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# Stage Is Alive with 'The Sound of Music'

## Bravo Productions to present Rodgers and Hammerstein musical.

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

**B**ravo Productions, Theatre for Young Artists, will present the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "The Sound of Music" on Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7. The production, part of the "Getting to Know" series of Rodgers and Hammerstein theatricals is adapted for youth performers and young audiences.

A cast of 32 young actors and actresses will be directed by Laurie Levy Issembert who also serves as the executive producer. The production team includes Issembert, Music Director Laura Brady and Choreographer Laurie Newton, as well as Assistant Director Valerie Issembert.

This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the debut of the "The Sound of Music" movie, starring Julie Andrews as Maria Rainer. The

Broadway show debuted in 1959, winning five Tony Awards, including best actress for Mary Martin. It ran for 1,443 performances. The movie won five Academy Awards. The music of the play and movie have become standards: songs such as "Edelweiss", "My Favorite Things", "Climb Ev'ry Mountain", "Do-Re-Mi", and the title song "The Sound of Music."

Bravo Productions is a musical theatre program designed for children in grades 1-12. The program focuses on teaching the art of musical theatre. "We make sure that the children are having a blast while they learn to work together as a cohesive and supportive cast. While they are learning the tools of the craft — music, lyrics, choreography, staging and blocking- they are also becoming the next generation who will keep the Broadway tradition alive, if not onstage, then as well-versed audience members," said Laurie Levy Issembert.

Kingsview Middle School student Elisa



PHOTO BY ANNE MARILL

**The family von Trapp includes, from left, first row, Allison Howlett (Louisa), Emily Ashman (Gretl), Madison Sherman (Brigitta), Olivia Putnam (Marta), second row, Daniel Schorr (Friedrich), Alisa McCaw (Maria), Timothy Proudki (Captain), Ayelet Baisburd (Liesl), and Eli Langer (Kurt). Not pictured are double cast members Alexa Vinner (Gretl) and Rachel Roberts (Marta).**

McCaw will be leading the cast of the play as Maria, the postulant who leaves religious life to serve as governess for the seven children of Captain von Trapp, played by Timothy Proudki.

"I enjoy musical theater because I love making people feel like they're in another world, time, or place where they can forget about the outside world and escape into a magical place where a beautiful story takes place," Elisa said.

Seventh grade student Daniel Schorr, who also plays Captain von Trapp said, "I have chosen to do musical theatre as an extracurricular activity because I like to become someone else on stage." He attends Shady Grove Middle School.

The double-cast performances will take place at the Randolph Road Theatre, 4010 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, on June 6 and 7 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased on-line at [www.bravoproductions.org](http://www.bravoproductions.org).

Bravo's next production will be Disney's "Peter Pan Jr." for students in grades 2-9. The students, who take classes in acting, dance and singing, begin at an early age, enjoying and learning about musical productions, appreciating the art of theatre — as well as the social interactions with both adults and other students. Alexa Vinner who is 9 years old and in third grade at Lakewood Elementary said, "Bravo has given me the chance to meet life-long friends." She plays Gretl in "The Sound of Music."



**Television news reporter Jeff Goldberg grew up in Potomac.**

## Power in Giving

Jeff Goldberg grew up in Potomac and is in charge of the Northern Virginia Bureau for ABC7/WJLA news and News Channel 8. He was the guest speaker at Herndon's 31st Annual Mayor's Volunteer Appreciation Awards Ceremony last month.

Goldberg described his one-year commitment to volunteering as a Big Brother. Six years later, that relationship continues. "We're family," he said.

Goldberg recounted how one of his friends who was involved in the Big Brother/Big Sister program recruited him when he worked in Minneapolis six years ago. "He didn't take no for an answer."

It was a one year commitment; at the end of a year, some people end their volunteering. "That thought didn't cross my mind," he said, of his "little" brother. "We're family."

# Celebrating Potomac Community Village

**T**he nonprofit Potomac Community Village celebrated its birthday at a party on Thursday, May 21, with U.S. Rep. John Delaney as featured speaker. The organization also honored its 2015 business and community supporters.

Potomac Community Village, a volunteer nonprofit group, provides social, educational and wellness activities, enabling members to be contributing members of the community. It links members with neighbors who assist with transportation, computer assistance, simple home repairs and other services. Potomac Community Village is part of a nationwide movement of more than 400 Villages, with more than 40 in the Washington, D.C. area.

Potomac Community Village welcomes volunteers of all ages to assist members, provides free volunteer training and vets all volunteers as part of the process.

It's part of Potomac Community Village's mission to enable older Potomac residents to remain in their homes as they age, by getting a bit of help from volunteers.

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

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**From left are Jill Phillips, Squeals on Wheels; Carol Nerenberg, Berkshire Hathaway Penfed Realty; Barry Perls, incoming president; John Stanton, Charles Schwab, Park Potomac; and Stacy Holstein, Personal Velocity Fitness.**



**From left are Owen Ritter; Rabbi Leonard Cahan, Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Har Shalom; Sherly Dominitz; Nelly Urbach, president; and Jane Blocher.**



## Working Together To Battle Homelessness

Three honored at coalition's 25th anniversary gala.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON  
THE ALMANAC

**T**he recent fundraising gala for Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless surpassed the organization's goal. "It went incredibly well," MCCH Executive Director Susie Sinclair-Smith said. "It was an incredible opportunity to look back. We had some board members join us who have been here from the beginning, when MCCH was a true coalition without the programming we have now. It was a very, very successful event."

"Home is Where the Heart is," the MCCH's 25th anniversary gala, had been postponed due to snow. Sinclair-Smith said the snow delay did not put a damper on attendance or money raised for the now \$11-million organization.

The MCCH's mission is to provide solutions to end homelessness in Montgomery County, offering both shelter and more permanent housing solutions for the homeless community.

Sinclair-Smith said attendance at the April 23 event was also a raging success. Where last year's gala had 220 guests, the 25th anniversary gala boasted of 380 attendees.

Three of these attendees were guests of honor, who had exhibited exceptional commitment to the MCCH over the past year and beyond.

U.S. Rep. John Delaney was presented with the Distinguished Service Award for his personal and professional commitment to ending homelessness. Laura Ceca was presented with the Distinguished Volunteer Award. Samaritans4Homeless, a local Hispanic activist group, was presented with the Distinguished Partner Award.

Delaney, who also delivered a speech about the MCCH's efforts to end homelessness for veterans, said he was extremely honored to accept his award. "My wife and I have had long standing engagements with lots of organizations in the community that take care of those that are left behind," he said. "This includes the real tragedy that is homelessness. I have always stood by this, not only as an elected official, but also in my previous life as a businessman and a philanthropist."

Delaney has supported the MCCH legislatively as well as with a more personal touch.

"I have spent time at the facilities and have been part of raising awareness of what they are doing," he said. "I want to make sure they get more resources and that is one thing I want to do because this organization is dependent upon financial support not only from individuals but from the county. I want to be helpful in that regard, and I



From left are Father John Enzler, Susie Sinclair-Smith and U.S. Rep. John Delaney.

support legislation that is utilized by the coalition. They really do God's work."

Cecala, vice president of Inside Mortgage Finance Publications, Inc., has been a long-standing board member and has been involved with MCCH for 15 years. From serving meals at the men's emergency shelter to planning and sponsoring events, Cecala has had a major role in MCCH programming.

Over the past decade plus, Cecala and her husband went from participating in MCCH's annual Shelter Walk 'n Roll event, which raised awareness for the MCCH and its mission, to sponsoring the event with Inside Mortgage Finance Publications, Inc. She has been on the development committee and served as a board member for seven years.

Cecala said she is so humbled and honored to be recognized by such an impactful organization in Montgomery County. "I thought and know there are many people who MCCH could have been chosen for this," she said. "We have so many amazing volunteers, and it makes me proud. I have contributed to the growth of the organization and it is wonderful. The people who work there, and the staff, are truly so dedi-

cated and care so much about what they do. That in itself is humbling and I am very proud to be a part of this organization. Every organization goes through struggles and growing pains but MCCH has weathered that tremendously well. It is the board and people having faith we will get through them so we can march on."

In her more than decade of dedication, Cecala has seen MCCH grow far beyond the coalition it was founded as 25 years ago. "The growth has been amazing," she said. "The founder, Sharan London, had this incredible vision. Then, she recognized all the different types of people and the kinds of housing they needed — the mentally ill to the people who have health issues and to people who are just down on their luck. In the last three to four years, we have taken off and expanded programming."

Marta Bohorquez, of Samaritans4Homeless, accepted the Distinguished Partners Award. With Samaritans4Homeless, she organized a multi-cultural fashion show last October to raise money and awareness for the non-profit.

"I came up with the idea where people in



From left are Susie Sinclair-Smith, Laura Ceca and GEICO President Bill Roberts.

the community were models, as well as some real, experienced models," she said. "It involved people in the community that care about situation of the homeless. There were three people that experienced homelessness personally that were models."

She worked hard to execute the production using professional experience in her home country, Ecuador.

"I had my own modeling agency in Ecuador and hadn't done any fashion shows since moving to the U.S.," she said. "I thought it was a great idea and thought there was such need. It was very, very special."

Involved with the MCCH since last year, she said she is both excited about and humbled by the award that was presented to her at last week's gala.

"I don't feel worthy of it, because there are several people doing much work to help the homeless," she said. "I raised some money but I did it with a group of other people and a lot of the community supported to me."

Bohorquez said she looks forward to further involvement with the MCCH.

Sinclair-Smith said the gala was a success for the non-profit organization, and she just expects to see further success for the MCCH and its mission. MCCH is now participating in the nationwide Zero: 2016 program, making it one of 72 counties nationwide focused on ending homelessness for veterans by the end of next year. This was a major theme of the gala, which she said was successful in its concrete goals as well as inspiring and celebrating its staff and volunteers.

"Times like this when budgets are shrinking, we do count on the individual and corporate donor base to help us sustain our work," Sinclair-Smith said. "We have a very robust volunteer program and very extensive landscaping programs we couldn't do without our volunteers. This is a great way to thank them and gives them a chance to see the people they are doing great work for, who are often times just like them."

For more information about the MCCH and how to contribute to its cause, visit [www.mcch.net](http://www.mcch.net).



From left are members of Samaritans4Homeless with Montgomery County Council President George Leventhal.

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## OPINION



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## New Neighbors

To the Editor:

A mother fox recently moved under our backyard deck to have her babies. Shortly thereafter she appeared in our yard with four pups, and they reappear two or three times daily for playtime and training. Very cute and quite entertaining.

Now the foxes have not been seen in several days. Apparently they have graduated from nursery

school and been distributed throughout their neighborhood. They have matured at varying rates; at least some appeared big enough to live on their own. Mama Fox was seen leading one across the street into that part of her territory.

Adieu jeunes renards, et bonne chance.

— JIM POTZICK OF  
POTOMAC



## Call for Father's Day Photos

In the last two weeks, we printed Mother's Day photos submitted by readers, and now we call for photos for Father's Day.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 21, and once again the Almanac will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grandchildren.

Send in photos as soon as possible, with the following information: the town where you live, the names of everyone in the picture, the approximate date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and a sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to tell us your town name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 15.

You can submit your photos online at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday) or email photos to [almanac@connectionnews.papers.com](mailto:almanac@connectionnews.papers.com).

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### SATURDAY/MAY 30

**Post-Session Legislative Wrap-Up & Community Engagement Conference.** 10 a.m.-1p.m. at Silver Spring Civic Center, 1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring. This discussion will highlight the issues impacting communities of color in Montgomery County, and devise approaches to mobilizing the minority vote. Contact 202-276-3762 or [communications@aadcmc.org](mailto:communications@aadcmc.org) for more.

**Prescription Drug Take Back Day.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Rockville City Police / Montgomery County Sheriffs in the lobby of the Rockville City Police Station, 2 W. Montgomery Ave. Anonymously and safely dispose of unused or unwanted prescription drugs. Visit [www.montgomerymd.gov](http://www.montgomerymd.gov).

### SUNDAY/MAY 31

**"Living With Macular Degeneration."** 1:30-3 p.m. at Sibley Medical Building, 5215 Loughboro Road NW, Washington D.C. Counselor, Educator and Macular Degeneration "Survivor" Elly Waters will be

the keynote speaker. Free. Visit [www.youreyes.org](http://www.youreyes.org).

**Application Deadline.** VisArts invites artists between the ages of 17 and 27 from DC, Maryland, and Virginia to participate in the Gen-Y 2.0 exhibit at Kaplan Gallery, July 23-Aug. 24. Application fee is \$10. Visit [www.visartsatrockville.com](http://www.visartsatrockville.com).

### MONDAY/JUNE 1

**Senior Employment Expo.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at North Bethesda Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda. This is a job fair for those 50 and older. Free. Email [mgordon@accessjca.org](mailto:mgordon@accessjca.org).

### TUESDAY/JUNE 2

**Montgomery County Police Blood and Food Drive.** 8 a.m.-3 p.m. 100 Edison Park Drive, Gaithersburg. Residents are invited to donate blood and food items to the Joseph Mattingly Food Pantry. Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov).

**Health and Quality of Life Forum.** 7-9 p.m. at UpCounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown. Residents are invited to participate in community conversations sponsored by Healthy Montgomery. Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov).



# SPORTS

## Churchill Boys' Lacrosse Finishes State Runner-Up

The Churchill boys' lacrosse team advanced to the state championship game for the first time in program history, but the Bulldogs fell short against Howard, 14-6, on

May 20 at Stevenson University.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

Churchill defeated Dulaney 11-8 in the state semifinals on

May 16.

The Bulldogs finished the season with a 17-2 record. Churchill won its third 4A/3A West region championship in four years with a 10-9, double-overtime victory over Quince Orchard on May 13.

## Rugby Club To Hold Tryouts

The start of the 2015 Summer season is approaching for the Maryland Youth Exiles Rugby Club. This year, the club will be fielding U9, U11 and U13 Touch Rugby teams in addition to U15



PHOTO BY HARVEY LEVINE/THE ALMANAC

**Louis Dubick, seen during the 4A/3A West region final against Quince Orchard on May 13, and the Churchill boys' lacrosse team finished state runner-up.**

and High School Tackle teams.

Practices will begin on June 2 and will run every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. through Aug. 1.

The greatest change this year is that both Timberlawn fields are available for practice, therefore both Touch and Tackle groups will practice Tuesday and Thursday evenings; Touch Teams on one field and the U15 and High School

Tackle teams on the second field.

The game schedules for both Touch and Tackle Rugby should be available within the next week. The Touch Teams should plan to play Saturday mornings starting June 6, ending with the year-end tournament on the weekend of Aug. 1. There will be no games on the weekend of July 4. All practices and games will be listed at <http://mdxyouthrugby.org>.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to [almanac@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:almanac@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

**Michelle Pargament** was named to the dean's list for the fall 2014 semester at Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, Md.)

**Zeeshan Shad** participated in the Washington College (Chestertown, Md.) senior directing thesis production of "Next to Normal," as a drummer in the orchestra. Shad is a graduate of Thomas S. Wootton High School.

**Rebecca Sinai** received dean's list recognition for the fall 2014 semester at Tufts University (Medford, Mass.).

**Kristy Tung** was recently initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Brigham Young University (Provo, Utah).

**Amanda N. Corwin** has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Colby College (Waterville, Maine).

The following students at University of Maryland, College Park were inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi: **Hironori Teramoto, Lara White, Lara Fu, Erica Jacobs, Elizabeth Barnett, Christian Maino** and **Allison Jacobs**.

Winston Churchill High School senior **Paula Susan Kleymann** has received a National Merit Scholarship.

**Lindsay Gong, Karrie May Shi,** and **Victoria Ho Yu**, who attend Thomas S. Wootton High School have been

selected to receive National Merit Scholarships.

**Nick Reaves**, a law student at University of Virginia, and **Robert Smith**, medical student at University of Pennsylvania, have been selected by Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics to participate in a two-week program for future attorneys and physicians. The program will take place this summer in Germany and Poland. Both Reaves and Smith are graduates of The Heights School in Potomac.

The following University of Dayton (Dayton, Ohio) students participated in the 26th annual Bro. Joseph W. Stander Symposium: **Danielle Kloke** presented "Food and Beverage Trends in Sports and Entertainment"; and **Molly Ledwith** presented "International Law & Organization: Research Papers." Both Kloke and Ledwith graduated from the university on May 3.

**Conor Squier** has graduated from University of Dayton (Dayton, Ohio)

**Joan Rolf**, senior advisor to the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and a 1976 graduate of SUNY Oneonta; and **Ellen Teller**, director of Governmental Affairs for Food Research and Action Center and a 1978 graduate of SUNY Oneonta; have been named 2014 Alumni of Distinction at SUNY Oneonta (Oneonta, N.Y.).

**Hannah Roop** was recently inducted into the Wheaton College Scholastic Honor Society. Wheaton College is located in Wheaton Ill.

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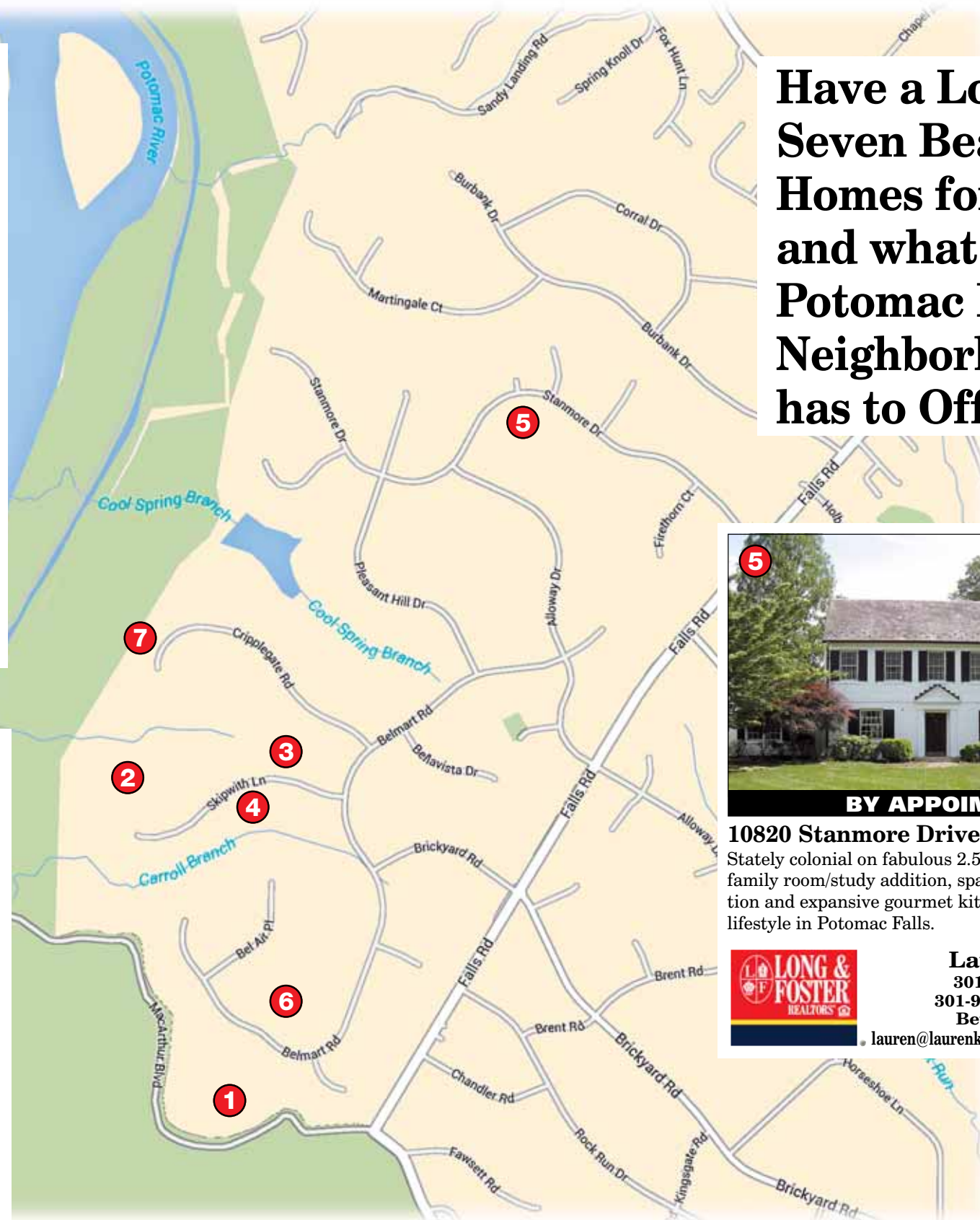


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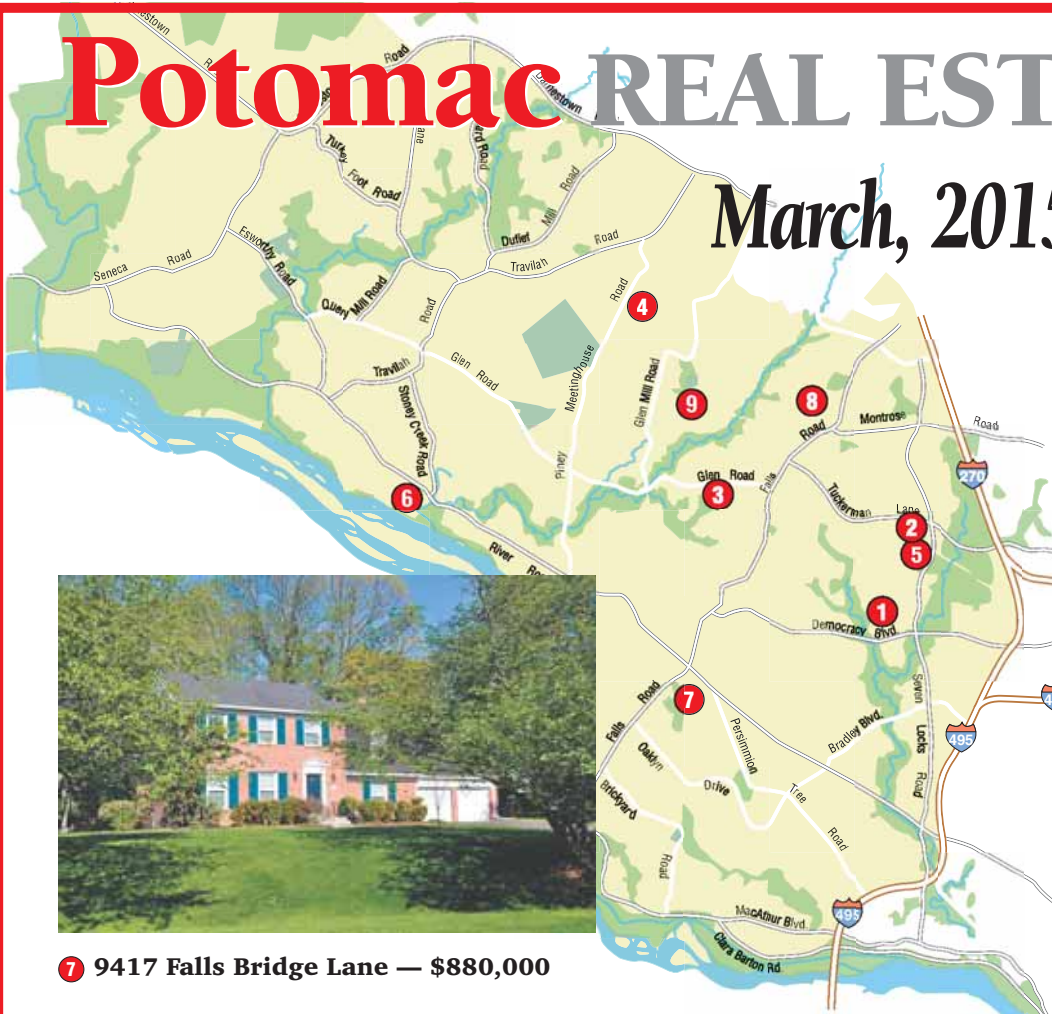


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## March, 2015 Sales, \$800,000~\$965,000

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## ONGOING

**Fiber Art Exhibit.** Through May 30. Gallery hours at Friendship Heights Village Center, Friendship Gallery, 4438 S Park Avenue, Chevy Chase. Works by needlepoint artist Penny Bender, felt artist Keira An and other fiber art by members of the G Street Doll Club will have their work displayed. Free. Call 301-656-2797.

**"Pot" Luck: The Art of the Table.** Through May 31. Saturday and Sunday, 12-6 p.m. at Glen Echo Park's Popcorn Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo. The Glen Echo Park Partnership is launching an exhibition of teacher and advance student ceramic work. Free. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org).

**"More Than Dessert."** Through May 31. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Glen Echo Park's Park View Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Artist Jennifer Kahn Barlow's work will be on display. Free. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org).

**Elizabeth Laurel Korson.** Through May 31. Saturday and Sunday, 2-6 p.m. at Glen Echo Park's Stone Tower Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Korson's work, inspired by Maine, will be on display alongside her woodblock prints. Free. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org).

**"Mirror to the World."** Through June 1, 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays; 1-8 p.m. on Sundays at Photoworks Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo. Find five picture stories highlighting people from all over the world. Admission is free. Visit [www.glenechophotoworks.org](http://www.glenechophotoworks.org).

**"Rare Plants and Lunatics."** Through June 1. Library hours at Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda. Artist Sandra Perez works with neo-primitive ink to create images of folk tales and magic. Free. Visit <http://www.sandraperezramos.com/illustrations/>.

**"Birds of the Deep Water."** Through June 6. 12-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday at Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Artist Evelyn Jacob has created digital imagery depicting waterfowl in flight and with water. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit [www.waverlystreetgallery.com](http://www.waverlystreetgallery.com).

**Children's Storytime.** Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda Listen to employees

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**Adult Single Night.** Saturdays, 9 p.m. at Benny's Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane, Potomac. Find a DJ, open dance floor, and other singles. No cover charge. Visit [www.bennysbargrill.com](http://www.bennysbargrill.com).

**Kid's Cooking Classes.** Last Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Dawson's Market, 225 N Washington St, Rockville. Children ages 4-6 may take a simplified cooking class at 11 a.m. after older children learn to make meals and snacks at 10 a.m. Admission is \$5. Visit [www.dawsonsmarket.com](http://www.dawsonsmarket.com).

**Canal Boat Excursions.** Through mid-June. 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. at The Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, 11710 MacArthur Blvd. Take a historic cruise down the canal and learn about life for canal workers. Tickets are \$5-8, plus an additional \$5 to enter the park. Call 301-767-3709.

**The Bethesda Big Train.** Through August. Shirley Povich Field in Cabin John Regional Park, 10600 Westlake Drive. The collegiate league baseball team The Big Train plays in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, a wooden-bat collegiate league that has sent athletes to Major League Baseball. Visit [www.bigtrain.org](http://www.bigtrain.org) for more.

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**Art Walk in the Park.** First Fridays through October. 6-8 p.m. Glen Echo Park. Enjoy pottery, calligraphy, glass work, and much more. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org) for more.

**VisArts Cocktails and Canvas Class.** at VisArts in the Painting & Drawing Studio, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Price \$40. Visit [www.visartsatrockville.org](http://www.visartsatrockville.org).

**Thang Ta.** Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. at Sutradhar Institute of Dance and Related Arts, 1525 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring. Learn the ancient art of the sword and spear. The cost is \$25. Visit [www.dancesidra.org](http://www.dancesidra.org).

**Illery.** Saturdays and Sundays, 12-5 p.m. The Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery presents free exhibitions of emerging artists' work. Each weekend features the work of a different artist. Most artwork is also for sale. Visit [www.yellowbarnstudio.com](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com) for more.

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[www.bennysbargrill.com](http://www.bennysbargrill.com).

**Downtown Bethesda Concert Series.** Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park. The Bethesda Urban Partnership produces concerts each summer with a diverse offering of music. Free. Visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

**Silver Spring Summer Concert Series.** Thursdays, 7 p.m., June 18-Aug. 6 at Veterans Plaza. Find R&B, Funk, Zydeco and more. Free. Visit [www.montgomerycountmd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountmd.gov).

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 27

**"Not Safe For Work."** 7:30 p.m. at

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## WEDNESDAY/MAY 28

**"The Beauty of Watercolor: Blue Iris."** 7-9 p.m. at Visarts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St. Instructor Barbara Brower will teach basic watercolor process and techniques at a two-week session. Tuition is \$75.

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by Michael Matese

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# Mad Man



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Really, Matthew Weiner; on the penultimate episode of “Mad Men,” Betty Draper/Francis had to be diagnosed with lung cancer with her life expectancy said to be “nine months,” with nothing more than “palliative care” available? Weren’t there any other suitable diseases appropriate from which to choose? I realize it was the 70s, but...? Was her diagnosis for dramatic effect because lung cancer has been and is such a scourge and its mere mention will elicit the desired viewer reaction? Or were you trying to draw attention to a terrible disease, the research for which is woefully underfunded while it continues to kill more people than the next four cancer diagnoses combined, including breast cancer?

As a lung cancer survivor, I get tired of lung cancer being the go-to disease when entertainment writers want to gasp their audience into emotional submission. When in doubt...actually, you’re never in doubt if a character is diagnosed with lung cancer. That diagnosis will definitely shake up your audience. Everyone knows that a diagnosis of lung cancer is not for the faint of heart (and weak of mind) and that its indication, confirmation and association will strike the kind of fear and loathing Hunter S. Thompson never really addressed.

It’s a fine line between hope and prayer, and living and enduring for those of us afflicted with this very-often terminal disease. Ergo, we don’t need any negative publicity, especially when the context is one that heightens the severity of the diagnosis and increases the anxiety and inevitability of its presumptive outcome. Certainly, increasing awareness helps, but I’d rather it not always be in a negative light to make people feel bad – or is it badly, or both? It’s bad enough already; it doesn’t need to be made worse, just for ratings.

Granted, in the time frame of these last episodes (the late 60s, Richard Nixon has just been elected), when Betty was diagnosed, palliative care apparently was all that was available for late-stage lung cancer (did they even have stages then?), so her prognosis was pretty grim. And I realize her diagnosis was one of many story lines that had to be wrapped up – or not, in the final episodes, and wasn’t necessarily a main focus. But that’s not the point I’m addressing. Hearing the words “lung cancer” in yet another tear-jerking semi send-off scene with Henry Francis crying into Sally’s lap in her dorm room after telling her about her mother’s condition, and later showing Sally – the former brat, home unexpectedly from boarding school, dutifully hand-washing the dishes in the kitchen sink, while her mother sits wistfully at the kitchen table, was almost too much: showing a family uncharacteristically coping – and not coping, because of this death-sentence diagnosis/prognosis.

It’s almost as if lung cancer is a prop; to be used whenever news needs to be shockingly, horribly bad. Well, a diagnosis of lung cancer isn’t so bad, not so bad as it used to be, anyway. Sure, “lung cancer” are not exactly words you want said in your direction, but six-plus years later, I’m living proof that indeed it’s not as bad as Mad Men dramatized. Cancer is hardly a chronic-type disease yet, but its patients are not without many treatment options. Moreover, research and clinical studies across the world show great promise and continue to evolve. I only wish the writers who continue to invoke lung cancer in their scripts might evolve a little bit too.

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

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Visit [www.visartsrockville.org](http://www.visartsrockville.org).

### FRIDAY/MAY 29

**Celebration of Leadership.** 6 p.m. at Marriott Bethesda North Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda. Retiring Leadership Montgomery CEO and Founder Esther B. Newman, will be honored with an “Outstanding Leader Award.” Tickets are \$150. Visit [www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org](http://www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org).

**Totally Tango!** 7 p.m. at The Arts Barn & Kentlands Mansion, 311/320 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg. Watch a tango performance and then take a workshop. Tickets are \$35 per individual, \$60 per couple. Visit [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov).

### THURSDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 28-30

**The Front Row.** Various times at various locations near Bethesda Row. On Thursday, watch “Dior and I.” On Friday, attend a book signing and fashion show. On Saturday, find trunk shows and sales from Bethesda Row retailers. Admission is free, but \$29 buys a VIP ticket for all three days and a \$49 ticket buys a front row seat at the fashion show. Visit [www.bethesda.gov](http://www.bethesda.gov).

### SATURDAY/MAY 30

**Relay for Life.** 12 p.m.-12 a.m. at Johns Hopkins University Montgomery County, 9601 Medical Center Drive. Raise money and awareness to support cancer research by walking or running the relay. Also find live entertainment. Free. Visit [www.relayforlife.org/rockvillemd](http://www.relayforlife.org/rockvillemd).

**MoCo’s Got Talent.** 5-9 p.m. at the Filmore, 8656 Colesville Road, Silver Spring. Montgomery County middle school and high school students will perform. Free. Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov).

**The Art of Luis Bitencourt.** 6 p.m. at Zohra Salon, 11325 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Former mathematician, Luis Bitencourt’s Brazil-inspired art will be on display. Free. For more information visit [www.luisbitencourt.net](http://www.luisbitencourt.net).

**“Murder at the TonyLou Awards.”** 7 p.m. at The Gaithersburg Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg. “Murder at the TonyLou Awards” is a an audience participation murder mystery. Tickets are \$40 and limited to 99 people. Visit [www.rlt-online.org](http://www.rlt-online.org).

**“Fauré’s Requiem.”** 8 p.m. at The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Soprano Julie Keim and baritone Andrew McLaughlin will perform alongside the National Philharmonic. Tickets are \$28, children 7-17 are admitted for free. Visit [www.nationalphilharmonic.org](http://www.nationalphilharmonic.org).

**Benny Goodman Tribute.** 9 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Halley Shoenberg with the Tom Cunningham Orchestra and YazooZazz vocal trio pay tribute to the swing musician on his 106th birthday. Tickets are \$18. Email [tom@tomcunningham.com](mailto:tom@tomcunningham.com).

**Motown Show.** 9 p.m. at Benny’s Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane, Potomac. Charles Lee leads a night of Motown music. \$15 at the door. Visit [www.bennysbargrill.com](http://www.bennysbargrill.com).

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 30-31

**Washington Folk Festival.** 12-7 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Seven stages will host cultural performances, vendors will sell traditional crafts and food. Free. Visit [www.washingtonfolkfestival.org](http://www.washingtonfolkfestival.org).

### SUNDAY/MAY 31

**Gandhi Brigade Youth Media Festival.** 12-8



**Soul in Motion dance troupe performs at the 2014 Washington Folk Festival.**

p.m. at Silver Spring Civic Building and Veterans Plaza, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring. See photography, video, art, and performance based on social justice. Free. Visit [www.gandhibrigade.org](http://www.gandhibrigade.org).

**Feria de Seville.** 12-6 p.m. at Strathmore Gudelsky Gazebo, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Find Flamenco performances, traditional spanish food and wine and more. Free. Visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

**Broadkill River Press Reading.** 2-4 p.m. at The Writer’s Center, 4508 Walsh St. Broadkill River Press authors will read excerpts from their novels and host a reception and book signing afterwards. Free. Visit [www.writer.org](http://www.writer.org).

### MONDAY/JUNE 1

**Beth Sholom Book Club.** 8 p.m. at Beth Sholom Congregation, 11825 Seven Locks Road. The book club will be discussing “Once We Were Brothers” by Ronald Balson. Free. Contact [bookclub@bethsholom.org](mailto:bookclub@bethsholom.org).

### JUNE 3-30

**“Constructions and Meditations.”** gallery hours at Artists and Makers Studios, 11810 Parklawn Drive, Rockville. Artist Tory Cowles’ exhibit is based in abstract expressionism. Free. Visit [www.artistsandmakersstudios.com](http://www.artistsandmakersstudios.com).

### JUNE 3-JULY 5

**“Sharpened.”** Gallery hours at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Artist Greg Braun explores a fascination with custom motorcycles through drawing, video and sculpture. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit [www.visartsatrockville.org](http://www.visartsatrockville.org).

### FRIDAY/JUNE 5

**“Constructions and Meditations” Opening Reception.** 6-9 p.m. at Artists and Makers Studios, 11810 Parklawn Drive, Rockville. Join artist Tony Cowles to celebrate his solo exhibition. Free. Visit [www.artistsandmakersstudios.com](http://www.artistsandmakersstudios.com).

**Washington Conservatory 2014-15 Piano Plus! Concerts.** 7:30 p.m. Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda. Concert series features members of the Washington Conservatory faculty and guest artists. Free,

## Washington Folk Festival

The Washington Folk Festival will fill Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. with traditional songs, music and performances from all over the world on May 30-31. Find Paraguayan harp music, Armenian Dance, The Fairfax Chinese Dance Troupe among performances of local performers like Christylez Bacon and The Sweater Set. The Folk Festival is free to attend. Visit [www.washingtonfolkfestival.org](http://www.washingtonfolkfestival.org).

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**Mary Wilson.** 8 p.m. at The Bethesda Blues Jazz and Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. One of the original Supremes, Mary Wilson will perform. Tickets are \$40. Visit [www.bethesdabluesjazz.com](http://www.bethesdabluesjazz.com)

### SATURDAY/JUNE 6

**Imagination Bethesda.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the intersection of Woodmont Avenue and Elm Street, Bethesda. Imagination Bethesda is a street festival for children with activities, live entertainment and more. Free. Visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

**Dawson’s Doggy Dip.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Dawson’s Market, 225 N Washington St, Rockville. Bring your dog for a day in the sun. Find vendors, samples, and more. Free. Visit [www.dawsonsmarket.com](http://www.dawsonsmarket.com).

**Video Game Music Concert.** 7 p.m. at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. The Washington Metropolitan Gamer Symphony Orchestra will perform a concert of orchestral video game music. Free. Visit [www.wmgso.org](http://www.wmgso.org).

**“A Night in Vegas.”** 7-11 p.m. at 4935 Bar & Kitchen, 4935 Cordell Ave., Bethesda. Nourish Now hosts a 4th annual fundraising gala with vegas-style games and more. Tickets are \$150. Visit [www.nourishnow.org](http://www.nourishnow.org).

**House Concert Series.** 7:30 p.m. in Bethesda. Arlington-based IBIS Chamber Music presents concerts in private homes, followed by a reception. Proceeds fund community concerts. \$25, limited space. Email [susan@ibischambermusic.org](mailto:susan@ibischambermusic.org) or call 703-755-0960 for reservations. Visit [ibischambermusic.org](http://ibischambermusic.org) for more.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 6-7

**Salsa Showcase.** 8 p.m. at Glen Echo Park Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. High Energy Productions presents a Salsa dance and Performance Showcase debuting the Latin Motion 2015 Student and Semi-Pro routines and featuring performances by other performance companies. Tickets are \$18. Visit [www.oohsalsa.com](http://www.oohsalsa.com).

### SUNDAY/JUNE 7

**Taste of Wheaton.** 11 a.m. at Wheaton Triangle, Silver Spring. Find food samples and wine tastings from local restaurants. The event is free, but food samples range from \$1-5 each. Visit [www.visitmontgomery.com](http://www.visitmontgomery.com).

### JUNE 6-JULY 12

**“These Mirrors are Not Boxes.”** Gallery hours at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Six local women display their art based on the complexities of contemporary identity. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit [www.visartsatrockville.org](http://www.visartsatrockville.org).

### JUNE 6-JULY 26

**Creative Crafts Council 30th Biennial Exhibit.** Gallery hours at The Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. The Creative Crafts Council presents an exhibit of useful art. Free. Visit [www.creativecraftscouncil.org](http://www.creativecraftscouncil.org).

## FOOD & DRINK

**Potomac Village Farmers Market.** Thursdays, 2-6:30 p.m. at Potomac United Methodist Church, at 9908 S Glen Road. Visit [www.potomacvillagefarmersmarket.net](http://www.potomacvillagefarmersmarket.net) for more.

**Bethesda Farm Women’s Market.** Year-round, every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., at 7155 Wisconsin Ave. Visit [www.farmwomensmarket.com](http://www.farmwomensmarket.com) for more.

**Bethesda Central Farm Market.** Sundays, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Bethesda Elementary School, 7600 Arlington Road, Bethesda Shop for a range of fresh and local products from over 60 vendors. Free. Visit [www.centralfarmmarkets.com](http://www.centralfarmmarkets.com).

**Pike Central Farmers Market.** Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., near the Shriver Aquatic Center in the bus parking lot at the intersection of Old Georgetown Road and Executive Blvd. Visit [www.centralfarmmarkets.com](http://www.centralfarmmarkets.com) for more.

**Kensington Farmers Market.** Year-round on Saturdays, 8 a.m.-noon. at Kensington train station parking lot on Howard Avenue. Visit [tok.md.gov/events/farmers-market](http://tok.md.gov/events/farmers-market) for more.

**Winery and Market.** Thursday-Saturday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays 12 p.m.-6p.m. Rockland Farm Winery and Market, 14525 Montevideo Road, Poolesville. Offers fruit, veggies, pasture-raised meats, wine tasting and tours. Visit [www.rocklandsfarmmd.com](http://www.rocklandsfarmmd.com) or call 301-825-8075.





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