

# Potomac ALMANAC

Sunset on Nick Maravell's organic farm,  
Aug 15, at the Brickyard Road site.

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# Two Judges, One Stay, 'Nothing Frivolous'

Board of Education meeting scheduled for this Thursday.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE ALMANAC

**L**ess than an hour after Circuit Court Judge Robert A. Greenberg issued a stay Tuesday, Aug. 14, Judge Ronald B. Rubin admonished the county in a different

courtroom for failing to comply with the court ordered Freedom of Information Request.

"We had a hearing on July 10, and I ordered this to be done. Why didn't you do it? Why wasn't it done?" said Rubin.

Greenberg's order stopped county plans to force Nick

Maravell off 20 acres on Brickyard Road last week. Maravell has leased the property from Montgomery County Public Schools for more than 30 years, operating an organic farm.

The Brickyard Coalition and West Montgomery County Citizens Association filed a Freedom of Informa-

tion lawsuit in Montgomery County Circuit Court last November.

In March 2011, neighbors and civic organizations in Potomac learned that County Executive Isiah Leggett had already decided, without public input or notice, to take control of the 20-acre school property on Brickyard Road to turn it over to a private organization for development into soccer fields.

The civic organizations say that the county violated the public's right to have access to information about the government's affairs concerning the conversion of Brickyard Road farm site into soccer fields.

Earlier this summer Rubin ordered the county to give the Coalition documents, emails, and plans from 15 county employees the Coalition believes have been involved with the soccer project.

"Don't delete it, don't destroy it. We will fight about it ... but please do it," said Rubin as he issued the court order more than a month ago. "County, please try to get this done, please."

On Tuesday, Aug. 14, incredulity grew to frustration, and Rubin raised the possibility of "contempt of court" when the county didn't have the documents and didn't have a specific plan or timetable to comply with the court order.

"If I can't get a straight answer, I'm not going to give you any more time," Rubin said.

"It's like trying to nail Jell-O to the wall," he said.

## MARAVELL'S ATTORNEY

James L. Parsons successfully asked the Circuit Court of Montgomery County at a hearing earlier that same day to permit Maravell to stay on the land while legal challenges are pending.

"It is appropriate to stay the decision until I hear arguments for judicial review," Greenberg said. "I



Nick and Sophia Maravell

don't find the issued raised by the petitioner to be frivolous."

"I'm concerned that permitting the lease to proceed at this point when there is a possibility that it can be voided in the future, that's not a prudent act," Greenberg said. "It would be, in my opinion, impossible to unscramble that egg."

The Maryland Department of Agriculture has certified the farm as organic, which it has been since 1986.

"All we are asking is for the decision to be stayed. Legal merits are to be decided another day," said Parsons.

"It is simply the right thing to do under these circumstances," Parsons said.

**EFFORTS TO SAVE** the farm also got a boost last week from Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, who wrote County Executive Isiah Leggett and Board of Education President Shirley Brandman on Sunday Aug. 12.

"I believe we are about to make a big mistake," O'Malley wrote.

"I understand that these issues are the subject of litigation, and it

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Sara Shor, director of publicity for the coalition to save Nick's Farm, reads from Gov. Martin O'Malley's letter.



# NEWCOMERS & COMMUNITY GUIDE

## Don't Miss

### 2012-2013 Potomac Event Highlights.

COMPILED BY KEN MOORE  
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#### AUGUST 2012

**Great Falls Tavern, Mule-Drawn Canal Boat Rides**, through October. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m. Experience living history while traveling up the canal, locking through lift locks during this one-hour boat ride. Call ahead to confirm, rides were suspended earlier this month due to low water. C&O Canal National Historical Park at Great Falls Visitor Center, 301-767-3714.

**Glen Echo Park's 1921 Dentzel Carousel**, is in its 92nd year. The 1921 carousel will be open Saturday and Sundays, from noon to 6 p.m. through September. Additional hours in August. Call 301-634-2222 or visit [www.glenchopark.org](http://www.glenchopark.org).

**Potomac Farmers Market**, organized by Montgomery County, through October, Thursdays, 2-6:30 p.m. Potomac United Methodist Church, 9908 South Glen Road at corner of Falls Road and Democracy Blvd. 301-792-6054.

**First day of school**, Montgomery County Public Schools, Monday, Aug. 27. See [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org).

#### SEPTEMBER 2012

**Yellow Barn Studio and Gallery 42nd Annual Labor Day Art Show** features the work of more than 250 artists, ranging from painting to pottery at Glen Echo. Visit [www.glenchopark.org](http://www.glenchopark.org) or [www.yellowbarnstudio.com](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com). Opening reception,

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Kayaking on the flat part of the Potomac River upriver from Riley's Lock, where there is a free boat ramp.

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### Can't Miss These

Here are a few editors' picks:

❖ **Family Fun Fest**, Friday, Sept. 28, starting at 4 p.m., Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. Sponsored by Montgomery County Recreation and Friends of Potomac Community Center. This year, don't miss the 'Who's Got Talent?' contest, carnival rides and games, prizes, petting zoo, DJ, \$5 for unlimited rides and games.

❖ **Potomac Country House Tour**, Oct. 13-14, is an annual Potomac tradition organized by Saint Francis Episcopal Church. The Tour, in its 57th year, gives a glimpse inside some of Potomac's most interesting homes while raising funds for dozens of local charities. The owners of Glenstone, an art museum in Potomac, will be offering a private tour for 20 participants selected by drawing from those who make a separate donation to House Tour Charities. See [www.potomaccountryhousetour.org](http://www.potomaccountryhousetour.org).

❖ **Potomac Day, 30th Anniversary Celebration**, Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Parade, 10:30 a.m., Potomac Village. Arrive before 10 a.m. to avoid road closures. Free children's rides and more, sponsored by Potomac Chamber of Commerce.

❖ **Potomac Theatre Company** presents "My Fair Lady" in Nov. 16-18 & Nov. 23-25 in the Blair Family Center for the Arts at the Bullis School, 10601 Falls Road. Call 301-299-8571. See [www.potomactheatreco.org](http://www.potomactheatreco.org).

Auditions: Tuesday, Sept. 18 and Thursday, Sept. 20. See [www.potomactheatreco.org](http://www.potomactheatreco.org).

❖ **Cure Autism Run and Walk**, July 4, 2013, brings more than 2,000 people together in Potomac Village in a festive celebration to raise money for autism research. See [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org) or email [autismspeaks5K@autismspeaks.org](mailto:autismspeaks5K@autismspeaks.org)



Police horses line up for Potomac Day Parade.

## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Potomac Day Celebrates Community Spirit

### Call for former "Citizens of the Year" to return for this special celebration.

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

Potomac Day is the most anticipated event in Potomac Village in the fall. Residents look forward to the grand parade, pony rides, petting zoo, pizza, classic car show, business fair and children's festival.

Citizens who have been honored in the Potomac Day Parade in past years are asked to come out again for the festivities. Potomac Day organizers hope that each Citizen of the Year — going all the way back to 1982 — will come forward and notify [jennifer@potomacpizza.com](mailto:jennifer@potomacpizza.com).

The parade features local businesses, high school bands, dance teams, clowns, equestrians and the Potomac Chamber of Commerce Citizens of the Year. The streets are lined on both sides of River and Falls Roads as the parade meanders along. Children squeal and scurry as candy is hurled from

the vehicles and babies laugh at the antics of the clowns. Once the parade breaks up, there is plenty to do in the Potomac Promenade parking lot. Children can climb the rock wall, venture onto small children's rides and pet the ducks, miniature pony, sheep, goats and more. There's food for everyone and lots of information about the latest "green" cars, political candidates, private schools, delivered lobsters — and more. This year, a new Performance Stage will feature the talent of local individuals and groups.

Gold, Platinum and Elite Corporate sponsorships are available. Two of the sponsorships include an ad which will run in the Potomac Almanac for two weeks prior to Potomac Day. Instead of t-shirts with names of advertisers, organizers are giving shopping tote bags. Tickets to the annual awards dinner at Normandie Farm are also included. To sign up for these sponsorships, the parade, children's fair, and other activi-



Marching bands are traditional participants in the annual Potomac Day Parade.

ties, contact the chamber office 301-299-2170 or e-mail [jennifer@potomacpizza.com](mailto:jennifer@potomacpizza.com). Forms for reg-

istering for the parade, the business fair or the children's activities are on-line at [www.potomacchamber.org](http://www.potomacchamber.org).

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# How To Vote in Maryland

## What's on the ballot?

**T**o vote in the general election on Nov. 6, you must be registered to vote at your current address by Oct. 16.

For the first time, you can register to vote or update your registration online in Maryland at <https://voterservices.elections.state.md.us/OnlineVoterRegistration>

To submit your registration electronically, you must provide a valid Maryland-issued state ID number or driver's license number. The signature on file with the MVA will become your official voter registration signature.

Or download a voter registration form at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/registration/VoterRegistration.html>.

**VOTE EARLY:** Avoid the possibility that an earthquake, Derecho or gridlock could keep you from voting on Election Day. You can vote early in Montgomery County Saturday, Oct. 27 - Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. (not Sundays) at five locations around the county.

❖ Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850

❖ Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center, 14625 Bauer Drive, Rockville, MD 20853

❖ Germantown Community Recreation Center, 18905 Kingsview Road, Germantown, MD 20874

❖ Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring, MD 20910

❖ Marilyn Praisner Community Center, 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866

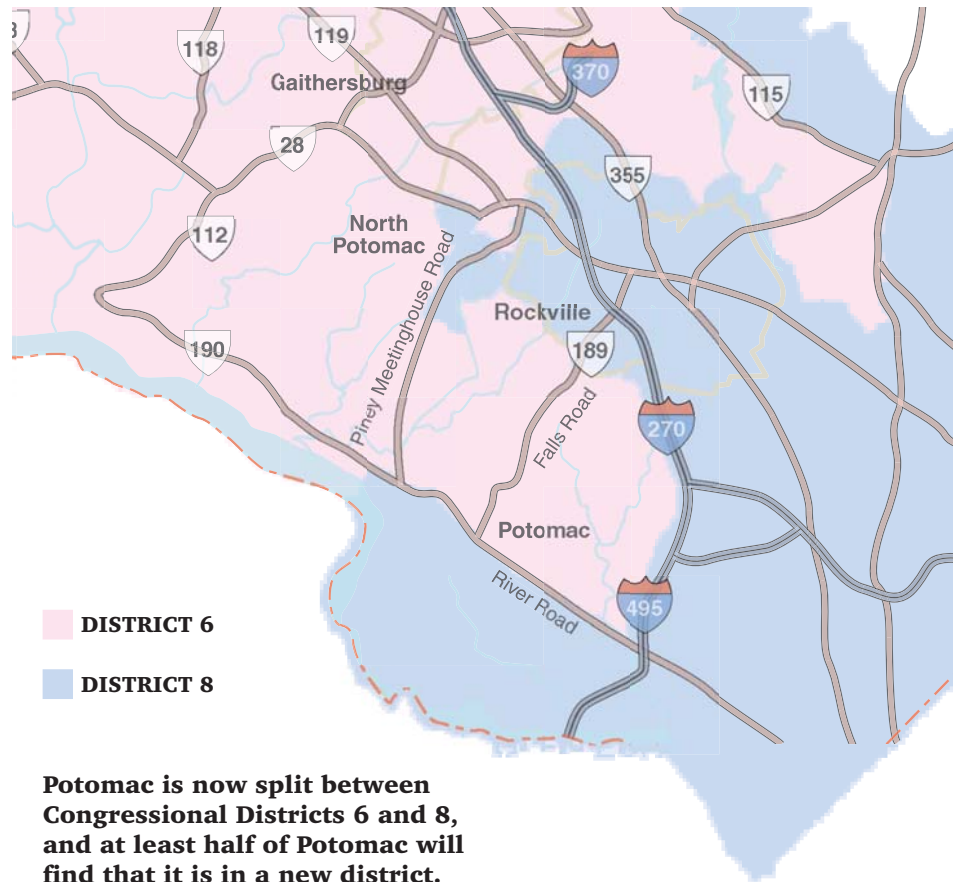
If you will not be available to vote on Election Day, you can also vote absentee. Download an application for an absentee ballot at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections/registration/absenteeapplication.html>

## What's on the Ballot?

In addition to voting for President of the United States, voters in Maryland will choose a U.S. senator and members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Montgomery County voters will choose members of the Board of Education At-Large and in Districts 2 and 4. Judges will also appear on the ballot. Plus there are a variety of ballot questions. Visit [http://www.elections.state.md.us/elections/2012/general\\_candidates/index.html](http://www.elections.state.md.us/elections/2012/general_candidates/index.html)

For U.S. Senate, incumbent Ben Cardin (D) will face Daniel John Bongino (R), Dean Ahmad, a Libertarian from Bethesda, and four write-in candidates.

U.S. House of Representatives Potomac is now split between Congressional Districts 6 and 8. See map. Before redistricting, Potomac was entirely in Congressional District 8, and represented by U.S. Rep. Chris



**Potomac is now split between Congressional Districts 6 and 8, and at least half of Potomac will find that it is in a new district.**

Van Hollen (D).

Roscoe Bartlett (R) is the incumbent in Congressional District 6 since 1993, and will face John Delaney (D) in the newly configured district, which stretches all the way to Garrett County. Nickolaus Mueller, a Libertarian, will also appear on the ballot.

Chris Van Hollen (D) will face Ken Timmerman (R), Libertarian Mark Grannis and Green party candidate George Gluck.

The Montgomery County Board of Education consists of seven county residents elected by voters for a four-year term and a student elected by secondary school students for a one-year term. Board members are elected countywide on a staggered basis, but run at large, or from the Board district where they live. One at-large member and Districts 2 and 4 will appear on the ballot in November.

Phil Kauffman incumbent At-Large will face Morris Panner.

Fred Evans will face Rebecca Smondrowski in District 2.

Incumbent Christopher Barclay, who is current BOE president, will face Annita Seckinger in District 4.

### BALLOT QUESTIONS

Voters will face seven statewide ballot questions and two Montgomery County questions on the November ballot, including hot button questions on expanding gambling, in-state tuition for undocumented immigrants in some cases and a question on a bill passed by the General Assembly allowing civil marriage for gay and lesbian couples. More detail is available at [http://www.elections.state.md.us/elections/2012/ballot\\_question\\_language.html](http://www.elections.state.md.us/elections/2012/ballot_question_language.html)

### STATEWIDE QUESTIONS

Questions 1 and 2, Qualifications for Prince George's County and Baltimore County Orphans' Court Judges, requiring that they be admitted to practice law in this State and to be a member in good standing of the Maryland Bar.

Question 3, Suspension and Removal of Elected Officials: Under the amended law, an elected official is suspended when found guilty and is removed when the conviction becomes final or when the elected official pleads guilty or no contest.

Question 4, Public Institutions of Higher Education - Establishes that individuals, including undocumented immigrants, are eligible to pay in-state tuition rates at community colleges in Maryland, provided the student meets certain conditions relating to attendance and graduation from a Maryland high school, filing of income taxes, intent to apply for permanent residency, and registration with the selective service system (if required); makes such students eligible to pay in-state tuition rates at a four-year public college or university if the student has first completed 60 credit hours or graduated from a community college in Maryland; provides that students qualifying for in-state tuition rates by this method will not be counted as in-state students for purposes of counting undergraduate enrollment; and extends the time in which honorably discharged veterans may qualify for in-state tuition rates.

Question 5, Congressional Districting Plan, Establishes the boundaries for the State's eight United States Congressional Districts based on recent census figures, as required by the U.S. Constitution.

Question 6, Referendum Petition Civil

Marriage Protection Act

Establishes that Maryland's civil marriage laws allow gay and lesbian couples to obtain a civil marriage license, provided they are not otherwise prohibited from marrying; protects clergy from having to perform any particular marriage ceremony in violation of their religious beliefs; affirms that each religious faith has exclusive control over its own theological doctrine regarding who may marry within that faith; and provides that religious organizations and certain related entities are not required to provide goods, services, or benefits to an individual related to the celebration or promotion of marriage in violation of their religious beliefs.

Question 7, Gaming Expansion Referendum

Do you favor the expansion of commercial gaming in the State of Maryland for the primary purpose of raising revenue for education to authorize video lottery operation licensees to operate "table games" as defined by law; to increase from 15,000 to 16,500 the maximum number of video lottery terminals that may be operated in the State; and to increase from 5 to 6 the maximum number of video lottery operation licenses that may be awarded in the State and allow a video lottery facility to operate in Prince George's County?

### TWO MONTGOMERY COUNTY QUESTIONS

Question A Charter Amendment Merit System - Hiring Individuals with Disabilities

Amend Section 401 of the County Charter to allow the County to operate a program within the merit system to recruit and select qualified individuals with severe physical and mental disabilities on a non-competitive basis.

Question B Referendum on Law Enacted by County Council Effects Bargaining for Police Employees: Shall the Act to modify the scope of collective bargaining with police employees to permit the exercise of certain management rights without first bargaining the effects of those rights on police employees become law?

### SERVE AS AN ELECTION JUDGE

Montgomery County's Board of Elections is needs individuals to serve as election judges at polling places for the Presidential General Election, Nov. 6, 2012.

In accordance with the Election Code, judges must be registered to vote in the State of Maryland. They must also be able to speak, read, and write the English language, and while acting as a judge must not hold, or be a candidate for, public or party office. In addition, election judges may not serve as a campaign manager for a candidate or as treasurer for any campaign financial entity. Election judges bilingual in Spanish and Republican election judges are needed throughout the county. Training will be provided and all judges will be compensated for Election Judge services.



# NEWCOMERS AND COMMUNITY GUIDE

## Get To Know Elected Officials

### COUNTY COUNCIL

Potomac residents live in County Council District 1, and are represented by Councilmember Roger Berliner (D-1) as well as the four at-large councilmembers, Marc Elrich, Nancy Floreen, George Leventhal and Hans Riemer. All nine members of the current Montgomery County Council are Democrats.

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### COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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top elected official in Montgomery County. Dial 311, or email oemail@montgomerycountymd.gov

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### MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Potomac is split between two state legislative districts, 15, which includes much of the upcounty, and 16, which includes Bethesda and Chevy Chase. Each district has one senator and three delegates. All members of the Montgomery County delegation to the Maryland General Assembly are Democrats.

Maryland's existing districts were adopted in 2002. The redistricting process began with the Census count in spring of 2010. It will continue with public hearings, review and analysis of proposed plans and eventual adoption of revised districts. They will be in place in time for the Congressional primary of 2012 and the State Legislative Election of 2014.

<http://mlis.state.md.us/>

#### District 15

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### BOARD OF EDUCATION

There are seven members of the Montgomery County Board of Education, plus a student member. Two members serve at-large, while the other five members live in their geographic districts. But all members are elected county-wide, and serve staggered terms.

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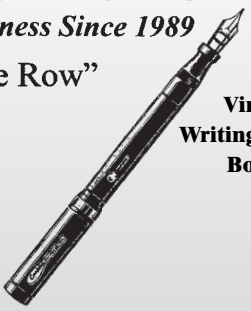
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### Newcomers and Community Guide 2012-2013

The paper you're reading, the Potomac Almanac is one of 15 papers published by the independent, locally owned Local Media Connection LLC, serving the suburbs of Metropolitan Washington in Northern Virginia and Potomac.

Our flagship paper, the Alexandria Gazette Packet, is one of the oldest continuously publishing papers in the country, beginning publication in 1784.

This spring, our papers won some very special awards, including the Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service, and the Fairfax County Media Partnership Award, along with dozens of others.

We're proud of our commitment to community service, and delighted when it results in awards. We have staff and contributors here at the Connection with remarkable talent and experience, far greater than one might expect. While the last few years have brought many challenges to the newspaper business everywhere, affecting us as well, we continue to publish 15 distinct papers every week that serve their communities in distinct ways.

As local, weekly newspapers, the Connection's mission is to bring the local news you need, to gather information about the best things in and near your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record milestones and events in community and people's lives.

Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we've included an insider's look at the parks, plus details of how to vote in the upcoming elections. Many voters will be surprised when they look at the map on our elections page and discover that their Congressional district has changed.

#### WELCOME NEWCOMERS

## Enjoy Potomac's Beauty

BY ROGER BERLINER  
COUNTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT BERLINER

If you are a newcomer to Potomac, you are in for a real treat — as living there for 20-plus years showed me every day.

Each of us has different aspects of a community that we are passionate about. Mine is the environment. And in Potomac, that passion has been so fully satisfied. To this day, I marvel at the elemental wildness of the Potomac River so close to the heart of the free world. I take my two dogs to the river on a regular basis, fly fish on it, and simply find a nice spot and let the rest of the day's concerns float away like the current before me.

And access isn't limited to the hardy. The C&O Canal, one of the National Park Services' most popular parks, affords all of us an equal opportunity to appreciate the splendor of nature. With over 700,000 visits per year, the C&O

#### EDITORIALS

We invite newcomers and long-time residents alike to let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, send us an e-mail, contact us on Facebook or send us a tweet. You can even call.

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Canal offers wonderful hiking trails and beautiful views of the Potomac River. When the canal was badly damaged by a hurricane in 2008, I was pleased to work with Congressman Van Hollen and the state of Maryland to secure the necessary funding to restore the canal to its status as one of the Park Service's treasures.

Potomac is more than beautiful of course. It has some of the finest residential neighborhoods anywhere; it has some of the finest schools anywhere; and it has one of the finest privately owned museums in the world in Glenstone. It has great golf courses; fine restaurants; and an active citizenry that works hard to protect what is truly special about Potomac.

Ask anyone you meet on a crisp autumn morning at the Potomac Day Parade. Ask the person you pass hiking the Billie Goat Trail. Ask any of your new neighbors that moved to Potomac "for the schools" but have lingered long after their children donned graduation caps (with honors). They will tell you that beyond the beautiful parks, the outstanding schools, the top-notch golf courses, in Potomac

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## OPINION

# Why I Love Potomac

BY GINNY BARNES

**C**lose to Washington D.C. but with lush green neighborhoods edged by parks and trails through stream valleys leading to our most well known natural attraction, the C&O Canal National Historic Park, which stretches a ribbon of green 184 miles along the Potomac River edged by a tow-path trail that runs from Cumberland to Georgetown. In all seasons it attracts birdwatchers, hikers, bicyclists, fishermen, naturalists and anyone who likes to stand beside a great river under towering Sycamore trees and feel a sense of wilderness. From the bluffs above the towpath at Violette's Lock, you can see the Blue Ridge Mountains on a clear day. At Olmsted Island looking out on the Great Falls, you can watch numbers of Great Blue Herons fishing from the rocks in rainbows of spray and you hear only the sound of crashing water. In spring, between the towpath and the River's edge Bluebells flower in great swaths and they create a blue haze beneath the trees on nearby islands.

The way our subregion has developed is no accident but the result of careful, deliberate plan-

ning. We have the first Master Plan in the county to be based on retaining the health of our streams, forests and wetlands. Look around and you see evidence of our environmental planning in our stream valley parks running the length of Cabin John Creek, Watts Branch, Muddy Branch and portions of Rock Run. You see it in the abundant forest cover and tree canopy, in our two-lane road system and the open section grass swales adjacent to them that catch and infiltrate rain. We have designated some of our roads Rural and Rustic to maintain our ties with our farming past and with the Agricultural Reserve to our North.

Potomac has so much diversity in many acres of nearby County parkland. One is known as the Serpentine Barrens, though it is really a forest of very old, unusual and stunted trees growing from a geology so rare that the bedrock found there occurs on only 1 percent of our planet. The soils are thin and support an ecosystem unlike any other park in Montgomery County. You could spend a lifetime here without seeing all the natural wonders Potomac offers. It's why I love living here.

*Ginny Barnes is vice chair of Conservation Montgomery.*



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## Ah, Spring In Potomac

**Daffodils and bleeding hearts return and multiply each spring but do not appear to be tasty to deer.**

## LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

### The Changing Face of the Luxury Home

The economic changes and housing meltdown of the last decade means that there's a whole new set of attitudes prevailing in the luxury home market. "McMansions", once en vogue, are a thing of the past. No longer is square footage the standard in defining a luxury home—today's luxury homeowner trends towards smaller spaces whose amenities are tailored to suit a variety of hobbies, individual needs, lifestyles and values, as well as placing convenience and function at a premium. Home ownership attitudes have also changed across the board. Susanne Tauke, president of New American Homes, believes "The number of luxury buyers is definitely down. Those who are in the market today are not as interested in the investment value of their homes as they were a few years ago. Today's buyers expect to live in their homes for longer periods of time and have no illusions about making a 'killing' on the resale." What does this mean for luxury home sellers? It means that the luxury home sales market is catering to a new kind of buyer—one who still asks for top-notch luxury, but in a modern way. Some important elements to consider in the modern luxury homes market include:

- **Community amenities.** What else does your property offer? Golf courses, marinas, community fitness centers and tennis courts are all draws for "lifestyle luxury buyers"
- **Personalized Home Amenities.** From bathroom spas to boat slips, bedroom kitchens to porte cocheres and garage car lifts, discriminating luxury buyers are looking for rooms that make the most of the square footage available, rather than square footage that defines the quality of luxury available in the home.
- **Distinctive Styling.** Luxury buyers are in the market for a one-of-a-kind living space, not a "cookie cutter" mansion like all the others on the block. Take the time to spend with an architect and make sure there's a distinctive element that sets your home apart from other like it.
- **Automation.** Whether it's the lights or heating/cooling system, the security system, the entertainment center or the kitchen appliances, automatic controls are making a splash in luxury home buying.
- **Outdoor Space.** The square footage outside is becoming as important as the square footage inside! Lanais, screened-in porches, infinity windows and walled off gardens connecting to master bedrooms are ever-increasingly popular options that give luxury homes a distinctive flair.
- **Jack & Jill Bathrooms.** The "his and hers" bathroom layout is not only practical, but one that is hotly trending nowadays. Oversized master bathrooms are passé; today's modern emphasis is on individual grooming areas—not to mention the settling once and for all of the argument regarding the proper way to squeeze the toothpaste tube!
- **Easy Maintenance.** From floors and countertops to exteriors and landscaping—less is more. Luxury homeowners today don't want have to employ a small army to maintain their home. Low-key is the ultimate luxury!
- **Flexibility of Space.** Can the rooms in your home do double-duty? Compound rooms, or rooms that connect to one another, are a fantastic way to make a floor plan unique, functional and luxurious. Kitchen bedrooms, libraries with attached baths or master bedrooms that open into smaller entertaining areas are all sure-fire ways to make your home's blueprint singular and memorable.
- **Casual Planning.** Formal dining rooms aren't advantageous to today's modern lifestyle, so why include rooms whose function is limited in your layout? The more casual and comfortable the design of the rooms appears, the more interest your buyer will have in making it their own.

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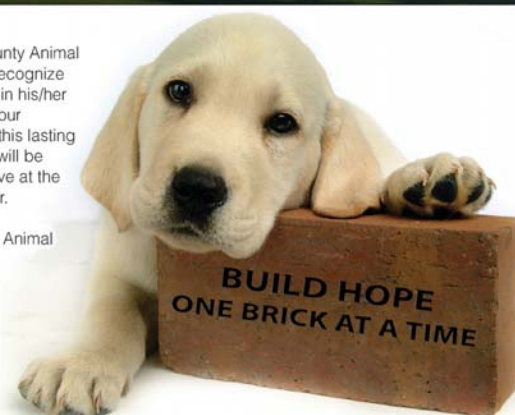
A man with glasses and a white polo shirt is smiling. The shirt has a logo on the left chest that reads "NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP" above a crest, and "Super College &amp; National Champion" below it. He is in a home with a chandelier and a checkered basket hanging in the background.

A smiling woman with long brown hair, wearing a pink and white checkered tank top and large hoop earrings, standing in a kitchen.

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## NEWCOMERS AND COMMUNITY GUIDE

# Get Involved: Role of WMCCA

## Potomac's umbrella citizens association.

### THE GREEN WEDGE

In 1964, the Montgomery County Council adopted the General Plan "On Wedges and Corridors." This plan established land use guidelines for the County and set the standard for local and area master plans. The General Plan "envisioned the Potomac Subregion as a low density residential wedge area, which would complement the developed I-270 corridor."

The plan explains that a "low density, rural and semi-rural area is needed not only for aesthetic reasons, but ... as a conservation area to protect the public water supply" and to insulate agriculture "from the development pressures which affect those areas closer to the transportation corridor."

Throughout its over 47-year history, The West Montgomery County Citizens Association strives to maintain quality of life by monitoring growth and by placing the highest priority on green space. WMCCA aims to protect the environment; perpetuate animal and bird habitats; encourage low density, controlled growth and confined commercial areas; and it supports the philosophy, policies and goals of the General Plan as set forth in the 1980 Master Plan

for the Potomac Subregion.

### ORGANIZED FOR ACTION

In 1989-90, WMCCA adopted a full range of policy statements addressing Ethics in Government, Taxation, Planning and Zoning, Environmental Issues, and Roads. These statements are the basis of members' common ideas. They articulate direction and allow the organization to quickly and judiciously respond to new questions and agendas.

Through its committees, WMCCA is primed to accomplish its objectives and to:

- ❖ Study proposals in State and County Transportation, Planning and Zoning, Taxation, Environmental Protection and Services;

- ❖ Review agendas of the County Council, Board of Appeals and Planning Board;

- ❖ Assess impact and develop position statements on issues, then represent these positions before County and State authorities.

Armed with facts, statistics, and the backing of members, WMCCA will then:

- ❖ Meet with government officials, testify and retain counsel, if needed, to ensure that citizen's views are heard;

- ❖ Work with other community groups to broaden citizen awareness; and

- ❖ Provide education forums, publicize issues, and strengthen community involvement.

Attention to detail and willingness to stay the course have meant many victories for the

environment and quality of life. WMCCA has helped:

- ❖ Save sensitive areas from over-development;
- ❖ Preserve trees and stream valleys;
- ❖ Limit commercial areas;
- ❖ Retain quality and style in commercial establishments;
- ❖ Maintain low density zoning and residential quality of the area; and
- ❖ Keep major highways from cutting across the community.

In the process, WMCCA has won the respect of county and state officials and the community at large.

See [www.wmcca.org](http://www.wmcca.org).

## Rotary Hosts Speaker On Swat Relief Initiative

The Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club's speaker at the Normandie Farm Restaurant for Thursday, Aug. 30 is Zebu Jilani, president of the Swat Relief Initiative.

Swat Relief Initiative strives to improve the lives of women and children in Pakistan through healthcare, education, economic growth and a sustainable environment.

In the past three years, the Swat Valley in Pakistan has been the victim of a Taliban uprising, a massive refugee crisis caused by military conflict, and a devastating flood.

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# Potomac Insider's Guide to Parks

By Ken Moore  
The Almanac

From Carderock to Riley's Lock, Potomac is bordered by more than 12 miles of the C&O Canal, the towpath and the Potomac River. Living in Potomac provides opportunities to enjoy the sights and sounds of the river. Outdoor activities ranging from an easy stroll to a multi-day bike trip, to rock climbing, to world-class kayaking or a gentle paddle on flatwater. Wildlife is abundant. All outdoor areas of the C&O Canal National Historical Park are open daylight hours year round.

## 1 Carderock Recreation Area

301-767-3731

Reach this part of the park from the Clara Barton Parkway at the Naval Surface Warfare exit. Carderock is famous for rock faces prized by climbers. The recreation area includes playing fields, a picnic pavilion and access to the Potomac River and one of the loops of the Billy Goat Trail.

## 2 Old Angler's Inn Access

Across from 10801 MacArthur Blvd.

Between Carderock and Great Falls, you can also get across the canal to the towpath and the River across from Old Angler's Inn on MacArthur Boulevard. A popular spot for whitewater kayakers, and a great spot to find outdoor adventure companies teaching beginning to advanced kayaking and canoeing. Hikers have quick access to the Billy Goat Trail from here. Take an evening stroll or bikeride along the Berna Road or around Widewater, the area of the canal used for turning large boats around.

## 3 Billy Goat Trail

Thousands hike the challenging Billy Goat Trail every year, with access from the Old Angler's site or from the Great Falls Tavern Visitor's Center or Carderock. The loop between the C&O Canal and Potomac River is less than five miles long; bring water and wear good walking shoes. Allow plenty to time to stop and enjoy spectacular views of the cliffs, Potomac River passing through the gorge and sensitive vegetation and rare plants. The wild power and natural

beauty of the Potomac River and its surrounding come alive on this hike that is marked by light blue trail blazes to keep visitors from trampling on Bear Island's many rare plants and sensitive vegetation. The trail can be rough and rocky with steep climbs. But the trail is one of the most popular hikes in all of the metropolitan area, of which can be done by people of all ages.

**INSIDER'S TIP:** The park service seeks volunteer trail stewards willing to hike parts of the trail, educate visitors at the trailheads, protect the natural resources of Bear Island, ensure visitors are prepared for the strenuous hike, share stories about the sensitive vegetation, and reduce trampling of the Bear Island's many rare plants. Active trail stewards carry park radios for emergency communication and can offer basic first aid training to help with minor injuries. [www.nps.gov/choh/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm](http://www.nps.gov/choh/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm)

## 4 Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center and Olmsted Overlook

11710 MacArthur Blvd.  
301-767-3714

Enter the C&O Canal National Historical Park here for up close views of Great Falls by walking 0.2 miles over the Olmsted Island Bridges to the overlook at the end. Bridges and boardwalks traverse a rare floodplain terrace environment, ending with an observation deck over the spectacular views of the Falls and the head of Mather Gorge. More water flows over Great Falls than Niagara Falls.

Accessible for wheelchairs and strollers. The tavern is open year round, seven days per week from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. <http://www.nps.gov/archive/choh/Visitor/Centers/GreatFalls.html> \$5 per visit or \$20 annually to enter the park at Great Falls.

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

## 5 Swain's Lock

Swain's Lock Road (off River Road)

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

## 6 Pennyfield Lock

Pennyfield Road (off River Road)

The three-mile walk from Pennyfield Lock to Violette's Lock takes you through many kinds of bird habitat and around Blockhouse Point. The natural and cultural resources at Blockhouse Point are amongst the most valuable in the country, but a hiker there can often find solitude. The park contains a variety of exceptional and rare habitat, including mature upland forest, floodplain forest, wetlands, streams and river-rock outcrops. Nine species of threatened, endangered or watchlist plants have been identified in the park, along with 25 species of fish, nine species of amphibians, four species of reptiles, 39 species of nesting birds and 10 species of mammals.

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

## 7 The River Center (Lockhouse 8)

7906 Riverside Drive, Cabin John  
[www.potomac.org](http://www.potomac.org)

The Potomac Conservancy runs the River Center at Lockhouse 8, open weekends from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nature walks, canoeing trips, art exhibits, educational events and canoe cleanup events are offered throughout the year. See its website for a schedule of events. One goal of The Potomac Conservancy is to

educate, inspire and engage Potomac watershed residents about the wonders of living near the Potomac River and its tributaries.

## 8 Blockhouse Point

[www.blockhousepoint.org](http://www.blockhousepoint.org)

Those who know the 630 acres of land that straddles River Road between Tobytown and Callithea Farm call Blockhouse Point the jewel of Potomac.

The natural and cultural resources at Blockhouse Point are amongst the most valuable in the country, but a hiker there can often find solitude.

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Blockhouse Point also tells a little of Potomac's history. During the Civil War, the 19th Regiment Massachusetts Voluntary Infantry built three blockhouses in 1862 to guard Violette's Lock and Pennyfield Lock, taking advantage of panoramic views from Blockhouse Point. Union sentries kept watch for Confederate movements across the river and at area fords.

**INSIDER'S TIP:** Montgomery County recently developed a brochure so people can walk the footsteps of Union Soldiers, available on the website. Blockhouse Point, often referred to as the jewel of Potomac, is an area to enjoy peace, solitude, and an example of the natural and cultural resources of Potomac that rival the most valuable in the country.

## 9 Violette's Lock

Violette's Lock Road (off River Road)

Violette's Lock offers one of the more beautiful views of the sunset over the Potomac River.



PHOTOS BY KEN MOORE/THE ALMANAC



This 14-acre neighborhood conservation area established in 1969, includes areas set aside for bird-banding.

## 12 Falls Road Golf Course

10800 Falls Rd.  
301-299-5156  
[www.montgomerycountygolf.com](http://www.montgomerycountygolf.com)

Falls Road Golf Course was completed in 1961 on 150 acres of former farmland, and includes an 18-hole course renovated in 2003, plus a clubhouse and driving range. Rates from \$25 each player; cart is \$10. Reserve tee times online.

## 10 Riley's Lock

Riley's Lock Road (off River Road)

Riley's Lock features a boat ramp on Seneca Creek that allows easy access to a quiet and inviting part of the Potomac River for canoes, kayaks or small motorboats. The Seneca Creek Aqueduct, opened in 1833 and made of red sandstone, allowed thousands of canal boats to move across Seneca Creek from 1833-1924, the year of the canal's closing. The aqueduct was protected by Union garrisons during the Civil War.

Riley's Lockhouse is open for tours on Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. in May and June, and September and October. Volunteers in period costume guide you through one of the C&O Canal's original lockhouses to explore the life of a lock-keeper. Call the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center to confirm, 301-767-3714.

**INSIDER'S TIP:** Get involved on the river by joining the Bike Patrol, becoming a Billy Goat Trail Steward, or volunteering to help run the Canal Boat, or serving as a docent at the River Center at Lockhouse 8. [www.nps.gov/choh/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm](http://www.nps.gov/choh/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm)



## 19 Hadley's Playground at Falls Road Local Park

12600 Falls Rd.  
Park Manager: 301-299-0024

Falls Road Local Park, which showcases the award-winning Hadley's Park, allows all kids to play together. In 1986, the park system acquired the 20-acre park, including soccer, baseball and other sports fields. Hadley's Park, and its accessible theme, equipment, design and surface, have been emulated by approximately 250 playgrounds across the country, including one at Dulles Town Center and one in McLean.

The park is the brainchild of a Potomac family whose daughter, Hadley, uses a wheel chair. The family envisioned an accessible playground after watching her daughter's wheelchair get stuck in playground mulch as she played with her sibling and friends.

## 13 Cabin John Regional Park

7400 Tuckerman Lane  
[www.montgomeryparks.org/facilities/regional\\_parks/cabinjohn/](http://www.montgomeryparks.org/facilities/regional_parks/cabinjohn/)

This 528-acre park centrally located offers an Adventure playground, miniature train rides, dog park, picnic areas, lighted athletic fields, ice rinks and indoor/outdoor tennis courts, nature center, softball fields, Shirley Povich Field, home of Big Train baseball.



## 14 Locust Grove Nature Center

7777 Democracy Boulevard  
301-765-8660  
[www.montgomeryparks.org/nature\\_centers/locust/VirtuaTour.shtm](http://www.montgomeryparks.org/nature_centers/locust/VirtuaTour.shtm)

Hike the upper meadow of the Locust Grove Nature Center and look for monarch butterflies and caterpillars, listen for wrens and bluebirds, or watch for box turtles crossing the path in the early morning. Wander to the Lower Meadow and watch bats in the late afternoon, sit under the shade of a 200-year-old sycamore and spot minnows, crayfish, bathing birds of beaver activity in the Cabin John Creek. Locust Grove offers programs featuring local natural and cultural history for children, teens and adults. Currently, naturalists teach tots a class on "Bugs, Slugs and Other Thugs," 12-16 year olds how to become a virtual wildlife rehabilitator and treatment methods for injured and orphaned wildlife.

**INSIDER'S TIP:** The Locust Grove Nature Center trains adults to become volunteer naturalists, with courses on stream ecology and pollinators. Numerous civic leaders monitor water quality in streams throughout the Potomac region. Get involved.

## 20 Potomac Horse Center

14211 Quince Orchard Rd.  
301-208-0200  
[potomachorse.com/](http://potomachorse.com/)

County-owned and privately run, this large facility offers lessons at all levels year round, summer camp, birthday parties and special events. Open house is Oct. 3; Oct. 24 is the Potomac Horse Center Client Horse Show featuring the Halloween Costume Class. It's a great way to get close to the horsey part of Potomac.

## 21 Rockwood Manor Park

11001 MacArthur Boulevard, Potomac  
Reservations/Manager: 301-299-5206

Facilities for weddings, meetings, with overnight accommodations and dormitories for youth groups.

## 15 Campground

7701 Tuckerman Lane,  
301-495-2525 (for permits)

## 16 Ice Rink

10610 Westlake Drive  
301-365-2246

Private and group lessons for all ages, open skating times, and special events. Open year round.

## 17 Indoor Tennis Courts

7801 Democracy Boulevard  
301-365-2440

Private and group lessons for all ages and seasonal court rentals.

## 18 Miniature Train

7410 Tuckerman Lane  
301-765-8670

The miniature train is a replica of an 1863 C.P. Huntington, a locomotive purchased by the Southern Pacific Railroad. The train runs from June 1 to Aug. 31. Monday - Thursday, the first train leaves at 10:30 a.m. and the last train at 6 p.m. On Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays, the first train leaves at 10:30 a.m. and last train at 7:30 p.m.



## Neighborhood Parks

Potomac has many small neighborhood and local parks that offer hiking trails, basketball and tennis courts, playgrounds and sports fields, picnic areas and more. Directory of county parks [http://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks\\_facilities\\_directory/index.shtm](http://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks_facilities_directory/index.shtm)

## 22 Buck Branch Neighborhood Park

8704 Bells Mill Road

Playground, lighted ballfield, and lighted tennis court.

## 23 Avenel Local Park

10551 Oaklyn Drive

Playground, softball field, multi-use fields, and tennis courts. Paths suitable for bikes or children's tricycles. The 20.7-acre park was established in 1989.

## 24 Heritage Farm Neighborhood Park

9520 Hall Road

Playground, multi-use field, softball field, two tennis courts, and picnic area.

## 25 Potomac Community Neighborhood Park

11301 Falls Rd.

Playground, lighted ballfield, and lighted tennis courts.

## 26 Fox Hills West Neighborhood Park

12710 North Commons Way

Two-acre park includes playground, tennis courts, multi-use field, and picnic shelter.

## 27 Bedfordshire Neighborhood Park

11416 Bedfordshire Ave.

This 7.8-acre park acquired in 1968 includes a playground and multi-use field.

## 28 Glen Hills Local Park

12511 Circle Drive

This 25.2-acre park, acquired in 1966, features a playground, softball field, baseball field and two lighted tennis courts and a picnic area.

## 29 Gregerscroft Neighborhood Park

12021 Gregerscroft Rd.

One-acre park with playground, picnic area, and open space.

## 30 Tilden Woods Local Park

6800 Tilden Lane

Playground area, ballfield, lighted tennis courts, and picnic area.

## 31 Seven Locks Local Park

6922 Seven Locks Road, Cabin John

11.6 acres with playground, open shelter, lighted baseball field, and lighted tennis courts.

## 32 Cabin John Local Park

7401 MacArthur Boulevard, Cabin John

Six-acre park established in 1933 includes playground, multi-use field, lighted tennis court, basketball court, and picnic area.



## 33 Potomac Community Center

11315 Falls Road  
240-777-6960

This is Montgomery County's busiest community center, providing a variety of recreation activities for all ages such as open gym, arts and crafts, exercise/leisure classes, group support meetings and socials, senior adult activities through the Potomac Seniors program, area and county-wide sports programs, summer camps, programs for individuals with disabilities, children's holiday parties, volunteer opportunities and more. Facilities include a gymnasium, exercise room, meeting rooms, art room, lounge area, community room and social hall. The outdoor area includes two baseball fields and an in-line hockey rink, and lighted basketball and tennis courts. The Center offers table tennis, billiards and foosball, a gymnasium, weight room, social room, meeting rooms, and hundreds of classes through the Department of Recreation.

**INSIDER'S TIP:** Parents with children in grades three to six, should stand by to register them for Club Friday. Club Friday is a joyous, supervised party with many activities that meets Friday evenings at the Potomac Community Center, October-March. (And volunteers are always needed.) Family Fest will be Friday, Sept. 23.

## 34 Scotland Neighborhood Park and Community Center

7700 Scotland Drive 301-983-4455

The 3.75-acre park includes a basketball court, playground, and an open play area. Plans to replace the aging and undersized community center, which serves the Scotland community, are underway.

## 35 Glen Echo Park

7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo  
[www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org)

Originally a Chatauqua retreat, then an amusement park, Glen Echo National Park now hosts a variety of arts, environmental and history programs.

Classes are offered in pottery, painting, photography, glass art, silversmithing, textiles and other arts, as well as in dance, writing and music. The famous 1921 Dentzel Carousel in the center of the park has been giving rides to the public for 90 years.

The restored carousel is open for rides in August, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 12 - 6 p.m. In September, Saturday and Sunday, 12 to 6 p.m.

Adventure Theatre ([www.adventuretheater.org](http://www.adventuretheater.org), 301-634-2270) is one of the area's longest running children's theater companies, and the Puppet Co. Playhouse ([www.puppetco.org](http://www.puppetco.org)) offers shows as well as was for children to be involved.



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Friday, Aug. 31, 7-9 p.m., Spanish Ballroom and will continue to be exhibited from Sept. 1-3. Free. Call 301-634-2222.

**Cabin John Kids Run** at the Cabin John Regional Park in Potomac, Westlake Drive. Free for runners 18 and under. Sunday, Sept. 15. A mile run, half-mile run and quarter mile young run is offered. Registration is race-day only. See [www.mcrc.org](http://www.mcrc.org)

**74th Annual Labor Day Parade** in the City of Gaithersburg, Monday, Sept. 3 at 1 p.m. rain or shine. Call 301-258-6350. See [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov).

**Potomac Library Book Sale**, 10101 Glenolden Dr., Saturday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 240-777-0690. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Runs most months.

**Half Marathon**, Sept. 9, 7 a.m., Annual Parks Half-marathon, [www.parkshalfmarathon.com](http://www.parkshalfmarathon.com). Run from Rockville to Bethesda. Showcases Montgomery County's park system. Sponsored by Montgomery County Road Runners Club, [www.mcrc.org](http://www.mcrc.org).

**Potomac Chamber of Commerce** Networking, Thursday, Sept. 19, 4-6 p.m., Normandie Farm Restaurant. See [www.potomacchamber.org](http://www.potomacchamber.org). 299-2170.

**Family Fun Fest**, Friday, Sept. 28, 4-7 p.m., Potomac Community Center at 11315 Falls Rd., Potomac. Sponsored by Montgomery County Recreation and Friends of Potomac Community Center, "Who's Got Talent" contest, carnival rides and games, prizes, petting zoo, DJ, \$5 for unlimited rides and games.

**The Trawick Prize**, downtown Bethesda's annual juried arts competition awards: Bethesda Contemporary Art Awards. The exhibition featuring The Trawick Prize finalists will be held from Sept. 1-29 at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E. Reception, Friday, Sept. 14, 6-9 p.m. 301-215-6660. See [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

**Guided tours of Riley's Lockhouse**, one of the C&O Canal's original lockhouses. Join volunteers in period costume and explore the life of a lock-keeper. September and October (also May and June). Riley's Lock Road (off River Road.) [www.nps.gov/choh/](http://www.nps.gov/choh/).

**Annual Bazaar**, Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church 10620 River Road, Sept. 21-23. See [www.peterpaul.net](http://www.peterpaul.net). Call 301-765-9188.

**Glen Echo Park's** 1921 Dentzel Carousel, is in its 91st year. The 1921 carousel will be open Saturday and Sundays, from noon to 6 p.m. through September. Call 301-634-2222 or visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org).

## OCTOBER 2012

**West Montgomery County Citizens Association** (WMCCA), Potomac's umbrella citizens association, is scheduled to hold its first general meeting. Meets the second Wednesday of each month, October through May. Potomac Community Center. 7:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. [www.wmcca.org](http://www.wmcca.org).

**Potomac Country House Tour** is an annual Potomac tradition in October organized by Saint Francis Episcopal Church, giving a glimpse inside some of Potomac's most interesting homes while raising funds for dozens of local charities. Oct. 13-14. See [www.potomaccountryhousetour.org](http://www.potomaccountryhousetour.org) for listing of activities and this year's schedule.

**Taste of Bethesda**, Oct. 6 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The 23rd Annual Taste of Bethesda, a food and music festival in the Woodmont Triangle area of downtown Bethesda. Enjoy "tastes"



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## The view at Blockhouse 1 on the C&O Canal.

from more than 55 participating restaurants, along with live entertainment and a children's activities area and classic car show. Call 301-215-6660 or visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

**Potomac Oak Day** each October celebrates a 275-year old oak tree near the Potomac Oak Center at the corner of Travilah and Glen roads with a picnic and other festivities. Watch the Almanac for announcement of this year's celebration.

**Potomac Library Book Sale**, 10101 Glenolden Dr., Saturday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 240-777-0690. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter.

**Firehouse Open House** at the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department Station 10, 8001 River Road. Activities include live action demonstrations, including stop, drop and roll, stove fire demonstrations and automobile extrication. Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department now hosts birthday parties for children. Call 301-365-2255 or visit [www.cjpvfd.org](http://www.cjpvfd.org) to find this year's October date.

**Montgomery County** Out of the Darkness Community Walk, to prevent suicides. Oct. 6, 9 a.m. to noon. Carderock Park Pavilion. Check-in at 9-10 a.m. This 3-5 mile walk, in conjunction with 200 communities across the country this fall, benefits the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. See [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org) or e-mail [ncacchapter.afsp@gmail.com](mailto:ncacchapter.afsp@gmail.com).

**Potomac Day** in Potomac Village, the annual community festival, will be held Saturday, Oct. 20, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Arts and free entertainment for all ages, ranging from rides for children to an antique show and business fair. The highlight is the Potomac Day Parade at 10:30 a.m., featuring hundreds of entrants, including bands, horses, antique cars, school groups, scouting organizations, and candidates for elected office. Call the Potomac Chamber of Commerce at 301-299-2170 or visit [www.potomacchamber.org](http://www.potomacchamber.org).

## NOVEMBER 2012

**The Potomac Chamber of Commerce's** annual awards dinner, honors Potomac's citizen, businessperson and youth of the year, Thursday, Nov. 5. Normandie Farm, 10710 Falls Road. See [www.potomacchamber.org](http://www.potomacchamber.org).

**Potomac Community Center** Open Flea Market at the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls

Road, has been regularly scheduled on a biannual basis in November and May. Call the community center, 240-777-6960.

**43rd Annual Book Festival**, Nov. 1-11, at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville. Call 301-881-0100. See [www.jccgw.org](http://www.jccgw.org).

**Rockville 10K/5K**, 37th annual Montgomery County race, returns Nov. 4 to King Farm Village Community Center. See [www.mcrc.org](http://www.mcrc.org).

**West Montgomery County Citizens Association** (WMCCA) general meeting, second Wednesday, Potomac Community Center, 7:15 – 8:45 p.m.

**Bazaar**



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**Greek Orthodox Church of St. George**, Saturday, Nov. 10. See [www.stgeorge.org](http://www.stgeorge.org) or call 301-469-7990.

**Potomac Library Book Sale**, 10101 Glenolden Dr., Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 240-777-0690. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter.

**Potomac Theatre Company's** fall production is "My Fair Lady." Nov. 16-18 and Nov. 23-25, 2011, Friday and Saturday 8 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. In the Blair Family Center for the Arts at the Bullis School, 10601 Falls Road. Call 301-299-8571. See [www.potomactheatreco.org](http://www.potomactheatreco.org).

**Dinner of Champions**, Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call 301-881-0100 or see [www.jccgw.org](http://www.jccgw.org). The 21st annual event honors those who have achieved success in the world of sports, and those who have made extraordinary contributions to the community. The dinner benefits the Jewish Community inclusive programs for individuals with special needs.

**Turkey Chase 10K Run** benefits the YMCA Bethesda-Chevy Chase, YMCA's Youth and Family Services

and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rotary Club Foundation. Race takes place on Thanksgiving, Nov. 22, 8:30 a.m. at 9401 Old Georgetown Road at Spruce Street. Includes a two-mile walk/run; wheelchairs welcome. See [www.turkeychase.com](http://www.turkeychase.com). Sponsored by Congressional Bank.

**Winter Lights** is a 3.5-mile drive through a holiday light show at Seneca Creek Park with more than 360 illuminated displays. The 17th Annual Winter Lights Festival premiere is Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 23-24, then nightly Nov. 30-Dec. 31. Proceeds from the Festival benefit local charities. Call 301-258-6350 or visit [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov).

## DECEMBER 2012

**West Montgomery County Citizens Association**, general meeting, second Wednesday, Potomac Community Center, 7:15 – 8:45 p.m. Public is welcome. See [www.wmcca.org](http://www.wmcca.org).

**Potomac Library Book Sale**, 10101 Glenolden Dr., Saturday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 240-777-0690. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter.

**Bethesda's Winter Wonderland** takes place Dec. 1-2 at multiple locations, including concerts at Imagination Stage and in Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. The event features caroling, ice sculpting, storytelling, holiday performances and hands-on craft activities for children. Call 301-215-6660 or visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

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**Jingle Bell Jog 8K**, Dec. 9, 9 a.m., at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. See [www.mcrc.org](http://www.mcrc.org).

**Chanukah Festival**, Dec. 8, 1-3 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. Chanukah-related projects and activities. See [www.jccgw.org](http://www.jccgw.org).

**Christmas Tree Sale**, Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, Station 10, 8001 River Road. Call 301-365-2255 or visit [www.cjpvfd.org](http://www.cjpvfd.org).

**Santa on Fire Engines**, toy collection, is also run by the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department. A procession of fire engines carry Santa on a tour of Potomac neighborhoods over the course of several evenings in December, collecting unwrapped new toys for needy children. Call 301-365-2255 or visit [www.cjpvfd.org](http://www.cjpvfd.org).

**Bethesda Big Train**, 2012 Baseball Holiday Auction, Sunday, Dec. 16. Doubletree Hotel. Guest speaker is ESPN Baseball Tonight's Tim Kurkjian. See [www.bigtrain.org](http://www.bigtrain.org) or call 301-983-1006.

**Friends of the Yellow Barn**, 18th annual members show. Dec. 1 through Dec. 23. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org) or [www.yellowbarnstudio.com](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com). Call 301-634-2222.

## JANUARY 2013

**The Maryland General Assembly** meets in Annapolis each year for 90 days to act on more than 2300 bills including the State's annual budget. Potomac falls into two districts, District 15 and District 16, each one with one senator and three delegates.

<http://mlis.state.md.us>  
West Montgomery County Citizens Association, general meeting, second Wednesday, Potomac Community Center, 7:15 – 8:45 p.m. Public is welcome. See [www.wmcca.org](http://www.wmcca.org).

## FEBRUARY 2013

**Chinese New Year** is Sunday, Feb. 10 and is the year of the snake. Watch for local events at Potomac Library and Potomac Elementary School, which has a Chinese language immersion program.

**The Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival**, 4th annual show, Feb. 15-18, 2013. Organ is featured. Hilton Washington D.C./Rockville Hotel and Executive Meeting Center. The festival provides live musical performances, workshops and seminars. See [www.midatlanticjazzfestival.org](http://www.midatlanticjazzfestival.org).

**Thanksgiving in February**, Bethesda Cares. Dine out in one of the 100 restaurants supporting hunger relief work of local nonprofit agencies providing food and grocery money to those in need. See [www.thanksgivinginfbruary.org](http://www.thanksgivinginfbruary.org). Interfaith Works coordinates the fundraiser, 14 West Montgomery Ave., Rockville, 20850, 301-762-8682. See [www.iworksmc.org](http://www.iworksmc.org).

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## REST OF 2013

As organizations finalize their calendars, here are some highlights to look out for during the rest of 2012. See [www.PotomacAlmanac.com](http://www.PotomacAlmanac.com).

**West Montgomery County Citizens Association** continues to meet the second Wednesday of every month through May at the Potomac Community Center. See [wmcca.org](http://wmcca.org).

## MARCH 2013

**Potomac Theatre Company Spring** production, in the Blair Family Center for the Arts at the Bullis School, 10601 Falls Road. Call 301-299-8571. See [www.potomactheatreco.org](http://www.potomactheatreco.org).

## APRIL 2013

**The Bethesda Literary Festival** has been held annually in April. Features poets, authors, journalists, novelists, poetry slams, essay contests and youth book parties. Literary events take place in downtown Bethesda's bookstores, galleries and retail businesses, as well as the library and elementary school. Visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

**Pike's Peek 10K** run along Rockville Pike from Shady Grove Metro to White Flint Mall. April 28, 2013. See the Montgomery County Road Runners Club website at [www.mcrc.org](http://www.mcrc.org) or [pikespeek10k.com](http://pikespeek10k.com). Now named Kaiser Permanente Pike's Peek 10K.

**"Blast from the Past"** at Winston Churchill High School, 11300 Gainsborough Road in Potomac, presents its annual musical revue featuring student cast members, musicians and stage crew. Late April or early May. Call 301-469-1200 or visit [www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/churchillhs](http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/churchillhs) for dates and more information.

**The Annual C&O Canal Pride Days**, a joint effort between the park and C&O Canal Trust, brings hundreds of volunteers into the park to conduct maintenance projects. Work at C&O Canal National Historical Park at Great Falls (Md.) and other sites along the Potomac River and C&O Canal towpath. Call the Canal Trust at 301-714-2233,

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**Strawberry Festival attendees munched on strawberry-themed desserts in May.**

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www.canaltrust.org, or see the park website at www.nps.gov/choh

**Potomac Watershed Cleanup**, sponsored annually by Alice Ferguson Foundation. Sat. April 16, 2013, 9 a.m. to noon. Last year, more than 14,000 volunteers picked up 262 tons of trash at last year's April cleanup event, including 1,566 tires, 37,607 cigarette butts, 31,456 plastic bags, 185,350 recyclable bottles. Volunteers helped at many sites along the Potomac River in Potomac. See www.fergusonfoundation.org.

## MAY 2013

**Mule-Drawn Canal Boat Rides**, Great Falls Tavern, May – October. Call the C&O Canal National Historical Park at Great Falls visitor center, 301-767-3714 or visit www.nps.gov.

**Potomac Horse Center** Annual Spring Open House, see www.PotomacHorse.com

**Run Aware 5K**, Cabin John Regional Park, Westlake Drive, organized by Montgomery County Road Runners Club. Race through woods, trails, and, if lucky, mud. Along with the 5K (Cross Country Series) race, there will be a 1K (Junior Participation Series) race. See www.mcrrc.org.

**Spring Festival** at the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George 7701 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. The annual festival includes traditional Greek cuisine, outdoor/indoor dining, Greek dancing, church tours and Greek pastries. Call 301-469-7990 or visit www.stgeorge.org.

**The Potomac Hunt Races**, May 19, 2013, an annual May tradition, celebrating the sport of steeplechase racing and benefiting local charities. Race day, festivities on include steeplechase racing, thoroughbreds and festival tailgate parties, a car show, pony rides and more. See www.potomachuntraces.com.

**Strawberry Festival** at Potomac United Methodist Church, 10300 Falls Road in Potomac, is traditionally held the weekend before Memorial Day. Berries, a silent auction, bake sale, rummage sale, craft fair, dollar items and games and activities for children. Call the church at 301-299-9383 or visit www.potomac-umc.org.

**The Landon Azalea Garden Festival**, May 3-5, 2013 in the Perkins Garden and the Landon campus, 6101 Wilson Lane, Bethesda. The annual festival dates back to the mid-1950s when Landon's founders, Paul and Mary Lee Banfield opened the newly acquired azalea garden to the public. Call 301-320-3200 or visit www.landon.net.

**Mark's Run**, a 5-K race and one-mile run also takes place during the Landon Azalea Garden festival. Mark's Run is held each year in memory of alumnus Mark Ferris '94, who lost his battle with juvenile diabetes. In May 2011 the run raised more than \$50,000 for the Mark Ferris Scholarship Fund and \$75,000

to the Joslin Diabetes Center. Call 301-320-3200 or visit www.landon.net.

**The Bethesda Big Train** begins its season at the Shirley Povich Field in Cabin John Regional Park, 10600 Westlake Drive. The Big Train plays in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, a wooden-bat collegiate league that has sent athletes to MLB. See www.bigtrain.org.

**Hometown Holidays** is a Memorial Day festival and parade in the City of Rockville with concerts, children's crafts and games. Call 240-314-5022 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov.

## JUNE 2013

**Potomac Theatre Company's** June show is a Cabaret where the audience eats and drinks while watching a series of One-Act plays. In the Blair Family Center for the Arts at the Bullis School, 10601 Falls Road. Call 301-299-8571. See www.potomactheatreco.org.

**Imagination Bethesda**, 18th annual children's street festival celebrating the arts. The festival will feature costume characters, face painters, international dance troupes, theater performances, a moon bounce and a variety of hands-on arts activities. Call 301-215-6660 or see www.bethesda.org.

**2013 AT&T National**, June 24–June 30, 2013, features 120 PGA Tour professionals at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda who will compete for a \$6.5 million purse. The event raises funds and awareness for the Tiger Woods Foundation while paying tribute to U.S. armed forces. See www.tigerwoodsfoundation.org or www.usga.org.

## JULY 2013

**Autism Speaks Annual 5K** run and one-mile walk to benefit research on autism takes place on July 4 at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glendolen Dr., one block from the intersection of River and Falls Roads at 8 a.m. Last year's event raised more than \$260,000. See www.autismspeaks.org or email autismspeaks5K@autismspeaks.org.

**Montgomery County Fairgrounds** 4th of July Fireworks, Activities include live music, games and food. Call 301-258-6350. See www.gaithersburgmd.gov

**Montgomery College Rockville Campus** 4th of July Fireworks, Rockville. Activities include live music and food. Call 240-314-5022. See www.rockvillemd.gov.

**Potomac Whitewater Festival**, late June or early July, is an annual fundraising event that celebrates kayaking in the Potomac River. Races for kayakers, clinics and activities for others. See www.potomacfest.com.

**Bethesda Outdoor Movies:** Annual outdoor movie series at Norfolk and Auburn avenues. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

## AUGUST 2013

**Riley's Rumble** Half-Marathon. See www.mcrrc.org.



## POTOMAC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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The Potomac Chamber of Commerce needs your help in its search for nominees for the following categories:

**Citizen of the Year**

**Businessperson of the Year**

**Youth of the Year**

I bet YOU know who one of these deserving individuals could be!  
**THE DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 21**

These awards are given annually by the Potomac Chamber of commerce and the winners will be featured in the Potomac Day Parade on October 20th. They will also be presented with plaques at the Awards Banquet in November.

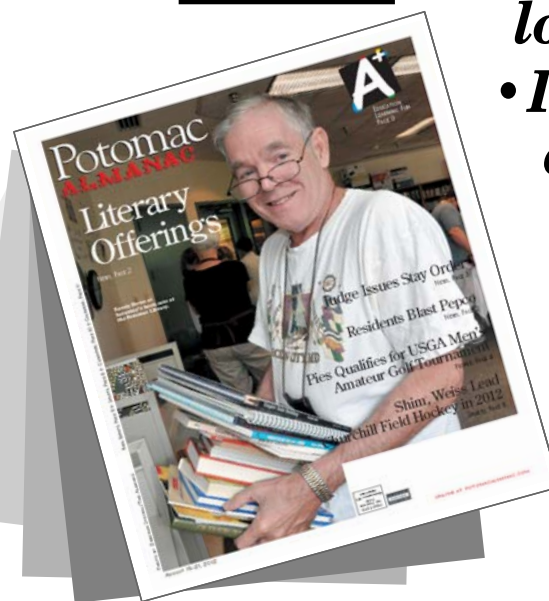
This year's Awards Committee consists of Fred Goldman, Attorney at Law; Andrea Alderdice, W.C. & A.N. Miller Realtors and Jennifer Matheson, Restaurant Zone, Inc.

Rules for nominations are as follows: The Businessperson and his or her company must work or do business in Potomac and be a member of the Potomac Chamber of Commerce; The Citizen of the Year can be a private individual or organization in the 20854 zip code area that has benefited the community; and the Youth of the Year must reside or go to school in the 20854 zip code area.

Please mail or fax your entries to the Potomac Chamber of Commerce, Inc. **THE DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 21.** The committee and the Chamber's Board of Directors will vote on the nominees on or about October 1.

Thank you!

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- The Springfield Connection
- The Vienna/Oakton Connection
- The Potomac Almanac



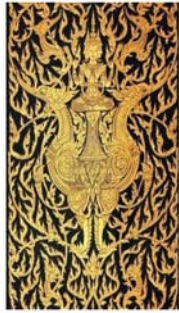
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13 PURCELL CT .....	7	6	2	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$2,910,000 .....	Detached .....	0.69 .....	20854 .....	MCAULEY PARK .....	06/04/12
9809 BENTCROSS DR .....	6	6	2	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$2,710,000 .....	Detached .....	2.01 .....	20854 .....	FALCONHURST .....	03/15/12
9207 INGLEWOOD DR .....	4	4	3	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$2,525,000 .....	Detached .....	3.27 .....	20854 .....	BRADLEY FARMS .....	05/31/12
11012 CHANDLER RD .....	6	6	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$2,400,000 .....	Detached .....	1.04 .....	20854 .....	FAWCETT FARMS .....	05/03/12
9924 BENTCROSS DR .....	6	6	3	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$2,400,000 .....	Detached .....	2.39 .....	20854 .....	FALCONHURST .....	05/31/12
11114 CRIPPLEGATE RD .....	5	4	2	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$2,300,000 .....	Detached .....	4.31 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC FALLS .....	04/03/12
10315 RIVERWOOD DR .....	6	6	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$2,260,000 .....	Detached .....	2.59 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC OUTSIDE .....	04/26/12
12724 GREENBRIAR RD .....	5	5	2	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$2,200,000 .....	Detached .....	2.00 .....	20854 .....	PALATINE .....	06/27/12
8609 STIRRUP CT .....	5	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$2,190,000 .....	Detached .....	2.55 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC RANCH .....	05/16/12
11701 CENTURION WAY .....	7	8	3	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,950,000 .....	Detached .....	2.00 .....	20854 .....	PALATINE .....	02/03/12
9721 THE CORRAL DR .....	4	5	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,950,000 .....	Detached .....	2.08 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC MANOR .....	02/22/12
8620 CHATEAU DR .....	5	5	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,900,000 .....	Detached .....	2.00 .....	20854 .....	KENDALE .....	06/30/12
10600 BURBANK DR .....	4	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,788,000 .....	Detached .....	2.25 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC MANOR .....	04/02/12
11621 LUVIE CT .....	7	5	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,750,000 .....	Detached .....	0.82 .....	20854 .....	MERRY-GO-ROUND FARM .....	05/25/12
9727 AVENEL FARM DR .....	4	3	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,725,000 .....	Detached .....	2.00 .....	20854 .....	AVENEL .....	01/23/12
8949 ABBEY TER .....	5	5	3	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,725,000 .....	Detached .....	0.30 .....	20854 .....	AVENEL .....	05/21/12
12529 SYCAMORE VIEW DR .....	6	6	2	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,675,000 .....	Detached .....	2.00 .....	20854 .....	STONEY CREEK FARM .....	02/21/12
9612 HALTER CT .....	6	5	2	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,650,000 .....	Detached .....	2.07 .....	20854 .....	CAMOTOP .....	06/29/12
10725 ARDNAVE PL .....	4	5	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,630,000 .....	Detached .....	2.03 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC OUTSIDE .....	03/23/12
10912 CRIPPLEGATE RD .....	4	2	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,630,000 .....	Detached .....	2.22 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC FALLS .....	06/14/12
11407 SWAINS CREEK CT .....	7	5	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,628,000 .....	Detached .....	2.00 .....	20854 .....	SADDLE RIDGE .....	06/15/12
12070 WETHERFIELD LN .....	5	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,590,000 .....	Detached .....	2.00 .....	20854 .....	STONEY CREEK KNOLLS .....	04/16/12
9408 WING FOOT CT .....	5	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,588,000 .....	Detached .....	0.37 .....	20854 .....	AVENEL .....	03/13/12
9001 BRICKYARD RD .....	4	5	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,575,000 .....	Detached .....	2.09 .....	20854 .....	GREAT FALLS ESTATES .....	01/27/12
10513 RIVERS BEND LN .....	6	5	2	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,550,000 .....	Detached .....	1.87 .....	20854 .....	MARWOOD .....	03/21/12
9300 CRIMSON LEAF TER .....	5	4	2	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,500,000 .....	Detached .....	0.53 .....	20854 .....	AVENEL .....	05/15/12
10734 NORMANDIE FARM DR .....	5	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,412,500 .....	Detached .....	0.74 .....	20854 .....	NORMANDIE FARM .....	05/25/12
11104 POTOMAC VIEW DR .....	4	5	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,390,000 .....	Detached .....	2.00 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC VIEW ESTS .....	05/11/12
11705 WINTERSET TER .....	5	4	2	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,390,000 .....	Detached .....	0.48 .....	20854 .....	WINTERSET .....	06/29/12
12020 WETHERFIELD LN .....	5	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,360,000 .....	Detached .....	2.00 .....	20854 .....	LAKE POTOMAC .....	05/07/12
10641 MACARTHUR BLVD .....	4	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,340,000 .....	Detached .....	0.55 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC OUTSIDE .....	03/27/12
9808 CLAGETT FARM DR .....	4	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,300,000 .....	Detached .....	0.27 .....	20854 .....	CLAGETT FARM .....	05/29/12
7505 HACKAMORE DR .....	4	3	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,250,000 .....	Detached .....	0.39 .....	20854 .....	RIVER FALLS .....	03/14/12
10405 MASTERS TER .....	5	3	2	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,250,000 .....	Detached .....	0.37 .....	20854 .....	RIVER FALLS .....	05/23/12
10013 ORMOND RD .....	5	6	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,250,000 .....	Detached .....	0.43 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC VILLAGE .....	06/11/12
7737 LAUREL LEAF DR .....	6	5	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,250,000 .....	Detached .....	0.48 .....	20854 .....	FAWSETT FARMS MANOR .....	06/08/12
11716 SLATESTONE CT .....	5	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,230,000 .....	Detached .....	0.30 .....	20854 .....	CLAGETT FARM .....	04/30/12
12608 BRIDGETON DR .....	5	5	3	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,225,000 .....	Detached .....	2.22 .....	20854 .....	DARNESTOWN OUTSIDE .....	06/08/12
11501 BIG PINEY WAY .....	4	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,205,000 .....	Detached .....	2.00 .....	20854 .....	SADDLE RIDGE .....	05/31/12
9916 WOODFORD RD .....	5	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,200,000 .....	Detached .....	0.47 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC OUTSIDE .....	03/15/12
13613 CANAL VISTA CT .....	5	4	2	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,200,000 .....	Detached .....	2.08 .....	20854 .....	RIVERS EDGE .....	05/30/12
10605 OAKLYN DR .....	5	3	2	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,199,000 .....	Detached .....	0.60 .....	20854 .....	WILLIAMSBURG GARDENS ...	06/15/12
9706 CLAGETT FARM DR .....	5	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,195,000 .....	Detached .....	0.20 .....	20854 .....	CLAGETT FARM .....	04/12/12
10908 BELLS RIDGE DR .....	4	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,180,000 .....	Detached .....	0.27 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC REGENCY .....	04/30/12
10001 CARMELITA DR .....	5	3	2	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,180,000 .....	Detached .....	0.54 .....	20854 .....	MCAULEY PARK .....	06/28/12
10412 DEMOCRACY BLVD .....	5	5	0	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,175,000 .....	Detached .....	2.00 .....	20854 .....	CAMOTOP .....	02/15/12
9700 BEMAN WOODS WAY .....	4	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,168,000 .....	Detached .....	0.12 .....	20854 .....	AVENEL .....	05/10/12
7906 TURNCREST DR .....	4	3	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,165,000 .....	Townhouse .....	0.09 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC CREST .....	05/17/12
8212 COACH ST .....	5	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,165,000 .....	Detached .....	0.36 .....	20854 .....	RIVER FALLS .....	06/25/12
7807 GATE POST WAY .....	4	3	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,162,000 .....	Townhouse .....	0.09 .....	20854 .....	RIVER FALLS .....	04/13/12
8313 LARKMEADE TER .....	4	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,150,000 .....	Detached .....	0.19 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC REGENCY .....	04/05/12
7815 STABLE WAY .....	4	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,150,000 .....	Detached .....	0.16 .....	20854 .....	RIVER FALLS .....	04/05/12
8257 BUCKSPARK LN W .....	6	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,150,000 .....	Detached .....	0.30 .....	20854 .....	EAST GATE OF POTOMAC .....	05/31/12
7810 HIDDEN MEADOW TER .....	4	3	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,150,000 .....	Townhouse .....	0.11 .....	20854 .....	RIVER FALLS .....	05/15/12
9825 CONESTOGA WAY .....	5	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,127,000 .....	Detached .....	0.53 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC VILLAGE .....	05/31/12
9320 FALLS BRIDGE LN .....	5	4	1	.....	ROCKVILLE .....	\$1,107,000 .....	Detached .....	0.60 .....	20854 .....	HERITAGE FARM .....	06/19/12
9730 CLAGETT FARM DR .....	6	5	0	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,105,000 .....	Detached .....	0.24 .....	20854 .....	CLAGETT FARM .....	02/15/12
11123 POTOMAC CREST DR .....	4	3	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,100,000 .....	Townhouse .....	0.10 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC CREST .....	01/03/12
11406 FALLS RD .....	4	3	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,100,000 .....	Detached .....	0.56 .....	20854 .....	CHURCHILL GLEN .....	04/10/12
8016 HORSESHOE LN .....	5	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,100,000 .....	Detached .....	0.35 .....	20854 .....	RIVER FALLS .....	05/16/12
9701 SOTWEED DR .....	5	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,100,000 .....	Detached .....	0.54 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC VILLAGE .....	06/22/12
9724 BRIMFIELD CT .....	5	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,100,000 .....	Detached .....	0.65 .....	20854 .....	HERITAGE FARM .....	06/08/12
12413 RIVERS EDGE DR .....	4	5	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,095,000 .....	Detached .....	2.12 .....	20854 .....	RIVERS EDGE .....	06/15/12
9908 BLUEGRASS RD .....	5	4	3	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,085,000 .....	Detached .....	0.66 .....	20854 .....	POTOMAC VILLAGE .....	06/18/12
12551 ANSIN CIRCLE DR .....	4	3	2	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,060,000 .....	Townhouse .....	0.06 .....	20854 .....	PARK POTOMAC .....	05/31/12
9331 SPRINKLEWOOD LN .....	6	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,055,000 .....	Detached .....	0.47 .....	20854 .....	PINE KNOLLS .....	05/24/12
11136 WILLOWBROOK DR .....	4	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,055,000 .....	Detached .....	0.35 .....	20854 .....	NORMANDY HILLS .....	06/15/12
8228 WINDSOR VIEW TER .....	5	3	2	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,050,000 .....	Detached .....	0.58 .....	20854 .....	WINDSOR HILLS .....	01/03/12
12500 PARK POTOMAC AVE#508N	2	2	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,045,000 .....	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	.....	20854 .....	PARK POTOMAC .....	03/12/12
7809 LAUREL LEAF DR .....	3	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,038,000 .....	Detached .....	0.57 .....	20854 .....	FAWSETT FARMS MANOR .....	03/30/12
11801 AMBLESIDE DR .....	5	3	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,035,000 .....	Detached .....	0.44 .....	20854 .....	ROBERTS GLEN .....	06/05/12
11904 TALLWOOD CT .....	4	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,030,000 .....	Detached .....	0.37 .....	20854 .....	GLEN OAKS .....	02/24/12
10841 STANMORE DR .....	6	3	1	.....	ROCKVILLE .....	\$1,030,000 .....	Detached .....	2.10 .....	20854 .....	GREAT FALLS ESTATES .....	04/26/12
10403 DEMOCRACY LN .....	5	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,025,000 .....	Detached .....	0.46 .....	20854 .....	INVERNESS FOREST .....	05/16/12
10406 WINDSOR VIEW DR .....	4	3	2	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,020,000 .....	Detached .....	0.36 .....	20854 .....	WINDSOR HILLS .....	05/21/12
13334 DEERBROOK DR .....	6	6	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,016,006 .....	Detached .....	0.17 .....	20854 .....	PINEY GLEN VILLAGE .....	05/04/12
11309 WILLOWBROOK DR .....	6	3	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,001,500 .....	Detached .....	0.54 .....	20854 .....	OLDFIELD .....	04/23/12
8261 BUCKSPARK LN W .....	6	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,001,500 .....	Detached .....	0.34 .....	20854 .....	RIDGELEIGH .....	06/04/12
9905 AUTUMNWOOD WAY .....	5	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,000,000 .....	Detached .....	0.44 .....	20854 .....	GLEN OAKS .....	03/16/12
10505 MACARTHUR BLVD .....	6	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,000,000 .....	Detached .....	0.38 .....	20854 .....	RIVER FALLS .....	05/31/12
8109 HACKAMORE DR .....	3	2	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,000,000 .....	Detached .....	0.34 .....	20854 .....	RIVER FALLS .....	05/04/12
10220 SORREL AVE .....	6	5	2	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$1,000,000 .....	Detached .....	0.46 .....	20854 .....	BLENHEIM .....	05/24/12
9920 KENTSDALE DR .....	4	3	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$995,000 .....	Detached .....	0.46 .....	20854 .....	FALCONHURST .....	02/02/12
8737 HICKORY BEND TRL .....	4	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$987,500 .....	Detached .....	0.30 .....	20854 .....	FOX HILLS .....	05/31/12
7201 MASTERS DR .....	5	4	1	.....	POTOMAC .....	\$985,000 .....	Detached .....	0.44 .....	20854 .....	RIVER FALLS .....	06/0



# NEWCOMERS AND COMMUNITY GUIDE

## Potomac History by the Numbers

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### 12,000

Years ago, Potomac was initially settled by Paleo-Indians, based on evidence of habitation along the Potomac River.

### 1700s

European explorers settled the area in the early 1700s, establishing estates and tobacco plantations with slave labor. Tobacco was the most suitable crop for the region's climate and soil.

### 1714

Land now known as Potomac Village settled and called Offutt's Crossroads.

### 1751

Magruder's Blacksmith's Shop, built by 1751 at the intersection of Seven Locks and River roads, is the oldest standing structure in Potomac. Ninian Magruder, a blacksmith, served the needs of merchants and travelers and fixed wagons and shod horses. His initials are carved on the chimney. River Road was used to transport tobacco to the port of Georgetown.

### 1840s

Many farmers grew discouraged and

moved west after the cultivation of tobacco depleted the soil's nutrients. (Wheat was the next planted crop until the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century.)

### 7 Locks

River Road developed from a trail to a wagon road to help farmers take produce to markets. Eventually, wagon roads connected Georgetown with farmland of Potomac and Rockville. Landowners petitioned the county to designate Seven-Locks Road as a county thoroughfare after the wagon road became so well traveled. South Glen Road, Kentsdale Drive, Tuckerman Lane, Bells Mill Road and Brickyard Road also improved in this fashion.

### 20

Miles of the C&O Canal in use between Georgetown and Seneca by 1831, only three years after President John Quincy Adams broke ground for the canal near Little Falls in 1828. By 1850, the canal was in use to Cumberland.

### 1859

The canal was used to transport grain, flour, coal and farm produce after fertilizers were imported via the canal and used to re-enrich Potomac soil.

### 116

Years that the Seneca Stone Quarry's reddish sandstone was mined from 1774

to 1900. The Seneca sandstone was used for the iconic Smithsonian Institution Building, many of the lockhouses and most of the aqueducts along the Canal, such as the one at Riley's Lock.

### 1850s

Construction of the Washington Aqueduct, designed to tap clean water supply above Great Falls for use in the District, led to growth in population. A dam was built at Great Falls to divert water into a conduit that ran to reservoirs in the District.

### 18,000

Union troops garrisoned into the area. Blockhouse Point provided a vantage point for Union soldiers on the lookout for Confederate troops. Darnestown was the site of many Civil War battles, and area residents had divided loyalties.

### 1861

Civil war soldiers discovered gold in the area, and mines were developed in Rock Run and near Great Falls. The Maryland Mine, at Falls and MacArthur, was one of 14 gold mine in the Potomac area and operated intermittently until 1951.

### 1865

By time of the Civil War, Offutt's Crossroads had two general stores, a



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Today, Potomac Village is a gathering place for residents.

blacksmith shop and a post office. After emancipation, many autonomous African-American communities developed and many black landowners, who earned a living as laborers on local farms, provided food for their own families on their own small farms. One community developed along Oaklyn Road and another, the Cropley community, developed near the place Angler's Inn now stands.

### 1881

Offutt's Crossroads renamed Potomac. Thomas Perry built the Perry Store on the corner of River and Falls roads the year before. His wife, Marian Perry, served as postmistress. The original building is part of the Chevy Chase Bank building. In 1986, the building was moved 21 feet to accommodate the wid-

ening of the intersection.

### 1940s/1950s

Many farms between Potomac Village and Rockville were converted into housing developments.

### 287

Percent population increase in the 1960s in Potomac.

### 46,255

Potomac's population, according to the 2000 U.S. Census.

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**Montgomery Council Member Valerie Ervin speaks with supporters at the rally at Nick's Organic Farm. She was instrumental in arranging a meeting with Gov. Martin O'Malley and representatives of the coalition to save Nick's Organic Farm which resulted in the Governor's support for the farm.**

## County Fails To Comply with Order

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is not my intent to express any view on the legal merits of the case. However, on policy grounds, there are significant and compelling reasons to preserve this farm for the benefit of the children of Montgomery County," O'Malley wrote.

In his letter, O'Malley suggested the mission of the newly established Brickyard Road Educational Farm shows promise for what the farm could mean for students.

"Rather than moving our State backwards through this destructive policy choice, Montgomery County can and should be a leader," said O'Malley. "The vital connection between our farms, the food we eat, and our children's future has never been more important than it is right now."

But whatever the court system ultimate decides, the County School Board made itself clear in court on Tuesday.

"The County Board of Education has determined that it does not wish to lease its land to Nick's Organic Farm," according to the schools legal briefs written by Kristin M. Koger and Patrick L. Clancy.

The Board of Education is scheduled to discuss the matter at its meeting Thursday, Aug. 23.

**IN THE OTHER COURTROOM**, the Brickyard Coalition's attorney Brian E. Barkeley began Tuesday's hearing.

"I am fascinated to hear why I have seen not one piece of paper," he said. "Respectfully, your honor, this order has not been complied with."

Scott R. Foncannon, associate county attorney, said he "seriously underestimated" the amount of time it would take to comply with the judge's order. "We're not putting it off, we have nothing to hide. We are doing everything that the law requires," Foncannon said.

But Rubin said searching the county's records for documents from 15 employees shouldn't be taking



**Nick Maravell speaks with former Montgomery County Council member Duchy Trachtenberg.**

the county the time it is taking.

"Why are you not prepared today to tell me what you can do and when you can do it?" he said.

"This stuff travels at the speed of light. Two weeks, really? Not a prayer in this planet does it take that long — unless you are using a Commodore 64," Rubin said.

Rubin called a recess to give the associate county's attorney time to consult with the county's IT professional.

More than 2,600 records have been sent to the Department of General Services and to the County Executive's Office for review. The technology professional estimates he is to prepare another 10,000 documents from another archive search.

"We have cooperated in every way we can," Foncannon said.

Rubin put the county on a specific timetable to execute the freedom of information request. "My goal is to get it done, my goal is to get the county to get it done," he said.

**"It's like trying to nail Jell-O to the wall."**

**— Circuit Court Judge Ronald B. Rubin**

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# Getting To Know Churchill Sports

**Boys' Lacrosse program won first region title since 2002.**

**School:** Winston Churchill High School

**Mascot:** Bulldogs.

**School Colors:** Blue and green.

**Athletic Director:** Dave Kelley, 301-469-1240.

**Football Coach:** Joe Allen (fourth year).

The Bulldogs finished 10-2 in 2011, losing to Quince Orchard, 23-20, in the region championship game.

**Boys' Soccer Coach:** Arnold Tarzy.

**Girls' Soccer Coach:** Haroot Hakopian.

**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Matt Miller.

**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Kate McMahon.

**Baseball Coach:** Scott Blackwood.

**Boys' Lacrosse Coach:** Jeff Fritz.

**Girls' Lacrosse Coach:** Christen Gjeldum.

**Rival School:** Wootton.

**What happened last year:** The boys' cross country team finished third in the state. The field hockey team finished region runner-up. The girls' soccer team lost to Bethesda-Chevy Chase in the region final for the third consecutive season. The boys' soccer team reached the region semifinals. The boys' basketball team advanced to the region final for the first time in 33 years. The diving team produced boys' (Timothy Faerber) and girls' (Kali Becker) state champions. The boys' lacrosse team won its first region title since 2002. The girls' lacrosse team won its third consecutive region championship.

**Famous Graduates:** Brian Holloway (1977 graduate) was an All-American offensive lineman who played at Stanford University and was a first-round NFL Draft pick of the New England Patriots in 1981. He played in Super Bowl XX for New England and was selected to play in three Pro Bowls. He also played for the Los Angeles Raiders. Swimmer Mike Barrowman (1987) won a gold medal in the 200-meter breaststroke at the 1992 Olympics. Linebacker Dhani Jones (1995) was a three-time All-Big Ten selection at Michigan before being drafted in the sixth round by the New York Giants in 2000. He played 11 seasons in the NFL with the Giants, Philadelphia Eagles and Cincinnati Bengals. David Banks (2001) competed for the U.S. rowing team in the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games. ESPN reporter Rachel Nichols graduated from Churchill in 1991.

**Quotable:** "I feel like we really took the program to a whole new level. Finally getting ourselves out of the 10-year slump, getting out of the region I think is going to do big things for years to come. Although we didn't accomplish our final goal [of a state championship], I really feel like what we've done here this year has really set a standard for Churchill lacrosse for the future. That's something we're going to look back on in 10 years when Churchill is winning state championships, saying we set the foundation for that. I'll always be proud of that for the rest of my life." — Cameron Moshyedi after the boys' lacrosse team's season ended in the state semifinals.



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**Matt Leonard helped the Churchill boys' lacrosse team win its first region title since 2002.**

# Getting To Know Whitman Sports

**Baseball team finished one win shy of state tourney.**

**School:** Walt Whitman High School.

**Mascot:** Vikings.

**School Colors:** Black, white and Columbia blue.

**Athletic Director:** Andy Wetzel, 301-320-6595.

**Football Coach:** Jim Kuhn (sixth year).

The Vikings finished 5-5 in 2011, alternating wins and losses the entire season. After beating Wootton, 35-30, to open the season, each of Whitman's final nine games was decided by 14 points or more.

**Boys' Soccer Coach:** Dave Greene.

**Girls' Soccer Coach:** Greg Herbert.

**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Chris Lun.

**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Pete Kenah.

**Baseball Coach:** Joe Cassidy.

**What happened last year:** The girls' cross country team finished state runner-up. The girls' soccer team earned the 4A West Region's No. 1 seed, but lost to Churchill in the quarterfinals. The boys' and girls' basketball teams reached the region quarterfinals. The girls' swim team won a state championship. The boys' swim team finished fifth at states.

The baseball team finished region runner-up.

**Famous Graduates:** Ryan Kuehl (1991 graduate) played 12 seasons in the NFL for the San Francisco 49ers, Washington Redskins, Cleveland Browns and New York Giants. Primarily a long-snapper, Kuehl was part of the Giants team that won Super Bowl XLII, upsetting the previously unbeaten New England Patriots. While at Whitman, Kuehl competed in football, basketball, baseball and track, earning 10 varsity letters. In high school, Kuehl played tight end and linebacker. He went on to play football at the University of Virginia, where he was named second-team all-ACC at defensive tackle. Stephanie Smith (2001) led the Whitman volleyball team to a 48-4 record during her three seasons with the team and went on to star at the University of Maryland. Smith ranks No. 2 all time in solo blocks, block assists, total blocks and hitting percentage for the Terrapins.

**Quotable:** "There's nothing I can say to make the hurt go away. I'm proud of the seniors. ... Sophomores and juniors, I tell them hopefully they learn from it and move on. You don't want to have this feeling next year and get over the hump." — Whitman baseball coach Joe Cassidy after the Vikings lost to Northwest in the region final.



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**Ryan McGill and the Whitman baseball team finished region runner-up in 2012.**



## SPORTS

# Getting To Know Wootton Sports

## Softball team won division title in 2012.

**School:** Thomas S. Wootton High School.

**Mascot:** Patriots.

**School Colors:** Red, white and blue.

**Athletic Director:** Christopher Thompson, 301-279-8575

**Football Coach:** Tyree Spinner (first year).

The Patriots finished 4-6 in 2011, with victories against Kennedy, Richard Montgomery, Walter Johnson and Watkins Mill.

**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Chris Bohlen.

**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Maggie Dyer.

**Baseball Coach:** JD Marchand.

**Boys' Lacrosse Coach:** Colin Thomson.

**Rival School:** Churchill.

**What happened last year:** The boys' and girls' cross country teams finished fifth in the state. The field hockey team reached the region semifinals. The boys' soccer team received the 4A West Region's No. 3 seed, but lost to Churchill in the quarterfinals. The boys' basketball team reached the region semifinals. The girls' swim team placed second at states and the boys' team took third. The

boys' lacrosse team lost to Churchill in the region semifinals, snapping the Patriots' streak of six consecutive region titles. The softball team won a division championship.

**Famous Graduates:** Mathis Nkwenti (1996 graduate) reached the NFL despite not participating in athletics until his junior year of high school. He was named all-state as a senior at Wootton and went on to play at Temple, where he was an honorable mention All-American. He was drafted in the fourth round of the 2001 NFL draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers and played offensive tackle for three seasons. He is the only Wootton graduate to play in the NFL. Members of the rock group Of A Revolution (O.A.R.) — Richard On, Benj Gershman, Marc Roberge and Chris Culos — attended Wootton. Actor Thomas Jane, who played on "The Punisher" and "Deep Blue Sea," attended Wootton.

**Quotable:** "I definitely felt like I had to buckle down. I knew if I shut down [Whitman] that inning we wouldn't have to go up to bat again and that was really important. And it was the division championship, so I really wanted to make sure we got out of there as quick as possible." — Pitcher Casey Haynes after the Wootton softball team defeated Whitman to win a division title.



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**Casey Haynes led the Wootton softball team to a division title in 2012.**



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**Kevin Jones helped the Bulls football team win its first outright IAC title in 2011.**

# Getting To Know Bullis Sports

## Football team won first outright IAC title in program history.

**School:** The Bullis School.

**Mascot:** Bulldogs.

**School Colors:** Blue and gold.

**Athletic Directors:** (boys) Andres Parra, 301-983-5743, (girls) Kathleen Lloyd 301-983-5738.

**Football Coach:** Pat Cilento (third year).

The Bulldogs finished 9-1 in 2011 and captured the school's first outright IAC title. After losing to Bishop Ireton in the second week of the season, Bullis closed the year with eight straight victories.

**Boys' Basketball Coach:** Bruce Kelley.

**Girls' Basketball Coach:** Rod Hairston.

**Baseball Coach:** Brian Lumpkin.

**Boys' Lacrosse Coach:** Robert Pollicino.

**What happened last year:** The boys' basketball team went 24-3 and won the IAC. The girls' basketball team won 20 games and reached the IAC semifinals. The boys' lacrosse team went 14-4 and finished IAC runner-up.

**Famous Graduates:** Doug Moe (1957 graduate) played basketball at Bullis before attending the

University of North Carolina, where he was a two-time All-ACC selection and a first-team All-American as a senior. He played professionally for the ABA's New Orleans Buccaneers and was a three-time ABA all-star and two-time ABA all-pro. Moe coached in the NBA for 15 years with the San Antonio Spurs, Denver Nuggets and Philadelphia 76ers. He was the NBA Coach of the Year in 1988 with the Nuggets. Monique Currie (2001) was an All-American basketball player at Duke University before the Charlotte Sting selected her No. 3 overall in the 2006 WNBA Draft. She has also played with the Chicago Sky and currently plays for the Washington Mystics. Tanard Jackson (2003) is a safety for the Washington Redskins. He played collegiately at Syracuse and was drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the fourth round of the 2007 draft.

**Quotable:** "I'm just excited for the school. I'm happy that we could break the curse — so excited we could break that." — Bullis running back Kevin Jones after the football team won its first outright IAC title.



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