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Scotland Community Celebrates

JUNETEENTH
CELEBRATE FREEDOM

A celebration of freedom; the anniversary of June 19, 1865, the day enslaved people in Texas learned they were free.

Potomac's Juneteenth Celebration

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Joy of Juneteenth in Scotland Community



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Basketball was among the joys of the day.

PHOTOS BY MARY KIM



An organizer of the Juneteenth Celebration in the Scotland Community, LaTisha Gasaway is delivering the electricity for the DeeJay.

The Juneteenth Celebration in the Scotland community in Potomac was joyful, with smiles on all the faces, young and old, and laughter all around.

But just for a minute, LaTisha Gasaway teared up contemplating what the day meant to her. “We’ve come so far but we have so far to go,” she said. “Now we have the responsibility to be sure our children understand the history.”

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. On June 19, 1865, the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Note that

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Angela Shinsky begins masterfully painting Draysen Stott’s face, agreeing he was ready to have the fearsome face of a dinosaur.



Draysen Stott in the chair before the painting begins.

Children joyfully jumping in the moon bounce at the Scotland community’s Juneteenth Celebration, Monday, June 20.





Waiting their turn for face painting.



More face painting.



Setting up the shot, before one of the "2s" escaped.

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this was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official January 1, 1863." <https://juneteenth.com/history/>

The day was recognized as a federal holiday just last year.

“Scotland Community Celebrates Juneteenth: A celebration of Freedom: The anniversary of June 19, 1865, the day enslaved people in Texas learned they were free.”



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Angela Shinsky of Top It Off Entertainment enjoys her work at Scotland's Juneteenth Celebration, Monday, June 20.



Many enjoyed the games of bingo, with Amazon gift cards as prizes. The game might have been somewhat unfamiliar to the younger crowd who had to be prompted to call out "Bingo" when they filled up their cards.



Potomac REAL ESTATE

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4 10904 Piney Meetinghouse Rd
\$1,830,000



3 9925 Sorrel Ave – \$1,855,000



5 12521 Palatine Ct – \$1,812,500



6 9425 Wing Foot Ct – \$1,765,000



7 10031 Counselman Rd – \$1,761,777

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10904 PINEY MEETINGHOUSE RD.6	8	1		POTOMAC...	\$1,830,000	Detached.....	2.00	20854.....	SADDLE RIDGE	04/29/22
12521 PALATINE CT	5	4	2	POTOMAC,..	\$1,812,500	Detached.....	2.00	20854.....	PALATINE	04/18/22
9425 WING FOOT CT.....	5	4	2	POTOMAC,..	\$1,765,000	Detached.....	0.50	20854.....	AVENEL	04/26/22
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8 10805 Rock Run Dr – \$1,760,000

Horses Still Rule in Parts of Potomac



Horses warming up before show jumping at Seneca Valley Pony Club horse trials on Sunday, June 19 at Bittersweet Field.



It takes a lot of organization to stay on track and on time for hundreds of rides over the course of the two day competition, and it all runs on volunteers. For more visit <http://www.senecavalleyponyclub.org/>



Show jumping in a Novice division at Seneca Valley Pony Club horse trials on Sunday, June 19 at Bittersweet Field.



Olympian Phyllis Dawson talking with a rider after a clear cross country ride.

Montgomery County to Host Fireworks Shows

Montgomery County will host two Independence Day fireworks displays this year, one on Saturday, July 2 and the other on Monday, July 4.

The Independence Day celebrations will take place at the following locations:

July 2: Mid-County Sparkles at Albert Einstein High School, located at 11135 Newport Road in Kensington

July 4: Germantown Glory at South Germantown Recreational Park, located at 18041 Central Park Circle in Germantown (Boys)

Mid-County Sparkles will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 2 with a concert by Joe Falero Band, a Latin Jazz band. Quiet Fire, a soul, rhythm and blues and rock band, will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. The only parking available on-site at Einstein High School will be for individuals with disabilities. Free parking and shuttle service will be provided from Westfield Wheaton, located at 11160 Veirs Mill Road. Parking at Westfield Wheaton will open at 5:30 p.m. Eventgoers who park at Westfield Wheaton prior to



5:30 p.m. may be subject to towing by the property owner. Shuttle service will begin at 5:30 p.m. Fol-

low the directional signs for event parking and shuttles. Germantown Glory will kick off

on July 4 at 7 p.m. with a concert by Quiet Fire, a soul, rhythm and blues and rock band that covers

hits from the 1960s, 70s and 80s. Follow the directional signs for free on-site parking.

The fireworks displays will begin at approximately 9:15 p.m. at both celebrations. The timing of the fireworks shows may change due to weather conditions. Low lawn chairs, blankets and coolers are welcome at both events. There will be food vendors at both locations. Alcoholic beverages and pets are not permitted.

Sign language interpreter services and other auxiliary aids or services will be provided upon request with as much notice as possible, preferably at least three business days before the event. To request special accommodations, contact a therapeutic recreation specialist at 240-777-6870 or email rec.inclusion@montgomery-countymd.gov.

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For more information, call MC311 at 311 or 240-777-0311 or visit the Montgomery County Recreation website.

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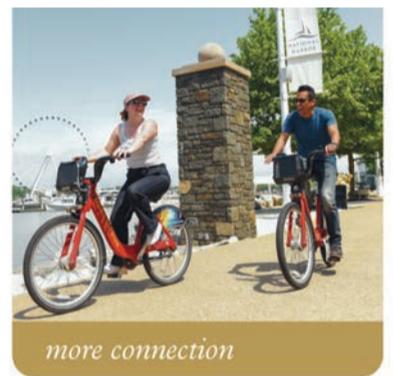
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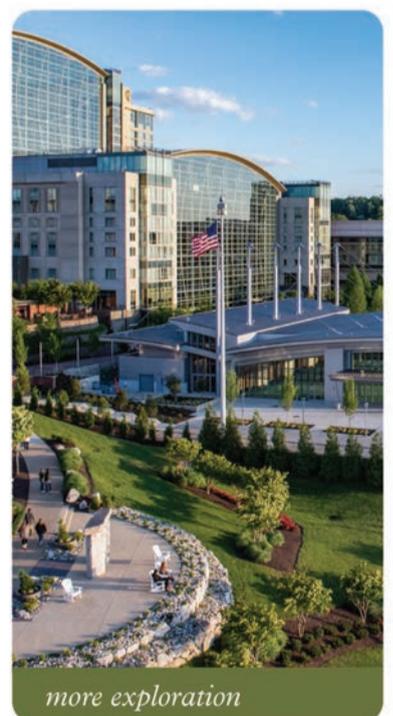
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SUNDAY/JUNE 26

In honor of Pride Month, Montgomery County will host its second annual Pride in the Plaza, a free, outdoor LGBTQ+ pride festival on Sunday, June 26 from noon to 8 p.m. in Veterans Plaza in Downtown Silver Spring.

Pride in the Plaza will feature food, music, an LGBTQ+ focused resource and vendor fair, bilingual Drag Queen Story Hour, and the championship finale of Live in Your Truth Program's Drag Duels series. The day will conclude with the second annual Pride in the Plaza Mini-Ball, a free vogueing competition with cash prizes, starting at 5 p.m., in partnership with Capitol Ballroom Council. Local businesses that want to support Pride in the Plaza can visit PrideInThePlaza.com/partners-in-pride.

Pride in the Plaza will showcase a diverse cross-section of local nonprofit organizations, LGBTQ+ owned businesses, artists, and networks tabling to share information about their services for Montgomery County's LGBTQ+ communities. HIV and other health screenings will be provided free of charge, in honor of National HIV Testing Day (June 27).

In the week leading up to the festival, the County is partnering with LGBTQ+ led organizations on a slate of events for residents of all ages, including Pride in the Field, an LGBTQ+ focused field day, Pride in the Parks Movie Night, Pride in Sexual Health Symposium for healthcare providers, Pride on the Page Book Talk with local author Eric Nguyen, and a Pop-up of the Maryland Trans Resilience Conference, organized by Trans Maryland. A full list of events can be found at PrideInThePlaza.com/Events.

To encourage residents to attend multiple events, the County has created a "Passport to Pride." Those who attend and get their passports stamped at three or more Pride in the Plaza events will be entered to win one of 10 grand prizes. The passport can be found online here or picked up at any Pride in the Plaza event.

MONDAY/JULY 4

2022 Autism Speaks 5K / 1 Mile Walk. Meets at Potomac Library Parking Lot, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Race day registration and packet pick-up: 6:30-7:30 a.m.; Pre-race warm up: 7:30 a.m.; 5K Race start: 8 a.m.; 1-Mile walk start: 8:10 a.m.; Awards ceremony: 9 a.m. Online reg-

istration will close at 11:59 p.m. on July 3. Entry fees for the event are as follows: Adults: \$40 June 1 - July 3, 2022; \$45 July 4; Virtual: Adults: \$35; Children (14 and under): \$20. Can't be with them in Potomac on July 4th? Participate in the "Virtual 5K" wherever you might be! Register through the website and select the "Virtual 5K" option, and get your shirt and medal mailed directly to you. Course: The 5K course runs through shady residential neighborhood streets with a long downhill finish. Water will be available at the start, half way and at the finish. The course is certified. Contact autismspeaks5k@autismspeaks.org or 202-290-5141 for more information on sponsorship opportunities available to highlight your company's support of this event.

REQUEST FOOD ASSISTANCE

Residents looking for information on food assistance resources can request help by completing an online form. Available in seven languages (Amharic, Chinese, English, French, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese), the form is reviewed by a trained resource specialist, and residents receive a return phone call within one business day. The specialist will determine a resident's individual food needs and help them locate food assistance in their community. No personally identifiable information is needed to get help. Information is available about free food distribution sites, free meal and grocery delivery, SNAP (Food Stamps), local food assistance providers, and other resources in Montgomery County. Residents can also call 311 and ask for the Food Access Call Center to get help with their food needs.

CRISIS PREVENTION SERVICES

EveryMind Crisis Prevention and Intervention specialists are available by phone, text and chat every hour of every day. The community can also look to EveryMind for mental health professionals who are prepared to talk about warning signs and ways anyone can help to prevent suicide from ending lives far too soon. EveryMind is an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Visit Every-Mind.org. More resources include:

- ❖ Call or Text Montgomery County Hotline: 301-738-2255
- ❖ Chat: Crisis Prevention Chat: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/>
- ❖ Call: National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
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Left To My Own Devices – Literally



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I guess I had no real idea about the true seriousness of my condition as a stage IV, papillary thyroid cancer patient until I received an unsolicited phone message from my healthcare provider earlier today. The message was from a staff member at my HMO advising me that due to a grant, I would be eligible to receive – at no cost, to include monitoring for one year, a medical alert device. If I accept their offer and utilize the device, I'll have more than "the clapper" to ask for help. I'll have a real-life medical alert GPS enabled device, whose sole function is to assist me in the event of a mishap or misstep so I will never be left waiting or wanting should I need emergency/immediate assistance and be unable to request it myself/can't get up (press a button for help, I guess). Apparently, in my greatest hours of need, I will now have a resource which could save my life. This wouldn't bother me if it wasn't part of a pattern.

First, I received an email reminder from my internal medicine doctor reminding/encouraging me to get/update my medical directive – which I don't have by the way. A 'medical directive,' if you're not familiar with such matters, is basically a set of instructions for whomever (family/health-care team) provided by the patient directing his or her end-of-life decisions. As you might imagine, it eliminates a whole host of potential problems/complications. It's a prudent precaution to have in place so that decisions can be made in accordance with the wishes of the patient. And who among us wouldn't prefer that their wishes – especially at death, be honored and respected.

Then, a few weeks later, earlier today in fact, I receive this message about a medical alert device. Since no one is telling me anything – directly, am I to assume that someone is not telling me something, indirectly? I mean, I am a cancer patient over a certain age. I imagine I'm in a higher risk category, certainly higher than someone under 65 who hasn't been diagnosed with cancer. I get that I'm at a greater risk but is there something else that I'm not being told. I was told I was "terminal" once before when I was initially diagnosed with stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer back in late February 2009. Having been re-diagnosed a few years back as a stage IV papillary thyroid cancer patient, am I once again "terminal?" And if I am, can someone please tell me. I'd like to know without reading between the lines. I'd like to exactly read what's on the line. I don't want to guess. I don't want to wonder. As I've said to my oncologist before: "Give it to me straight, doc. I can take it." I can tell you – from personal experience, it's the not-knowing which is difficult. Taking one's disease day-by-day and not being too high or too low and trying to roll with all the various punches and not put any carts before any hearses, has enabled me to balance out my life in spite of the ongoing cancer noise.

I don't want to overreact but receiving these two health-related offers kind of remains me of the joke about the man who was clinging to life sitting atop his house as flood waters raged. As help was offered in one manner or another, he kept turning everybody down saying God would provide. Eventually, he drowns and upon seeing God at the pearly gates asks God why he didn't send help while he was stranded on the roof of his house. God said: "I sent the rowboat. I sent the helicopter." "What were you waiting for?" God asks: "A sign," said the drowning victim.

I don't think I'm drowning, exactly, but I seem to be getting offers to help someone who might be drowning. I wish I knew the reason for this recent outreach. I hope I'm not neglecting a sign.

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

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