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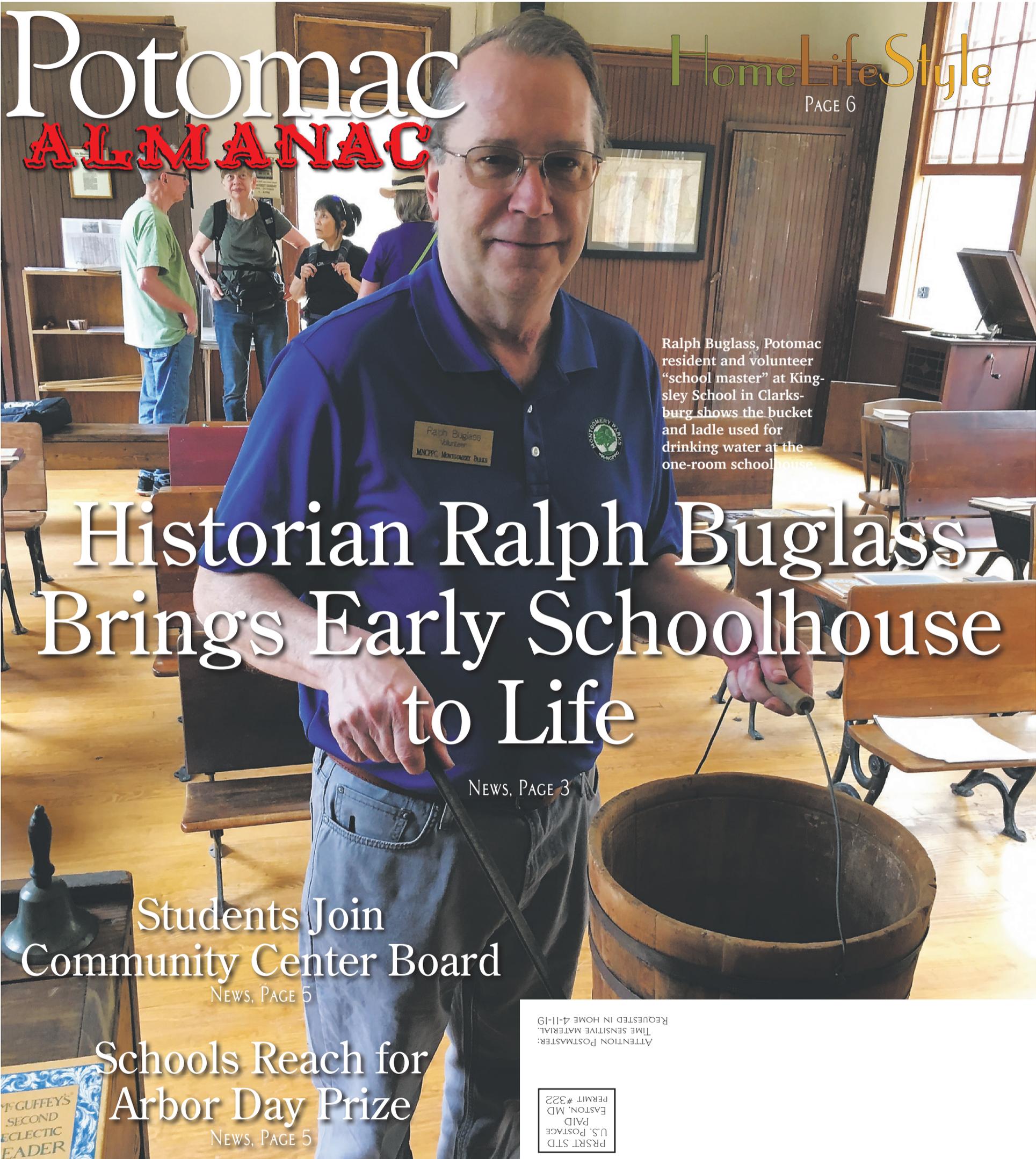
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Ralph Buglass, Potomac resident and volunteer "school master" at Kingsley School in Clarksburg shows the bucket and ladle used for drinking water at the one-room schoolhouse.

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Potomac Historian Celebrates First Day of School

BY PEGGY MCEWAN

Sunday is not usually a school day, but many “students” of all ages visited the Kingsley School House in Clarksburg on Sunday, learning about education that took place in Montgomery County’s one room schoolhouses more than a century ago.

Heading the class was Potomac resident Ralph Buglass.

Buglass has opened the Kingsley School the first Sunday of every month, April through October, for the last six years.

“It was very basic education, the three R’s: reading, writing and arithmetic,” he said.

Visitors arrived throughout the afternoon, wandering around the school, looking at exhibits and listening to the history of the schoolhouse and history of public education in the County.

“Public education started in Maryland roughly at the end of the Civil War,” Buglass said. “In November 1864, the state constitution called for public education.”

By 1913 there were roughly 100 schools in Montgomery County, mostly one or two room schools, located about five miles apart. Students walked to school, he said.

The Kingsley School operated from 1893 to 1935.

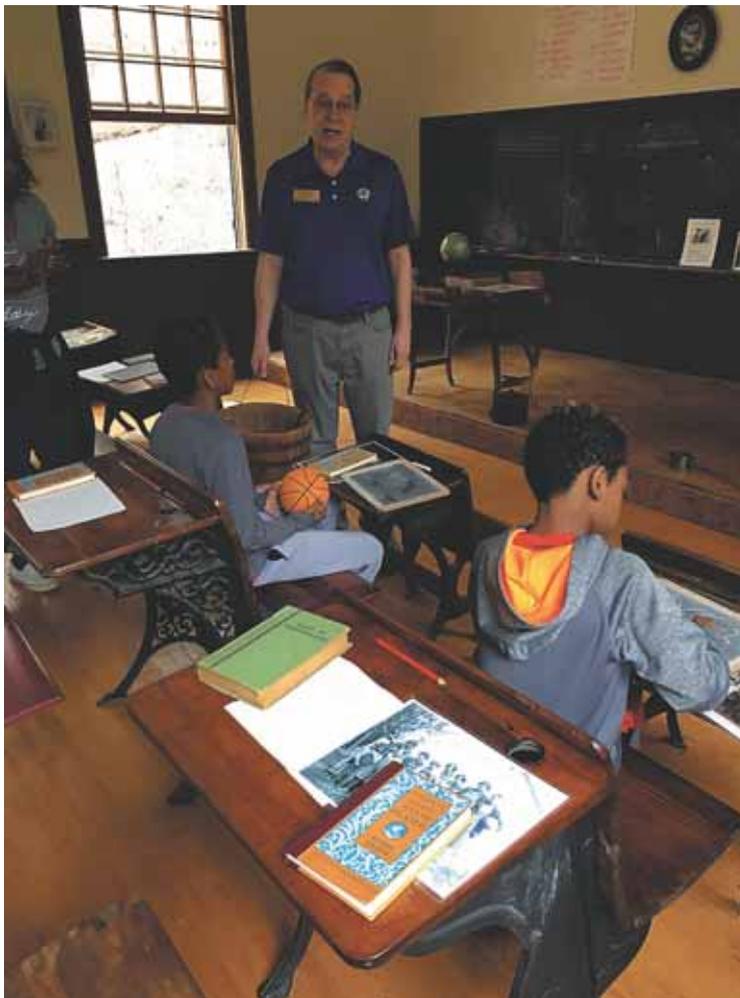
“When the state constitution was approved, it abolished slavery, but there were no schools for black students until 1872,” Buglass said. “They were segregated with separate buildings, teachers and budgets.”

Jim Heintze, of Clarksburg, another volunteer at Kingsley, welcomed visitors, pointed out the 48-star flag, the old record player and the wood stove. He also answered questions.

Heintze said he has worked at Kingsley

Ralph Buglass explains life in a one-room schoolhouse to Brandon Rosario, 9, and his brother Taylor, 7, at Kingsley School in Clarksburg Sunday.

PHOTO BY PEGGY MCEWAN



Schoolhouse for three years.

A retired librarian from American University, he used his research skills to compile a short history of each of the 15 women who taught at the school before it closed.

“The first teacher was a man, Willis Rhodes,” he said.

“His students were the first Rhodes Scholars,” Buglass quipped.

Dawn Rosario brought her sons, Brandon, 9, and Taylor, 7, to walk in the park and see the school house.

The boys were engaged by Buglass, writing on the blackboard, looking at the old

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— Ralph Buglass

McGuffey Readers, and of course, pulling the rope to ring the school bell.

“I love it,” Dawn Rosario said. “[The boys] are so used to everything modern and everything convenient. This gives them an idea of what it was like learning years ago.”

For his work renovating and furnishing Kingsley Schoolhouse, Buglass received the Agency Volunteer Award from the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association and was one of three people nationwide to receive the 2014 Country Schools Association of America Service Award.

Kingsley Schoolhouse is located on its original site, now a part of Little Bennett Regional Park, 24472 Clarksburg Road, Clarksburg. Parking is in a lot just off Clarksburg Road and the schoolhouse is located about a quarter of a mile down a dirt hiking path. It’s a beautiful walk, much of it along a running stream. Open house hours are 1-4 p.m. Entrance is free.

WEEK IN POTOMAC

West Montgomery Meeting to Feature C&O Canal Superintendent

Kevin Brandt, Superintendent of the C&O Canal National Historical Park will speak to West Montgomery County Citizens Association Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 7:15 p.m. at Potomac Community Center

It’s been a year since Superintendent Brandt updated West Montgomery on the National Park on our doorstep. During that time, construction projects have been underway to repair watered structures on Locks 5-22. The projects will improve several locks, waste weirs, bridges, and other water control structures within one of the most popular segments of the National Historical Park. Once completed, the improvements will help preserve park historic structures and allow them to withstand impacts from flooding and make them easier to maintain. The canal will then be re-watered.

How are the projects proceeding and how soon will they be completed? What impact did the government shutdown have on the construction schedule? How will the park fare in the upcoming budget? So many in our community consider the C&O Canal National Historical Park a part of our

daily lives. Please bring your questions. Open to the public.

Kraus Appointed Executive Director at Ingleside at King Farm

Ingleside at King Farm, a life plan community located in Rockville, named Michelle Kraus as its executive director. Ingleside at King Farm is one of three not-for-profit communities operated by Ingleside in the D.C. Metropolitan area.

Before joining Ingleside, Kraus served as vice president of Operations for Vero Health Management, where she oversaw four long-term care facilities in Massachusetts and Georgia. Her experience includes an 18-year tenure as senior administrator of health at Arcola Health and Rehabilitation center in Silver Spring. Under her leadership, the organization received the 2012 American Health Care Association Bronze Award- Commitment to Equality.

Ingleside at King Farm’s addition, Gardenside, will add 120 new independent living residences to the community and also will include a state-of-the-art Center for Healthy Living and a Health Services Center with 32 new assisted

living memory support residences. The upcoming addition is scheduled for completion in 2019/2020.

Kraus, a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, holds a master’s degree from George Washington University in Health Services Administration. She has maintained an active NHA license since 1997 and continues to hold her certification as a preceptor to mentor and coach training administrators.

Erickson Plans Retirement Community at Marriott Headquarters in N. Bethesda

Upon the relocation of Marriott International in 2022, Erickson Living plans to redevelop the 775,000-square-foot global headquarters into a continuing care retirement community. Acquisition of the headquarters, located in Montgomery County’s Rock Spring area just off of I-270 in North Bethesda, was completed in December 2018.

“As a thriving urban center, this location provides an ideal opportunity to further expand our service offerings in the State of Maryland, as well as Montgomery County,” said

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OPINION

Alternatives

In last week's Potomac Almanac, editor Mary Kimm asserted that we cannot pave our way out of congestion, recommending instead turning to technology for video conferencing and telecommuting. The letter below begs to differ. What do you think? Reply to editors@connectionnewspapers.com

Build an Alternate Route

To the editor:

Your opinion piece in this week's Potomac Almanac on the American Legion bridge accident was so short that it omitted an important part: the logic. "We cannot pave our way out of congestion," you say.

Actually, we can. Have you been to Virginia lately? While we in Maryland have been sitting idly by, hamstrung by environmentalists and growth opponents like you who prefer to cajole us all to "change behavior and habits," Virginia has welcomed its population growth and 21st century infrastructure needs by building new express lanes and toll roads. It has generally kept these new roads within the footprint of its existing highways, and has not caused much displacement of additional land and natural habitat. Meanwhile, new business flocks to Virginia, while Maryland watches with envy and talks about mass transit, purple lines and bus routes.

Where would we be if Dwight Eisenhower had said "we cannot pave our way to prosper-



FILE PHOTO

The American Legion Bridge was closed in both directions for hours on March 28 because of an overturned fuel truck. The driver was cited for reckless driving and faulty brakes. Different people come to different conclusions about a sensible response.

ity" and decided not to build the interstate highway system? Of course we need a new bridge over the Potomac. It's years overdue. It may not have completely solved last week's problem, but does anyone seriously doubt that a second option for motorists would not have helped enormously?

Opinions like yours retard Maryland's progress and keep us stuck in the past. That's frustrating to those of us who want to see Maryland thrive and remain competitive for our children.

Chase Sanders
Potomac

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Montgomery Parks Sponsors Arbor Day Contest for Schools

BY PEGGY McEWAN

This is the week for elementary school students to give their teachers homework.

Montgomery Parks is accepting applications for this year's Arbor Day celebration, an opportunity for a day of fun and educational activities for students in grades 3-5. It is open to all county schools, public and private.

Applications need to be completed by teachers, not students.

Though the application deadline is not until April 19, Thomas Berry, urban forester with the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, said he has already received 18 submissions.

This year, he said, they are concentrating on Green Schools, those already designated Maryland Green Schools, and those hoping to become Green Schools.

"The Maryland Green Schools Program, recognized schools that include environmental education in the curricula, model best management practices at the school and address community environmental issues," according to the Montgomery Schools website.

"We are targeting Green Schools because they have to do a school-wide project," Berry said.

Students from the winning school will

participate in a half day of activities including:

- ❖ Canopy Exploration, where a Montgomery Parks Arborist will demonstrate and explain the activities of a tree climber. Students will learn about the work of maintaining tree health and safety.

- ❖ Compost Cooks, not for lunch. This activity allows students to mix raw materials and learn about the phases compost goes through to form a finished product.

- ❖ Tree Planting Demonstration, the school will get a new tree and students will learn the proper way to plant trees.

- ❖ Tree Identification Walk, during this activity students will tour the school grounds and learn to name and identify characteristic of resident trees.

- ❖ Tree Pests and Plant Health, a discussion of insects and diseases that affect County trees and learn ways they can be treated.

Berry said the activities will benefit the young students in many ways.

"It is a way for students to see that, if they are interested in working with the environment, there are jobs for when they get out of school," he said. "We also want to supplement the programs available in County schools and give the [winning] school the opportunity to knock something off their list to become a Green School or maintain Green School status."



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Students participate in an interactive discussion on insects and diseases that affect trees in Montgomery County. Students learn how to identify some of the threats to trees and how they can be treated.

Some local schools with Green School status include Bells Mill Elementary, Beverly Farms Elementary, Cold Spring Elementary, Geneva Day School, Potomac Elementary, Travilah Elementary, Wayside Elementary.

Teachers who choose to do this "home-

work" can find the application at www.surveymonkey.com/r/MontgomeryParksArborDay.

For more information, visit www.montgomeryparks.org/about/divisions/arbiculture/arbor-day/

New Student Board at Potomac Community Center

Last September, the Friends Advisory Board of the Potomac Community Center added an adjunct student group to support the present programs and brainstorm new activities for the Community Center on Falls Road. In their first several months this group of eight talented and enthusiastic high school students have gen-

erously shared their time and energy with our Center. It is hoped that this experience will promote understanding of policy and procedure in government, as well as gaining a greater awareness of group dynamics and interaction at the workplace. As these

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Top row: Beth Coffman, Assistant Director of Potomac Community Center; Luke Sumberg; Peter Selikowitz, Director of Potomac Community Center; Adam Horowitz; Andrew Chan. Bottom row: Sydney Rodman; Macafie Bobo; Abbey Zheng, Julia Greenberg, Jordyn Reicin



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Even in cooler months, guests can find a warm spot outdoors — whether it's soaking in the sunken hot tub or cozying up to the wood burning fireplace flanked by gas torches.

Stylish Outdoor Living Wins 'Contractor of the Year'

Dreaming of making the most of outdoor living? Look at this.

BY JOHN BYRD



Best Outdoor Living Solution. A multi-component, multi-level rear elevation addition to a home in Oakton recently garnered a "Contractor of the Year" Grand Award for Sun Design Remodeling.

An outdoor living addition to Chateau-style residence in Oakton has won a "Contractor of the Year" grand award for Sun Design Remodeling Specialists.

The comprehensive design — which combines a screened porch, an outdoor kitchen and dining area, a hot tub and a stone fireplace in a cleverly integrated, multi-level layout— completes the rear elevation of the 9,500 square foot custom home the owners had built in 2001. The remodel to the home of Larry and Lisa Rice was named best "Residential Design/Outdoor Living Solution for \$60,000 and over" by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) metro DC chapter.

"We wanted an indoor/outdoor gathering place that would bring the whole family together," says Lisa, 56, a retired mother of teenage twins. "The rear of the house was originally conceived as a walk-out, but I realized later that I didn't want high decks. Once I saw the design problem more clearly, I was simply looking for a better set of options — albeit, ones I couldn't fully envision." Rice credits Craig Durosko, chairman and founder of Sun Design, with re-awakening her enthusiasm for the project by identifying and prioritizing its primary components.

"Craig got our vision" Lisa says. "It was his attention to our goals that revived my interest in moving forward."

In the end, the plan appreciably responds to the Rice family's passion for indoor-outdoor living.

❖ A 437-square-foot screened porch linked to the kitchen via a folding glass window provides a cozy, insect-free gathering spot. An eight-foot counter abut-

ting the "pass-thru" inside the porch facilitates service and dining. With a gas fireplace clad in stone and a flat screen TV, the porch can be fully used as an entertainment mecca nine months of the year;

❖ A formal dining area situated under a cedar pergola incorporates retractable awnings for shade;

❖ The 21-by-21-foot outdoor kitchen includes a built-in Wolf gas grill, a beverage center with refrigerator, an ice maker, a sink, and a stainless oval grill;

❖ Three steps down, the open air deck (22-by-28 feet) features a wood-burning hearth and a hot tub set-off by planters and gas torches — an inviting spot to deeply relax, even in cooler weather.

❖ A ground-level patio (16-by-19-feet) just outside the fully-appointed lower level family room offers a fire pit, and a quiet perch for stargazing.

"I always thought of the lower patio as a place where the kids could get away from the adults if they wanted," Lisa says. "On the other hand, Larry and I like it too."

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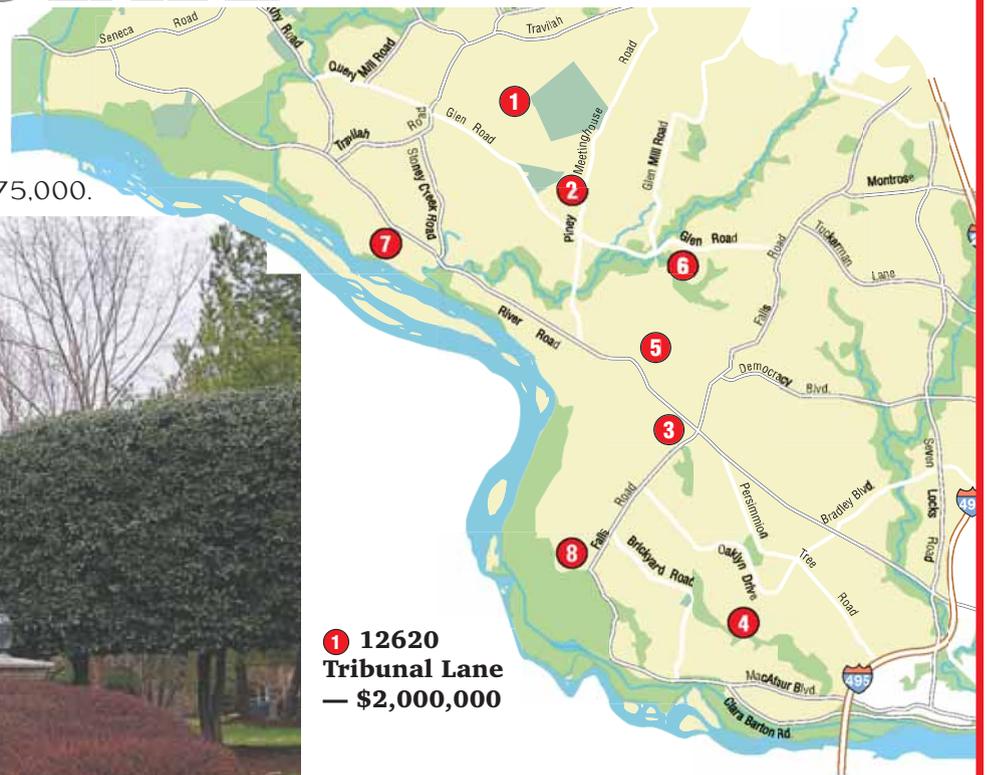
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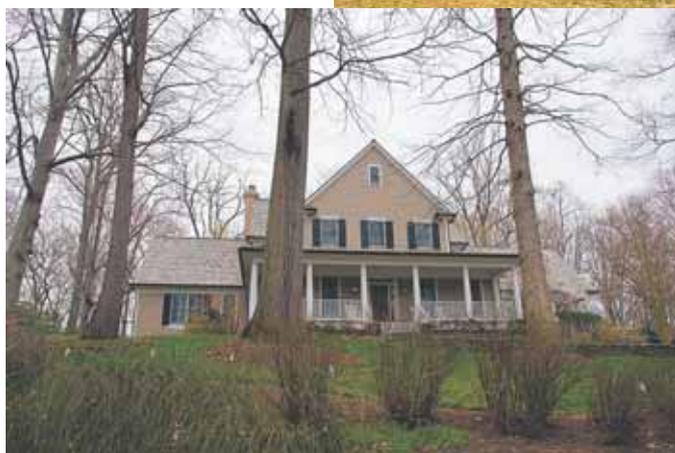


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VisAbility Art Lab Exhibition: Out of the Box. Through April 21, 6-9 p.m. in the Concourse Gallery, VisArts Center, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Out of the Box is a group exhibition of artwork from the VisAbility Art Lab, a supported art studio for emerging adult artists with disabilities who have a strong interest in making art part of their professional careers. Visit www.visartscenter.org for more.

Five Exhibits. Through April 24, gallery hours at Artists & Makers Studios 1 and 2 (11810 Parklawn Drive, Suite 210 and 12276 Wilkins Ave., Rockville). Artists & Makers Studios on Parklawn Drive and Wilkins Avenue in Rockville are ushering in Spring with five exhibits at both studio centers. Visit artistsandmakersstudios.com.

Art Exhibit by Morton Fine Art. Through April 27, gallery hours at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. Gallery B's April exhibition is a group show by Morton Fine Art. The exhibit, curated by Amy Morton, will feature work by Katherine Tzu-Lan Mann and Astrid Kohler. Visit www.bethesda.org.

Eye Spy Trains. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Cabin John Train and Wheaton Train and Carousel. Ride each weekend in April and April 17-22. The miniature trains are replicas of the 1863 C.P. Huntington, a 4-2-4T steam locomotive purchased by the Southern Pacific Railroad and named in honor of Collis P. Huntington, President of the Southern Pacific Company. An activity great for families, each child under 2 rides free with a paying adult (\$4). Tickets can be purchased online at ActiveMONTGOMERY.org or on site the day of. Visit ow.ly/geOC30oa52p for more.

Art Exhibit: Birth of a Star. Through May 19 at VisArts, Gibbs Street Gallery, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Birth of a Star is a series of four sculptures depicting different stages of a star's life: Protostar, Red Giant, Supernova and Black Hole. These works combine carpentry and playful materiality with hand-drawn animations that are incorporated into each sculpture using screens and projection. Visit www.visartscenter.org for more.

Art Exhibit: John Schlesinger. Through May 19 in the Common Ground Gallery, VisArts Center, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. John Schlesinger presents a site-responsive sculpture rooted in the ceiling and walls of the gallery made from locally-sourced demolition rebar, bent neon, and resin-soaked photographs representing waste from the local area. Visit www.visartscenter.org for more.

Art Exhibit: Here and Where. Through May 26 in the Kaplan Gallery, VisArts Center, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Richard L. Dana presents an optically explosive solo exhibition featuring recent digital prints that occupy the gallery in a variety of scales and configurations. Visit www.visartscenter.org for more.

Teen Writers' Club. Tuesdays through May 28, 6:30-8 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Teens (13-18) with a passion for writing are invited to join the Teen Writers' Club. Learn and practice new writing techniques, share your work, and learn how to critique other works with author Neal Gillen. Free. Email acsagillen@aol.com for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 13

Celebrate the Potomac River. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, 11710 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. Visit the Chesapeake Bay Roving Ranger Mobile Visitor Center. Learn how to help maintain this beautiful area. The programs at Great Falls Tavern are free, but there is an entrance fee to the park of \$15 per single vehicle (subject to change). Call 301-767-8374 for more. **ALMANAC** ♦ APRIL 10-16, 2019

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locations across the Park. Join the 31st Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. Learn more and sign up: trashnetwork.fergusonfoundation.org.

Verdi's Requiem. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. The National Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorale perform Verdi's dramatic Requiem. Led by Philharmonic Music Director and Conductor Piotr Gajewski, the concert will feature the Philharmonic's nearly 200 voice all-volunteer Chorale, as well as soloists Danielle Talamantes (soprano); Margaret Lattimore (mezzo-soprano); Zach Borichevsky (tenor); and Kevin Deas (bass). A free pre-concert lecture will be offered at 6:45. Tickets start at \$30 and are free for young people age 7-17 and \$10 for college students. Visit www.nationalphilharmonic.org or call 301-581-5100.

SUNDAY/APRIL 14

Beethoven Times Three. 3 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center, Montgomery College, in Silver Spring. Symphony of the Potomac performs an all-Beethoven program under the baton of Music Director Joel Lazar. Featured works on the program are Ludwig van Beethoven's Overture to Fidelio; the Triple Concerto, with soloists Sally McLain, violin; Eric Kutz, cello; and Miko Kominami, piano; and the Pastoral Symphony. Advance tickets to the performance, \$15 (adults), \$5 (student/youth under 18), and \$10 (groups of 10 or more) are available from BoxOfficeTickets.com until Saturday, April 13. Tickets purchased at the door are \$20 (adults), \$17 (adults over 65), and \$5 (students with ID/youth under 18). Visit www.symphonypotomac.org for more.

TUESDAY/APRIL 16

Documentary Screening: Grit. 6:30-8:30 at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. The Montgomery County GreenFest partners join the Environmental Film Festival to present the DC Environmental Film Festival (three Tuesdays in April). Free. Visit montgomerycountygreenfest.org/schedule/dc-environmental-film-festival/.

THURSDAY/APRIL 18

Art Installation Debut. Glenstone Museum announced that its first new art installations since opening the Pavilions in 2018 will feature two works by Ellsworth Kelly, on view starting today, and three works by Kerry James Marshall, debuting on April 18. The museum also will install a new outdoor sculpture by Charles Ray in late spring. Glenstone is open Thursdays

through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors are invited to explore the grounds on their own or join one of several outdoor sculpture tours offered throughout the day. Admission to Glenstone is free and visits can be scheduled online at: www.glenstone.org. Same-day visits can be scheduled using the website or a smartphone.

Animals, Textures and Colors with Echoes of Nature. 10:30 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Discover the world of animal textures and colors. Be an animal detective and meet some live animals to figure out if the animals are rough or smooth. What colors are the animals? Do they have stripes or spots? Recommended for children 3 years and above. Free. Email cindy.gil@montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240-777-0690 for more.

Appetizers and Art. 5:30-8 p.m. Meet at TTT-Tacos, Tortas, & Tequila, 8407 Ramsey Ave., Silver Spring. Learn about Silver Spring's public art with free artwork tours on select Thursday evenings during spring and summer 2019. The opening event features an insider's look at treasured Silver Spring murals. Montgomery Planning will provide appetizers for attendees. Drinks and main entrees are available for individual purchase. The art walk is free to the community; however, registration is limited to make the tour enjoyable for all participants. Visit the www.silverspringdowntown.com/art-walk-tour to sign up.

FRIDAY/APRIL 19

Stream Cleanups. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. White Oak Park, Silver Spring (Stewart Lane and Lockwood Drive). Contact stream.stewards@montgomerycountymd.gov for more information about the following cleanups and to ensure that sufficient supplies are provided for volunteers. Student Service Learning hours are available through this program.

APRIL 19-MAY 26

Photography Exhibit: "Human Landscapes." Gallery hours at Photoworks, Glen Echo Park. Photoworks presents Human Landscapes featuring work by Alan Awakim, Hannah Fox, and David Pellegrini. Curated by Fabian Concalves Borrega, Human Landscapes is the conjunction of three photographic series that propose a dialogue between the subject and the objects with which they are surrounded. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 20

Takoma Park Silver-Spring Coop Earth Day

Celebration. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 201 Ethan Allen Ave., Takoma Park. Free day of events. There will be green vendors, local food, community groups, speakers, demonstrations, music and even a toy exchange for children. Visit tpss.coop/earth-day-2019/.

Mozart, Brahms, and Schubert. 8 p.m. at Westmoreland Congregational Church, One Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda. Pianist Finghin Collins will perform Sonata in A Major, K. 331 "Alla Turca" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, the Vier Klavierstücke, Op. 119 by Johannes Brahms, and Sonata in A Major, D. 959 by Franz Schubert as part of the Washington Conservatory of Music's Conservatory Concerts series. Guests are invited to Wine & Words after the concert for complimentary beverages and an informal Q&A. Families are welcome at all concerts. Free; suggested donation of \$20. Visit washingtonconservatory.org or call 301-634-2250.

TUESDAY/APRIL 23

Documentary Screening: The Human Element. 6:30-8:30 at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. The Montgomery County GreenFest partners join the Environmental Film Festival to present the DC Environmental Film Festival (three Tuesdays in April). Free. Visit montgomerycountygreenfest.org/schedule/dc-environmental-film-festival/.

THURSDAY/APRIL 25

"75 Years of Montgomery County History." 7-9 p.m. at the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. Matthew Logan, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Historical Society, agrees with William Shakespeare that "What's Past is Prologue" as he illuminates "75 Years of Montgomery County History," to Potomac Community Village members and guests. Call 240-221-1370 or visit www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org to learn more about PCV.

FRIDAY/APRIL 26

Entry Deadline. Photoworks revisits the American Dream. What does the American Dream look like in the 21st century, how has America changed? What are its most pressing challenges, what needs to be celebrated? Juror Molly Roberts is a photographer and photography editor with 25 years experience in the magazine publishing world. Entry fee is \$40 for up to five images. For details, visit glenechophotoworks.org/2019/04/01/the-american-dream-revisited/.

SATURDAY/APRIL 27

Grow It Eat It Spring Event. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Agricultural History Farm Park, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood. Most parts of the event are free; gardening workshops require a small fee. More info at giei2019.eventbrite.com. Visit extension.umd.edu/mg/locations/grow-it-eat-it-0 for more.

Reception & Gallery Talk: "Human Landscapes." 5-7 p.m. at Photoworks, Glen Echo Park. Photoworks presents Human Landscapes featuring work by Alan Awakim, Hannah Fox, and David Pellegrini. Curated by Fabian Concalves Borrega, Human Landscapes is the conjunction of three photographic series that propose a dialogue between the subject and the objects with which they are surrounded. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org for more.

Benefit: VisAbility Art Lab. 6-10:30 p.m. Join VisArts for a casual, fun-filled night of cocktails, cuisine, and painting (for artists of all experience levels). Proceeds benefit VisAbility Art Lab, VisArts' supportive studio for emerging adult artists with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities. \$150. Visit www.visartscenter.org.

Party with a Purpose. 7 p.m.-midnight at Sheraton Hotel Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Enjoy an evening of food, fun, fashion and dancing to raise funds for the Kennedy Krieger Institute's Brain Injury Team. The Fundraiser Gala & Fashion Show will feature 13-year-old fashion designer Leah Howard with her Adaptive Style line for people with disabilities. Black tie, the red carpet will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$78. Visit www.kennedykrieger.org for more.

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HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Big Train is looking for families in the Bethesda area to host baseball players this summer. All families will get a season pass to the 2019 season and maybe a future MLB player will have been a guest. Email waldmanemily@gmail.com or fletch428@gmail.com for more.

THURSDAY/APRIL 11

When an Aging Parent Does Not Want to Move. 6-8 p.m. at Ingleside at King Farm, 701 King Farm Blvd., Rockville. Barbara Kane and Linda Hill of Aging Network Services are psychotherapists and consultants in assisting adult children with the challenges of aging parents. This talk is designed to address and support adult children with aging parents who are resistant to moving. A light meal will be offered, and valet parking will be available. RSVP by April 8 to Mandi at 240-252-2828 or mwyndham@inglesideonline.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 13

Maryland DOT/State Highway Administration Workshop. 10 and 11 a.m. at Pyle Middle School, 6311 Wilson Lane, Bethesda. MDOT and SHA will be taking the next steps in studying proposed alternatives for I-495 and I-270. Each workshop includes two identical presentations at which the MDOT SHA team will guide attendees through the displays, handouts and interactive and hard copy maps. The workshops also will provide an overview of where the proposed projects currently stand. Details on the history of the project and what will be discussed at the workshops are available at 495-270-p3.com/. Email the study team at 495-270-P3@sha.state.md.us.

MONDAY/APRIL 15

50+ Employment Expo. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the

Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda. The Jewish Council for the Aging, with a grant from Montgomery County, will hold a 50+ Employment Expo for seniors 50+ looking to reenter the job market. Free to all jobseekers and vendors. Free Parking at the Marriott Parking Garage. Jobseekers register onsite at the Expo. Vendors need to reserve a free table at accessjca.formstack.com/forms/2019_jca_employmentexpo_bethesda. Visit www.accessjca.org and scroll to news and events.

TUESDAY/APRIL 16

Healthcare Decisions Day. 8:30-11 a.m. at the Silver Spring Civic Building, 1 Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring. Beyond Hospice: Palliative Care in Montgomery County will address the role of palliative care in helping sustain the quality of life during serious illness, the current status of palliative care services in Montgomery County and key challenges in providing these important resources to patients and families. Register online at www.eventbrite.com/e/healthcare-decisions-day-2019-registration-55934585852.

MONDAY/APRIL 22

Career Gateway Program. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at JCA Headquarters, 12320 Parklawn Drive, Rockville. Jewish Council for the Aging's Career Gateway Program can help those 50 and older hone their resume, polish networking and interviewing skills, use Internet job search resources more effectively, and turn age and experience into an advantage. Each session of the Career Gateway features 30 hours of small-group classroom instruction over five days (Session V - April 22, 24, 25, 29 and May 1), comprehensive take-home materials, practical exercises, and a long-term mentor. \$75. Contact Jodie Rasch at 301-255-4215 or email jodie.rasch@accessjca.org.

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Eight Groups Receive Grants for Environmental Projects

Eight Montgomery County environmental organizations have received grants totaling \$388,000 for nine overall projects to improve water quality and help manage stormwater runoff in the county. The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT) announced the awarding of the grants — ranging from \$20,000 to \$80,000 — to support neighborhood groups and nonprofit organizations working to protect local waterways.

“The Department of Environmental Protection is committed to improving the water quality of our local streams while contributing to the health and sustainability of our communities,” said DEP Director Adam Ortiz. “This grant program fills an important niche toward meeting our mission and we are thrilled to support and engage these hard-working local groups who share this mission.”

Established in 2014, the Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach Grant Program supports projects and programs that improve communities and water quality in through public engagement, education and on-the-ground restoration projects. Programs awarded grants can include public outreach and stewardship projects — such as conservation landscape plantings, community outreach and stormwater management practices.

Funding for the projects is made possible through Montgomery County’s water quality protection fund. The Chesapeake Bay



Trust, a regional grant-maker specializing in engagement of nonprofit entities in restoration and outreach work, administers the grants for the county. CBT also administers similar programs for seven other jurisdictions.

The 2019 Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach Grant Program awardees include:

- ❖ Anacostia Riverkeeper, \$30,000: For a gravel swale and conservation landscape

- plantings at the Tartan Ridge Community in Chevy Chase.

- ❖ Anacostia Riverkeeper, \$54,000: For removal of impervious surface, construction of a rain garden and native tree plantings at Adventist Community Services in Silver Spring.

- ❖ Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc, \$31,180: For developing design plans for stormwater management practices to reduce runoff and

pollution to Rock Creek at Woodend Nature Sanctuary in Chevy Chase.

- ❖ Bethesda Green, \$80,000: For conservation landscaping, community outreach and an innovative cistern automation pilot program at the Glen Way Gardens Condominium in Silver Spring.

- ❖ Friends of Cabin John Creek, \$52,820: For community outreach and stewardship through the Stormwater Solutions Program in the Cabin John Creek Watershed.

- ❖ Friends of Sligo Creek, \$20,000: For a comprehensive stormwater management plan and construction of a demonstration stormwater management project with interpretive signage for the Carolyn Condominium Complex in Silver Spring.

- ❖ Little Falls Watershed Alliance, \$20,000: For community outreach, the installation of a bioretention project, conservation landscape planting and dry wells in the Sumner Village Condominium Association in Bethesda.

- ❖ Our House Inc., \$70,000: For removing invasive trees, conservation landscape plantings, tree plantings and stewardship training at Our House Inc. in Brookeville.

- ❖ University of Maryland, College Park, \$30,000: For a targeted stormwater outreach campaign in Montgomery County.

To learn more about The Chesapeake Bay Trust, go to www.cbtrust.org. To learn more about the watershed restoration programs and the water supply and wastewater programs of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, go to <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep/>.

New Student Board at Potomac Community Center

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students take on responsibility and dedicate themselves to service, they will become leaders on the college campus and in the community.

It is clear that their support has added to the success of the Center and the dynamics of our weekly Club Friday events. Under the direction of Student Advisory Board members Luke Sumberg and Adam Horowitz, and with the help of other student members, they operate the Club Friday snack bar. They served over 4,000 Club Friday members during the 20 weeks of this year’s program.

Beth Coffman, Assistant Director for Potomac Community Center, is leading Student Advisory Board members Julia Greenberg and Abbey Zheng in the development of a Facebook presence. Residents can now easily keep track of Potomac Community Center’s calendar of events and even add their own input.

The remarkable annual Lunar New Year Celebration that attracted a capacity crowd has become a Community Center event that brings families together to en-

joy an enriched cultural tradition. Peter Selikowitz, Center Director, publicly recognized and thanked the student “Friends” for playing a critical volunteer role in the success of the event.

Penny Heltzer, a long-time Advisory Board member, selected students based on previous volunteer and work experience. She focused on qualities that demonstrated their perceptive and compassionate interaction with children and adults in challenging situations. We are fortunate that each member of our student group is caring, creative and determined to help make our programs successful. The Friends Advisory Board plans to open positions as our current students graduate. If you are a high school student who wishes to be considered for selection to continue this tradition or have questions about the Student Advisory Board or the Friends Advisory Board to the Potomac Community Center, please contact either Penny Heltzer at acentmo@gmail.com or Friends Advisory Board President Pam Yerg at jeyclan@verizon.net.

WEEK IN POTOMAC

FROM PAGE 3

Alan Butler, Chief Executive Officer, Erickson Living. “We embrace the opportunity to serve communities by meeting the growing demand for senior housing.”

Specific payment details on the property sale are not being disclosed at this time. The Master Plan for the Rock Spring area of Montgomery County was updated by the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission in 2018. While Rock Spring has been developed over the years as a suburban office park, the updated plan encourages more residential and retail

uses.

Erickson Living manages other communities in Maryland, including Charlestown in Catonsville, and National Senior Campuses’ communities of Riderwood in Silver Spring and Oak Crest in Parkville, and other communities in Northern Virginia.

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As It Has So Happened



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

So far, four bi-weekly immunotherapy-infusions into my initial non-chemotherapy experience, per the encouraging results from my CT scan in mid March, I remain optimistic but cautiously neutral as I prepare to infuse three more times before my next scan in mid May.

However I feel, and however I've felt, ultimately the CT scan – and to a lesser degree – my lab results, will do the talking, so to speak. What it will say will be interpreted by my oncologist who in turn will explain/summarize it to us in person a week or so after the scan.

That's when I'll know how I'm doing. And how I'm doing of course means how much longer I'll be living. A more stressful appointment you can't imagine.

What I'm sure you can imagine is how high my blood pressure will be as we sit in the examining room waiting for my oncologist to knock on the door asking if it's OK to come in.

And when he comes in, he usually smiles and shakes our hands and then immediately sits behind the computer where he proceeds to ask the standard health- and fitness-type questions. Then he might even examine me (not all the time – as he has said, the scan tells him most of what he needs to know) before he addresses the elephant in the room (metaphorically speaking, although I have gained a few pounds).

Dina and I don't exactly hold hands but we are holding our collective breath as we prepare to hang on his every syllable. This exchange of pleasantries happens every eight weeks or so. In the interim, I am encouraged to email my oncologist with any questions or concerns, particularly if new symptoms develop and persist for two to three weeks.

Well, I did have something happening to me the other Saturday, the day after my last immunotherapy infusion which, treatment-to-date, had not happened.

When I awoke that morning, I was unable to summon up the strength/energy to get out of bed. It felt similar to my early days of heavy-duty chemotherapy, when due to the destruction of your red blood cells (and white cells, too), you can barely move. There was no pain, but neither was there any energy.

Simply put: the tank was empty. I could barely roll over in bed, let alone get up, walk downstairs and feed the cats. This kind of extreme post-immunotherapy fatigue was a first. All previous post-immunotherapy Saturdays were not the least bit similar or different than any other day.

I did not, nor have I since, emailed my oncologist with any of these details. At this juncture, I consider it an aberration and not worthy of an overreaction.

For all I know, to invoke an old punchline, my underwear was too tight.

As such, I will wait until my next infusions and see if the following morning follows an old or new pattern. If it's new, I will email my oncologist.

It's ironic that this situation occurred a few days after last week's column "It's Not As If My Life Depends On It" published. The content of which was my anxiety concerning emailing my oncologist about new symptoms/side effects for fear that in so doing, my oncologist would be for stopping my treatment. And in stopping my treatment, there is then nothing stopping the cancer.

This is some of what I've heard over the years; it's not so much the cancer that gets you as it is the side effects which cause the treatment to have to stop which then enables the cancer to then do what it most horrifyingly does (you'll note I didn't say inevitably).

But I'm not an alarmist, nor an "overreactionist," (to make up a word as I so often do). I've survived 10+ years by being neither.

I try to go about my cancer business as any other and live life as normally – for me – as possible. I am not gloom and doom and for me, the glass is always half full. And even though I'm in the middle of a big negative, I'm still positive.

After all, I'm a member of Red Sox Nation; hope forever springs eternal.

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