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Cyclists ride down the path along  
the canal in the Chesapeake & Ohio  
Canal National Historical Park.

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## Keeping an Eye on Business

### Potomac Chamber of Commerce organizes annual Potomac Day.

BY PEGGY MCEWAN  
THE ALMANAC

Members of the Potomac business community make up the Potomac Chamber of Commerce. There they have an opportunity to meet other local business men and women to network and socialize.

The chamber organizes the annual Potomac Day celebration which includes a parade, children's festival, business fair, petting zoo and car show. Potomac Day will be held Oct. 21 this year, celebrating the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the annual celebration.

Potomac still has the feel of a small town according to Jennifer Matheson, director of operations for the Potomac Chamber.

"There is a solid foundation in Potomac," she said. "It's nice to be able to go into a little town and know it."

Nothing much changes, she said, adding that recently Starbucks expanded and that a new coffee shop is opening soon.

Complaints from residents are few, as are problems other than parking in the shopping centers at



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**Huckle Cat with Marty Johnson and Edie Wingate from Friends of the Library along with 3-year-old Domini Whitney at last year's Potomac Day celebration.**

the intersection of River and Falls roads. "Parking is always going to be an issue," she said. "Dead deer are always a problem and I get complaints about the man who panhandles on the corner."

Still it's nice to have a community with so few problems, she said.

"Everything is so fast paced in this world," she said. "You feel good here."

### POTOMAC DEMOGRAPHICS

<b>ZIP Code:</b> 20854	6,862
<b>Population:</b> 46,475	<b>Individuals 65 years and over:</b> 5,659
<b>Race:</b> White- (67.3%), Black/African American- (5.0%), American Indian and Alaska Native- (0.1%), Asian- (17.1%), Hispanic or Latino (of any race)- (8.3%)	<b>Median household income:</b> \$181,385
<b>Total housing units:</b> 17,132	<b>Population 5 years and over who speaks a language other than English at home:</b> 34.9%
<b>Owner occupied housing units:</b> (87.1%)	Source: U.S. Census 2010; American Community Survey 2014
<b>Households with individuals under 18 years:</b>	

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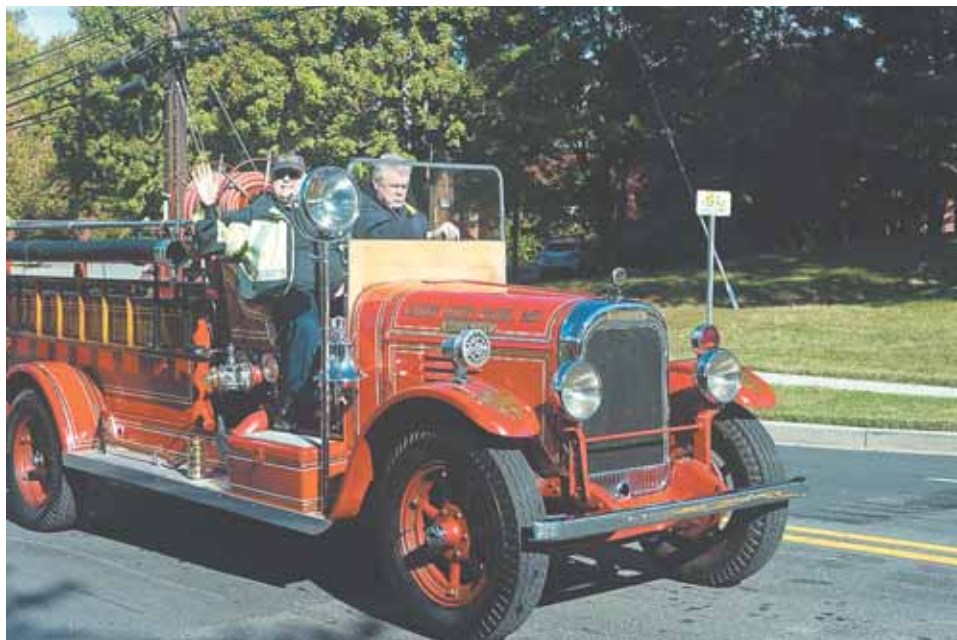
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Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department at Potomac Day 2016.



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Squeals on Wheels at Potomac Day 2016.

## August 2017

**Great Falls Tavern, Mule-Drawn Canal Boat Rides.** Friday-Sundays, through Sept. 3, 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. at Great Falls Tavern Visitors Center, 11710 MacArthur Blvd. Take a boat ride along the historic C&O Canal. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for children, and children 3 and under ride for free. Visit [www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/great-falls-canal-boat-rides.htm](http://www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/great-falls-canal-boat-rides.htm).

### WEDNESDAYS-SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

**Carousel Rides.** Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Take a ride on the historic 1921 Dentzel Carousel at Glen Echo Park. Tickets are \$1.25 per ride. Visit [glenechopark.org/carousel](http://glenechopark.org/carousel).

### DEADLINE AUG. 27

**National Parks Pass.** A senior lifetime National Parks pass is \$10 through Aug. 28. On Aug. 28, fee goes up to \$80. Age 62 or older to qualify as a senior. Visit [store.usgs.gov/senior-pass](http://store.usgs.gov/senior-pass) for more.

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 23

**Tom Saputo on Piano.** 7-10:30 p.m. at Margery's Lounge at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road. Call 301-983-8838, or visit [popovers.com](http://popovers.com)

### FRIDAY/AUG. 25

**Bob Smith and Rob Vetter in Concert.** 7-11 p.m. at Margery's Lounge at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road. Call 301-983-8838, or visit [popovers.com](http://popovers.com)

### SUNDAY/AUG. 27

**Dixieland Jazz Jam.** 6 p.m. at Margery's Lounge at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road. Presented by the Potomac River Jazz Club. Bring a instrument and sit in with the Conservatory Classic Jazz Band during the first set. Or just drop in to listen to the great sounds of classic jazz, Dixieland, and swing. \$10. Call 301-762-3323, or visit [prjc.org](http://prjc.org).

### THURSDAY/AUG. 31

**Potomac Community Village Party.** 3:30-5 p.m. in Potomac. An opportunity to meet neighbors. Location of the party will be at a private Potomac home, with location

and directions provided when RSVP by Saturday, Aug. 25. Email [info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org](mailto:info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org), or call 240-221-1370 for more.

**Bob Smith and Rob Vetter in Concert.** 7-10:30 p.m. at Margery's Lounge at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road. Call 301-983-8838, or visit [popovers.com](http://popovers.com)

## September 2017

### FRIDAY-MONDAY/SEPT. 1-4

**Labor Day Art Show.** Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday-Monday, 12-6 p.m. at Spanish Ballroom – Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Find art of various media. "Cash and carry" jewelry available for the third consecutive year. Free. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org).

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 1

**Art Walk in the Park.** First Fridays through Sept. 6-8 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Enjoy pottery, glass work, photography, and much more. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org).

### SATURDAY-MONDAY/SEPT. 2-4

**Annual Yellow Barn Studio and Gallery Drawing Exhibition.** 12-5 p.m. at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. In cooperation with the Friends of the Yellow Barn, an exhibition open to all members of the Yellow Barn. A closing reception will be held on Monday, Sept. 7, 5-6:30 p.m. Visit [www.yellowbarnstudio.com](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com).

**Labor Day Art Show.** 12-6 p.m. at Spanish Ballroom – Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Find art of various media as well as some children's work. Free. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org).

### MONDAY/SEPT. 4

**Irish Music and Dance Showcase.** 1-5 p.m. at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Attend a day of Irish music and dance presented by the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture and the Irish Inn at Glen Echo. Free. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org).

### MONDAY/SEPT. 4

**Labor Day Parade.** 1 p.m. in the streets of Olde Towne Gaithersburg. Celebrate Labor Day with performances, antique cars, marching bands, and more. Free. Visit [www.gaithersburgmd.gov/leisure/labor-day-parade](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/leisure/labor-day-parade).

### SEPT. 6-30

**The Trawick Prize Exhibition.** Wednesday-Saturday, 12-6 p.m. at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. This exhibition features The Trawick Prize finalists for the Bethesda Contemporary Art Awards. The public opening reception will be held Friday, Sept. 8 from 6-8 p.m. Visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

### SEPT. 9-OCT. 15

**Great Falls Tavern, Mule-Drawn Canal Boat Rides.** 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. at Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, 11710 MacArthur Blvd. Take a boat ride along the historic C&O Canal. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for children, and children 3 and under ride for free. Visit [www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/great-falls-canal-boat-rides.htm](http://www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/great-falls-canal-boat-rides.htm).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 9

**Potomac Library Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 10101 Glenolden Drive. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Monthly. Most hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks are \$.50. Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/potomac.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/potomac.html).

**Carnival of Chocolates.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Rockville Town Square. This year's event will include chocolate tastings from local chocolatiers, a children's fun run (100 yard dash), live music, games, and children's story times. Proceeds benefit The Dwelling Place, a non-profit dedicated to homeless families. Free to attend. Visit [www.tdp-inc.org](http://www.tdp-inc.org).

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 10

**Parks Half Marathon.** 7-10 a.m. Run from Rockville to Bethesda. Showcases Montgomery County's park system. Sponsored by Montgomery County Road Runners Club. Registration is \$69 until Sept. 5 and \$80 Sept. 6-8. Visit [www.mcrrc.org](http://www.mcrrc.org).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 16

**Days End Farm Horse Rescue Fall Festival.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at 1372 Woodbine Road, Woodbine. The event will include a horse costume contest, children's pony rides, music, and vendors. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children under 18, and free for children under 5. Visit [www.defhr.org](http://www.defhr.org).

**Park After Dark.** 6 p.m. at C&O Canal

National Historical Park – Great Falls Tavern, 11710 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. Attendees enjoy live music, food, libations, auction items, desserts, a campfire and more. The evening's dress is "Canal Chic." This is the seventh annual Park After Dark and there are no other events like on the C&O Canal National Historic Park grounds. Event tickets are \$200. Visit [www.parkafterdark.org](http://www.parkafterdark.org).

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 24

**Cabin John Kids Run.** 9-10 a.m. at Cabin John Regional Park. Sunday, Sept. 24. A mile run, half-mile young run and quarter mile young run is offered. Registration is race-day only. Free for runners 17 and under. See [www.mcrrc.org](http://www.mcrrc.org).

**F.E.A.S.T. at VisArts 2017.** 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Continuing in the spirit of sustainable creative practices that define, reflect on, and stimulate action in the community, F.E.A.S.T. at VisArts 2017 (Funding Emerging Artists with Sustainable Tactics) features proposals on the theme "Future Framers: Envisioning Rockville in 2040." A picnic of locally-prepared food will be served on the Rooftop at VisArts. Artists and thinkers will present their project proposals to the gathering of ticket holders who will vote for a winning project. An immediate grant from a portion of the ticket price will be awarded to the winner. Tickets are \$30, \$15 for students. Visit [www.visartsatrockville.org](http://www.visartsatrockville.org).

## October 2017

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 6-8

**SerbFest.** 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon-6 p.m. Sunday, Saint Luke Serbian Orthodox Church, 10660 River Road, Potomac. Serbian dishes, beverages, dance and music performances, gifts and boutique items and family-friendly activities. Visit [www.serbfestdc.com](http://www.serbfestdc.com).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 7

**Taste of Bethesda.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. along Norfolk, St. Elmo, Cordell, Del Ray, and Auburn avenues. Local restaurants and entertainment come together for the 26th Annual Taste of Bethesda. Admission to the festival is free, taste tickets are sold in bundles of four for \$5. Visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

**Bethesda Rescue Day.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, 5020 Battery Lane. The

Rescue Squad's most advanced firefighting and rescue equipment, including emergency vehicles, will be on display. Visit [www.bccrs.org](http://www.bccrs.org) or call 301-652-0077.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 13

**Youth Activity Club.** 7-9 p.m. at the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, for grades 3 through 6. Meets Friday evenings through March 23, 2018. Activities include sports, arts and crafts, bingo, movies, dj, games, etc. Call the community center, 240-777-6960.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 14

**Potomac Library Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Monthly. Most hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks are \$.50. Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/potomac.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/potomac.html).

**Antique and Classic Car Show.** 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. Find more than 500 antique and classic cars. Free. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 21

**Taste in Potomac.** 6:30-11:30 p.m. at Bolger Center, 9600 Newbridge Drive, Potomac. The Taste in Potomac is a community event that raises funds to help children in foster care find adoptive families. Tickets are \$185. Visit [www.adoptionstogether.org](http://www.adoptionstogether.org).

**Potomac Day.** 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at 9812 Falls Road, Potomac. Arts and entertainment for all ages, ranging from rides for children to a classic car show and business fair. The highlight is the Potomac Day Parade at 10:30 a.m., featuring hundreds of entrants, including bands, horses, classic cars, school groups, scouting organizations, and candidates for elected office. This is the 35th annual Potomac Day. Free. Call the Potomac Chamber of Commerce at 301-299-2170 or visit [www.potomacchamber.org](http://www.potomacchamber.org).

### SUNDAY/OCT. 22

**All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feast Fundraiser.** 1-5 p.m. at 5020 Battery Lane. The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Alumni Association will hold a crab feast fundraiser – all-you-can-eat steamed crabs, fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, applesauce, and rolls,

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along with beer and soda. Tickets cost \$45 per person in advance (or \$50 after Sept. 5). Visit [www.bccrs.org](http://www.bccrs.org).  
**Montgomery County Out of the Darkness Community Walk.** 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in Silver Spring (location to be announced). This walk, in conjunction with over 300 communities across the country this fall, benefits the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Visit [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org).

## November 2017

### NOV. 2-5

**Lessans Family Annual Book Festival.** Bender JCC of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. The Festival will kick-off with our opening event featuring the bestselling author, Jennifer Weiner. Call 301-881-0100.

### SUNDAY/NOV. 5

**Rockville 10K/5K.** 8:30 a.m. at King Farm Village Center, King Farm Boulevard and Pleasant Drive, Rockville. Annual race. Visit [www.rockville10k5k.com](http://www.rockville10k5k.com).

### THURSDAYS THROUGH NOVEMBER

**Potomac Village Farmers Market.** 2-6:30 p.m. at Potomac United Methodist Church, 9908 S. Glen Road. Visit [www.potomacvillagefarmersmarket.net](http://www.potomacvillagefarmersmarket.net).

### SATURDAY/NOV. 18

**Dinner of Champions.** 7 p.m. at JCC of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. The annual event honors those who have achieved success in the world of sports, and those who have made extraordinary contributions to the community. The dinner benefits the Jewish Community inclusion programs for individuals with special needs. Individual tickets are \$275. Visit [www.jccgw.org](http://www.jccgw.org).

### THURSDAY/NOV. 23

**Turkey Chase.** 8:30 a.m. at 9401 Old Georgetown Road at Spruce Street. The Turkey Chase 10K Run benefits the YMCA Bethesda-Chevy Chase, YMCA's Youth and Family Services and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rotary Club Foundation. Includes a two-mile walk/run; wheelchairs welcome. Registration is \$10 for the Kid's Run, \$20 for the 2 mile race, and \$35 for the 10K. See [www.turkeychase.com](http://www.turkeychase.com).

### NOV. 25-DEC. 31

**Winter Lights Festival.** Sunday-Thursdays, 6-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 6-10 p.m. at Seneca Creek Park, 11950 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg. Winter Lights is a 3.5-mile drive through a holiday light show at Seneca Creek Park with more than 360 illuminated displays. Additional events include Wine Under the Lights, Run Under the Lights, Leashes 'n' Lights, and, S'More Lights & Trolley Rides. Visit [www.gaithersburgmd.gov/leisure/special-events/winter-lights-festival](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/leisure/special-events/winter-lights-festival).

## December 2017

**Christmas Tree Sale.** Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, Station 10, 8001 River Road. Call 301-365-2255 or visit [www.cjpvfd.org](http://www.cjpvfd.org).

**Santa on Fire Engines Toy Collection.** A procession of fire engines run by the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, carry Santa on a tour of Potomac neighborhoods over the course of several evenings in December,



## Craft Show

**Clara Barton Craft Show in December 2016 drew a crowd.**

collecting unwrapped new toys for needy children. Call 301-365-2255 or visit [www.cjpvfd.org](http://www.cjpvfd.org).

**Clara Barton Holiday Craft Show.** Takes place in early December at the Clara Barton Community Recreation Center, 7425 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John. Free admission and parking. Visit [www.Friends CBCC.org](http://www.Friends CBCC.org).

### DEC. 1-23

**Friends of the Yellow Barn.** The Yellow Barn Studio gives annual members show. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org) or [www.yellowbarnstudio.com](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com). Call 301-634-2222.

### SATURDAY/DEC. 2

**Bethesda's Winter Wonderland.** This seasonal event takes place in multiple locations, including concerts at Imagination Stage and in Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. The event, so far unconfirmed for 2017, has featured caroling, ice sculpting, storytelling, holiday performances and hands-on craft activities for children. Call 301-215-6660 or visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

### SUNDAY/DEC. 10

**Jingle Bell Jog.** 9-10:30 a.m. at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. Registration is free for Montgomery County Road Runners Club, \$10 for non-members and \$5 for non-members under 18. See [www.mcrrc.org](http://www.mcrrc.org).

## January 2018

**The Maryland General Assembly** meets in Annapolis each year for 90 days to act on more than 2,500 bills including the state's annual budget. Potomac falls into two districts, District 15 and District 16, each one with one senator and three delegates. Visit [www.mlis.state.md.us](http://www.mlis.state.md.us).

**West Montgomery County Citizens Association.** Second Wednesday, 7:15-9 p.m. at Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road. Attend the general meeting. See [www.wmcca.org](http://www.wmcca.org).

## February 2018

### THURSDAY-SUNDAY/FEB. 16-19

**Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival.** 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville. The festival provides live musical performances, workshops and seminars. See [www.midatlanticjazzfestival.org](http://www.midatlanticjazzfestival.org).

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## March 2018

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7:15-9 p.m. at Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road. Attend the general meeting. See [www.wmcca.org](http://www.wmcca.org).

## April 2018

### APRIL-AUG.

**Mule-Drawn Canal Boat Rides, Great Falls Tavern.** Call the C&O Canal National Historical Park at Great Falls visitor center, 301-767-3714 or visit [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).

**The Bethesda Literary Festival** is held annually in April. Features poets, authors, journalists, novelists, poetry slams, essay contests and youth book parties. Literary events take place in downtown Bethesda's bookstores, galleries and retail businesses, as well as the library and elementary school. Visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

**Pike's Peek 10K.** 7:50 a.m. at the Shady Grove Metro Station. See [www.pikespeek10k.org](http://www.pikespeek10k.org).

### LATE APRIL, EARLY MAY

**"Blast from the Past."** Winston Churchill High School, 11300 Gainsborough Road, Potomac. Attend an annual musical revue featuring student cast members, musicians and stage crew. Call 301-469-1200 or visit [www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/churchillhs](http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/churchillhs) for dates and more information.

**The Annual C&O Canal Pride Days.** This is a joint effort between the park and C&O Canal Trust that brings hundreds of volunteers into the park to conduct maintenance projects. Work at C&O Canal National Historical Park at Great Falls (Maryland) and other sites along the Potomac River and C&O Canal towpath. Call the Canal Trust at 301-714-2233, [www.canaltrust.org](http://www.canaltrust.org), or see the park website at [www.nps.gov/choh](http://www.nps.gov/choh).

**Potomac Watershed Cleanup.** This volunteer event is sponsored annually by Alice Ferguson Foundation. Last year, more than 23,898 volunteers picked up 1,203,543 pounds of trash including 1,328 tires, 13,214 cigarette butts, 17,594 plastic bags, and 251,100 beverage containers. Volunteers helped at many sites along the Potomac River in Potomac. See [www.fergusonfoundation.org](http://www.fergusonfoundation.org).

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## May 2018

**Potomac Horse Center Annual Spring Open House.** See [www.PotomacHorse.com](http://www.PotomacHorse.com).

**Run Aware 5K.** Race through woods, trails, and, if lucky, mud. Along with the 5K (Cross Country Series) race,

there will be a 1K (Junior Participation Series) race. See [www.mcrrc.org](http://www.mcrrc.org).

**Potomac Village Farmers Market.** Through October (and sometimes into November), Thursdays, 2-6:30 p.m. Potomac United Methodist Church, 9908 S. Glen Road at corner of Falls Road and Democracy Boulevard. Visit [www.potomacvillagefarmersmarket.net](http://www.potomacvillagefarmersmarket.net).

**Spring Festival.** Greek Orthodox Church of St. George, 7701 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. The annual festival includes traditional Greek cuisine, outdoor/indoor dining, Greek dancing, church tours and Greek pastries. Call 301-469-7990 or visit [www.stgeorge.org](http://www.stgeorge.org).

**The Potomac Hunt Races.** 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at 14401B Partnership Road, Poolesville. This annual May tradition celebrates the sport of steeplechase racing and benefiting local charities. Race day festivities include steeplechase racing, thoroughbreds and festival tailgate parties, a car show, pony rides and more. See [www.potomachuntraces.com](http://www.potomachuntraces.com).

**Strawberry Festival.** Potomac United Methodist Church, 9908 S. Glen Road, Potomac. This festival dedicated to all things strawberry is traditionally held the weekend before Memorial Day. Berries, a silent auction, bake sale, rummage sale, craft fair, dollar items and games and activities for children. Call the church at 301-299-9383 or visit [www.potomac-umc.org](http://www.potomac-umc.org).

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

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 5-7

**The Landon Azalea Garden Festival.** Perkins Garden and the Landon campus, 6101 Wilson Lane, Bethesda. The annual festival dates back to the mid-1950s when Landon's founders, Paul and Mary Lee Banfield opened the newly acquired azalea garden to the public. Call 301-320-3200 or visit [www.landon.net](http://www.landon.net).

### SUNDAY/MAY 7

**Mark's Run.** 8-10 a.m. at Triplett Field, Bordley Stadium. A 5-K race and one-mile run also takes place during the Landon Azalea Garden festival. Mark's Run is held each year in memory of alumnus Mark Ferris '94, who lost his battle with juvenile diabetes. The run raises more than \$50,000 for the Mark Ferris Scholarship Fund and \$75,000 to the Joslin Diabetes Center. Call 301-320-3200 or visit [www.landon.net](http://www.landon.net).

### SATURDAY-MONDAY/MAY 27-29

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

### MAY-JULY

**Bethesda Summer Concert Series.** Free. Last year's Thursday concerts took place at Veterans Park, at the corner of Norfolk and Woodmont avenues. See [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).  
**West Montgomery County Citizens Association,** general meeting, second Wednesday, Potomac Community Center, 7:15-9 p.m. Public is welcome. See [www.wmcca.org](http://www.wmcca.org).

## June 2018

**Imagination Bethesda,** annual children's street festival celebrating the arts. The festival features costume characters, face painters, international dance troupes, theater performances, a moon bounce and a variety of hands-on arts activities. Call 301-215-6660 or see [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

**Glen Echo Park's Summer Concert Series** begins in June on Thursday evenings. Free. See [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org). 301-634-2222.

**Quicken Loans National.** This event features 120 PGA Tour professionals at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda who will compete for millions. The event raises funds and awareness for the Tiger Woods Foundation while paying tribute to U.S. armed forces. See [www.tigerwoodsfoundation.org](http://www.tigerwoodsfoundation.org).

## July 2018

**Autism Speaks Annual 5K** run and one-mile walk benefits research on autism. Last year's event raised more than \$230,000. See [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org) or email [autismspeaks5K@autismspeaks.org](mailto:autismspeaks5K@autismspeaks.org).  
**Montgomery County Fairgrounds 4th of July Fireworks** activities include live music, games and food. Call 301-258-6350. See [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov)

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The **Potomac Whitewater Festival** in late June or early July is an annual fundraising event that celebrates kayaking in the Potomac River. Offers races for kayakers and clinics and activities for the public. See [www.potomacfest.com](http://www.potomacfest.com) or [anadventures.com](http://anadventures.com).

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

**Farm Tour & Harvest Sale.** Various times at various locations in Montgomery County. Montgomery County celebrates its agricultural heritage by promoting local farms, and inviting patrons to partake in seasonally fresh food. Admission prices vary based on farm. Visit [www.montgomerycountrymd.gov/agsservices/agfarmtour.html](http://www.montgomerycountrymd.gov/agsservices/agfarmtour.html) for a full schedule.

## August 2018

**Riley's Rumble Half-Marathon.** See [www.mcrrc.org](http://www.mcrrc.org).

**Montgomery County Agricultural Fair** is a favorite destination each August. See [www.mcgafair.com](http://www.mcgafair.com).

# Volunteers Clean Up Memorial to Accident Victims

BY PEGGY McEWAN  
THE ALMANAC

**M**embers of the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department Station 10 on River Road took time this month to clean up the site of a memorial to a Bethesda family killed in an accident in February 2016.

"I've been driving past that scene weekly for a while and it had gotten to the point where you couldn't even see it, so we decided to clean it up," said Greg Bastien, who drives the ambulance for the station's Sunday day crew. Other members of the crew Matthew Kubler, Meghan Leahy and Andreas Lair-Ferrari, all volunteers at the station like Bastien, helped clear trash that collected near the site and pulled weeds growing over the small white crosses decorated with artificial flowers.

The accident at River Road and Braeburn Parkway killed three members of the Buarque DeMarco family who were on their way to a play at Walt Whitman High School where Thomas Buarque De Marco, 18, was a senior. In addition to Thomas, his father Michael, 52, and mother Alessandra, 53, also died when a car traveling west on River Road hit the Buarque De Marco auto as it made a left turn from eastbound River Road.

Helena Buarque De Marco, 15, was also in the car but survived the accident.

Bastien said he was not on duty for the accident call but he felt it was important to clean up the site.

"We notice it," he said.



PHOTOS BY CABIN JOHN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**After passing by the memorial for the family killed in the fatal crash on Pyle Road of February 2016, Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department's Sunday day crew decided to honor those lost by cleaning up the memorial.**

## BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at [ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar](http://ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar). Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

### DATES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

The Montgomery County school year will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017, and the last day of school will be no later than Friday, June 15, 2018.

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 23

**Community Meeting.** 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Drive, Rockville. Councilmember Craig Rice, who serves as chair of the Council's Education Committee, will host a community meeting with Montgomery County Public Schools

(MCPS) Superintendent Jack Smith to discuss universal pre-kindergarten programs. The purpose of this community meeting is to seek input from the community about what they are looking for in terms of early childhood education both in current programming and possible implementation of universal pre-kindergarten programs. Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rice/](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rice/)

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 30

**Dementia-Related Behavior.** 2-3:30 p.m. at Arden Courts of Potomac, 10718 Potomac Tennis Lane, Potomac. To help caregivers decipher behaviors and determine how best to respond, the Alzheimer's Association offers the Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior program. Visit [www.alz.org/nca/in\\_my\\_community\\_64062.asp](http://www.alz.org/nca/in_my_community_64062.asp).

## SCHOOL NOTES

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

The following Potomac students were awarded academic honors for the spring 2017 semester at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.):

- ❖ **Julianna Leslie Klein**, majoring in secondary education
- ❖ **Kaitlyn J. Hillard**, majoring in mechanical engineering
- ❖ **Brittany Renee Testa**, majoring in parks, recreation and tourism management

❖ **Jenna Anne Levenson**, majoring in secondary education

The following Potomac-area residents made the dean's list for the 2017 spring semester at Rochester Institute of Technology (Rochester, N.Y.):

- ❖ **Christian Vaughan**, who is studying computer science.
- ❖ **Sebastian Serrano-Berthet**, who is studying computer science.
- ❖ **Corry Straathof**, who is studying mechanical engineering.
- ❖ **Samuel Washburn**, who is studying physics.



## A Glimpse of the Eclipse

Searching through the clouds for a glimpse of the solar eclipse on Monday, Aug. 21, is Semiti Rashidi, manager of the Rite Aid store in Potomac Village. Waiting for a turn to use the glasses are Rachel Quinn and Susan Harris.



Michael Joseph waits his turn to use the solstice viewing glasses while Christine Koons-Byrne takes in the show. They watched the moon block the sun from just outside the Long and Foster office on River Road.

PHOTOS BY PEGGY McEWAN/THE ALMANAC

# NEWCOMERS

## High School Sports

Compiled by **Ted Crawley**

### CHURCHILL

**Mascot:** Bulldogs  
**School Colors:** Blue and Green  
**Athletic Director:** Jessie Smith  
**Football Coach:** Willie Williams  
**Girls' Soccer Coach:** Haroot Hakopian  
**Boys' Soccer Coach:** Arnold Tarzy  
**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Kate Blanken  
**Boys' Basketball Coach:** David Blumenthal  
**Girls' Lacrosse Coach:** Mike Schweizer  
**Boys' Lacrosse Coach:** Jeff Fritz  
**Baseball Coach:** Scott Blackwood  
**Softball Coach:** Sharon Morris  
**Rival Schools:** Wootton  
**What happened last year:** The Boys' Lacrosse team made a run for the state championship but were defeated (7-6) in the last seconds of the final game against defending state champion Severna Park. Gwenyth Asbury won the indoor track and field state championship for her performance in the 800 Meter run.

### WHITMAN

**Mascot:** Vikings  
**School Colors:** White and Carolina Blue  
**Athletic Director:** Andrew Wetzell  
**Football Coach:** Dave Fyock  
**Girls' Soccer Coach:** Greg Herbert  
**Boys' Soccer Coach:** Dave Greene  
**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Pete Kenah  
**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Chris Lun  
**Girls' Lacrosse Coach:** Katie Bitonti  
**Boys' Lacrosse Coach:** Tommy Rothert  
**Baseball Coach:** Joe Cassidy  
**Softball Coach:** Annemarie O'Donoghue  
**Rival Schools:** Wootton  
**What happened last year:** The Girls' basketball team secured its position in the Maryland 4A State Championship, hoping to bring home their second state championship after winning the 2015-2016 season. They would fall short of this goal, losing to Catonsville 49-46 in the state finals.

### WOOTTON

**Mascot:** Patriots  
**School Colors:** Red, Navy Blue  
**Athletic Director:** Christopher Thompson  
**Football Coach:** Eddie Tolliver  
**Girls' Soccer Coach:** Liz Seligman  
**Boys' Soccer Coach:** Doug Schuessler  
**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Maggie Dryer  
**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Erick Graves  
**Girls' Lacrosse Coach:** Casey Fletcher  
**Boys' Lacrosse Coach:** Colin Thompson  
**Baseball Coach:** JD Marchand  
**Softball Coach:** Al Lightsley  
**Rival Schools:** Whitman  
**What happened last year:** The tennis team would for the 9th year in a row, bring home the most points of any other team competing at the state championship. Joseph Brailovsky had a textbook win during the tournament, defeating his opponent in two sets.

## Support Library

The Friends of the Library Potomac Chapter is an organization that supports the Potomac Community Library by raising funds through its book sales and donations from members. It provides funding for numerous programs for children, and for adult programs like Great Decisions and Author Talks. It gives money for the upkeep and beautification of the library grounds in conjunction with the Potomac Village Garden Club. It funds purchases for upgrades to the interior of the library such as tables and chairs, shelving, lighting and new carpeting.

The Friends of the Library Potomac Chapter has made it possible for the library to purchase additional books and subscriptions for magazines and data bases.

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## Two, Hopefully for Won



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

Being diagnosed with cancer; then having cancer/living with cancer, is like having a second job. A job that unlike many, requires and/or imposes a 'round the clock-type 24/7 adherence to protocol, policy, procedure, presumptions and principle. To live not like you're dying takes more than scoffing at a country music song that twangs an alternative vision. Believing in what routines you're following and any lifestyle changes you've made allows (I didn't say enables) a cancer survivor to thrive under the most difficult and demanding of circumstances.

Unfortunately for those reading this column looking for answers/guarantees, there aren't any other than: if you abuse the privilege of post-cancer-diagnosis survival, the ends will likely justify the means; meaning, you are responsible for your own actions and "inactions." The prognosis one is given at diagnosis is a reasonably thought out prediction. However, as grim as those words sound and seem at that moment, that prediction is not cast in stone. I'm living proof of that. The words you hear are based on the past. Your ensuing treatment is more about the present and future and what you decide to do living forward. Being open and unassuming, and by 'unassuming' I mean: not taking anything for granted, presuming facts not in evidence, considering that which has happened to somebody else – either good or bad, could happen to you and of course, asking as many questions in as many ways as necessary to get the answers you need, will help you co-exist with this terrible burden. Being diagnosed with a heretofore "terminal" disease presents one with innumerable challenges but not the slim pickin's (choices not the actor) of yesteryear.

Integrating/assimilating all of the facts, fiction and philosophy into one's daily cancer conundrum is a task often complicated by one's day job/intention to remain on that job. The thinking being, at least in my mind/experience: living as normal a life as possible and staying as true to one's usual and customary self as well as to one's wishes, desires, hopes, prayers, etc., will enable (not 'allow' this time) you potentially to live longer and prosper more and trek "where no man has gone before." For us cancer survivors/patients, where we hope to 'trek' is beyond the prognosis given to us by our oncologist.

I can boast of such an accomplishment, but I'd rather write it quietly and consistently as encouragement to others similarly diagnosed and "prognosed" than brag about it loudly. However, the changes/choices I've made might not suit another's personality. I regularly receive suggestions about additional anti-cancer pursuits. Some I embrace, some I don't. Some are conventional (Western), some are alternative (Non-Western). Many sound reasonable and "integratable" into my lifestyle. Many others don't. But given that my life is at stake, how can a suggestion's incompatibility with my personality matter? We're talking life versus premature death here; not sit-down Italian versus take-out Chinese. And though food certainly matters, it is of course to no comparison to living versus dying. Still, I don't always say "yes."

This is the yin and yang of my life and probably the lives of many other survivors of serious/terminal-type diseases. I want to feel like I'm winning. But I'm deathly afraid of losing.

Moreover, I want to live my life as normally as possible, but not if it has adverse consequence. And how would I know anyway? Symptoms can be misleading and scans are quarterly. And though I remain positive about my very negative circumstances, occasionally the reality of those circumstances interfere with that normalcy. When that happens, I usually put pen to paper and try to write myself out of it.

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

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