “Summer reading is all about exploration and inspiration, so let the readers take charge,” said Esanu. “Consider the members of the book group and their various interests when selecting titles and let the members have a say in what they’re reading.”

Allow for organic discussions inspired by the readers rather than formal discussions that require too much preparation, advises Esanu. “[Formality] feels too much like homework for students and we want them to dive into books during summer,” she said. “Kids have a lot to say about the books that they read and that can lead to fabulous conversations. It is important for children to select the books that they read, especially over the summer.”

In her role as the lower and middle school

librarian at Bullis School in Potomac, Katherine Brewer helps students make book selections by asking them about the last book they read and enjoyed. “This helps me find out what types of books they are into and suggest other titles they might like,” she said. “I might ask what about the book they liked. Then I will give several suggestions.”

Preparing and organizing the book club session without over planning, avoids chaos and leads to success, advises Laura Maffei, humanities teacher at BASIS Independent School McLean. “Set the stage by helping the children to understand the setting and any unfamiliar events or vocabulary they might encounter,” she said. “For example, before reading ‘Misty of Chincoteague’ learn about Virginia, specifically Assateague and Chincoteague Islands, watch a documentary

on the round up, make a craft that teaches the parts of a horse and its riding equipment, look at examples of life in the 1950s to see how it differs from today.”

WHEN THE MEMBERS of the book group are not all at the same reading level, as can be the case with children, reading the same book can be pose a challenge, says Maffei. “... An option would be to read the same content, but each reader gets a book at their reading level,” she said. “I’ve done this with Shakespeare, Greek Mythology, and classics like ‘Peter Pan’ that come in a variety of book types from picture to early reader to original text.”

“If the children aren’t around the same age [and] reading level or have varying interests, I would select a topic and suggest books that they could read and share,” added Brewer. “Students can have the book read to them or listen to an audio version if they prefer.”

Brewer, who runs book clubs for students at Bullis, says that during her meetings, children share the book they read and encourage others to read it. She also discourages penalizing children who haven’t finished the book. “We use the book talk format popularized by [the television series] ‘Reading SEE BOOK CLUBS, PAGE 7

SIR GROUT® GROUT • TILE • MARBLE • GRANITE • WOOD
Don't Replace. Restore and Save \$1,000s

Grout/Tile Cleaning & Color Sealing Before After	Shower Cleaning & Color Sealing Before After	Marble Polishing & Restoration
--	--	---

\$50 OFF ALL SERVICES
Minimum job \$500. Must be presented at time of estimate. May not be combined with other offers. Expires 7/31/17.

FREE QUOTE CALL NOW (703) 594-2260
www.SirGroutWashingtonDC.com

ALSO CALL US FOR:

- Caulking for tubs, showers & backsplashes
- Slip protection for tubs, showers, tile floors
- Pool, deck, patio, driveway paver sealing

Kitchens | Baths | Foyers | Countertops | Floors | Walls

All welcome to our
Pot Luck Dinner!
Thursday, July 20, 6 p.m.
Potomac Community Center
For info on what to bring to share, and how to RSVP,
240-221-1370
info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org
Want to know more about aging in place?
See our newsletter at the Potomac Library
or visit our website...
www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org

We Bring the Zoo to You!

Traveling Petting Zoo / Pony Rides
Indoor and Outdoor Zoos
 Birthday Parties • Reptiles • Safari Zoos • Picnics
 Family Reunions • Community Festivals • Fund Raisers
 and everything in between

SQUEALS ON WHEELS

We are licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture and Insured
www.squealsonwheels.us • 301-765-0270
 jill@squealsonwheels.us

Learn About Advertising in the Connection and Digital Options!

Advertising in the Connection and upcoming special sections:

CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM/ADVERTISING

or call 703.778.9431

Main Street Hosts Community-Builder Event

FROM PAGE 3

ment building. And 25 percent of the units will be designated for adults with disabilities.”

The Big Train game was seen as an opportunity to bring those among the 780 members together in an inclusive environment within the county, according to Copeland. She said the community-builder was also an opportunity for members to get to know one another.

“A lot of our adults and a lot of our kids and a lot of our parents like baseball,” Copeland said. “So we wanted to support a local baseball team.”

Copeland believes that there are no other living models like Main Street in the United States to date. She discussed her son’s journey when talking about her involvement with organizations that help people living with developmental disabilities.

“He’s going to need a place to live and work and learn and thrive,” Copeland said. “So that’s ‘why now?’ for me.”

Multiple parents who are involved with Main Street discussed their personal connections to the

organization at the community-builder. Potomac’s Karen Beveridge has a son, who is 22, and was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder when he was around 3 years old. Beveridge, who leads the membership committee and serves on the board of directors, discussed how living with someone who has a developmental disability can detach a family from their surrounding environment because of the challenges this person faces in social interaction in the outside world.

“They don’t like loud noises sometimes so it makes it confining to things you can do as a family,” Beveridge said. “At Main Street, everybody’s welcome. So if [my son] wants to go stand off by himself because it’s getting too loud, no one’s going to think anything of it.”

John Bogasky, who is on a task force of approximately 20 adults who are helping the Copelands, described living with someone with a disability as “a journey of discovery.” Bogasky knew his son was facing challenges when he was a baby despite the absence of a formal diagnosis.



Karen Beveridge (left) and her son Westin at Main Street’s Bethesda Big Train community-builder on July 12.



From left are Corey, Nelson, and Joyce Migdal at Main Street’s Bethesda Big Train community-builder on July 12.

“We knew there’d be issues but trying to discover what the issues were and which he would grow out of was a journey of discovery,” Bogasky said. “We just did everything we could for him. We intervened as much as we could to try to make him successful.”

According to Bogasky, another difference that comes with raising a child with a disability is the continuation of parenting after the child has become an adult because the child retains many child-like traits. Bogasky’s son is now 25 years old.

“He has a job, he lives in his own apartment,” Bogasky said. “[But] we’re still responsible for overseeing his life. [We’re] making sure things work and that will continue until some day it passes to his sister.”

Bogasky described Main Street as a unique organization because it provides those with disabilities with an environment for them to spend time with their peers. He said that it is a challenge for any

adult to figure out who their friends are.

According to Bogasky, his son attended a residential school on Cape Cod, Mass. Bogasky added that his son had a lot of success making friends at this school.

“When you bring the people back here, the way the housing policies work out ... they get scattered all over the place much like all of us do when we come back from college,” he said. “But these guys can’t go find each other ... Some travel independently and some can’t, [and] some don’t have the executive functioning skills to find their friends.”

Beveridge was pleased with event turnout. She had initial concerns that it would be poor due to people being away in the middle of summer.

Main Street is trying to enhance their sense of community through increasing the number of events they hold, Bogasky added. This could mean planning formal events or simply having several

members get together somewhere, he said.

“The first official one of [the latter] is in Rockville Town Center,” Bogasky said. “There’s a concert every Friday night in the square. And so the first ... Main Street meet-up is on Aug. 4 in Rockville Town Square.”

Anyone interested in joining Main Street can get involved, according to Bogasky. He added that those interested can sign up on mainstreetconnect.org.

“More is better because ... not everybody is going to live in the building,” Bogasky said. “The plan is about creating this community with the building as the anchor.”

Copeland added that Main Street’s website includes a survey for adults with disabilities and their caregivers. The information collected from the survey is useful to the organization as it creates a space and plans events, she said. For more information or to get involved, visit mainstreetconnect.org.

99¢ LARGE CHEESE PIZZA TUESDAYS

TRY TOPPING THIS DEAL!

Buy Any Large Pizza and Get a Second Large Cheese for Only 99¢*

EVERY TUESDAY ALL DAY!

POTOMAC PIZZA

www.potomacpizza.com
Dine-in, Carry-out, Delivery & Catering
Serving Our Communities Since 1978

*Not valid with other offers • Toppings extra
Dine-in and carry-out only • No coupon necessary

CHEVY CHASE CENTER
301 951 1127
19 Wisconsin Circle
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

COTTAGE PARK
COMING SOON
7777 Baltimore Avenue
College Park, MD 20740

POTOMAC PROMENADE
301 299 7700
9812 Falls Road
Potomac, MD 20854

IRVING VILLAGE CENTER
301 279 2234
8709 Irsville Gateway Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

CALENDAR

FROM PAGE 4

begins at 2:45 p.m. with a half-hour introductory Waltz workshop and a more advanced move presented the last 15 minutes. Social dancing follows until 6 p.m. \$10. Call 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or visit www.WaltzTimeDances.org

WEDNESDAY/JULY 26

Tom Saputo Concert. 7 p.m. at Margery’s Lounge at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac. Visit www.popovers.com/ or call 301-983-8838 for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 27

Potomac Village Farmers Market. 2-6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Potomac United Methodist Church, 9908 S. Glen Road. Email contact@potomacvillagefarmersmarket.net

for more.

Opera and Musical Theater. 7:30 p.m. at Bethesda Presbyterian Church, 7611 Clarendon Road, Bethesda. Presentation of the “Magic Flute,” is part of the Bethesda Summer Music Festival (BSMF) promoting Opera and Musical Theater for children, grades 9-12, college students, and young emerging professionals. \$20, children free. Visit / www.bethesdapresbyterian.org/ or call 301-986-1137 for more.

FRIDAY/JULY 28

Outdoor Film Screenings. 6 p.m., film at sundown at Glenstone, 12002 Glen Road, Potomac. Film is The Servant. Visit glenstone.org for more.
Wayne Wilentz Concert. 7 p.m. at Margery’s Lounge at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac. Visit www.popovers.com/ or call 301-983-8838 for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 29

Photography Walk and Talk. 10 a.m.-noon at the Bowles House Visitor Center, 439 East Main St., Hancock. Steve Dean, photographer for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, will be hosting a photography talk and walk. Free. Email kelsey_smith@nps.gov for more.
Outdoor Film Screenings. 6 p.m., film at sundown at Glenstone, 12002 Glen Road, Potomac. Film is Wanda. Visit glenstone.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 2

Potomac Rotary Breakfast. 7:15-8:30 a.m. at Founding Farmers, 12505 Park Potomac Ave. Support Rotary Club community service projects. Visit www.PotomacRotary.org or call 301-785-7100 for more.

Book Clubs

FROM PAGE 5

Rainbow, share a bit about the book and why others would want to read it, but no spoilers," she said. "They will be more interested if they have choice and input in the club's topic, books and activities."

Book club activities are an important tool in helping children develop a love of reading, says Tom Longano a third grade teacher at the Heights School, an all boys school in Potomac. "With most of our books I will invent a quick game that includes acting out the characters or key events from the story," he said. "I have found this to be an excellent way for the boys, who often have a very concrete approach to the world yet boundless imaginations ... to enter into the stories and feel them as actually real. This generates a love for the books that goes beyond just reading them, because they have in a sense lived them as well, acted them out."

Longano says that this excitement about books can also be achieved with dramatic readings and assigning children characters from the book and having them act them out. "Anything to bring the text off the page and into their direct environment," he said.

"The activity should be fun and hands on, with the children taking the lead on the project," said Brewer.

Summer book club activity ideas include visiting local public libraries or bookstores and browsing the shelves for ideas, says Esanu. "Visit the Alexandria or Arlington Public Library or an independent bookstore, such as Hooray for Books! in Alexandria or One More Page Books in Arlington, and browse the shelves for ideas," she said. "Each book club member could choose a book that catches their eye and then the group could vote on which book they want to read."

Reading a book and taking a field trip that is related to the book is another activity that Esanu recommends. "For example, Tonya Bolden's award-winning book, 'How to Build a Museum' shares a behind-the-scenes look into Smithsonian's National Museum for American History and Culture," she said. "This is a great way to explore the museum before a visit."

"Jack and the Geniuses: At the Bottom of the World" offers inspiration for another journey, says Esanu. "It's the first book in a series packed with adventure, science and engineering and is written by Bill Nye [from the children's television series, "Bill Nye, the Science Guy"] and Gregory Malone," she said. "This would be the perfect book to read before heading the National Building Museum to explore the Hive Interactive Exhibit [which runs through Sept. 4]."

Guiding a discussion by asking questions that connect the book to current or personal events, playing games such as Charades, 20 Questions or Pictionary can help spark a lively discussion of the book, says Maffei.

"If the book has a movie version, watch the movie after reading the book," she said. "Look for differences in plot, how the characters and setting look compared to how you thought they'd look."

CLASSIFIED

WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

TO ADVERTISE IN THIS PAPER, CALL BY MONDAY 11:00 AM 703-778-9411

Announcements Your advertising resource: local touch, infinite reach Biggest Value In Advertising Call Today! (855) 721-6332 x6 or 410-212-0616 		Announcements We pay top \$ for STERLING, MEN'S WATCHES, JEWELRY, COSTUME JEWELRY, FURNITURE, PAINTINGS AND CLOCKS. Schefer Antiques 703-241-0790 theschefers@cox.net	
Announcements The Pole Building Specialists Serving our Customers for 35 Years 24' x 36' x 10' 2 - 9' x 7' Garage Doors 1 - 3' Entry Door \$9,995 FABRAL METAL WALL AND ROOF SYSTEMS 40' x 60' x 16' 1 - 12' x 16' Sliding Door 1 - 3' Entry Door \$23,995 (800) 331-1875 • www.FettervilleSales.com		Announcements Lutheran Mission Society Alan Amrhine, Communications Director Lutheran Mission Society "MDDC has connected donors with the LMS Vehicle Donation Program for over six years! Great exposure, cost effective, and Wanda is so helpful." Call Wanda: 410-212-0616 wsmith@mddcpres.com Local touch, infinite reach. 	
Announcements OUTER BANKS, NC - VACATION RENTALS Over 600 vacation homes from S. Nags Head to Corolla's 4x4! Brindley Beach VACATIONS & SALES 877-642-3224 www.brindleybeach.com		Announcements HOME & GARDEN WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM TO ADVERTISE IN THIS PAPER, CALL BY MONDAY 11:00 AM 703-778-9411	
LANDSCAPING GARDENER Energetic gardener, Speaks French & English. Spring/Summer Cleanup, weeding, planting, edging, mulching, maintenance. Excellent Potomac references. 301-980-8258		Announcements Results! Why, man, I have gotten a lot of results. I know several thousand things that won't work. -Thomas A. Edison	

And So It Begins



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

For the first time in almost exactly 25 years: bathroom demolition, times two. With financial assistance from my father-in-law, along with use of our home equity line, we have committed to and contracted for, a complete renovation of our two full bathrooms ('full' meaning: tub/shower, commode, sink, vanity, mirror, shelves, lights/fixtures, counter top, floor and shower tile, and paint). Ergo, over the next eight to 12 weeks, our house will officially become a construction site.

Never having experienced this level of upheaval and chaos in any of our previous homes before, we are looking forward since we have no reference looking backward.

We know one thing for sure: our five indoor cats will be miserable and scared and likely hiding for days on end. Considering that the workers will be in our home from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., I don't know when the cats are going to feel like eating since their routine will have been completely thrown off having so many new people in the house for so many hours per day. (I don't even want to think about the litter box implications.)

Nevertheless, time marches forward, and given that our home is historic/over 250 years old, its bathrooms, though not exactly pre-Colonial, definitely are showing their age. Their design, form, function, efficiency and attractiveness barely blip the radar. Both bathrooms are old, and that's the only compliment I can give them.

I imagine the next two to three months will likely be a journey of discovery; Columbus-like in that we will be discovering a new world with modern bathroom amenities and conveniences, color coordination and functionality, many of which we've not been the beneficiaries of in over 25 years.

Our kitchen remains as it has been all those years ago: large but clearly deficient in many ways compared to modern kitchens. As a matter of fact, as the designer, project manager and I walked into the kitchen looking for the access panel to the adjacent bathroom, I said, "As you can see, our kitchen needs work, too. Any chance you all offer a 'BOGO? Buy one, get one free?" Of course, they both laughed and shook their head. They didn't have to say "No." It was more a rhetorical question anyway.

Considering the time we've all had together, we have no doubt the contractor and his workers know what they're doing. We're not sure however, as homeowners that we know what we're doing. From our first meeting, a few months back, the process has seemed clear enough as do the drawings/design ideas we've now seen/decided upon do. Still, when it goes from their paper to our property, how will it all transfer? They seem confident and complimentary which certainly has been reassuring but we're novices in this transformation.

For us each step forward is yet another step into the great unknown. And since we can only take it one step at a time, we have no choice but to live and learn and hopefully not regret and decisions we've already made (although changes can still be made).

So far – and it's not very far – so good. However, it's the process of starting and ultimately finishing that worries me. Not that I run on a schedule (heck, I can barely walk), but my wife, Dina, sort of does; and it seems as if she and the workers might be occupying the same space at the same time.

I suppose the timing and all eventually works itself out but it's the interim with which I'm concerned. I realize there are no guarantees in any of this.

I guess I just have to deal with it as I do with my having cancer: take the bad with the good, keep a sense of humor and try to remain positive. Doing so has kept me alive for eight years and four months. I'd like to think I can manage for another eight to 12 weeks.

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

THE CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS
CLASSIFIED
 For Local...
 • Employment
 • Employees
 • Services
 • Entertainment
 • Announcements
 • Real Estate
 • Cars
 • Trucks
 • Vans
 • RV's
 • Boats
 • Pets
 • Yard Sales
 • Crafts
 • Hobbies
 • And More!
 For All Your Advertising Needs...
 It Works. Week After Week.
 703 778-9411
 Place Your Ad Today!
THE CONNECTION
 to your community



POTOMAC, MARYLAND
Renov by highly acclaimed designer Jack Phillips. Reminiscent of a Tuscan Villa w/ great gardens. Fab floor plan, pool and 4 car garage. \$3,500,000
Nancy Itteilag 202-905-7762
Chris Itteilag 301-663-8182



AVENEL, BETHESDA, MARYLAND
NEW PRICE! Exceptional value in Eagle Ridge. Exciting new look! Charm & sophistication on 4 levels w/ elevator & pool, Whitman. \$2,695,000
Adaline Neely 301-580-2214
Mark McFadden 703-216-1333



AVENEL, BETHESDA, MARYLAND
Soaring views of the 4th & 5th fairways of the famed TPC at Avenel Golf Course. Top of the line kit. MBR w/ sitting room & gas FP. Fin LL w/ additional BR/BA. \$1,698,000
Nancy Itteilag 202-905-7762
Chris Itteilag 301-663-8182



POTOMAC, MARYLAND
Beautifully renov colonial on 2 acre storybook setting. Chef's kitchen, family rm w/ high ceilings & built-ins. Slate patio, heated pool & 2 car garage. \$1,595,000
Nancy Itteilag 202-905-7762
Chris Itteilag 301-663-8182



ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
NEW LISTING! Stunning residence w/ soaring fairway views from every room. Open floor plan w/ high ceilings, hardwood floors, large deck & chef's kitchen. \$1,525,000
Nancy Itteilag 202-905-7762
Chris Itteilag 301-663-8182



POTOMAC, MARYLAND
Serene contemporary designed w/ walls of windows & views from every room. Elegant finishes abound from front entry door, to beautiful wood & stone flrs! \$1,498,000
Nancy Itteilag 202-905-7762
Chris Itteilag 301-663-8182



AVENEL, POTOMAC, MARYLAND
Stunning turnkey home features a timeless renov by acclaimed interior designer Fabiola Martens. Overlooks 11th green of TPC Avenel Golf Course. 4BR, 4BA, 2HBA. Swim/Tennis Club. \$1,495,000
Adaline Neely 301-580-2214



POTOMAC, MARYLAND
Beautiful Colonial with exquisite renovations. Smashing new kitchen and baths! 4 finished levels with lovely views and a wonderful pool! \$1,259,000
Delia McCormick 301-977-7273
James Gregory 240-447-7701



POTOMAC, MARYLAND
Exquisite contemporary-feel home w/ breathtaking views from every room! Rolling landscaped fields over 2 acres of lush greenery, fabulous patio, LL. offers legal apartment w/ 2nd kitchen! \$1,199,000
Traudel Lange 301-765-8334



BETHESDA, MARYLAND
Renovated 5BR/4.5BA on almost 1 acre! Flat backyard with lighted sport court & patios. Family room/ master addition & upgraded baths. \$1,195,000
Marsha Schuman 301-299-9598
Betsy Schuman Dodek 301-996-8700



BROOKMONT, BETHESDA, MARYLAND
Light-filled, turnkey 4BR/3.5BA TH w/ open floor plan, soaring ceilings, & dramatic woodland views! 1 min drive to DC line! Sleek kitchen, luxe master suite, garage & driveway pkg. \$1,100,000
Margot Wilson 202-549-2100



POTOMAC, MARYLAND
Full renov + addition, 4,000+SF. Fab eat-in kit adj to fam rm overlooking priv lot, 2MBR, w/o LL. Set back from road w/ elec gate & prkg. \$1,079,000
Marsha Schuman 301-299-9598
Betsy Schuman Dodek 301-996-8700



POTOMAC, MARYLAND
Gorgeous inside & out! Spacious 5BR/3.5BA colonial w/ a dream yard & cul-de-sac setting. Chef's kit open to fam rm, main M office, sumptuous MBR w/ 2 walk-in closets, sitting rm & spa-like BA. Fin LL, Churchill. \$1,040,000
Meg Percesepe 240-441-8434



DARNESTOWN, MARYLAND
Beautifully situated home in private setting w/ 3 fin spacious lvs, fab gourmet kit, lux master suite, cathedral ceilings & screened in porch overlooking 2.4 acres of enchanting grounds! \$899,500
Traudel Lange 301-765-8334



POTOMAC, MARYLAND
Peace + privacy while still near it all! Light-filled 5BR/3.5BA Contemporary with renovated kit & BAs. Newer windows & siding. Walkout LL w/ rec room & au pair ste. Large deck + patio. Churchill Schools. \$899,000
Meg Percesepe 240-441-8434



ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Expanded 4 bedroom Glen Park home in a private, park-like setting with main level master. Renovated kitchen and baths, summer-ready pool and patio, Wootton Schools. \$710,000
Meg Percesepe 240-441-8434

