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Possible Loss of Tennis Club Upsets Members

New assisted living facility is proposed.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Potomac Tennis and Fitness Club (PTC) and Potomac Pilates members are fearful, angry and disheartened that their favorite recreational facility may be demolished within a year or two. The tennis and fitness facility is located in the heart of Potomac, adjacent to the Falls Road Golf Course and next to Manor Care and Normandy Farm Restaurant. Twelve Har-Tru courts and a Tudor-style clubhouse overlook the rolling hills of the golf course sprinkled with blooming trees in the spring and a myriad of colors in the fall.

Founded in 1977, PTC provides members with competition, friendships, active sports, lessons, junior clinics and more. Many of the current members have been play-

ing tennis and working out there since it opened. As retired dentist Leo Altar said, "If PTC closes, I will have no place to quickly drive to for tennis, camaraderie and doubles partners."

PTC currently has more than 200 families who are tennis and fitness members, and another 320 monthly who take classes at Potomac Pilates. Early bird tennis (from 6-9 a.m.), interclub tennis teams, tennis tournaments, tennis mixers and parties, Pilates classes and personal training are some of the reasons that members are so committed to the club.

Director of Tennis John McDaniel said, "Given how unique a facility the Potomac Tennis & Fitness Club is, it would be a pity to lose a place like this. No other pure tennis facility can offer what we do. With our location and the fact that everything else is a country club, we can provide those individuals who only play tennis with a facility to meet their needs."

Another issue is that the members are retiring and aging – and they require tennis courts that will accommodate their aging joints.



The development of an assisted living residence is proposed for the current Potomac Tennis Club site.



Bonnie Kind, Julie Altar and Lisa Raker enjoy a morning of tennis.

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"The country clubs in Potomac all have Har-Tru courts," said member Lisa Raker. "However, they are not accessible to everyone in Potomac because of their high initiation fees. My friends and I feel fortunate to have this club available to us — there is nothing like it in our area. If PTC closed, we would have to drive 35-40 minutes to the Aspen Hill Club to play on Har-Tru."

The club is currently owned by Helen Marshall, who has entered

into a purchase/sales agreement with Brandywine Senior Living, a New Jersey company which provides health care services to seniors. They have proposed to build an assisted-living facility on the Potomac Tennis Club property.

PTC has operated under a "special exception" zoning ruling since opening in 1977. Brandywine would have to apply for a special exception, or request a change in zoning. The West Montgomery Citizen's Association will be involved in the approval process. In its May 15, 2015 newsletter, its president, Susanne Lee, wrote, "The owner of the property on which the Potomac Tennis Club operates on Falls Road is proposing the construction of a new senior living residence on the site. The four-acre property is currently zoned RE-2 Residential (minimum lot size 2 acres). Although a formal application has not yet been filed, Brandywine Senior Living, an organization operating a large number of such facilities on the east coast, will propose what it terms a senior residence, including a unit for those with memory issues. It will include 110-120 suites and will be three stories in the front and two stories in the back. The building will be constructed to LEED green building standards and include substantial storm water management on site and extensive landscaping. Representatives of the owner of the property have indicated that the tennis club will probably be able to operate through at least one more indoor season, but the long-term plans are that the tennis club will no longer exist at this site."

PTC and Potomac Pilates Members, as well as neighbors to the facility are upset with the plan. Member Ken Gross said, "The PTC members and neighbors plan on fighting this project tooth and nail. The club is a unique facility that has been part of the fabric of the

community for decades. To turn it into a three-story 110-plus unit living facility on a four-acre lot would be a travesty. Consequently, the members have engaged the law firm of Knopf and Brown as counsel to oppose the project. The PTC is ready to speak out."

Member Joy Marcus said, "Geographically this club takes care of a segment of the population who want to exercise and socialize. The members feel like this is home. It's not an exclusive club and all are welcome to join here. We all have the same goals of staying fit while having fun with friends. Demolishing this club would separate many who meet here on a regular basis."

Early-bird player George Varghese said, "PTC is a major part of our wellness and fitness regimen on a daily basis. The friendships and bonds among the members adds to the quality of our lives and we are dependent on PTC for our physical and mental well being. Many of us are in our 60s, 70s and 80s and have been members for a very long time. It would be very difficult for us to replicate what we have here."

"The beauty of tennis is that it is a life-time sport," said PTC teaching pro Elan Mizrahi. "We start children when they are very young, continue with them in our junior clinics — and many then go on to play on high school teams, earning college scholarships and playing throughout their lives. I enjoy seeing the constant improvement and level of activity of our members. We have people of all ages here — from 3 to 90 who love the game of tennis."

Potomac Pilates is located on the second floor of the clubhouse. Its Pilates classes would be affected by the sale. Reina Offutt Pratt, owner and president of Potomac Pilates said, "Potomac Pilates would be disappointed if the

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Senior Class treasurer Jacob Smith announces the Class of 2015 gift to the high school.



Senior class vice presidents Christopher Hallock and Noah Salzberg.



Former members of Dr. Risa Shariff's American Sign Language Class interpret the National Anthem.

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Family and friends of the graduates look for familiar faces as the seniors enter the Hall.



The Senior Showstoppers sing "For Good" from the Broadway musical "Wicked."



Director of Counseling Robin Moore helps a graduate adjust her cap.

Walt Whitman High Graduates Look to the Future



Family and friends of the Walt Whitman Class of 2015 proceed into D.A.R. Constitution Hall as the doors open at 1:30 on Wednesday afternoon, June 3.



Charlie Lobsenz, Nicholas Lorence and Paul LoBuglio



Thierry Zain, Samantha Zambri, Valeria Zarubina and Maxime Zamba-Campero



Student speakers for the Walt Whitman Class of 2015 were Hannah Tatem, Amal Haque and Aaron Dane.



The Class of 2015 enters the hall.

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Graduates scan the balconies for family and friends as they take their seats.



Members of the Class of 2015 squeeze together as principal Dr. Alan Goodwin raises his cellphone to take a photo.



Parents and friends of the graduates applaud and take photos as the graduating class enters.

Market Introduces ‘Community First Day’

Effort seeks to help alleviate hunger.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Once a month, Yasmin Abadian, husband Jimmy McWhorter and their daughter Anna Irani arise at dawn, drive to 24th and G Street in D.C., don aprons, prepare and serve breakfast to the homeless who rely on Miriam’s Kitchen to provide them with a substantial breakfast and to counsel them on how to end their homelessness. These owners of The Market at River Falls in Potomac believe strongly in giving back to the community. “We have been blessed,” said Abadian, “and we feel a sense of responsibility and duty to help those in need.”

The couple has decided to involve their Market at River Falls in their commitment to give back by donating 25 percent of all sales for that day to a local non-profit. Therefore, a purchase at The Market at River Falls on the first day of each month will help to alleviate hunger in the metropolitan area, support nutritional education, ecological sustainability as well as small farmers and fishers. They will call this “Community First Day.”

“This month we have selected to support DC Greens, a nonprofit which brings together the D.C. school garden community and the D.C. farmers’ market collaborative to create a healthier food system for District children,” McWhorter said. “They are teaching kids healthier eating habits and helping middle school students start their own farmer’s markets by funding and facilitating the distribution of produce to the middle schools. DC Greens pulls together partnerships to provide nutritional education, food access and to help create food policies.”

“We will select a different non-profit each month. Since we are a local food-driven business, our focus will be on those whose mission is to fight hunger and to educate. The only exception to this focus is that from time to time we will be willing to support a legitimate cause that touches the family of one of The Market staff,” McWhorter said.

“We were trying to think of a way to make a difference,” said Abadian. “The support that



Yasmin Abadian and Jimmy McWhorter, owners of The Market at River Falls.

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we have received from the Potomac community, both emotionally and financially is a clear message to us that we need to begin to give back in an organized, structured and ongoing manner.

Some of the non-profits we will support are Miriam’s Kitchen, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Future Harvest, DC Central Kitchen, Fresh Farm markets and Whole Kids foundation. Toward the end of every month, we will let our customers know who we are supporting so that together, we can make the first day of every month meaningful to someone in need.”

The couple is hoping that other local busi-

nesses will come on board and that the entire Potomac community will catch the spirit. They are planning to host a spokesperson from the non-profit organizations to explain to The Market’s customers exactly what they do and need.

Other new items and opportunities are coming to the market. In June, they will begin wine and craft beer tastings. July will bring more vegan alternatives, additional ready-made healthy salads, more organic foods and gluten free options.

Abadian said, “We are also looking forward to the fall when we will start adding amazing raw vegan bowls, wraps and salads from Fruitive in D.C.

We have also purchased a new truck and are expanding our catering business. We will deliver and plate our menu items to help the hostess with stress-free entertaining.”

“We have been so fortunate,” said McWhorter. “Our team is phenomenal and the Potomac community has warmly welcomed the re-opening of the Market. Every day since we became involved, we have become increasingly more aware of just what The Market means to those in 20854 and beyond. Customers come in daily and tell Andrew, Erika, Ronald, David, Junior and the others how appreciative they are that we are back. We are grateful that we are able to continually offer new items and concepts to our patrons — and pleased that we can give back so soon after the re-opening.”

The Market at River Falls is located at 10124 River Road. Its phone number is 301-765-8001 and it can be reached by email at email@RiverFalls.com. Store hours are 10 a.m. -7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 4

Great Decisions: U.S. Policy Toward Africa. 12:30-2 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Great Decisions, a national program of the non-partisan Foreign Policy Association is sponsored by Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Most months there is

a guest speaker. The program is free and open to the public; bring a brown bag lunch. Books can be ordered at fpa.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 6

National Trails Day. 8:30 a.m. at Fletcher’s Cove, 4940 Canal Road, Washington, D.C. Help the Potomac Conservancy clean up along the C&O Canal. Volunteers will receive free vouchers for a canoe, kayak or bike rental. Visit www.potomac.org for more.

The Ungrateful Shred. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the SEE BULLETIN BOARD. PAGE 11

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 spa 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 bedrooms 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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ONGOING

Children's Storytime. Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda. Listen to employees read modern and classic children's stories. Free. Visit www.storelocator.barnesandnoble.com/event/4824850-21.

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.

"A Selection of Artists." Through June 29 at Washington ArtWorks, 12276 Wilkins Ave., Rockville. Seventeen resident Washington ArtWorks artists will display their work featuring a wide range of media including mosaics, pastels, photography, encaustics, fibers, and more. Free. Visit www.washingtonartworks.com.

"Drawing Upon Experience." Through June 29 at Washington ArtWorks, 12276 Wilkins Ave., Rockville. ArtWorks Aid showcases the work of military veterans. Free. Visit www.washingtonartworks.com.

"Dreams of Speed...Supercharged." Tuesday-Saturday 12-6 p.m. at The Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Artist Tom Kenyon works with collage and block prints to create images interpreting car culture. Free. Visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com for more.

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 for more.

Friday Night Live. Fridays through Sept. 4, 6:30-9 p.m. at Rockville Town Square. Find diverse music each week. Local restaurants will be selling food outdoors. Free. Visit www.rockvilletownsquare.com for a full schedule.

Nando's Spicy Saturday Nights. 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Saturdays through Sept. 26 at Fountain Square Plaza. Local bands perform. Free. Visit www.downtownsilverspring.com.

Yoga on the Plaza. 7 p.m. on Wednesdays through Sept. 30 at Fountain Square Plaza. Take a mixed-level vinyasa flow yoga class from Grace Yoga instructors. Free. Visit www.downtownsilverspring.com.

Butterfly Exhibit. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily from July 1 to Oct. 25 at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallen Ave., Wheaton. Free. Visit www.montgomeryparks.org for more.

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 for more.

Paint Night. 5:30-8 p.m. on first and second Mondays of the month through December at Sweet Frog, 100 Lexington Drive, Silver Spring. Spiritual Unicorn art sponsors a night of painting. Tickets are \$10 for children and \$15 for adults. Visit www.spiritualunicornart.com.

VisArts Cocktails and Canvas Class. at VisArts in the Painting & Drawing Studio, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Price \$40. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/cocktails-and-canvas for more.

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.

Weekly Blues Dance. Thursdays 8:15-11:30 p.m. in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Capital Blues presents rotating DJs and instructors with beginner workshop 8:15-9 p.m., no partner necessary. \$8 for all. Visit capitalblues.org for more.

Weekly Swing Dance. Saturdays, 8 p.m.-midnight. The DC Lindy Exchange presents a swing dance with live music in the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Beginner swing dance lesson at 8 p.m., followed by dancing until midnight. Admission \$16-\$18, age 17 and under \$12. Visit

www.glenechopark.org for more.
Argentine Tango with Lessons. Most Sundays, 6:30-11 p.m. in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Argentine Tango lessons followed by a Milonga most Sunday evenings. Beginner lesson 6:30-7:30 p.m. and intermediate lesson 7:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15/lesson and includes the Milonga. For just the Milonga, cost is \$10 and the open dance with DJ runs 8:30-11 p.m. No partner required. Visit www.glenechopark.org or call 301-634-2222 for more.

Contra and Square Dance. Fridays and Sundays 7-10:30 p.m. in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. The evening can include square dances, mixers, waltzes and other couple dances. All Contra and Square dances are taught, no partner necessary. Lessons at 7 p.m., followed by the called dance with live music at 7:30. \$13 for nonmembers, \$10 for FSGW members, \$5 ages 17 and under. Visit www.glenechopark.org or call 301-634-2222 for more.

Live Music & Dancing. Fridays and Saturdays, 7-11 p.m. in Margery's Lounge, Normandie Farm Restaurant 10710 Falls Road. Dance to the music of Barry Gurley. Call 301-983-8838 or visit www.popovers.com for more.

Glen Echo Park Films. Saturdays and Sundays. Arcade Building, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Films about the Park's history are shown on rotation in the lobby. Free. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

SilverWorks Studio & Gallery. Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. SilverWorks Studio & Gallery is a working silversmith studio and includes an ongoing exhibition, as well as sales of the work of artist-in-residence Blair Anderson. Free. Visit www.silverworksglencopark.com.

Art Glass Center at Glen Echo. All day Wednesdays; Fridays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4 p.m. Art Glass Center, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Ongoing exhibitions feature work of Resident Artists Christine Hekimian, Sue Hill, Michele Rubin, Sherry Selevan, Bev and Zayde Slep and Janet Wittenberg. Sculpture, vessels, functional art and jewelry are for sale. Classes are taught year-round for beginner, intermediate and advanced students. Visit www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org for more.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Registration Open. The spring issue of the Montgomery County Guide for Recreation and Parks Programs features a variety of classes and programs designed to help participants stay active and have fun, including aquatics, sports, therapeutic recreation services and active adult senior programming. Registration is available online, by mail or in person at the Montgomery County Recreation Administrative Offices at 4010 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, or by fax at 240-777-6818. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec or call 240-777-6840 for more.

VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville, offers a variety of camp sessions for spring and summer. Visit www.visartscenter.org or call 301-315-8200.

❖ **Summer Camps**
One-week and two-week sessions offered June 15-Aug. 21, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Before care and extended care is available.

Young Artists. One-week sessions that nurture the budding talents of students with age-appropriate visual art projects in an assortment of media (ages 5-6).

Artistic Adventures. Two-week sessions that promote creativity as children experience an assortment of visual art media and are exposed to gallery exhibitions (ages 7-12).

Art Quest. One-week sessions that promote creativity as children experience an assortment of visual art media and are exposed to gallery exhibitions (ages 7-12).

❖ **Teen Camps**
Teen Art Institute. Teens explore fused glass, painting and drawing. Camp will be held at VisArts (ages 13-18).

Teen Art Institute. This ceramic class gives teens the opportunity to explore clay in depth with handbuilding and the wheel. Camp will be held in the art ceramic at Richard Montgomery High School (ages 13-18).

2015 Musical Theatre Intensive Summer Camp. For actors, dancers and singers ages 13-18. The program will run for two weeks from July 12-25 at the Sandy Spring Friends School in



'Dreams of Speed'

Artist Tom Kenyon uses block prints and collages in his exhibit "Dreams of Speed... Supercharged" to visually explore car culture. "Dreams of Speed" will be on display at The Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda, through July 4. An artist talk and demonstration will be held on June 27 2-4 p.m. See www.waverlystreetgallery.com.



Sandy Spring, Md. Campers can participate in daytime or overnight camp. The daytime camp will feature students in a final showcase the last Friday of camp. Students who participate in the overnight intensive camp will take part in a full production of the musical "Once on this Island!" Visit www.youngartistsamerica.org for more.

Art Explorers Open Studio. Every Saturday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at The Candy Corner Studio, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Art activities for parents and children. Activities change weekly and there is no pre-registration; \$10 per child. Visit www.glenechopark.org/saturday-art-explorers for more.

Ceramic Classes. Various dates and times. VisArts, 155 Gibbs St, Rockville. An opportunity to try the new ceramic workshops. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/ceramics for a list of class dates, times.

Summer Fun Centers. June 22-July 31. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at various locations. Summer Fun Centers are for children 5-12. Children will participate in crafts, sports, drama and more. Call 240-777-6811 or Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec.

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.

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.

JUNE 5-JULY 12

"Hidden District." Saturdays 1-4 p.m., Sundays 1-8 p.m. at Photoworks Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Photo essay by Steven Marks based on his interpretation of the District of Columbia. Admission is free. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

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.

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.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 10

Air: Rochelle Rice. 7:30 p.m. at The Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, Rockville. Former Afro Blue Vocal Band member and Jazz vocalist Rochelle Rice will perform. Tickets are \$17. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 11

Creative Crafts Council 30th Biennial Exhibit Reception. 7 p.m. at The Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. The Creative Crafts Council presents an exhibit of useful art and presents awards to artists for their work. Free. Visit www.creativecraftscouncil.org.

ENTERTAINMENT

JUNE 11-21

“Ruddigore.” Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. Watch a two-part comic opera from the gothic era. Tickets are \$15-25. Visit www.rockvilleliving.com for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 12

Artist Talk. 12-5 p.m. at The Common Ground Gallery at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Artist Rob Hackett will discuss his new exhibit in terms of the elements of architecture and minimalism. Free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org.

“Drawing Upon Experience”

Opening Reception. 6-9 p.m. at Washington ArtWorks, 2276 Wilkins Ave., Rockville. Celebrate an exhibit showcasing the artwork of military veterans sponsored by ArtWorks Aid with a poetry reading and refreshments. Free. Visit www.washingtonartworks.com.

Martha Reeves & The Vandellas. 8 p.m. at Bethesda Blues and Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave. A Mo-Town-style ensemble performs. Tickets are \$30-35. Visit www.bethesdabluesjazz.com.

Live Music. 8 p.m. at Flanagan’s Harp and Fiddle, 4844 Cordell Ave., Bethesda. Stop Drop & Roll, Late as Usual, and The Mega BCC Band will perform. Visit www.flanagansharpandfiddle.com for more.

The Chuck Brown Band. 8 p.m. at AMP by Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave., North Bethesda. Although Chuck Brown has passed away, his Go Go band still performs live. Tickets are \$25. Visit

www.ampbystrathmore.com.
Get to Steppin’. 9 p.m. at Villain & Saint, 7141 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. A DC-based seven-piece funk band performs. Tickets are \$7-8. Visit www.villainandsaint.com.

JUNE 12-JULY 12

Art Exhibit. Gallery hours at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Artist Rob Hackett works with industrial material to create minimalist sculptures. Free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 13

Vintage Palooza. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Vintage Marketplace at Glenwood, 2945 Route 97. The vintage marketplace moves outside to include live music, food and additional vendors. Free to attend. Visit www.thevintagemarketplace.net.

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Shane Gamble Band. 9 p.m. at Villain & Saint, 7141 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Country music band performs. Tickets are \$7-10. Visit www.villainandsaint.com for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 14

Author Event. 2-4 p.m. at The Writer’s Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda. Find a poetry reading by writers Adam Tavel and Kayla Williams. The reading will be followed by a book signing and reception. Free. Visit www.writer.org.

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TUESDAY/JUNE 16

Author Talk. 7-8:30 p.m. at Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave. Author and professional organizer Marcie Lovett discusses her new book, “The Clutter Book.” Free. Visit www.folmc.org.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 17-21

AFI DOCS Film Festival. Various times at various locations throughout D.C. and Maryland. The American Film Institute (AFI) Silver Theatre and Cultural Center located in Silver Spring will host its annual documentary film festival. This year, attendees will find “First and 17,” a

documentary about the top-ranked high school football player who was pursued by more than 90 colleges, and “The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution,” among dozens of other full-length and short films. Tickets are \$12 for regular screenings, and \$10 for weekday matinees. Passes allowing entrance to all films are also available starting at \$200. Visit www.afi.com/afidocs for more.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 17

Yappy Hour. 6-8:30 p.m. at Denizens Brewing Company, 1115 East West Highway, Silver Spring. Sample craft beers. Dogs are welcome. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Visit www.mchumane.org.

Great Wines You’ve Probably Never Heard Of. 7-9 p.m. at Washington ArtWorks, 12276 Wilkins Ave., Rockville. Learn about “undiscovered” wines from various locations, price points, and pairings. Tickets are \$75. Visit www.washingtonartworks.com.

Air: Rochelle Rice. 7:30 p.m. at The Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Former Afro Blue Vocal Band member and Jazz vocalist Rochelle Rice will perform. Tickets are \$17. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

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Bridal Trunk Show. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Love Couture Bridal, 12500 B Park Potomac Ave., Potomac. Watters bridal will showcase pieces from its fall 2015 collections. Free to attend. Visit www.lovecouturebridal.com for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 19-28

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SATURDAY/JUNE 20

Silver Spring Blues Festival. 10 a.m. at Fountain Plaza. Find two stages for entertainment, food and shopping. Free. Visit www.downtownsilverspring.com/events.

Tour of the Rocklands Farm Winery. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Rocklands Farm, 14525 Montevideo Road, Poolesville. Dawson’s Market in Rockville is partnering with Rocklands Farm for a tasting trip to the vineyard. Tickets are \$30 for individuals and \$55 for couples. Tickets include the trip and from the farm, tasting fees and a boxed lunch. Call 240-428-1386 to sign up.

JUNE 20, JUNE 27 AND JULY 11

Still Life Painting in Oils Workshop. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St. Students will learn the fundamentals of oil painting from instructor Eric Westbrook. Tuition is \$150. www.visartsrockville.org.

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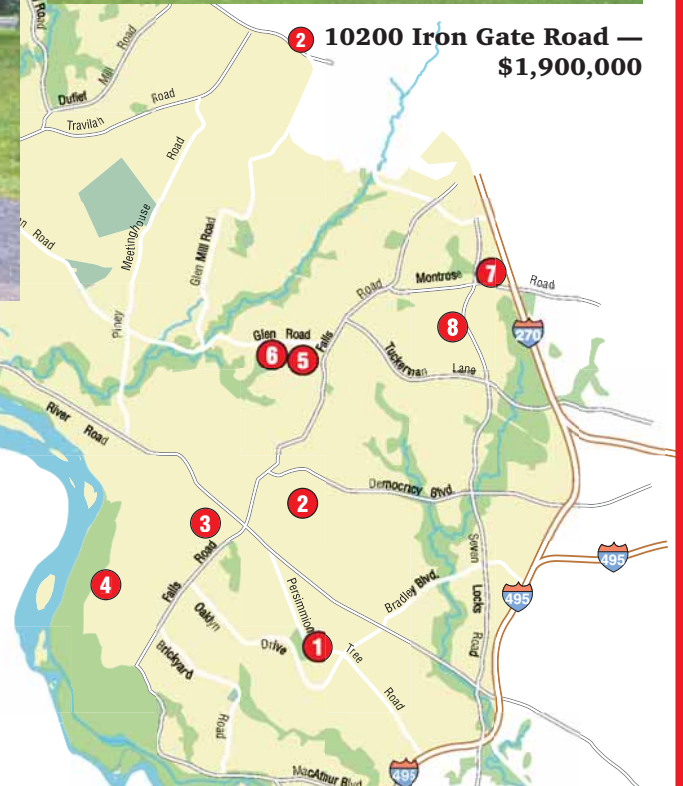


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Amenities for residents of Quarry Springs include a clubhouse with a lounge, which will overlook a pool when construction of the property is complete.



The entry of the Quarry Springs clubhouse was designed to set a luxurious tone for the property.



Quarry Springs clubhouse is now open to the public.

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Luxury Condominium Clubhouse Opens

Quarry Springs model grand opening set for June 28.

The developers of a new, luxury condominium complex unveiled the project's clubhouse recently. More than 150 guests who attended the open house got a first-hand look at the Quarry Springs space, which includes a library, grand salon and lounge. The clubhouse's 6,000-square-foot fitness center, which includes a spa, yoga studio, steam room and sauna, was also open.

Those attending the event were offered a

preview of the property's floor plans. Celebrity Chef Bryan Voltaggio was among the guests. He signed copies of his new cookbook, "Home: Recipes to Cook with Family and Friends."

Located on River Road, west of Seven Locks Road, Quarry Springs is expected to attract empty nesters who desire a luxurious dwelling without the maintenance that comes with owning a home.

Individual condominiums can be

Model Grand Opening

Sunday, June 28, noon-5 p.m.
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equipped with features such as 10-foot ceilings, spa bathrooms and kitchens equipped with Wolfe six-burner cooktops, convection ovens, Sub-Zero refrigerators and wine coolers.

Units in the 97-condominium development will range in size from 2,200-4,500 square feet, and in price from \$1.5-\$4 million. Developers say that when the community is complete, it will offer amenities that include winding, walking trails and a 50-foot, three-tiered waterfall.

The property's model grand opening is scheduled for June 28.

— MARILYN CAMPBELL

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Philosophically Speaking



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Recently I attended a "Celebration of Life" event, sponsored by Kaiser Permanente, created to bring attention to, and educate the public on, cancer. As a long-time cancer survivor, nearly six and a half years now – and one treated by doctors at Kaiser, I was asked, along with a cervical cancer survivor, to sit on a "survivor panel"; to share our cancer experiences, and offer, along with two oncologists and a pulmonologist, our respective insights as "treater" and "treatee."

As you regular readers know, my story, based on the available statistical indicators at the time, is a miracle. Lung cancer is a killer, almost always. Survivors who live beyond two years are rare enough; beyond five years, rarer still. However, given the evolution of the research and new drugs brought to market, there are more lung cancer survivors than ever before. And the more survivors I meet, the more empowered I become regarding my own life expectancy. Which, if a cancer patient thinks too much about, the shorter – in my opinion, it will be. As a practical consideration though, how do you not focus on the most important thing in your life; that thing being your lung cancer diagnosis. A diagnosis your oncologist has advised you will likely result in a rather disappointing prognosis. But somehow, from my perspective anyhow, that's exactly what patients/survivors have to do; agree and proceed, sort of.

Moreover, how does one make light of something (your "terminal" disease/ "13-month to two-year prognosis") which is incredibly heavy? And how does one not get depressed about something (again, your diagnosis) which is terribly depressing? And finally, how does one stay positive and find humor/balance, when cancer is the definition of negative and imbalance, and is, as the old expression says: "Funny as a heart attack"? It all seems and feels counter-intuitive. It reminds me of the Seinfeld episode when, out of desperation, George decided to act opposite to his instincts: "My name is George. I'm unemployed and I live with my parents;" which resulted in his meeting an attractive woman at the diner and getting his Assistant-to-the-Travelling-Secretary job with the New York Yankees. Yet somehow, following this path of least resistance has worked – for me. Inexplicable. Random? Lucky? Misguided? Inadvisable? Rhyme or reason? If I think too much about it, I'm afraid I'll weaken the nation. All I know is: since it ain't broke, I'm not looking to fix it.

Certainly there have been struggles: I'm not going to pretend otherwise. Still, living is its own reward, and having survived now way beyond my initial prognosis, I'd like to think that I'm further from the beginning than I am closer to the end. But who knows, really? And what good comes from asking myself that question anyway? I can't get an answer, obviously; and of course, any guarantees are long gone. Somehow I have to continue to trick myself into not caring: the opposite of all my instincts. It worked for George and so far, it's worked for me. Now, if I can only leave well enough alone. That would truly be a miracle.

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

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SPORTS

Bethesda Big Train off to Undefeated Start

Manager Colangelo looking for stronger road starts.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC

Bethesda Big Train manager Sal Colangelo was pleased with the final result of Monday's game against the Vienna River Dogs — an early-season matchup of undefeated teams in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League.

But it was the Big Train's initial effort that had Colangelo voicing his displeasure.

Bethesda overcame a slow start and a 3-0 deficit to beat Vienna 10-5 in a six-inning, darkness-shortened contest at Gaithersburg High School. The Big Train improved to 4-0, but Colangelo said the team needs to improve its focus during road games.

"When we leave Bethesda, our guys need to realize they need to be ready to go," said Colangelo, who is in his 17th season with the club. "They're in a great situation in Bethesda: they have fans, they get spoiled, and when we get on the road we need to focus and be ready to go."

Vienna scored three runs in the third inning without producing a hit and took a 3-0 lead. Bethesda countered with four runs in the fourth

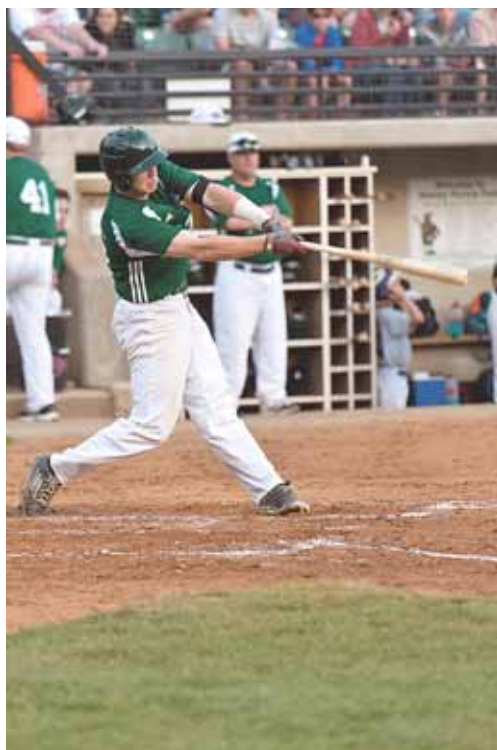


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Bethesda's Zach Kirtley led the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League with seven RBIs through four games.

and led for the remainder of the contest.

Seven different batters had a hit for Bethesda. Shortstop Zach Kirtley (St. Mary's College) and first baseman Harrison Crawford

(Creighton) each had two RBIs.

Luis Collazo earned the win on the mound, allowing two earned runs on five hits over 3 1/3 innings in relief.

Entering Tuesday's action, outfielder Matt Toscano (St. Mary's College) was among the league leaders in batting average, producing at a .500 clip (7-14) through four games. Kirtley was batting .412 and led the league with seven RBIs.

Colangelo said Kirtley, and outfielders Logan Farrar (VCU) and Cody Brown (Mississippi State) are three of the team's top players.

Bethesda has faced the Baltimore Redbirds in the last six league championship series. The Big Train won the first three, but the Redbirds have won the last three.

Colangelo said the Big Train's goal is to win the South division, earn a top-two seed and avoid having to play a single-elimination game in the playoffs.

"If you play one team one game, anybody can beat you in this league [from] top to bottom," Colangelo said. "You want to be that 1 [seed], get the bye, not have to worry about it, know you're in a three-game series. In a three-game series, with the pitching depth we have, I like our odds."

Bethesda was scheduled to face the Rockville Express on Tuesday, after The Almanac's deadline. The Big Train will travel to face the D.C. Grays at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Washington Nationals Academy.

Possible Loss of Tennis Club Upsets Members

FROM PAGE 2

Potomac Tennis Club were to sell. At our Potomac location, the first of our three locations, we see between 80-100 people daily and have about 320 unique clients per month. The proximity of The Potomac Tennis Club to our clients of over nine years, the parking and the community atmosphere make this location an ideal fit for Potomac Pilates' needs. I feel there is a lack of fitness businesses with a brick and mortar location in The Village. It would be a shame for the tennis club and fitness facility to close. Potomac Pilates would have to find a

new site in the four corners of the Potomac Village, though we would prefer to stay within the Potomac Tennis Club."

More than 70 members attended the WMCCA meeting on Nov. 13, 2013 to protest potential rezoning of the property. At that time, the owner was seeking rezoning in order to build townhouses on the property. Ginny Barnes, 2013 president and board member of WMCCA, wrote in her email of Nov. 28, 2013, "The WMCCA decided to oppose any rezoning of the PTC property and we have written the chair of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission stating our opposi-

tion. We would like to see the property continue as a tennis club and we believe it is a viable option given interest shown by two adjacent facilities and the 65-plus people who attended our meeting."

Val Gordon, who was a charter member of PTC, sums up the feelings of the members: "When I moved to Potomac in 1977 one of the very first things I did was find a tennis club. And I have been here ever since."

The possibility of a sale is heartbreaking as I have made so many good friends, played on so many teams and had so many good times here."

BULLETIN BOARD

FROM PAGE 5

Clara Barton Community Center, 7425 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John. Clean Cut Shredding is offering shredding services for sensitive documents. A donation of \$3-5 is suggested based on quantity. Call 240-777-4910 for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 7

Self Defense Seminar for Teens and Adults. 3-5 p.m. at East West Taekwondo, Cabin John Mall, 11325 Seven Locks Road. Self-defense seminar for teens and adults. Attendees ages 10 and older will learn basic kicks, releases, strikes and safety tips in the event of front, back, and ground attacks. No experience is necessary. Fee \$40 if pre-registered, \$50 for walk-ins. Space is limited. To reserve a space, email EastWestTKD.Events@gmail.com or call 301-461-6770.

MONDAY/JUNE 8

County Council Meeting—Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment. 9:30 a.m. at Council Hearing Room, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville. The Montgomery County Council will hold a forum to discuss: Expedited Bill 53-14, Bill 54-14, Bill 55-14. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council.

County Council Meeting—Planning, Housing and Economic Development. 2 p.m. at Council Hearing Room, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville. The Montgomery County Council will hold a forum to discuss: ZTA 15-04, Educational Institutions - Exemptions and Standards. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council.

Deadline for Entries. 11:59 p.m. Photoworks is seeking entries for a juried youth photography

competition. The theme is "#selfie" and the competition is open to students 18 and under. The entry fee is \$25. Email photoworks.gallery@gmail.com for more.

TUESDAY/JUNE 9

County Council Meeting. 9:30 a.m. at Council Hearing Room, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council.

Public Hearing. 1:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Hearing room of the Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Ave. The hearing will address Expedited Bill 24-15 that would modify the amount of the tip credit an employer can use to calculate the minimum wage for a tipped employee, and more. Those interested in testifying at the public hearing can sign up by calling 240-777-7803. The deadline to sign up is June 8 at 5 p.m. View the meeting

streaming live through www.montgomerycountymd.gov. To obtain copies of the bill call 240-777-7910 or go to tinyurl.com/kjbxjq.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 10

County Council Meeting. 9:30 a.m. at Council Hearing Room, 100 Maryland Ave, Rockville. The Montgomery County Council will hold a forum to discuss Senior Town Hall at Leisure World. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council.

Health and Quality of Life Forum. 6-7:30 p.m. at Executive Office Building 101 Monroe St., Lobby Auditorium, Rockville. Residents are invited to participate in community conversations sponsored by Healthy Montgomery, an effort to improve the health of Montgomery County residents. Attendees will have the opportunity to comment. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

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