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Saturday,
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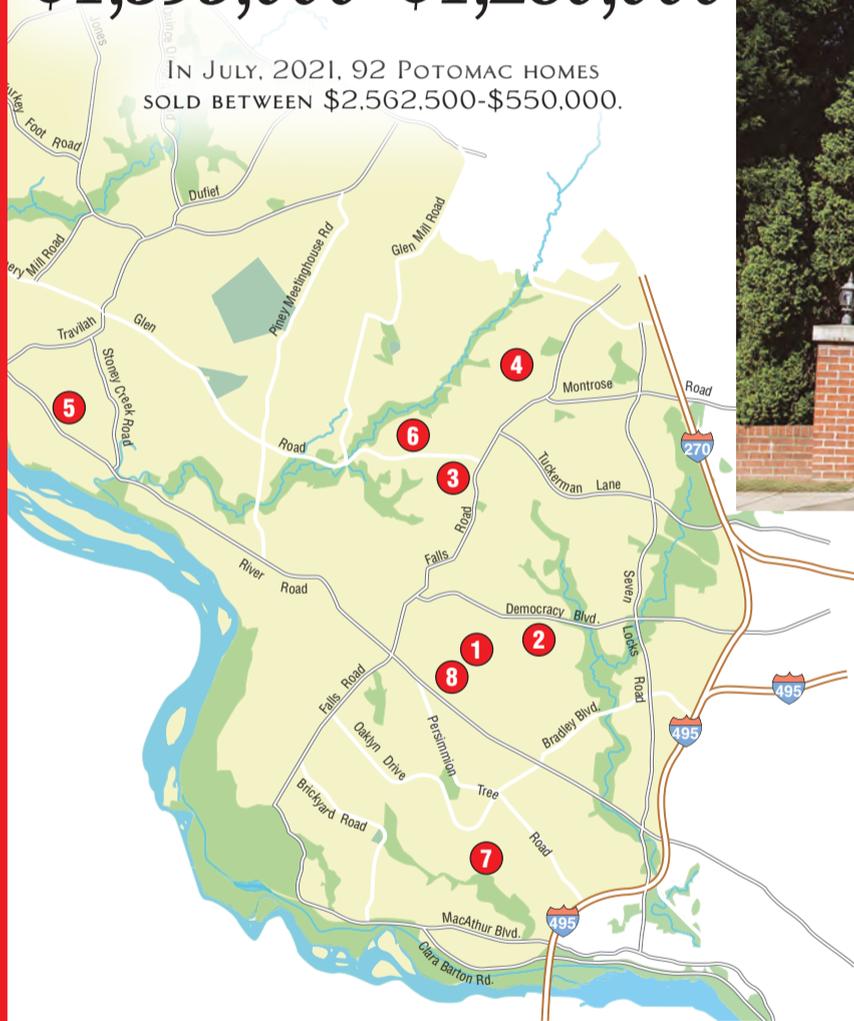
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3 11501 RIDGE MIST TER.....	5	4	1		POTOMAC	\$1,355,000	Detached..	0.30.....	20854	CLAGETT FARM	07/23/21
4 8924 WOODEN BRIDGE RD.....	4	3	1		POTOMAC	\$1,350,000	Detached..	0.38.....	20854	COPENHAVER	07/07/21
5 12100 DREWS CT.....	4	4	1		ROCKVILLE	\$1,350,000	Detached..	2.00.....	20854	BEALLMOUNT	07/23/21
6 9913 DOUBLETREE CT.....	5	3	1		POTOMAC	\$1,335,000	Detached..	0.35.....	20854	GLEN OAKS	07/12/21
7 9424 TURNBERRY DR.....	4	3	1		POTOMAC	\$1,300,000	Detached..	0.08.....	20854	AVENEL	07/01/21
8 9737 CONESTOGA WAY.....	4	3	1		POTOMAC	\$1,280,000	Detached..	0.47.....	20854	MASS AVE HIGHLANDS	07/15/21

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Time to Comment on Redistricting Maps

The eleventh meeting of the Montgomery County Commission on Redistricting will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 20 from 5 - 7 p.m. The commission is likely to select one of three maps under consideration to present to County Council at the Oct. 20 meeting.

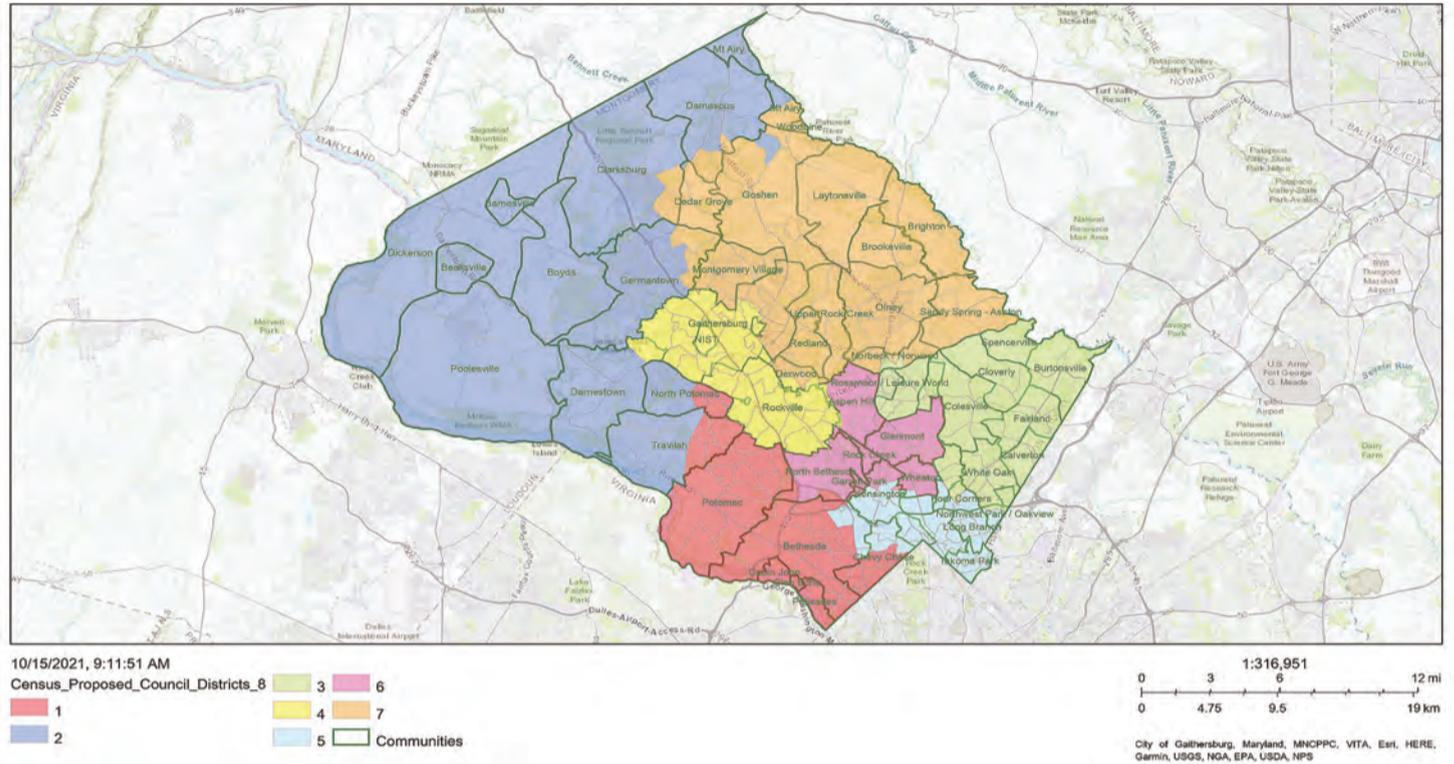
Redistricting is required every 10 years after the census. But additionally, voters in Montgomery County decided to add two districts to the five currently in place. County Council will be made up of seven district members plus four at-large members.

The three maps under review by the Commission are posted on the webpage <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/BCC/redistricting/index.html>

Map1 (named David) and Map2 (named Jason) appear to split Potomac into at least two parts. It's hard to determine exactly what is going on because roads are not shown on the map, and planning subdistrict names are used (so part of Potomac is labeled Travilah, for example. Map3 (named Dean) appears to keep Potomac together, separate from Bethesda. The implications of the three maps for the Agricultural Reserve are also considerable. It's worth taking a look.

The Commission is seeking public comment on these maps. Comment here: <https://mcgmd.wufoo.com/forms/z11ubcrx1gn9bis/>

The public will be able to watch the meeting's livestream on the Montgomery County Council's Facebook page and YouTube page https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-PZn_MSVlSE.



Here's Map1 (David) of three (Jason and Dean). See the others here <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/BCC/redistricting/index.html>

The meeting will also be televised on County Cable Montgomery (Channels 6 and 996 on Xfinity, Channels 6 and 1056 on RCN and Channel 30 on FiOS).

During the previous Commission on Redistricting meeting on Oct. 13, the Commission discussed three potential redistricting maps.

In order for the Commission to continue its work to deliver a final map to the County Council, they say they will not be holding a public comment session on Oct. 20; instead, they will meet to review the maps and may vote on a final map to send to the Council as part of this meeting.

The members of the Commission on Redistricting are: Imad Aldean Ahmad, Laura Ard, Mariana Cordier, Keshia Desir, Arthur Edmunds, Valerie Ervin, Bruce Goldensohn, Jason Makstein, Nilmini Rubin, Samuel Statland, and David Stein. Their contact information is on the redistricting website.

No Charges in Fatal Shooting

Detectives from the Montgomery County Police Department – Major Crimes Division are investigating the Oct. 11 fatal shooting that occurred at a residence in Poolesville, near McKee Beshers Wildlife Management Area.

On Oct. 11, at approximately 9 a.m. a homeowner at a residence in the 18000 block of River Road in Poolesville called the Emergency Communications Center. While on the phone with ECC, the homeowner fired at the individual, who had made entry into the residence, striking and killing him. Montgomery County Fire Rescue and 1st District officers responded to the scene.

The dead man was identified as Harry Trueman Powell, age 34, of Washington, D.C.

It appeared that Powell had been sleeping in the basement of the residence for some time without the homeowner's permission, according to police reports.

The homeowner did not know Powell, and this is an isolated incident, police said.

No criminal charges will be filed against the homeowner, according to police.

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Peter Rabbit keeps his head screwed on straight even though the Friends of the Potomac Library were Citizens of the Year at a past Potomac Day. Potomac Day 2021 is returning after last year was cancelled for Covid. Join friends, family and neighbors on Saturday, Oct. 23. See page 6 for more.

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Husband, Wife Plead Guilty in NASA Kickback Scheme

A husband and wife from Gaithersburg pleaded guilty on Sept. 30 and Oct. 15, respectively, to engaging in a kickback scheme in which they unlawfully received money related to a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) grant program and to conspiring to defraud the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) by not paying income taxes on the kickbacks they received.

According to court documents, since around 2002 through 2019, Ana Veronica Giri, 49, a NASA subcontractor, conspired with her husband, Vishesh Giri, 45, to receive kickbacks in exchange for Ana Giri ensuring that a specific vendor would be selected to provide information technology and audio-visual services necessary for a NASA contract. Vishesh Giri served as a runner by traveling to the vendor's office locations in the Eastern Dis-

trict of Virginia to collect the payments.

Court records show the Giris and the vendor agreed to a payment routine in which the Giris would receive 10 percent of each contract awarded to the vendor. In addition to the monetary kickbacks, the vendor provided the Giris with televisions, computers, and other electronic equipment.

Since 2011, the Giris received at least \$707,331, paid through 260

kickback payments. The Giris did not report these earnings on their 2011 through 2019 income tax returns, which resulted in a tax loss of at least \$165,471. As a result of this conspiracy, the Giris were able to maintain a lavish lifestyle, including the purchase of multiple real estate properties between 2005 and 2018 in Maryland and North Carolina.

The Giris pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit honest services

wire fraud and to defraud the IRS. Ana Giri and Vishesh Giri are scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 25, 2022.

The Giris each face a maximum penalty of five years in prison. Actual sentences for federal crimes are typically less than the maximum penalties. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after taking into account the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Planning and Designing Streets for People with Vision Disabilities

Montgomery County Department of Transportation has a design guide titled Planning and Designing Streets to be Safer and More Accessible for People with Vision Disabilities. The guide will outline public engagement, staff training and improved pedestrian walkway design for people who are blind or have low vision.

The guide involved extensive input from residents, service providers and organizations supporting people with vision disabilities.

"Throughout COVID-19, our residents have enjoyed spending more time outdoors and walking," said Montgomery County Ex-

ecutive Marc Elrich. "Safe and accessible walkways and gathering spaces [must be] built with everyone in mind."

The work was funded through assistance from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Transportation Land Use Connections Program. While the project was conceived and overseen by Montgomery County, it is intended to serve as a useful resource for the entire metropolitan region.

The toolkit will serve as a model to bring global best practices in design for people with vision disabilities to the United States.

The guide incorporates feedback from the visually disabled community, service providers and caregivers. Engagement included a

virtual community meeting in January of 2021, online surveys, in-person site visits and access to tactile graphics. The project team observed how people with vision disabilities navigated Downtown Silver Spring and provided updates and sought feedback throughout the study process to the Montgomery County Commission on People with Disabilities.

The toolkit can help planners and designers understand the needs of people with vision disabilities. It introduces strategies for effective engagement with this community and design tools that make it easier and safer for people with vision disabilities to navigate. Understanding how different types of

vision disabilities impact the ability of people to navigate safely is critical to improving designs. The guide also includes an overview of the approaches taken and lessons learned from communities around the world.

For example, the toolkit offers guidance on creating tactile graphics so that people who cannot read paper plans are still able to be engaged in the planning process by access to plans that allow understanding of information through touch.

Montgomery County used tactile graphics as part of the process of developing the toolkit and is already using tactile graphics with a project currently going through the plan-

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Planning and Designing Streets For People with Vision Disabilities

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ning process as a pilot to refine this form of outreach.

The design guide highlights three types of Tactile Walking Surface Indicators that can be used to guide blind and low-vision pedestrians. One of these is already used extensively in the United States and is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Known as the Detectable Warning Surface, walkway inserts with truncated domes appear at the ends of crosswalks, train platforms or other areas where pedestrians may encounter conflicting traffic.

The guide introduces two additional tools that are not as common in the United States, but are used internationally. The first is the Detectable Guidance Surface, which is comprised of a walkway insert with linear surface of ridges and valleys (similar to Detectable Warning Surface, but with different shape and pattern) that people with vision disabilities can follow to navigate to key areas, such as the Accessible Pedestrian Signal push button, to cross wide-open spaces or to find transit stops. The

second new design recommendation is use of the Detectable Delinicator Surface, which can be used to delineate areas where pedestrians should not cross, but which may not be readily apparent to people with vision disabilities.

“Within the next several months, we will be constructing a testing and training facility to use temporary materials to construct mock-ups of proposed designs so that blind and low-vision pedestrians can test out the designs in person and at real scale to determine whether additional changes are needed to improve accessibility,” said Matt Johnson, a capital project manager for MCDOT.

Following the development of the testing and training facility, and based on the feedback received there, the County will start work to apply the guide-recommended treatments at two pilot intersections in Downtown Silver Spring.

For details, to sign up for email updates about this project and to view the toolkit visit, montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT/Projects/TLCVision

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

SATURDAY/OCT. 23

Potomac Day. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At Falls and River Road, Potomac. Sponsored by Friends of the Library Potomac Chapter, meet LILLY, the mouse marching in the parade. The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. (line up by 10) on Chapel Drive and River Road and travels along River Road to Falls Road. For details, contact the Potomac Chamber of Commerce at 301-299-2170. Visit the website: <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2021/oct/06/potomac-day-coming/>

MONDAY/OCT. 25

Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board Workshop. 7 p.m. At the B-CC RSC, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda. The Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board will be conducting a workshop for board members on Monday, October 25 at 7 p.m. This will be an in-person meeting at the B-CC Regional Services Center (4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814). While the meeting is open to the public, public comments will not be taken. The purpose of the workshop is new member orientation and planning for the WMCCAB's 2022 priorities.

SATURDAY/OCT. 30

Pressenda Chamber Players. 8 p.m. at Westmoreland Church, One Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda. Free

with \$20 suggested donation. Contact: Jovan Zivkovic at jzivkovic@washingtonconservatory.org

FALL BACK TO RECREATION WITH FALL EVENTS

Montgomery County Recreation is hosting family-friendly events for everyone to enjoy this fall season. From free movies to swimming with pumpkins, events will be hosted at community recreation centers and aquatic facilities located throughout the County.

The fall special events hosted by Montgomery County Recreation include: Friday, Oct. 22, and Saturday, Oct. 23. 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. North Potomac Senior Center Five-year Anniversary, 13850 Travilah Road, Rockville. Adults, 55 and older, are invited to a five-year anniversary celebration that includes breakfast, dance lessons, exercise demonstrations, games and an evening jazz concert. Saturday, Oct. 23. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Nancy H. Dacek North Potomac Community Recreation Center Fall Festival, 13850 Travilah Road, Rockville. The whole family will love the annual fall celebration with music, arts and crafts, a moon bounce and more. Registration #136435.

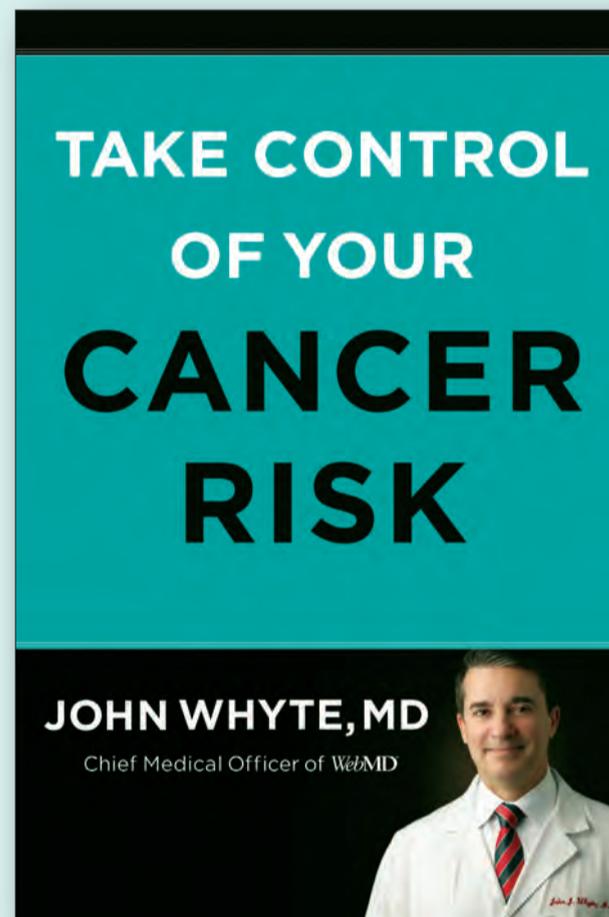
Saturday, Oct. 30. Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center Haunted House, 7425 MacArthur Boulevard, Cabin John. Fortunes will be told, witches, zombies will haunt your path and games will challenge your nerves and skill. Path will be inside, and all other activities will be outside. Refreshments will be offered, and small gifts will be handed out to kids.

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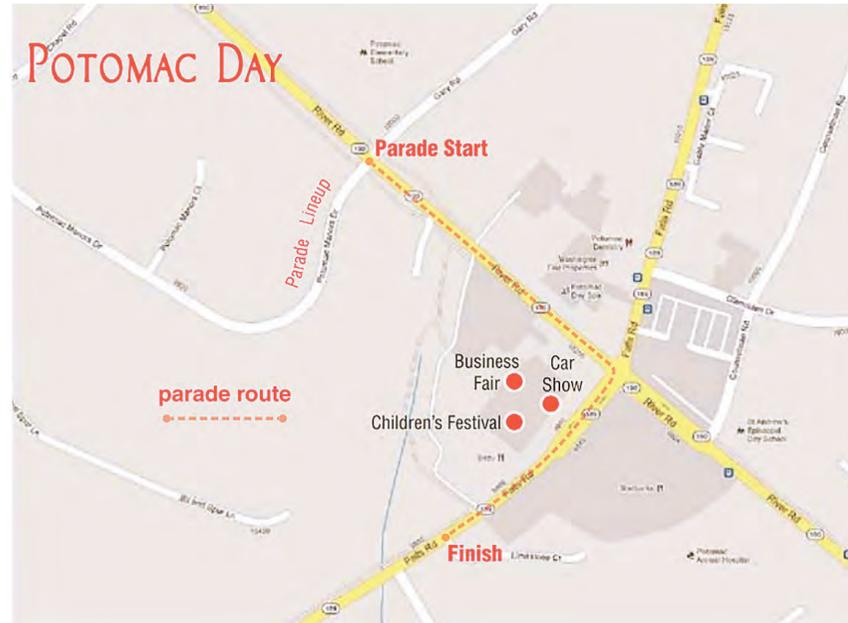
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Potomac Day is on, 9-3, Saturday, Oct. 23.



Squeals on Wheels llama.



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Potomac Day is on! Saturday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., with all the usual attractions, children's activities, a classic car show, food, petting zoo, music, business fair, and of course, the parade and gathering with friends, family and neighbors around the crossroads for a day of fun.

The roads into Potomac Village close promptly at 10 a.m. so be sure to get settled before that.

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When are a rabbit and a pig the same size? More from Squeals on Wheels. Potomac Day Is Back Saturday, Oct. 23, 9a-3p



Anticipation: watching the parade. Potomac Day Is Back Saturday, Oct. 23, 9a-3p



Watching the parade.



Del. Kathleen Dumais (D-15), one of Potomac's delegates since 2003.



Potomac Chamber Board Member, Potomac Day volunteer and attorney, Fred Goldman. SEE POTOMAC DAY, PAGE 8

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Potomac Day Parade route turns the corner at the crossroads.

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Councilmember Andrew Friedson goes all in for Potomac Day.



Watching the parade in the sunshine.



Three Potomac representatives, Del. Sara Love (D-16), Councilmember Andrew Friedson (D-1) and Del. Marc Korman (D-16)



Then-candidate Larry Hogan joined the parade in 2014. The rest is history.



The Sine-Qua-Non (without which, nothing) pair of Potomac Day, Adam Greenberg and Jennifer Matheson. Potomac Day is back, Saturday, Oct. 23, 9a-3p



Potomac Almanac File Photo, 2014-2019 East West Tae Kwon Do.

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Storybook frog. Who will you see at this year's Potomac Day, Saturday, Oct. 23, 9-3.



Kenny Lourie, still the same.



More, from Squeals on Wheels.



John and Jill Philips of Squeals on Wheels, Business People of the Year at a past Potomac Day. What creatures will they bring this year? Saturday, Oct. 23, 9-3.

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Enthusiastic crowd. Come on out on Saturday, Oct. 23.



The car show will be on, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23.



Enthusiasm for the day.



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Potomac Community Village.

Improving Parent-Teen Relationships

Adolescence can be challenging, but living with constant discord is not the only option.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

“Why do you hate me?”
“You’re the worst mother in the world!”

These are some of what Kate Hoyle hears from her 14-year-old daughter. “It’s like she went from being a sweet girl to a raging teen overnight,” said the Woodbridge-based parenting coach and mother of two. “It was like getting slapped in the face.”

As children become adolescents, they often begin to push away parents and crave independence. Topics of conversation that were once pleasant now can be volatile. Some parents may question their parenting abilities.

“Adolescents naturally become more autonomous and shift somewhat to peer influence after looking exclusively to parents for the answer. But a smart parent learns to shift their approach and skills with the onset of this stage of development,” said Hoyle. “This change can be gradual or it can be sudden and is sometimes the result of a major life change. It is important to get to know the parents of your child’s friends.”

Recognizing and understanding the change in behavior that is associated with this developmental stage can help parents to navigate it, says Bethesda-based therapist Carol Barnaby, LCSW. “Tweens and teens begin to develop their autonomy by questioning, testing, and for some violating the rules parents set for them,” she said. “They express strong opinions about politics, clothing, music, and social relationships. They begin to yearn for their freedom to do adult-like things. They may lose interest in previous hobbies, be easily embarrassed, and have emotional ups and downs.”

It is not uncommon for teens to act like they know best and to dismiss a parent’s guidance. “It can be annoying, but it shows confidence,” said Hoyle. “Enjoy debates and discussion with them. They need to develop independent analysis and thought.”

However frustrating for a parent, this stage is necessary for a child’s transition from adolescence to adulthood. “It’s when they’re entering the final phase of childhood, where they are working on being able to self-govern and grow into an independent functioning adult,” said Barnaby. “Kids begin to enter this phase around the age of 12 to 14 and want more and more independence and less need for parent connection. Instead, they might see who they are in the eyes of their peers.”

Though they might appear to push away par-

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6. Allow independence, but set boundaries
7. Give teens personal space

ents, teens still need to feel connected to them. Simple conversations can help recreate that bond. At times, parents must create opportunities to spend time without phones or electronics with their child, advises Ameila Muench, Psy. D., a child psychologist in Alexandria. “Do something together that they enjoy and try to keep the time consistent,” she said. “This can quickly become your special time away from other family members, and it allows them to open up.”

“Routine and ritual help maintain open communication,” added Hoyle. “Your child gets to know when you are available and you get to understand when they are most likely to be open to talk. Car rides work well because it removes the intensity of a sit-down conversation requiring eye contact.”

Listen without judgment or criticism and resist the urge to offer unsolicited advice, advises Muench. “Use active listening, which means being able to repeat back to them what they have just said,” she said. “Take note of the language they are using. What are they really trying to tell you? Ask questions to find out rather than instantly responding with your view. Listen rather than instruct.”

While establishing rules and setting boundaries are necessary, trying to control a teen might lead to rebellion, says Hoyle. “Get curious, not furious,” she said. “When your teen makes an unhealthy choice or does something you don’t agree with, getting mad or telling them you’re disappointed will further your disconnection. Their behavior is trying to get one of six core emotional needs met: acceptance, affection, appreciation, attention, autonomy, or connection. Which one is it? Look beneath the surface.”

Allowing teens to have a certain amount of personal space and feel that they are trusted can strengthen the relationship between a parent and an adolescent. “Continuous tracking and distrust can affect their mental health that can lead to depression,” said Hoyle.

Self-doubt is common among teens, so praise helps build confidence if offered sincerely. “They’re trying to find their place in the world, so focus on attributes not attainment,” said Muench. “If teens and tweens learn that they only get praise when they look a certain way or achieve through academic endeavors or sports, they can become people pleasers or unhappy perfectionists.”

Remember that this stage in a child’s life is only temporary. “One of the biggest things we can encourage in a child is curiosity. Talk to them as the person you want them to be,” said Hoyle.

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Hardly the Same Thing



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It may not have been the miracle I was hoping for: shrinkage or tumor disappearance, from my most recent diagnostic scans but no growth and/or new metastases is nothing to be taken for granted. However, I did experience a miracle of sorts when the envelope I received at home from the “State of Maryland, Maryland SafeZones Automated Speed Enforcement” authority specifying and picturing yours truly exceeding the speed limit by 12 mph was for information purposes only. It was not an invoice. It was a warning. And the \$40 fine associated with this kind of infraction was left on the cutting room floor. Perhaps this is the extent of the miracle that Solange was able to perform when she prayed for me and my burned feet - and thyroid cancer, on July 20 in the Houston airport. Though this outcome was not exactly the delusional outcome I was hoping for, when we consented to her extremely kind offer to pray for me. Nevertheless, a win is a win. And though a shrinking/disappearing cancer tumor would have been an amazing - albeit unlikely outcome, the tumors remained “stable” and I saved a \$40 outlay. On balance, not a bad day’s work.

For which I am extremely grateful. Soon after I entered the cancer-patient world, I learned that any not-automatically-bad news - whether internally or externally to that world, should be acknowledged and appreciated. Any port in a storm you might say. Moreover, I always sought to find the positive in this sea of negativity. Whatever I could see - through any rose-colored glasses I could find, served its purpose to emotionally support me for the many long and lonely nights that followed. Certainly, there’s family and friends to help share the burden brought on by a “terminal” diagnosis, but at the end of the day, literally, it’s sort of you and your thoughts. Finding a way to navigate this minefield of unpredictable results and anxiety is paramount. On the one hand, you can’t take what the doctors and radiologists say as seriously as a cancer diagnosis obviously is, but neither can you pretend that you’re not in the fight of your life. That being said, one must be open to new ideas and unexpected offers. Filtering and interpreting whether any of the suggestions made by your doctors and/or your well-meaning friends and family becomes your lot in life. And it’s an awful lot at that.

Still, a cancer diagnosis is not nearly the death sentence as it used to be for the previous generation. Though it would be naive to characterize a cancer diagnosis as an opportunity, nevertheless unceasing research in a variety of hospital/cancer centers, medical schools, clinical trials, pharmaceutical companies and the like have led to an evolution in the treatment in cancer, particularly non small cell lung cancer which is the type of cancer I was originally diagnosed with in late Feb., 2009. (Though I am now being treated for papillary thyroid cancer as you regular readers know. As to whether I ever had lung cancer, the jury is still out, not literally.)

And since I have an incurable form of thyroid cancer, as written about numerous times in this space, I am forever open to new experiences that might create a path forward for me. The underlying problem in my situation is the odd circumstances that ultimately led to my more recent diagnosis. Since I had years of heavy-duty chemotherapy while treating my presumptive lung cancer, I have suffered kidney damage which only manifests itself in lab work and in what medications/treatment I can be given. As such when I went to the hospital after my thyroidectomy for post-surgical eradication of the remaining thyroid cancer that the surgeon was unable to remove, the dose of nuclear isotopes I was given was only one-third the dose it should have been had I not been so previously chemotherapy-damaged. As a result, I’m sort of stuck. I have a usually curable type of thyroid cancer which is now considered incurable. The solution? I need to find a clinical trial for patients who have been treated for lung cancer for nine years, perhaps mistakenly, suffered irreparable kidney damage from those years of toxicity, who now has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer and who is now unable to process the medicine likely to cure him and thus is: incurable.

You bet I need a miracle, and sooner rather than later. Maybe I should fly back to Houston.

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