New residents moving into Potomac at Brickyard Road.

August 22-28, 2018

Photo by Colin Dixon/The Almanac

Newcomers & Community Guide
2018-2019

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Aft er several primary elections decided after recounts by less than one percent of votes cast, and at least one surprise candidate coming in as an independent before the Aug. 6 deadline, the ballot is set for the Nov. 6 General Election.

The Democratic primary for County Executive wasn’t settled until a recount, with Marc Elrich winning by 80 votes of more than 120,000 votes cast. Elrich served as Montgomery County Councilmember at large, but had to leave the council due to term limits.

Now Nancy Floreen, who also had to leave her seat on County Council at Large, has entered the race an Independent. Frequent candidate and architect of the new term limits Robin Ficker is the Republican in the race.

This could be a race where every vote counts.

Check that you are registered, and still on the voter rolls by going to https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch before the Oct. 15 deadline.

There are 11 early voting sites in Montgomery County, including Potomac Community Center. During the early voting period, any registered voter can vote at any of the 11 sites.

Who Is on the Ballot?
❖ Indicates incumbent

**County Executive**

*Vote for One*

Robin Ficker, Republican
Marc Elrich, Democrat
Nancy Floreen, Unaffiliated

**County Council at Large**

*Vote for Four*

Robert Dyer, Republican
Chris F Piotes Jr., Republican
Penny Musser, Republican
Shelly Skolnick, Republican
Gabe Albornoz, Democrat
Evan Glass, Democrat
Will Jawando, Democrat
Hans Riemer, Democrat
Tim Willard, Green

**County Council District 1**

*Vote for one*

Richard Banach, Republican
Andrew Friedson, Democrat

**State’s Attorney**

*Vote for one*

John McCarthy, Democrat, unopposed

**Clerk of the Circuit Court**

*Vote for one*

Barbara H. Meiklejohn, Democrat, unopposed

**Register of Wills**

*Vote for One*

Dolores Reyes, Republican
Joseph M. Griffin, Democrat

**Sheriff**

*Vote for One*

Jae Hwang, Republican
Darren Mark Popkin, Democrat

**Board of Education**

*Vote for one in each district*

Board of Education At Large
Julie Reiley
Karla Silvestre

Board of Education District 1
Maria Blaeuer

**Board of Education District 3**

Judy Doenahue

**Board of Education District 5**

Brenda Wolf
Paul J. Pykosh

**Governor**

*Vote for One*

Larry Hogan, Republican
Ben Jealous, Democrat
Shawn Quinn, Libertarian
Ian Schlamn, Green

**Comptroller**

*Vote for One*

Anjali Reed Phukan, Republican
Peter Franchot, Democrat

**Attorney General**

*Vote for One*

Craig Wolf, Republican
Brian Frosh, Democrat

**U.S. Senate**

*Vote for One*

Tony Campbell, Republican
Ben Cardin, Democrat
Arvin Vohra, Libertarian
Neal Simon, Unaffiliated
Lih Young, Democrat, Write-In candidate

**Congressional District 6**

*Vote for One, (open seat)*

See Unusual Election, Page 11
What’s Best About Living in Potomac?

Brigitte Oertel
“Potomac is ideally located for driving downtown as well as out into the country. It has maintained its rural character which is what distinguishes it from other nearby communities. For recreation, there are many parks with tennis courts, soccer and baseball fields and playgrounds, and for hikers and bikers Great Falls Park and the C&O Canal are only a few miles away. Stores are just minutes away in Bethesda and Rockville and the Strathmore Music Center and Glen Echo Park offer a variety of programs in music and art.”

Deepa and Grace Lazarous
“We love the River Falls community and the people who live in it! Our neighbors are always watching out for the safety of your family. I feel very secure letting my kids go by themselves anywhere within our community.”

H. David Meyers
“Potomac is all about the wonderful people who live here. I’ve lived here more than 30 years and I love the diversity, the opportunities for interesting and intellectual conversations and the wealth of activities in our region from classical music to sports to politics. We are fortunate to have the Potomac Village gathering place near Starbucks!”

Dr. Som Grigorian
“Potomac is so international and a beautiful place to live. I love coming to Starbucks in the Village to meet old friends for interesting discussions—and to make new friends.”

Compiled by Susan Belford
The Almanac

Grigsby Family (Mom Stacey with children Sherlock, Jamie, Thalia and Andrew, and Stacey’s parents Barbara and Joel Kamya)
Stacey said “We love the green spaces in Potomac.” Thalia said, “We have a lot of room to play because our backyard is bigger than our old one.” Sherlock says, “I love our pool and back yard.” Stacey’s dad Joel and Barbara are from North Carolina. “We think Potomac is really pretty and a nice place to live and visit.”

William Maghrablian
“I’ve lived here in Potomac for 40 years and I love the people who live here. I enjoy coming to the Village because I always connect with my friends. It is just a wonderful place to live.”

David Zenian
“It’s cosmopolitan, civilized and quiet. The people who live here are good neighbors. I have lived and traveled the world reporting for the United Press International, very often in war-torn countries. We came back here because it is a beautiful and peaceful place to live. We are very happy here.”

Jill Lavin
“I love the bike paths, the Canal, the outdoor seating in Potomac Village by Starbucks where I always see someone I know, the proximity to DC and three international airports. I love playing tennis and golf with my friends. We love living here!”

Julie Chapman
“We really value all the local businesses such as Sprinkles, Potomac Grocer and others that add a personal touch of character and service to our town.”

Eric Maurer
“I live in Cabin John and I love it because it is close to the Potomac River and the C&O Canal. I also enjoy coming into the Village to Strosnider’s Hardware and the other stores.”

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A River, a Canal, and a Vision

By Ginny Barnes

E ver wonder why you are attracted to Potomac? Why you choose to live here or choose to stay? You may not see it on first arrival but Potomac has a history defined and shaped by water — part of a long river valley. Its strategic planning over much of the last century has been urged forward by a vital imperative to protect the water we all need to sustain life.

The geographic area we know as the Potomac Subregion is defined and named for the mighty Potomac River, settled by Paleo-Indians some 12,000 years ago. Great Falls marked the fall line; a point in the river where canoes had to leave the water and portage around the powerful falls. It became a gathering place for native peoples; a place to trade goods and exchange information. In the early 1700s, European explorers arrived and settled. They cleared the forests and grew tobacco on large plantations. Tobacco cultivation quickly depleted soil nutrients. Local planters turned to grains. Mills sprang up on streams leading to the Potomac. Our roads still bear their names, awards and obituaries.

We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. Email us a note about the event, being sure to include when and where the photo was taken and the names of all the people who are in a photo.

We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome.

It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

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Inside PANC

By Peggy McEwan
The Almanac

The Potomac Area Neighbors Club (PANC) offers residents, new and long-time, ways to meet new friends, learn more about area and participate in new activities.

“We are like a micro community,” Co-President Joanne Zinsmeister said.

The group brings people together to socialize; enjoy favorite, or new, activities; and learn from guest speakers.

“Members are encouraged to initiate and lead any activity they may want to introduce,” Co-President Joanne Zinsmeister said in an email. “New and creative ideas are being discussed constantly by the board.”

Zinsmeister and Alexa Kempel serve as co-presidents of the club but, Zinsmeister said, the group is run by a board of directors that meets monthly to plan and coordinate the many activities members participate in.

“The Potomac Area Neighbors Club is a social club of women who live in Potomac and surrounding areas. It meets on the second Thursday of every month at an area restaurant, community center or country club to conduct its General Meeting,” Zinsmeister said. “Most monthly meetings also feature an interesting speaker or theme along with time to socialize, enjoy good food and catch up with friends.”

“Within the larger club,” she said. “There are various Activity Groups that have their own events and outings according to the schedule and interests of each. Some of these are Dining Inn, Wine and Dine, Book Groups, Culinary, Film Buffs, Current Affairs, Power Walkers, Bridge, Theater, Writing and Mah Jongg.

Though the membership is all women, men are invited to participate in some of the activities, Zinsmeister said, particularly the dining groups.

Formerly the Potomac Area Newcomers’ Club, the group has been active for more than 50 years.

“We changed to name because some people have been in the group for a long time,” Kempel said in an interview last year.

Kempel herself has been in the group, which celebrated its 50th anniversary last year, for 12 years.

“I have made amazing friends through this group,” she said.

The group is hoping to expand its reach and membership, Zinsmeister said. Right now, there are about 140 members, but the board of directors hopes to expand by becoming more multigenerational and attract working women by planning more evening and weekend activities.

“The group accepts new members throughout the year,” Zinsmeister said.


Chamber Promotes Businesses, Community

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

“Member businesses are a part See Promoting, Page 14

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Potomac Almanac Guide to Potomac River
Enjoy the Potomac River &

Compiled by Ken Moore and Mary Kimm

Potomac is bordered by more than 12 miles of the C&O Canal National Historical Park, including the towpath and the Potomac River. Living in Potomac provides opportunities to enjoy the sights and sounds of the river with outdoor activities ranging from an easy stroll to a challenging hike; a flat bike ride of a few miles to multi-day bike trip; rock climbing; world-class whitewater kayaking or a gentle paddle on Barwater. Wildlife is abundant and birders flock to area. All outdoor areas of the C&O Canal National Historical Park are open daylight hours year round. Visitors pay an entrance fee at the entrance to Great Falls Tavern Visitors Center at Falls Road and MacArthur Boulevard, but access everywhere is free. Three-day pass for a person on foot is $5; annual pass is $30. See www.nps.gov/choh

Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center and Olmsted Overlook
11710 MacArthur Blvd.
301-767-3714

The canal boat at the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

If you haven’t seen Great Falls, it’s time. Enter the C&O Canal National Historical Park here for up close views of Great Falls by walking 0.2 miles over the Olmsted Island Bridges to the overlook at the end. Bridges and boardwalks traverse a rare floodplain terrace environment, ending with an observation deck over the spectacular views of the Falls and the head of Mather Gorge.

You can borrow a bike to ride for free here from the C&O Canal Bike Loaner Program, weekends and holidays, weather permitting. 10-4. www.facebook.com/bikeloanerprogram
Accessible for wheelchairs and strollers.
The tavern is open Wednesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
http://www.nps.gov/archive/choh/Visitor/Centers/GreatFalls.html

ABOUT THE FALLS, from The Geologic Story of Great Falls and the Potomac River Gorge published by the U.S. Geological Survey in 1980:
“In its seaward course, the Potomac River crosses many small rapids and cascades, but these are insignificant in comparison with the foaming fury of Great Falls, where the river drops 12 meters in about 180 meters and is channeled into a narrow rock-walled gorge less than 25 meters wide in places. In the summer the flow may be less than 38,000 liters a second, but during floods the flow commonly reaches 40 million liters a second. The average flow pouring over the falls is 349,000 liters of water every second and in a year, more than 9.5 trillion liters, enough water to flood the entire District of Columbia to a depth of 55 meters, converting the Washington Monument into a tall lighthouse.”

Great Falls Mule Drawn Boat Rides:
Take a trip back in time to the 1870s Ride along the historic C&O Canal in a boat pulled by mules. Experience rising 8 feet in a lock. Hear park interpreters in period clothing describe what life was like for the families that lived and worked on the canal. The boat is not operating in 2018 but will start again in Spring 2019. when

INSIDER’S TIP: The Gold Mine Trail can be accessed at the top of the entrance to Great Falls, at the intersection of Falls Road and MacArthur Boulevard, or near the Great Falls Tavern Visitor’s center. Trails, which can be used for running with some steep inclines. See the remains of an old building that was used from 1900-1939 to mine gold.

Billy Goat Trail
Thousands hike the Billy Goat Trail every year, with access from the Old Angler’s site or from the Great Falls Tavern Visitors Center or Carderock. The loop between the C&O Canal and Potomac River is less than five miles long but has steep and rocky sections. Bring water and wear good walking shoes. No flip flops or ballet slippers. Allow plenty of time to stop and enjoy spectacular views of the cliffs. Potomac River passing through the gorge and sensitive vegetation and rare plants. This hike that is marked by light blue trail blazes to keep visitors from trampling on Bear Island’s many rare plants and sensitive vegetation. The trail can be rough and rocky with steep climbs. But the trail is one of the most popular hikes in all of the metropolitan area, which can be done by people of all ages.

INSIDER’S TIP: The park service seeks volunteer trail stewards willing to hike parts of the trail, educate visitors at the trailheads, protect the natural resources of Bear Island, ensure visitors are prepared for the strenuous hike, share stories about the sensitive vegetation, and reduce trampling of the Bear Island’s

Horse riding along the canal.
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C&O Canal National Park

many rare plants. Active trail stewards carry park radios for emergency communication and receive basic first aid training to help with minor injuries. www.chohv.org/billy_goats/

Carderock Recreation Area
Reach this 200-acre park from the Clara Barton Parkway at the Naval Surface Warfare exit. Rock climbers visit Carderock daily for its famous cliffs. The recreation area includes playing fields, a large picnic pavilion available by reservation and access to the Potomac River and the Billy Goat Trail. www.recreation.gov

INSIDER'S TIP: Get involved on the river by joining the Bike Patrol, becoming a Billy Goat Trail Steward, or volunteer-ing to help run the Canal Boat, or serving as a docent at the River Center at Lockhouse 8. www.chohv.org

Old Angler's Inn Access
Across from 10801 MacArthur Blvd. Between Carderock and Great Falls, you can also get across the canal to the towpath and the River across from Old Angler's Inn on MacArthur Boulevard. A popular spot for kayakers and stand-up paddleboarders, and a great spot to find outdoor adventure companies teaching beginning to advanced paddleboarding, kayaking and canoeing. Hiking enthusiasts have quick access to the Billy Goat Trail from here, or those who simply want to take an evening stroll or bike ride along the Berma Road or around Widewater, the area of the canal used for turning large boats around.

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

Pennyfield Lock
Pennyfield Road (off River Road)
The three-mile walk from Pennyfield Lock to Violette's Lock takes you through many kinds of bird habitat and around Blockhouse Point. Pennyfield Lock was President Grover Cleveland's favorite destination when he went on fishing excursions, according to the Potomac Master Plan. The Pennyfield Lockhouse, built in 1879 inland from the lock house, was the home of lock-keeper Charles W. Pennyfield.

INSIDER'S TIP: Pennyfield Lock is also home to a lockhouse built in 1830 that you can rent by the night. The Canal Quarters Interpretive Program invites visitors to stay in a historic lockhouse for a day and night to learn about the living conditions of a lockkeeper's family. www.canalquarters.org/

Blockhouse Point Conservation Park
14750 River Road, Darnestown, MD 20854
www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/blockhouse-point-conservation-park-trails/
Those who know this 630 acres of land call Blockhouse Point the jewel of Potomac. The natural and cultural resources at Blockhouse Point are amongst the most valuable in the country. The park contains a variety of exceptional and rare habitats, including mature upland forest, floodplain forest, wetlands, streams and river-rock outcrops. Nine species of threatened, endangered or watchlist species of plants have been identified in the park, along with 25 species of fish, nine species of amphibians, four species of reptiles, 39 species of nesting birds and 10 species of mammals. During the Civil War, the 19th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry built three blockhouses in 1862 to guard Violette’s Lock and Pennyfield Lock, taking advantage of panoramic views from Blockhouse Point. Union sentries kept watch for Confederate movements across the river and at area fords.

INSIDER'S TIP: Montgomery County developed a brochure so people can walk the footsteps of Union Soldiers. Blockhouse Point is an area to enjoy peace, solitude, and an example of the natural and cultural resources of Potomac that rival the most valuable in the country. http://www.montgomeryparks.org/uploads/2016/08/blockhouse_broch_web.pdf

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

Riley’s Lock
Riley’s Lock Road (off River Road)
Riley’s Lock features a boat ramp on Seneca Creek, the busiest in Montgomery County, that allows easy access to a quiet and inviting part of the Potomac River for canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards and small motorboats. The Seneca Creek Aqueduct, opened in 1833 and made of red sandstone, allowed thousands of canal boats to move across Seneca Creek from 1833 to 1924, the year of the canal's closing. The aqueduct was protected by Union garrisons during the Civil War. Riley's Lockhouse is open most week-ends in Spring and Fall. Volunteers in period costume guide you through one of the C&O Canal's original lockhouses to explore the life of a lock-keeper.

Mobile App to Help Explore Park
A mobile app, "C&O Canal Explorer," can aid users in exploring the 184.5 miles and 20,000 acres of the C&O Canal National Historical Park. The app is available for download on both Android and Apple devices from their respective app stores. The app includes over 600 points of interest in the park mapped in a searchable format, allowing users to find at a glance hiking trails, historic sites, trailheads, parking, and more. The app also calculates the distance from a user's location to nearby amenities and points of interest, with the ability to view what lies both upstream and downstream of a current location.

The app was developed by the C&O Canal Trust, the official nonprofit partner of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, which works in partnership with the National Park Service and local communities to raise funds to preserve the park for future generations and to broaden support through programs that highlight the park’s historical, natural, and cultural heritage and recreational opportunities. The app was developed in partnership with Cermak Technologies, Inc., with funding from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.

Future plans include the addition of merchants (hotels, bed and breakfasts, restaurants, and shops) to the map and search features, as well as a downloadable map that will enable the app to work even when the users' device is out of cellular range.

The app can be downloaded from the Google and Apple App Stores and here: www.canaltrust.org/plan/explorer-mobile-app/

INSIDER'S TIP: You can borrow bikes and helmets for free at the Great Falls Tavern, courtesy of the volunteer-run C&O Canal Bike Loaner program. The group lends bikes every weekend of good weather to bicyclists of all ages.
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Guide to Parks

The Serpentine Barrens Natural Area established in 1969, includes a 146-acre neighborhood conservation area with a unique variety of habitats and plant communities. This area is one of the most diverse places to visit in the region for its unique flora and fauna. The Serpentine Barrens is located in the western part of Montgomery County and is open to the public year-round. Visitors can experience the beauty of the area by walking along the trails or taking part in guided tours. The park offers a variety of activities for all ages, including hiking, bird watching, and nature photography. The Serpentine Barrens is a must-visit for anyone interested in nature and conservation. For more information, visit the park's website: www.montgomeryparks.org/serpentine-barrens.
June, 2018 Sales, $1,200,000-$1,289,000

In June 2018, 74 Potomac homes sold between $2,160,000-$525,000.

.address (BACK TO BACK) - Sold Price - Type - Lot AC - PostalCode - Subdivision - Date Sold

1. 9616 CONESTOGA WAY — 6 | 5 | 3 — POTOMAC — $1,289,000 — Detached — 0.47 — 20854 — MASS AVE HIGHLANDS — 06/15/18
2. 30008 Bells Ridge DR — 5 | 4 | 1 — POTOMAC — $1,285,000 — Detached — 0.27 — 20854 — BILLS MILL ESTATES — 06/30/18
3. 7734 Laurel Leaf DR — 5 | 4 | 1 — POTOMAC — $1,234,990 — Detached — 0.36 — 20854 — WOODROCK — 06/15/18
4. 9207 Moultrie PKWY — 4 | 4 | 1 — POTOMAC — $1,210,000 — Detached — 0.69 — 20854 — POTOMAC OUTSIDE — 06/01/18
5. 11413 Big Piney Way — 4 | 5 | 1 — POTOMAC — $1,200,000 — Detached — 0.31 — 20854 — SADDLE RIDGE — 06/04/18
6. 10101 FLOWER GATE TER — 4 | 4 | 1 — POTOMAC — $1,200,000 — Detached — 0.31 — 20854 — AVENEL — 06/20/18
7. 7811 Stable Way — 4 | 4 | 1 — POTOMAC — $1,200,000 — Detached — 0.16 — 20854 — RIVER BILLS — 06/15/18
8. 10635 MacArthur Boulevard — 4 | 3 | 1 — POTOMAC — $1,200,000 — Detached — 0.53 — 20854 — POTOMAC OUTSIDE — 06/28/18

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David Trone, Democrat
Kevin T. Caldwell, Libertarian
George Gluck, Green
Congressional District 8
Vote for One
John Walsh, Republican
Jamie Raskin, Democrat
Jasen Wunder, Libertarian
State Senator District 15
Vote for One
David Wilson, Republican
Brian J. Feldman, Democrat
State Senator District 16
Vote for One
Marcus Alzona, Republican
Susan C. Lee, Democrat
State Delegates, District 15
Vote for Three
Laurie Halverson, Republican
Jacobs Harvey, Republican
Kathleen Dumas, Democrat
David Fraser-Hidalgo, Democrat
Lily Qi, Democrat
State Delegates, District 16
Vote for Three
Bill Day, Republican
Ariane Kelly, Democrat
Marc Korman, Democrat
Susan Love, Democrat

Early Voting Sites
Any registered voter in Montgomery County can vote early, Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018 through Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018 from 10 am until 8 pm at any of the following sites:
- Germantown Community Recreation Center 18905 Kingsview Road
  Germantown, MD 20874
- Marilyn J. Praiser Community Recreation Center 14906 Old Columbia Pike
  Burtonsville, MD 20866
- Executive Office Building Auditorium 101 Monroe Street Rockville, MD 20850
- Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza One Veterans Place Silver Spring, MD 20910
- Activity Center at Bohrer Park Social Hall 506 S. Frederick Avenue Gaithersburg, MD 20877
- Damascus Community Recreation Center Social Hall 25520 Oak Drive Damascus, MD 20872
- Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center Social Hall 4301 Willow Lane Chevy Chase, MD 20815
- Mid-Country Community Recreation Center Social Hall 2004 Queensguard Road
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- St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church 11801 Claridge Road Wheaton, MD 20902
- Potomac Community Recreation Center 11315 Falls Road Potomac, MD 20854

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**August 2018**
- Great Falls Tavern, Mule-Drawn Canal Boat Rides. August-September, Friday-Sundays, 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 are free. Visit www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/great-falls-canal-boat-rides.htm.
- Carousel Rides: August-September. Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 10 am - 2 pm; Saturday & Sunday, 11 am - 5 pm in August; Saturday & Sunday, 11 am - 5pm in September. Take a ride on the historic 1922 Dentzel Carousel at Glen Echo Park. Tickets are $1.25 per ride per person. Visit gelenchopark.org/carousel.

**SEPTEMBER 2018**
- Annual Yellow Barn Studio and Galleries Mule-Musica and Dance Exhibitions. 6-9 p.m on Friday, 12-5 p.m at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. In cooperation with the Friends of the Yellow Barn, an open house to highlight the studio system. A 2 p.m. reception will be held on Monday, Sept. 3, 4-6 p.m. Visit www.yellowbarnstudio.com.
- Art Walk in the Park. Monday, Sept. 3, 1-6 p.m. at 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo. Find art from various media. ‘Cash and carry’ jewelry available for the third consecutive year. Free. Visit gelenchopark.org/idas.
- Montgomery County Out of the Darkness Community Walk. 9-10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Rockville Town Square, Rockville. This walk, in conjunction with over 300 communities across the country this fall, honors the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Visit afsp.donordrive.com.
- Potomac Village Farmers Market. 9-10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Potomac Village, Potomac. Find more than 500 restaurants and entertainment come to the Village for a day of Irish music and dance performances, antique cars, marching bands, and more. Free. Visit www.parkafterdark.org.
- Thanksgiving Day Parade. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Georgia Avenue, 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 activities under the Lights, Under the Lights, Lights & Lites and S'More Lights & Trolley Rides. Visit www.gaithersburggov.com/leisure/special-events/winter-lights-festival.

**OCTOBER 2018**
- Taste in Potomac. 6:30-11:30 p.m. at Bolger Center, 9600 Newbridge Blvd, Potomac. Potomac is a community event that raises funds to help children in foster care find adoptive families. Tickets start at $200. Visit www.adoptiontogether.org/events/tasteinpotomac.
- Potomac Arts and Culture Association’s Spring Festival. Sunday, Saint Luke Serbian Orthodox Church, 10660 River Road, Potomac. Orthodox Church, 10660 River Road, Potomac. The Orthodox Church, 10660 River Road, Potomac. The Orthodox Church, 10660 River Road, Potomac. Free to attend. Visit www.saintluke.org.
- Taste of Bethesda. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. along Norfolk, St. Elmo, Cordell, Del Ray, and Aurora avenues. Local restaurants and entertainment come together for the Annual Taste of Bethesda. Admission to the festival is free, taste tickets are sold in bundles of four for $5. Visit www.bethesda.org.
- Santa on Fire Engines Toy Collection. A procession of fire engines run by the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, carry Santa to several neighborhoods over the course of several evenings in December, collecting unwrapped new toys for needy children. Call 301-365-2255 or visit www.cjpvfd.org.
- Cabin John Kids Run. 9-10 a.m. Cabin John Regional Park, Potomac. A half-mile young run and quarter mile young run is offered. Registration is race-day only. Free for runners and 17 and under. Visit www.cabinjohnkidsrun.org.

**NOVEMBER 2018**
- Potomac Village Farmers Market. 9-10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Potomac Village, Potomac. Find more than 500 restaurants and entertainment come to the Village for a day of Irish music and dance performances, antique cars, marching bands, and more. Free. Visit www.parkafterdark.org.
- Thanksgiving Day Parade. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Georgia Avenue, 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 activities under the Lights, Under the Lights, Lights & Lites and S'More Lights & Trolley Rides. Visit www.gaithersburggov.com/leisure/special-events/winter-lights-festival.
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**DECEMBER 2018**
- Santa on Fire Engines Toy Collection. A procession of fire engines run by the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, carry Santa to several neighborhoods over the course of several evenings in December, collecting unwrapped new toys for needy children. Call 301-365-2255 or visit www.cjpvfd.org.
- Bethesda’s Winter Wonderland. This event features caroling, ice sculpting, storytelling, holiday performances and hands-on craft activities for children. Call 301-319-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.
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- Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is a favorite destination each August. Visit www.mcfair.com.

**MAY-JULY**
- Imagine Bethesda, annual children’s day of Irish music and dance performances, international dance troupes, theater performances, a moon bounce and a variety of hands-on arts and crafts activities. Call 301-215-6660 or see www.imaginbethesda.org.
- Glen Echo Park’s Summer Concert Series begins in June on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Visit gelenchopark.org. See www.parksandrec.gov/chob.
- Quickен Loans National. This event features 120 PGA Tour professionals at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda. The event raises funds and awareness for the City in Woods Foundation. See www.tigerwoodsonfoundation.org.

**JULY 2019**
- Autism Speaks Annual 5K run and one-mile walk benefits research on autism. See www.autismspeaks.org or email autismspeaks5K@fergusonfoundation.org.
- Montgomery County Fairgrounds 4th of July Fireworks activities include live music, food and fun. Call 301-258-6350. See www.montgomerycountymd.gov.
- Montgomery College Rockville Campuses 4th of July Fireworks. Rockville activities include live music and food. Call 301-244-3022.
- 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.montgomerycountymd.gov/agservices/afglamour.html.

**AUGUST 2019**
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**Landsdowne, 6101 Wilson Lane, Bethesda. The annual festival dates back to the mid-1930s when Landsdown’s founders, Paul and Mary Lev Bandholtz opened the newly acquired azalea garden to the public. Call 301-956-1989 or visit www.landsdowne.org.
- Mark’s Run. At Triplett Field, Broadley Stadium, Clarksburg. The one-mile run also takes place during the Landover Autumn Festival. Mark’s Run is held each year in memory of alumnus Mark Ferris ’94, who ran to raise money for juvenile diabetes. The run raises more than $50,000 for the JDRF Scholarship Fund and $75,000 to the JDRF Diabetes Center. Call 301-320-3320 or visit www.landsdowne.org.
ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calender/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

6th Annual Juried Show for Young Photographers. Through Sept. 2, Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.; Sundays, 1-5 p.m. at Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center but reservations at chohvip@gmail.com. Email Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to PotomacCommunityVillage.org or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org. The annual juried show for mural artists who are 18 years of age or older and residents of Washington, D.C., Maryland or Virginia. Artists have prior experience with the design and installation of large scale murals. A $50,000 stipend will be provided to the selected artist to pay for supplies and the artist’s time. The deadline to apply is Sept. 1, 2018. The project must be completed by Nov. 1, 2018. Visit bethesdawards.org for more.

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Newcomers & Community Guide

Helping People Age in Place

Potomac Community Village (PCV) is a non-profit network of neighbors and friends geared to enabling older Potomac residents to age in place in their existing homes by creating social connections and providing volunteer services, such as occasional transportation, computer help, simple home repairs, and friendly phone calls and visits. PCV is part of a nationwide movement of more than 500 Villages, of neighbor helping neighbor.

PCV’s Fall 2018 events include a variety of programs that are free and open to all.

These include a Sept. 20 program in which actress Linda Kenyon will portray cookbook author Julia Child, a Walk on the Canal on Sept. 29 as part of Active Aging Week in Montgomery County, a program on saving money on Medigap and Medicare Prescription Drug plans on Oct. 3, a presentation on Oct. 18 from the League of Women Voters, and a Nov. 15 talk by Matt Logan of Montgomery History on this organization’s role in preserving the county’s history. PCV will also have a booth on helping people age in place at the May 17 Potomac Community Village general meeting, Dr. Heidi Isai, Ph.D. speaks to members of Potomac Community Village on “The Mind-Body Connection: Keys to Healthy Aging.”

Potomac Day on Oct. 20. Upcoming member-only events include lunches, book discussions, an Ice Cream Social, theater parties, local-area hikes, and docent-led museum tours. For more information about programs, membership, volunteering or getting volunteer help, contact info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org, 240-221-1370 or check out www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org.

Department Is Still Making History

On March 19, 1930, the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department began its history as an incorporated fire service to “control, prevent, limit and combat damage by fire ….” In January of this year, after 88 years, the department made history again by voting Corrine Piccardi, the first female fire chief in a volunteer company in Montgomery County.

The original CJPVFD station was built shortly after the department’s founding at the corner of MacArthur Blvd. and Seven Locks Road. “The first meeting was held at the new station in March 19, 1930, and this station was occupied until our present quarters on River Road [Station 10] was opened in 1970,” according to the department’s website.

“Station 3D, 9404 Falls Road, was opened in 1970. “Our service has changed greatly since 1930. Today, in addition to fire prevention, education, and suppression activities, we also are the primary care providers of emergency medical services, river rescue services, and heavy rescue. The unique nature of our area gives us many diverse operations, ranging from rescues along the Potomac River and C&O Canal to high rise fire protection in downtown Bethesda. Interstate 495 and the Clara Barton Parkway provide accidents that may range from routine fender benders to large hazardous materials incidents such as the Interstate 270 Tanker Fire in the fall of 1992. Despite all of these changes, one thing has remained constant; the proud service of the members of our department to our community. That single fact binds our members today to the founders of our department in 1930,” the department’s website reads.

Persons interested in becoming members of Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department can call Station 10, 240-773-4710 or email membership@cjpvfd.org.

CJPVFD also hosts children’s birthday parties at the River Road Station. Parties include:
❖ A guided tour of the fire station and fire apparatus
❖ The opportunity to get up close and personal with firefighters and their equipment
❖ A fire safety gift-bag and fire helmet for each child in attendance

For more information, call 301-365-2028.

Promoting Businesses, Community

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of an organization that provides networking opportunities, business leads and referrals, proactive leadership and an improved business climate, all for the betterment of the community as a whole,” according to the chamber website.

The chamber organizes the annual Potomac Day celebration each fall. The day includes a parade, children’s festival and petting zoo, business fair and car show. Potomac Day will be held Saturday, Oct. 20 this year, celebrating the 36th anniversary of the annual celebration.

Potomac still has the feel of a small town, Jenniffer Matheson, director of operations for the Potomac Chamber, said in an interview last year. “There is a solid foundation in Potomac,” she said. “It’s nice to be able to go into a little town and know it.” Complaints from residents are few, as are problems other than parking in the shopping centers at the intersection of River and Falls roads, she said last year. 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.” The Potomac Chamber of Commerce offices are at 10220 River Road. Hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed on all major holidays.

For more information, visit PotomacChamber.org.
A River, a Canal, and a Vision

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carrying mostly coal. But it was not to last. By the 1880s, railroads had taken the lead in transporting goods, and they could carry coal to the deeper harbor in Baltimore.

In June of 1889, a devastating flood tore through the Potomac River valley. The destruction far exceeded any ability of the canal company to borrow for repairs. Canals boats, lockhouses and the vital infrastructure itself had been swept into the river. The canal lay idle all summer and fall of 1889 and didn’t operate at all in 1890. Then came a savior in the form of the B&O Railroad—which took over and operated the canal into the early 1920s even as profits diminished. Gradually, it declined and only a lower portion was kept watered, just enough to supply water to mills in Georgetown.

It was 1926 when the idea of a Federal highway on the canal right-of-way was first raised but B&O Railway opposed it. The Great Depression changed the conversation because President Franklin Roosevelt had an uncle who was chairman of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission. He wanted a project for the Civilian Conservation Corps. B&O owed money and wanted to borrow further so the Federal government was able to purchase the canal for $2 million in 1938. Work started and the first 20 miles was restored. World War II and a devastating flood in 1942 washed away the restoration. When the war ended, the Army Corps of Engineers unveiled a plan to build a series of 14 dams to control river flooding. One, proposed for just above Great Falls would have flooded the river valley and backed up the Potomac nearly to Harpers Ferry. Along came another proposal for a highway similar to Skyline Drive.

Meanwhile, Potomac had remained a small village reached by dirt roads, initially known as Offutt’s Crossroads. After World War II a new breed of settlers began to arrive. They wanted to get out of the city, raise a family and perhaps even farm, as the forests, once cleared for farming, were relict in 1920s even as profits diminished. Gradually, it declined and only a lower portion was kept watered, just enough to supply water to mills in Georgetown.

When Did This Happen?

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I remember conversations regularly occurring between me and some other person, presumably older (if heard over the phone) or in person if my sight and senses didn’t deceive me, when the question was asked to me: “You’re probably too young to remember!” concerning some number of subjects. Now, I’m asking the identical question, and I don’t think my sight or senses are deceiving me, though they are refracted, so to speak.

Somewhere, I’d like to believe that despite the obvious passage of time, I am, to quote Bob Dylan from his song “Of a Lifetime,” included on his “Another Side of Bob Dylan” album released in 1964: “Ah, but I was so much older then than I am now.”

I wish, I may be wiser and full of perspective, but devoid of florescent, I am older – just check the calendar. Father time waits for no man – or woman. As years pass, the pages turn and you simply aren’t the person you used to be (or thought you were).

Benjamin Button may have gotten younger (aged in reverse, haven’t been born an old man) but for the rest of us, we may feel that “youth,” as they say, “is wasted on the young.” Nevertheless, none of us is getting any younger. Moreover, to quote Charles Franklin: “No one gets out of this life alive.” (Although, I swear I remember my late mother attributing the “space-time continuum” (“Star Trek: Voyager” to the inside of the slam: “Hell, you’re not the person you were last year.”)

I can’t stop it. It seems that “time/age relative to others has happened in the “space-time continuum” (“Star Trek: Voyager” to the inside of the slam: “Hell, you’re not the person you were last year.”)

A lifetime isn’t long enough for the beauty of this world. We are fortunate to live within so much of that beauty and call it home. Ginny Barnes is an artist, environmental activist, and sometime writer. She served on the 2002 Master Plan Advisory Group and is currently Environmental Chair and President of the West Montgomery County Citizens Association (WMCCA) which was founded in 1947.

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