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NEWS



Many of Potomac's representatives, including Del. Linda Foley (D-16), Del. Marc Korman (D-16), County Councilmembers Laurie-Anne Sayles (D-at large) and Andrew Friedson (D-1), and Del. Sarah Love (D-16)



Earth Day at Great Falls

Many of Potomac's representatives gathered at the Great Falls on Earth Day to participate in community activities, clean up and maintenance. Volunteers, elected officials and others gathered at the Great Falls Tavern, C&O Canal National Historical Park on Earth Day, last Saturday, April 22.

"Great way to kick off #EarthDay with a team of volunteers from the C&O Canal Trust," said Del. Linda Foley on Twitter.

Potomac's County Councilmember Andrew Friedson said: "Perfect way to kick off Earth Day Weekend at one of my favorite natural resources for Canal Community Day

with @COcanalNPS, @CanalTrust, @mkorman @SaraLove4MD @Lkfoley @LaurieASayles. Grateful to all the volunteers committed to safeguarding this natural treasure in our backyard."

Councilmember at Large Laurie-Anne Sayles said, "Spending #EarthDay by the beautiful C&O Canal for the 16th annual Canal Community Days cleanup event! Thank you @CanalTrust and @NatlPark-Service Rangers, for your commitment to a litter-free canal and preserving a natural habitat for all to enjoy!"

Follow them all on Twitter, @Lkfoley @CanalTrust. @SaraLove4MD @Andrew_Friedson @CM_Sayles @mkorman

Earth Day, Every Day; Don't Put Batteries in Trash

It's time to check or replace the batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. If batteries are being replaced, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection asks residents to not throw batteries in the trash. Batteries need to be recycled properly.

Improperly disposing of batteries in trash and recycling containers can result in trash fires.

To avoid a potential tragedy, County residents can bring all types of batteries to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-

off area at the Montgomery County Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station. The recycling facility is located at 16101 Frederick Rd. in Derwood.

Some retailers also offer drop-off programs to recycle batteries. Check the Call2Recycle website to find a nearby location. <https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/dd>

For more information on all recycling opportunities in Montgomery County, visit Home - Recycling and Resource Management Division <https://www.montgomery-county.md.gov/sws/>



Purple Line Blasting

Crews began blasting in the future elevator shaft from the Purple Line to WMATA's Red Line in Bethesda on Elm St at Wisconsin Avenue. Work will not impact traffic & occur weekdays and weekends, according to the Purple Line twitter, @purplelinemd.. Warning horns will sound before each blast.

SAFETY WALK



The white ghost bike for Sarah Langenkamp on River Road in Bethesda.



PHOTO BY ACTION COMMITTEE FOR TRANSIT @ACTFORTRANSIT

Sarah Langenkamp's ghost bike next to the metal pole across River Road in Bethesda by American Plant Food. It's now 8 months since she was killed in the unprotected bike lane by a truck driver turning right.

Bike and Pedestrian Safety Walk on River Road

Sarah Langenkamp died on this piece of road 8 months ago.

BY MARY KIMM
POTOMAC ALMANAC

On Monday, people who care about people who walk and bike in our communities came together on River Road in Bethesda for a "bicyclist and pedestrian safety walk"

It was not a proactive walk. The walk with elected officials and state highway planners and a crowd of people carrying degrees of broken hearts were there because of a tragedy that happened eight months ago.

4:03 pm on Thursday, Aug 25, 2022, Sarah Langenkamp was killed on River Road by a driver of a truck and by bad design. She and her bike were crushed.

Sarah and her husband had just been evacuated.
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Dan Langenkamp and sons at Monday's safety walk.



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The MDSHA District 3 District engineer, standing near Councilmember Andrew Friedson in the parking lot of Washington Episcopal School in Bethesda, before the River Rd/190 safety walk.

STATIONARY ENGINEER APPRENTICESHIP



Applications for the IUOE Local 99 Apprenticeship Program will be accepted during the period of May 1—5, 2023, inclusive. Applications must be completed in person by the applicant at Engineer Center 9315 Largo Drive West, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$35 application fee includes drug screen.

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OUTDOOR CONCERTS AT CABIN JOHN REGIONAL PARK

Montgomery Parks hosts four outdoor concerts on Sundays this spring in Cabin John Regional Park in Bethesda. The concerts are free and registration is not required. The concerts take place at the amphitheater from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The series, Sunday Serenade, features local jazz musicians. Patrons are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnics to enjoy the concert. Food trucks serving pastries and coffee will also be available. Cabin John Regional Park is located at 7400 Tuckerman Lane in Bethesda.

Performance Schedule

April 30: Bach to Rock

Bach to Rock is a music school that offers programs for all ages and all skill levels. Students master the songs they love, join forces with peers through jam sessions, and let loose in the spotlight.

May 7: Eric Scott Duo

Washington, DC, singer/songwriter and bassist Eric Scott has thus far had an interesting musical and life journey. As an artist and sideman, he has toured internationally, sharing the stage with B.B. King, Mavis Staples, Aaron Neville, REO Speedwagon, Pink Floyd's Roger Waters, and many more.

TYEHIMBA JESS TO JOIN 'CONTEMPORARY CONVERSATIONS' SERIES

Tyehimba Jess, a Pulitzer Prize winner and fiction and poetry author, will be the featured speaker at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, at the Gaithersburg Library as Montgomery County Public Libraries continues its "Contemporary Conversations" series with a presentation recognizing National Poetry Month. Mr. Jess will speak at the free event on poetry, creativity and expression and his work as a poet and fiction writer.

The Gaithersburg Library is located at 18330 Montgomery Village Ave. in Gaithersburg.

The event will be offered via live streaming. Registration is required to attend the in-person event or to view it via live streaming. To register, go to <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/8183068>.

SATURDAY/APRIL 29

Carousel Day. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. At 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen

Echo. Performances, Hands-On Arts and Crafts, Carousel Rides. Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CAREER FAIR AND HIRING EXPO

Montgomery County will hold a career fair for job seekers 18-and-over from 3-7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, at the Silver Spring Civic Building. The County is searching for candidates to fill more than 30 types of available positions across a variety of industries.

The Silver Spring Civic Building is located at 1 Veterans Place in Silver Spring.

Registration is not required to attend, but attendees are encouraged to register in advance at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/JOBFAIR.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING FORUM

The Montgomery County Commission on Aging will join in the celebration of May as "Older Americans Month" by hosting its annual free forum on Thursday, May 4, at the Bohrer Park Activity Center in Gaithersburg. This year's theme is "Smart Homes—Smarter Care: Technology that Supports Aging in Place" and it will be held during the City of Gaithersburg's Active Aging Expo.

The forum will be held from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Bohrer Park, which is located at 506 South Frederick Road in Gaithersburg. The event also will be available virtually through Zoom. Although the event is free, registration is encouraged. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/CoA2023PublicForum>.

The event will offer insights into how "Smart Homes—Smarter Care" devices can enable doctors and caregivers to remotely monitor a patient's vital signs, signal remote alerts, monitor mental and physical states in real time, and provide rapid intervention when the situation is warranted.

JOB FAIR MAY 7

Montgomery County Recreation is hiring part-time seasonal employees to work during the 2023 summer season. Available positions include lifeguards, camp counselors, camp

directors and more. Job Fair, Sunday, May 7, noon - 4 p.m. at Wheaton Community Recreation Center, 11701 Georgia Ave., Wheaton

The part-time/seasonal pay rate begins at \$15.65 an hour and increases based on experience. Applicants must be at least 15 years of age. Bilingual applicants are encouraged to apply.

As a condition of employment, applicants will be required to pass a criminal background investigation. The investigation will include state, federal and sex offender background checks.

ARTISTS & MAKERS STUDIOS PRESENTS "FRANKENSTEIN'S LITTLE BEAUTIES"

Artists & Makers Studios on Parklawn Drive in Rockville will host Goodloe Byron with his fantastical paintings in the Invited Artist Gallery with two additional exhibits and an Open Studio event for the month of May. The show, Frankenstein's Little Beauties, runs from May 3rd through May 24th at Artists and Makers Studios, with an opening reception on Friday, May 5th, 5 - 9 p.m.

MAY 13 AND 14

Save the date! The Bethesda Fine Arts Festival returns this May 13 and 14 to downtown Bethesda. Featuring 130 of the nation's best artists, live entertainment and Bethesda restaurants! Admission to the event is free. More details - <https://www.bethesda.org/arts/artsfestival.htm>

SATURDAY/MAY 20

NAMIWalks. Hear, hear, let the community hear the words that bring your personal NAMIWalks Montgomery County MD commitment to life. Make some noise that will echo all the way through to RIO Lakefront on Saturday, May 20 and beyond. Register for free today at: namiwalks.org/montgomery-countymd

SATURDAY/MAY 20

Gaithersburg Book Festival is an annual all-day celebration of books, writers and literary excellence. One of the premier literary events in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, the 2023 Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, at Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm (506 S. Frederick Ave.) in Gaithersburg, Md., from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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SAFETY WALK

Bike and Pedestrian Safety Walk on River Road



MARC KORMAN VIA TWITTER

There was a large turnout for the Safety Walk on River Road in Bethesda on Monday, April 24

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uated from Ukraine and moved to Bethesda. She was biking home from her son's new elementary school when she died.

Her husband, Dan Langenkamp wrote of the catastrophe in his GoFundMe appeal:

"Sarah was the mother of our two young sons and a U.S. Diplomat with the State Department for 17 years. We had just moved

to Bethesda after our evacuation from Ukraine. There, she had been in charge of programs to help the country's anti-corruption institutions and shepherd millions of dollars in U.S. assistance to police, border guards, and other non-military security institutions.

"Her ride that day, planned on her cell phone, took her on designated bike routes through residential neighborhoods and the Wash-

ington-Bethesda Capital Crescent trail. For a few hundred yards, it took her along River Road -- a busy commercial route where a bike lane competes with cars and industrial traffic for space as the road becomes State Highway 190.

"Sarah and I have been lifelong and committed cyclists and regularly commuted to work all over the world, including in Ukraine, Côte d'Ivoire and Washington, D.C.



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A dump truck and orange cones, blocking off the curb lane on River Road during the safety walk.

During this period, we have seen how cities all over America, and the world, increasingly boast of making their cities "walkable and bikeable." At the same time, we are seeing how the statistics show that cyclist and pedestrian deaths are climbing all over the country."

The GoFundMe appeal has raised more than \$300,000 plus much more in matching funds. Dan Langenkamp wants to make the world safer for bicyclists, and he presses forward to raise money so he can make a difference, funding advocacy and safety measures.

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DISTRICT 1 & DISTRICT 16 MD 190 BICYCLIST & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WALK
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SENATOR KELLY
& DELEGATES KORMAN
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LETTERS

Better Understanding Privilege

This morning I had the privilege of listening to a Gonzaga alum. During this talk, I better understood my privilege and started thinking of ways I can put my words into action after leaving Gonzaga. Being based in the middle of D.C., Gonzaga teaches us how to advocate for others and learn about local issues such as homelessness and poverty. My school has taught me ways to attack injustices within our society and is further helping me continue to attack injustices by having Gonzaga alumni speak to us. Going back to the conversation I had with the alum, I had many things to take away from this experience. In my opinion, the most important part of his talk was teaching us how to keep challenging yourself even when no one's looking. We're all caught up in service and learning God's Grace because we're at school but how easy is it to keep it up once leaving Gonzaga. Pushing myself to continue to advocate for the

homeless, past graduation, is one idea I challenge myself to doing.

The speaker also touched on ways to start service rather than just attending service. That also stuck with me because it gave me a broader perspective on how to attack injustices around my area. This also can help with leadership roles within my community and, in hope, will carry on to others so they can do the same. After thinking about my time at Gonzaga, many things started as a domino effect. My goal is to start projects to help my community in hopes that other people will piggy back off my ideas and start their own service projects. I hope to use this domino effect for the rest of my life in hopes to bring our society closer together.

Nick Kim
Potomac;

Senior at Gonzaga College High School

Help for People Experiencing Homelessness and Mental Illness

Earlier today I sat down with a man who worked with an organization involving the inspiration of Dorothy Day that preaches non violence while helping those in need. This discussion was very informative and enlightening as I learned more about the process of aiding those who suffer from homelessness while using non violent methods to accomplish one's goal. One main point that stood out to me was the fact that some of these people who suffer from homelessness also suffer from mental illnesses and don't have the resources or capabilities to survive on their own. Through my everyday life I have seen or encountered some of these people who are in need of assistance and believe that Montgomery

County could direct whatever resources they can towards funding potential institutions that could act as not only a shelter, but also a place that can provide the care and compassion for people with mental illnesses. Just because one may be suffering from homelessness or mental illnesses, it doesn't mean that they still don't deserve human dignity. Our area is on the wealthier side of society which means we have the resources and ability to help those in need. It's just a matter of if we act on our ability and opportunity given to us to help those around us.

Dutch Hahn
Potomac,

Senior at Gonzaga College High School

Bike and Pedestrian Safety Walk

FROM PAGE 5

Late last year, he transferred \$75,000 of the donated funds to the Washington Area Bicyclist Foundation so that the Washington Area Bicyclist Association could hire a full time Maryland advocate, Seth Myers.

Again, in Dan Langenkamp's words: "This fundraising effort aims to work with local and national cycling safety organizations to advocate for safer bike routes, including this particular stretch of road. If cities truly wish to make themselves walkable and bikeable to attract workers

and talent, they need to do more than paint lines and bike symbols on roads. Without strong laws and law enforcement, proper bike lane protection, truck/auto driver education, and safer trucking regulations -- such lanes are only death traps, luring innocent victims like Sarah toward them. They result in tragic deaths that leave children without parents and the world without its most talented and committed individuals. Cities should not boast of having "bike lanes" when bikers are needlessly and repeatedly killed on them, as they have been this year."

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Daze of Future Past



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As I am thinking more presently about my brother's death on Dec. 3rd (see last week's column, "The Dog's Honest Truth"); even though it's been five-plus months since his passing, there's still a part of my brain that keeps expecting an email, especially every morning when I turn on the computer or a phone call - at any time. The calls and emails happened so frequently over the past almost 10 years that receiving them is almost muscle memory, as if it sort of happens on its own, and I can't do anything about it. And when it doesn't happen, I experience that random wave of grief I talked about recently. For no apparent reason and/or no apparent trigger, I'll feel a subconscious punch to the gut reminding me - for the millionth time, that my brother is dead. And believe me, I don't need any reminding. But 'reminding' I get, all the time.

The effect isn't tangible or even describable other than as a vague emotional blip. It almost stops me in my tracks. It is to invoke a quote from a long-ago Seinfeld episode: "Something." Typically, I'll acknowledge it, shake my head in sadness and then return to my regularly scheduled activity. It's not incapacitating or anything. It's simply a moment in time that regularly occurs, morning, noon, or night. I'm sure it's worse for Vanessa however, Richard's widow living in the house they shared for almost 30 years. I can't imagine the daily (probably minute by minute) reminders that Vanessa experiences. When I've asked her about those kinds of feelings and commended her on her wherewithal under such emotionally difficult circumstances, she replies she "has good days and bad days." Though I knew Richard longer than Vanessa did, and have lots of childhood memories, I've never lived with him or been surrounded - as Vanessa is, 24/7, by all things Richard.

A close friend of mine, and fellow cancer survivor, Lynne, said years ago before I started chemotherapy that it would be the hardest thing I've ever done. And I certainly wouldn't want to wish it on my worst enemy but, my brother's dying has given me a new contender: being the lone immediate family member (cousins and all notwithstanding) still alive/last one standing. All that shared DNA gone, but not forgotten, which is the most difficult aspect of the loss. The primary people I would go to/ask for advice, guidance, encouragement, understanding, and compassion are now all gone. And they are not replaceable. When foundational pieces of your life disappear (through death mostly), your life is never quite the same, or as interesting. I feel, with my brother's passing, I have much less to offer; that there are fewer questions people might have for me about my life (which included him). It's not exactly an awkward silence that follows, it's more an abbreviated conversation. I don't take it personally though. I am less interesting without my brother alive. He was an integral part of my life. I don't expect I'll ever get over the loss. In public, to the untrained eye I'll look as if today is just another day. But from now on those days will be less fulfilling and more somber.

"Forest, Forest Gump," knew, even though he was mentally challenged. Invoking his deceased mother: "Mama always said dying was part of life. I wish it wasn't." From the mouths of babes, or in this case a fictional character, comes brilliance, simplicity, and clarity. And though I suppose I understand and appreciate some of the feelings I've described concerning my brother and his semi unexpected passing (he went in septic shock after all; very serious); nevertheless, it's still a bit unsettling when I experience them. I am sort of grateful that I feel what I do. Though my brother may not be alive, fortunately for me, his memory sure is, and I don't expect that to ever change.

Why this whole experience/loss is so hard for me - and many others, is that Richard was a big presence. His not being places where he usually was is unnerving. It's obvious that something (someone) is missing. And for the moment, I'm still half-expecting a contact somehow because for almost the entirety of my 68 years, I was receiving them all the time. Moreover, since we lived in the same city ("DMV," actually) not only we were emotionally close, physically we were 30 minutes away. Add in the ease/convenience of communication that has come with a cell/smart phone as well as the instantaneous connection enabled by home computers and the lines of that communication were non-stop (let's say frequent). However close we were in life before these technological improvements took hold, we were that much closer after - because we could be. Losing that connection on Dec. 3rd will haunt me for the rest of my life.

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

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