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About MCPAW

MCPAW (Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being) is the dedicated non-profit fundraising partner for the Montgomery County Animal Services & Adoption Center (MCASAC). MCPAW helps educate, advocate, and take action on the healthy treatment and well-being of animals inside and outside MCASAC. MCPAW has several programs which benefit the animals, their adopters, and the community:

- ❖ Veterinary Medical Fund which pays for emergency treatment of MCASAC pets;
- ❖ Free pet food pantry;
- ❖ Loyal Companions grant program for special needs pets;
- ❖ enrichment program for MCASAC pets;
- ❖ Amber/Purple Care program which waives adoption fees for older/special needs pets;
- ❖ Spay It Forward program which funds TNR (trap/neuter/return) of community cats.

All of these programs require funding. To donate, see <http://www.mcpaw.org/take-action-1>

For more check in on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MCPAW/

Third Annual MCPAW Party

Another way to help support MCPAW is to attend the 3rd Annual MCPAW Party: Animal House - an upscale, rockin' 60s frat-style party benefiting animals in Montgomery County. Join us for an Animal House themed party to raise money for the lost, homeless, and abused animals in Montgomery County. Featuring live entertainment by Jr. Cline and the Recliners; BBQ; raw bar; tons of fresh veggies, sides & more; live & silent auctions; vintage 60s cars. Plan to bring your family, your friends and ... your party animal dogs to the Bolger Center, Potomac, MD, the evening of Oct. 5th.

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ADOPT: Uli the Cat, Bengal graduate of UPENN Veterinary School, with fee waived.

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Adopt!

MCASAC always has wonderful pets of all kinds available for adoption. Here are just two of many:

Uli the Cat

I'm a cool 11-year-old Bengal cat who loves to spend my days chasing crinkly toys, balls, bells, and fake mice. The humans here at MCASAC describe me as playful, friendly, active, and affectionate. I like being petted and brushed, and I'll prove it by making the loudest purrs you've ever heard!

One fun fact about me is that I worked with the scientists at UPenn vet school. They looked at me and learned how to do surgery, so that they can learn more about my species, and make other cats like myself healthy again. I think that means that I'm an honorary doctor cat. How many people can say their cat went to college? All that, AND my adoption fee is waived. It doesn't get better than that.

Jarvis the Dog

I'm an affectionate, exuberant 2-year-old boy. I love to play fetch, go on hikes, or go jogging with you. I'm very fond of back and

side rubs. I know sit, high-five, give kisses and would love to learn more with you. They say I'm an athletic, high-energy young dog and will need an appropriate amount of exercise (and would love to have a fenced yard). They say I'm very smart and open and eager to learn, and truly want to please my people.

I was found as a stray in October 2018 and have been at MCASAC ever since. I'm really ready to find my forever home with a family that will spoil me! Thanks to MCPAW, my adoption fee is waived.

In addition to numerous dogs and cats, the adoption center has rabbits, guinea pigs, mice, birds, chickens, and more. For more adoptable animals of all kinds, visit the Montgomery County Animal Services & Adoption Center <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/animalservices/> or on Facebook www.facebook.com/mcasac/
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MCPAW Helps Animals Needing Expensive Medical Care

Reports from MCPAW on Facebook:

Cindy Crawford is a stunning, playful little lady cat who found herself back at MCASAC after her adopters could no longer afford to keep having the adenoma on her face removed. It is a benign tumor that has come back at least twice and will keep growing. If it is not completely removed, it could result in the loss of her eye. MCPAW found out about Cindy's plight and wants to get her to a specialist ASAP. Veterinary specialists are expensive but MCPAW believes in the value of every life. Our Veterinary Medical Fund has been taxed to the max already this year with all of the dogs with broken legs we have funded. But we cannot say no.

SEE MCPAW, PAGE 11



MCPAW agreed to fund very expensive surgery for Ballard.



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When traveling with pets, advanced planning can lower stress levels for four-legged creatures and their humans.

Traveling with Pets

Advanced planning is necessary when bringing a pet along on a family vacation.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When dog breeder Alice Whittington's clients pick up their new puppies and journey back to their homes, she has specific guidelines that she insists the new pet owners follow.

"Traveling can cause dogs, especially young puppies, to become distressed, she said. "I ask that everyone who buys one of my puppies travel with the pup in the cabin under the seat. Each airline has their own set of rules for traveling with pets, so you have to check before you buy your ticket. If they're spending the night, they should also check to make sure the hotel is pet friendly."

August is one of the biggest travel months of the year as families pack in one last vacation before the bliss of summer comes to an end. For those who are traveling with pets, part of the pre-vacation prep includes planning for the four-legged friend that will be in tow.

"Before people decided whether or not they should bring along their pet on vacation, they should consider the animal's temperament," said Tammy Harlow, a dog trainer in Reston. "Cats almost always are better off when left in their own home. For dogs, you have to consider whether they or not they get car sick; if they're comfortable being left alone. Do they bark a lot? Are they comfortable with strangers and other

dogs?"

When a vacation includes a hotel stay, in addition to making sure the hotel is pet-friendly, owners should ask about special pet policies. They should also create a comfortable space for their furry companions, says Whittington. "Bring along your dog's favorite toys, food bowl and blankets or bed," she said. "That will make the new environment less jarring for the pet. If your dog tends to bark at noises, request a room in one of the quieter parts of the hotel and definitely away from the elevator."

For pets who experience anxiety while traveling, a veterinarian is the best source of information on calming. "I'm always in favor of trying natural remedies before medication," said Jim Navolio, a retired veterinarian who now lives in Bethesda. "I've seen owners successfully use aroma therapy, meditation music, DAP (Dog Appeasing Pheromone) collars, and even CBD (Cannabidiol) oil."

For those traveling by plane, Navolio discourages using medication if the pet is traveling in the cargo section. "Some medications can interfere with the animal's ability to control their own body temperature," he said. "That is extremely dangerous. Likewise, if you think your dog, especially a small, short-haired dog, might get cold in a hotel room, on a plane or in a place where you can't control the temperature, pack a sweater." If a vacation calls for car travel, Harlow advises pet owners to take several precautions. "Cats should always be kept in a carrier. Dogs, should

be kept in a car seat or on a seat mat for larger breeds and be tethered to the seat. It's best to let pets ride in the back seat next to a family member."

Advanced planning is a must, continued Harlow. "Don't wait until the day before you leave to think about all the supplies that you'll need for your pet or to learn about airline regulations and hotel policies."

— Tammy Harlow

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Man's Two Best Friends

Man “hopelessly stuck in the mud” at Potomac River was rescued due to the diligent work of his two dogs and an alert cyclist.

Two dogs barking along the the C&O Canal Towpath near Little Falls dam caught the attention of a bicyclist. After a man got stuck in mud near the Potomac River, his two dogs, leashes still attached, got the attention of a cyclist. The dogs' owner was out of sight 50 yards away but the dogs barked incessantly until the cyclist found the man and alerted Montgomery County Fire and Rescue.

Around 2:30 p.m., Monday, July 22, fire and rescue received the 911 call for a technical rescue of a man stuck in the mud between Lock 6 and Lock 10. Fire and Rescue and the swift water rescue headed out on ATVs and boats, and after some time looking were able to find the man, still accompanied by the cyclist, about 50 yards from the towpath.

“This is a real cat's meow & dog gone good stuff. ... Who let the Dogs Out,” PIO Piringer tweeted. “The dogs saved the day.”

The man was playing fetch with his two dogs, throwing a stick into the river. He apparently ventured onto the mud to retrieve a stick and then sank and got stuck.

The dogs stayed in his general area but went up

near the towpath barking continuously. The cyclist noticed the dogs still with their leashes on and stopped to see what was going on. It was then that he heard the man calling for help in the distance. Because it was a wooded area, the man was not immediately visible, and without the dogs' good work, he might have been stuck for far longer.

The man, 87 according to reports, suffered no injuries and did not need to be transported to the hospital.

Monday's heat index rose above 110 degrees for the third day in a row, and Montgomery County Fire and Rescue crews were called out on numerous incidents and accidents.

“The dogs saved the day.”

— Pete Piringer

Two dogs barking got the attention of a passing bicyclist and persisted until the bicyclist found their owner, 87, who was so stuck in the mud it required rescue workers and special tools to get him free. Here the dogs enjoy a well deserved drink with their owner's mud covered legs visible behind them.



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SENIOR OLYMPICS

Ping Pong's Home Is Potomac

Potomac Community Center hosts Senior Olympics Ping Pong tournament.

BY PEGGY McEWAN
POTOMAC ALMANAC

More than 70 competitors turned out Saturday for the Maryland Senior Olympics Ping Pong Tournament at Potomac Community Recreation Center.

Men and women age 50 and above came from across the state to compete in Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles competitions.

Fifty is the minimum age for Senior Olympics participation but Saturday's competitors included those in their 60s and 70s, and seven players in their 80s.

"Ping pong is a perfect sport for older people," Pauline Jensen, 63, of Columbia, said. "It's supposed to help your brain with eye-hand coordination and it's safe." She said she also likes the socialization she gets from being part of the sport.

Jensen played ping pong while in grad school, but never learned the rules. After renewing her interest in the sport, she learned the rules and began competing.

Saturday, she won gold in women's singles, women's doubles and was about to compete in mixed doubles.

Age is no excuse for slowing down for Herman Yeh, of Potomac, who will be 80 this year.

Yeh runs the Potomac Community Recreation Center table tennis club, which plays two times each week at the center. He coordinated Saturday's tournament along with Stacy Sigler, Recreation Supervisor for

Senior Olympics with Montgomery County Recreation.

As a tournament coordinator, Yeh could not compete Saturday, but he said ping pong is a very serious sport, one that can be played year-round.

It is so popular that the Potomac Table Tennis Club, which is limited to 100 members has a waiting list of 30 to 40.

Among his work Saturday was to remind spectators and players that Paddle Palace, from Tigard Oregon, was a major sponsor.

Paddle Palace provided 6,000 table tennis balls for Saturday's play.

Somchai Paarporn, of North Potomac, won bronze in the men's single 65-69 group.

He said he has been playing for more than 20 years.

"I really enjoy it when I play," he said. "It's very challenging and we know each other like friends. We laugh more than we are serious."

Jensen reiterated the serious fun of the sport.

"Sometimes you win because they mess up more than you do," she said.



Somchai Paarporn, of North Potomac, receives bronze medal for ping pong singles in the age 65-69 category at the Maryland Senior Olympics Ping Pong Tournament at Potomac Community Recreation Center Saturday, July 27.

To Participate Is To Win

Maryland Senior Olympics events are going on all through August and into the fall.

Montgomery County Recreation is the host agency for the Maryland Senior Olympics, with many of the events happening in Montgomery County.

To compete in Maryland Senior Olympics, you do not have to be a seasoned athlete or champion in training. You only have to be age 50+ and willing to participate. In fact, MSO's motto is, "To Participate is to Win!"

Upcoming events include track and field, pickleball, bicycling, volleyball, basketball, swimming and much more.

For more information, including registration info and event schedules, visit Maryland Senior Olympics, follow on social media at Facebook www.facebook.com/mdseniorolympics and Twitter twitter.com/mdsrolympics, or call 240-777-4930.

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Play begins Saturday morning as Potomac Community Recreation Center hosts Maryland Senior Olympics Ping Pong Tournament.



Pauline Jensen, top left, won gold in women's singles and women's doubles at the Maryland Senior Olympics Ping Pong Tournament at Potomac Community Recreation Center Saturday, July 27. Here she begins mixed doubles with partner Carl Bumiller playing Mi Kim and Richard Asendorf.

NEWS

Council Approves Zoning Change For Accessory Dwelling Units

The Montgomery County Council unanimously adopted Zoning Text Amendment 19-01 today, removing significant barriers for homeowners who wish to build Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on their properties. ZTA 19-01 was sponsored by at-large Councilmember Hans Riemer, who chairs the Council's Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.

"The high cost of housing in Montgomery County is pricing people out," said Councilmember Riemer. "This important change allows homeowners to build housing that works for their families, and to create better options for renters in communities across Montgomery County. I am grateful for the careful deliberation of my colleagues and their unanimous support, as well as the strong advocacy of the smart growth community – working together we got it done."

An ADU is a second, separate living unit on a lot zoned for single unit development. ADUs can be built by converting a basement into an apartment, adding an addition to an existing house, building an apartment over a garage, converting an existing shed or detached garage, or building a new backyard cottage. An ADU is distinguished from renting out part of a house because it is a totally separate living unit, with a separate entrance, bathroom and kitchen.

"I am proud to be a part of this Council team that worked hard to provide a creative solution with accessory dwelling units that fits the needs of Montgomery County," said Council President Nancy Navarro. "We are in the midst of a region-wide housing challenge, and we need creative and effective strategies like this to address the availability of housing for our residents. ... As a legislative body, we are committed to bolstering our code enforcement resources and taking appropriate measures to ensure that those who work here can live here and those who wish to retire here are able to do so in a safe and comfortable setting."

ADUs are a popular solution for families that have relatives who want to live independently, but close by - such as an older grandparent or an adult child with disabilities. Also, the income provided by renting an ADU can make the difference in allowing seniors to age in place as the cost of living grows or allowing new families to

be able to afford to buy a home in increasingly expensive areas. ADUs provide a more affordable option for people seeking to rent in many areas by increasing the supply of housing.

"Affordable housing continues to be a complex issue in Montgomery County," said Councilmember Will Jawando. "It affects seniors who would like to downsize and remain in their community or near their family; young adults who were born and raised in the county but cannot afford to live here on their own; and families with adult disabled children who are able to live with limited independence. ZTA 19-01 has gone through many work sessions in the Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee and reflects changes based on input from County residents. ADUs provide one more alternative in the challenge to make housing affordable."

"I appreciate the extensive and substantive community input we received throughout this legislative process and our efforts on the Council to thoughtfully address the issues and concerns of our residents," said Councilmember Andrew Friedson. "Thanks to that feedback and careful deliberation, we reached a far better outcome on this zoning text change, especially with amendments limiting the size, maintaining existing parking requirements except in transit-accessible areas and introducing companion legislation to help monitor the impact of ADUs going forward."

"I look forward to the positive benefits that will stem from the passage of ZTA 19-01, such as allowing more families to support their elderly relatives and family members in need, close to home," said Councilmember Craig Rice.

ZTA 19-01 makes the following changes to the County's zoning law covering ADUs:

- ❖ Removes the prohibition on detached ADUs in lots smaller than one acre. The size of the detached ADUs must be the smaller of 10 percent of the lot size, 50 percent of the footprint of the principal dwelling; or 1200 sq. ft. Existing rules limiting the construction of accessory structures apply, including height limits, maximum lot coverage requirements, and stormwater requirements. In addition, the greater side and rear setbacks currently required for detached ADUs remain.

- ❖ Removes the requirement for an additional parking space within one mile of Metro, Purple Line or

MARC stations. Proposed ADUs require one off-street parking space in addition to the parking required for each detached house (typically two spaces). For areas outside of one mile, three off-street spaces are still required.

- ❖ Allows for the conversion of existing, legally built structures into ADUs.

- ❖ Clarifies that other rental uses (such as Airbnb) on a property that includes an ADU are prohibited.

- ❖ Removes the prohibition on ADUs in new construction.

- ❖ Removes the distance requirement restricting ADUs from being built within 300 to 500 feet of an existing ADU.

ADUs are a part of the Council's continuing efforts to ensure that affordable, quality housing is available to residents at all income levels.

ZTA 19-01 was first introduced on Jan. 15, 2019 and a public hearing was held on Feb. 26. The Council's PHED Committee held three meetings before unanimously recommending adoption with amendments. The full Council reviewed ZTA 19-01 on June 18 and July 9 to make further amendments before approving the legislation today.

The changes will take effect on Dec. 31, 2019 together with Bill 22-19, which is a companion bill

to amend the licensing code which was introduced on July 16, 2019. Bill 22-19 renames "Accessory Apartments" to "Accessory Dwelling Units" in the County Code, modernizes the standards for measuring basement ceiling heights, requires ADU applicants to certify that they meet any applicable HOA standards and notice requirements to affected HOAs, requires quarterly reporting on ADU issues by the County Executive, and requires that the property owner live on-site in either the principal dwelling or the ADU.

A public hearing on Bill 22-19 is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 10 at 1:30 p.m.


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ONGOING

Summer Read and Learn This year's theme for The Montgomery County Public Libraries' (MCPL) 2019 Summer Read and Learn Program is "A Universe of Stories," encouraging children of all ages to dream big, believe in themselves, and create their own stories. Space is featured in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. Children from newborn to 12 years old and teens, 13-17 years of age, are invited to sign up online or at any branch through Aug. 31. www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library.

Wings of Fancy. Exhibit hours through Aug. 31 are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends. Hours will be 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily Sept. 1-22 at Brookside Gardens South Conservatory, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. A live butterfly and caterpillar exhibit. Visitors will be surrounded by hundreds of live butterflies from North America, Costa Rica, Africa and Asia. Learn about their metamorphosis, the role butterflies play in healthy ecosystems, and how to ensure these insects thrive. Call 301-962-1400 or visit www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/brookside-gardens.

THURSDAY/AUG. 1

"Magic That Came From Outer Space!" 10:30 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Magician Mike Rose presents a magic show that is not like other magic shows. Rose's new show, "Magic That Came From Outer Space!" is created specifically for libraries and is designed to complement the 2019 Summer Reading theme "A Universe of Stories." Free. Call 240-777-0690.

Thursday Night Concerts: The HitTime Revue Featuring Jimi Smooth (R&B, Soul). 7 p.m. at Veterans Plaza, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring. Free. Visit www.silverspringdowntown.com/summer-concert-series or call 240-777-0311.

FRIDAY/AUG. 2

Casual Concerts at Glen Echo. 7:30 p.m. at Washington Conservatory of Music at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Bethesda. Jazz trio: Marty Nau, saxophone; Robert Redd, piano; and Steve Novosel, bass; with music from the Great American Songbook. Art Walk in the Park, an evening of open studios and artist talks organized by the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture. Admission is free, and donations are welcome at the door. Visit washingtonconservatory.org or call 301-634-2250.

SATURDAY/AUG. 3

Chinese Book Discussion. 10:15 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Adults, seniors. Chinese book discussion in Chinese language. End of the People by Zhou, Daxin. Ask for the book at the circulation desk. Free. 90 minutes. No registration. Call 240-777-0694.

SUNDAY/AUG. 4

Jazz and Jam. 2:30-5:30 p.m. at Normandie Farms Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac. The Conservatory Classic Jazz Band opens and closes with traditional jazz. A jam session is in the middle. People cheer, clap and dance and generally



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Waltz Dance. 3:30-6 p.m. at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Introductory Waltz Workshop from 2:45-3:30 p.m. Featuring the band Trio con Brio who will provide a mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. Admission is \$13, \$5 for full-time students with student ID. No partner required. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or visit www.WaltzTimeDances.org.

MONDAY/AUG. 5

Paperspace. 12:30 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Come create with the Library's Paperspace and a paper-based project for to make. Adult supervision is required for children 8 and under. Please ask for scissors and glue. While supplies last. Free. Call 240-777-0690.

TUESDAY/AUG. 6

Family Science Night. 6 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Elementary school age, preschool and kindergarten. Family Science Night is an educational STEM program designed for the whole family. As a family, work together on fun activities to explore the universe. Call 240-777-0694.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 7

Potomac Rotary Gatherings. 7:15-8:30 a.m. at Founding Farmers MoCo, 12505 Park Potomac Ave., Potomac. Rotary Club of Potomac meets for breakfast first and third Wednesday of each month. Learn how to serve humanity globally. Individuals pay for their own breakfast. No admission fee. Visit www.PotomacRotary.org for more.

THURSDAY/AUG. 8

Thursday Night Concerts: The Soul Crackers (Motown Soul). 7 p.m. at Veterans Plaza, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring. The concert

series returns with a full line-up, featuring touring artists and local favorites. From Motown to rock to Oldies, the popular summer concert series has music for everyone. Free. Visit www.silverspringdowntown.com/summer-concert-series or call 240-777-0311.

SATURDAY/AUG. 10

Book Sale. 10 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Monthly Potomac Friends of the Library Book Sale features books, DVDs, and more available for children, teens, and adults. All are welcome. Call 240-777-0694.

Strathmore's Bloom Concert Series: Josanne Francis. 6 p.m. at Good Hope Neighborhood Recreation Center, 14715 Good Hope Road, Silver Spring. The concerts are part of a collaboration and partnership with Montgomery County Recreation and Strathmore. The concerts are free and family-friendly. Reserve tickets at www.strathmore.org. Visit MoCoRec.com for more about Good Hope.

THROUGH SUNDAY/AUG. 11

A Trace Left by the Future is a solo exhibition by VisArts Studio Fellow Jonathan Monaghan, featuring new sculpture, video, print and installation work which uncovers fears and anxieties about an increasingly technological future. Through Aug. 11 at the Gibbs Street Gallery, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Premiering is Out of the Abyss, a 19-minute seamlessly looping video installation. Also presented are new print and wallpaper works. These cryptic works draw attention to the increasingly blurry lines between the natural and artificial.

Wherever I go I take my clutter with me, an exhibit at Common Ground Gallery, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville, second floor. Natasa Galecic presents mixed media drawings and a site-specific installation that reflect frantically growing landfills and fragile hybrid landscapes where wild, natural, and human-made environments collide.

MONDAY/AUG. 12

Flower Buds Preschool Classes. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Gardening activities, stories, crafts and garden walks for children 3-5 years. Younger siblings are welcome, but the crafts are designed for older kids. Adults must accompany children. \$7 per child. Registration required, visit www.activemontgomery.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 15

Baby and Toddler Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. A storytime experience for the youngest library users and their caregivers. These 20-30 minute storytimes introduce a diverse collection of books, songs, rhymes and bounces developmentally appropriate. Call 240-777-0694.

Stay and Play. 11 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Open play program at the Potomac Library. Library provides the toys and music, participants bring the smiles. This program is for children aged 0-6 years old along with their families. Call 240-777-0694.

Appetizers and Art. 5:30-8 p.m. Meet at Astro Brewing, 8216 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Learn about Silver Spring's public art with free artwork tours. Montgomery Planning will provide appetizers for attendees. Drinks and main entrees are available for individual purchase. The art walk is free; however, registration is limited. Visit www.silverspringdowntown.com/art-walk-tour to sign up.

Republican Talk. 6 p.m. at Barking Dog, 4732 Elm St., Bethesda in their upstairs private room. Maryland State Sen. Bob Cassilly of Harford County will give Republican perspective on the issues in Annapolis. Free admission; each person may order and pay for their own beverage and food via separate check. Close to the Bethesda Metro with public parking garages close by. Visit www.mcgop.com/special_mcgop_august_speaker_event to RSVP.

FRIDAY/AUG. 16

Application Deadline. Montgomery County's Community Action Board is now accepting applications for its Community Advocacy Institute. The Community Advocacy Institute is a free program that will teach residents basic advocacy skills and provides hands-on opportunities to advocate for important issues in the community. To qualify for the program, participants must be Montgomery County residents with household incomes of \$55,000 or less. Visit montgomerycountymd.gov/communityaction.

SATURDAY/AUG. 17

31st Annual Great Falls Race. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, 11710 MacArthur Blvd, Potomac. The Great Falls Race was one of the original extreme whitewater competitions, and more than 30 years later it will still be one of the most challenging. The premiere event of the Potomac Festival is a sub-60 second sprint down through the powerful cataracts dropping nearly 60 vertical feet. Only experts may compete, but the entire paddling community is welcome to watch and volunteer. Racers must register online prior to noon on Friday, Aug. 16. \$25 early registration; \$35 starting Aug. 12. Visit potomacfestival.org/race.html

Meet a Kangaroo and Wallaby. 11 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Meet a live kangaroo and wallaby. Learn all about what they eat and where and how they live with Roos2U. Tickets will be handed out half an hour before the program; starting at 10:30 a.m., first come, first served. Call 240-777-0694.

SUNDAY/AUG. 18

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 21

Book Discussion Group. 1 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Book discussion for adults – Songs of Willow Frost by Jamie Ford. Ask for the book at the Circulation Desk. No registration needed. New members welcome. Call 240-777-0694.

Anti-gravity Galaxy Bottles. 3 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Come to the Potomac Library and create a mini galaxy in a bottle. Watch the gravity-defying glitter float UP as it settles. First-come, first-served due to limited supplies. Call 240-777-0694.

AUG. 24-OCT. 20

Maryland Renaissance Festival. Crownsville, Md. The Maryland Renaissance Festival celebrates its 43rd season with nine weekends of thrills, feasting, handmade crafts, entertainment and merriment. The 27-acre Village of Revel Grove comes to life each autumn with more than 200 professional performers on 10 stages in the forests and glades with over 140 artisans exhibiting crafts in their own renaissance shops, five taverns featuring cool libations, and 42 food and beverage emporiums. www.marylandrenaissancefestival.com

Dogs of 'Rover' Falls



Lisa Blasey with her 11 yr old dog Lucky, a friendly chocolate Lab who loves people, the neighborhood and the UPS truck driver. Lucky gets so excited when he sees the truck, he thinks it's the ice cream truck.

Sahaj and Navjyot Chahal with their puppy, Mochi, an 8-week-old Goldendoodle that they just picked up last week. Mochi is very soft and friendly, and is trying to figure this whole thing out.

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Milian Gandolfo and her Tibetan Terrier, Rowley, who is 8 months old and just arrived Friday.



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BY DEBBIE STEVENS



Alan Golden with his dog Flossie, a Cavachon breed. She is a service animal, a tonic chemical sniffer, and a certified therapy dog that works in Alan's Pediatric Dental Office. She is also a model and was on the cover of the American Dental News.

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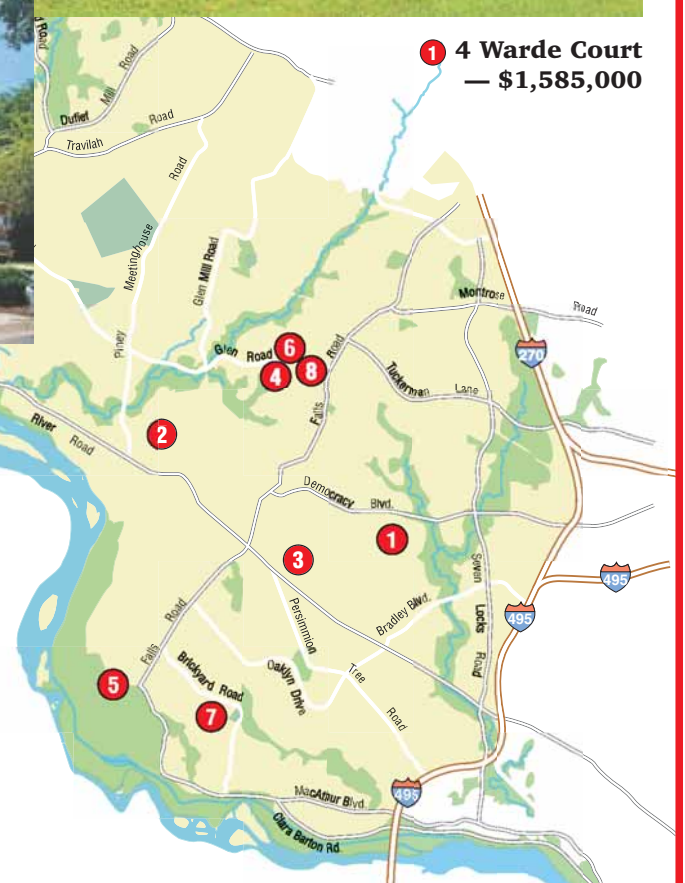
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About MCPAW

FROM PAGE 3

Please consider donating for this precious cat.<http://www.mcpaw.org/take-action-1>

MCPAW's Veterinary Medical Fund has paid for the surgeries of multiple dogs with broken legs, and these expenses have depleted our reserves. Poor little Sherlock, a 2-year-old Bichon Frise mix, was attacked by another dog, and had a badly broken leg. His owners could not afford his medical care, so they surrendered him to MCASAC.

MCPAW has made a pledge to MCASAC that no animal in need will go without care. And who can say no to this face? Donate online at www.mcpaw.org/take-action-1

June 7, Sherlock had the surgery on his leg and is recovering well but MCPAW still needed \$900 to reach its goal. The entire recovery phase spanned 8-12 weeks assuming no complications or setbacks.

Sherlock, a sweet pup who came in with a badly broken leg, got adopted. Thanks to MCPAW he had successful surgery and is ready to move on to the next chapter.

In March, Lexi, a 10-month-old German Shepherd mix came to MCASAC as a stray and she had a very nasty break to her hind leg. The veterinarians at MCASAC were hoping that it could be repaired but knew that her leg might need to be amputated. MCPAW approved payment for her surgery, no matter what it might entail or the cost. A young girl like Lexi can recover and have a long life in front of her. We are dedicated to make that happen for her.

Lexi's leg was too damaged to repair so it

needed to be amputated, But she has adjusted well. Lexi was adopted in April. Thanks to MCPAW supporters for helping with her surgery, she will have a happy new life.

As if these dogs coming into Montgomery County Animal Services & Adoption Center in a few months with broken legs wasn't enough, we were faced with yet another one. MCASAC's medical director called MCPAW with an emergency situation. A young hound/pit mix had been brought in with a severely mangled leg. He was a stray, found near the railroad tracks. MCASAC named him Ballard. We can only imagine the horrors that this poor dog had been through. Ballard needed immediate surgery. He was in a great deal of pain and time was of the essence. MCASAC contacted all of their regular veterinary hospitals who can perform this kind of specialized surgery and none of them could take Ballard. They found a specialist in Annapolis who could do it but Ballard needed to get there in two hours! MCPAW agreed to fund the very expensive surgery and had to place a large deposit on it - \$3500 - before the surgery could be performed. As you may know, MCPAW never says no to an animal in need.

But now we need to raise the money to help pay for it. MCPAW's Veterinary Medical Fund has already been stressed to the max.

Please consider a donation to the Veterinary Medical Fund so that we can help more pets like Ballard. We hear that he did well in the surgery and was even putting weight on the leg. But recovery will take a while.

Donate: www.mcpaw.org/take-action-1.

Dogs of 'Rover' Falls

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Phil Matthews and Gryffin, an Australian Labradoodle who is 8 months old. This breed doesn't shed if the dog is multigenerational.



Shreya Mishra, Anjali and Aparna Tatavarthy with their dog Simba. Simba is 6 months old, loves cheese and people, and is from Ohio.

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Money For What, Exactly?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Presumably, most of you readers are aware that many supermarkets have a rack located somewhere near the rear of the store that is stocked with off-price merchandise: discontinued items, items with damaged packaging, out of season products, etc.

Over the years, I have been a regular checker of this rack looking for such bargains. I have purchased breakfast cereal, soup, cookies, candy, and miscellaneous other non-perishables. I've even purchased two bags of Kingsford charcoal.

In addition, I've seen household products, health and beauty, school supplies; and everything else you can imagine, running the gamut from "A" to "Z," for sale. Recently however, on this rack I saw a product I'm not sure I even thought was available to the general public, and if it was, would not have thought buying it from the discontinued merchandise rack at the supermarket would not have been the way to go. But what do I know? As has been proven many times: not much.

The item? A DNA Paternity Test Kit. I guess, I thought, if this test was necessary, it would involve a physician or at least be administered by a health care professional and/or involve witnesses/legal representation (at least a notary). Going to the supermarket or even the drug store? And then testing yourself without necessarily knowing the precautions and proper procedures appropriate for the task at hand?

There seems as if there's a bit more at stake here than an at-home pregnancy test, a test with which many of us are familiar. But DNA testing at home?

What is this, the Maury Povich Show?

Having not traveled down this particular road myself, perhaps I'm unaware of the realities. All I know is what I've seen on television or read about in the papers.

I guess I just assumed (generally a bad thing), that the steps one takes to verify/confirm/resolve paternity-type issues were a bit more involved than a visit to the supermarket.

Apparently, this subject is just another where I know very little about, like tools and how to use them, automobile repair, home maintenance, lawn and garden, cooking, and on and on and on. But enough about me.

What about those wanting answers to extraordinarily important questions: Who's the father? And is that my child? Looks can be deceiving so a professional, or so I thought, incorrectly, is brought in to oversee the process.

Nope. No professional need apply. Just go to your local "chemist," as they say in England. No need to visit "the surgery," as they also say over there.

Just find a box with the right letters on it and go back to your home/work and swab, stick, pin-prick or whatever and the results will be known soon enough if you or someone else is whomever they claim to be or not to be. That is the question which begs an answer, Shakespeare notwithstanding.

It seems only fair that one's birthright should be gotten wrong. And not that home-testing can't be trusted. Just the opposite. Nevertheless, some things, like circumcisions, though they can be performed at home (see "Shaky the mohel" from a long ago Seinfeld episode).

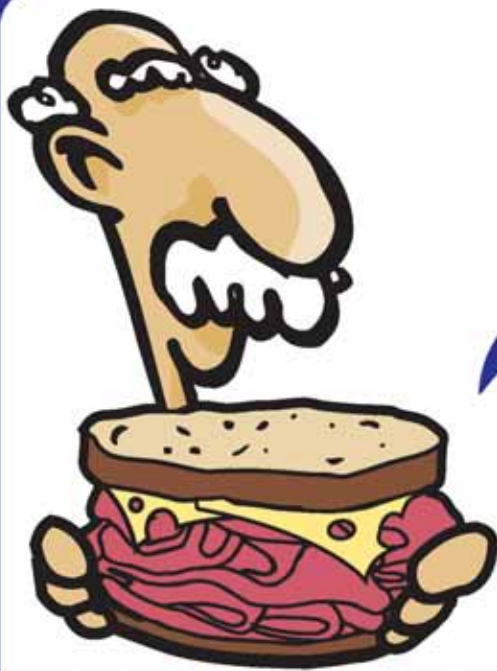
I would have thought, a DNA Paternity test, given the need/want of a resolution/clarification which could possibly impact multiple individuals/families over generations, be similarly performed in the most careful of conditions. This kind of test has no margin for error – or humor.

"Bought the kit in the discount rack at my local supermarket." Is that the answer you want to give when all eyes are on you? And saying how much you saved over regular price is unlikely to endear you to any and all of the interested parties on hand.

After all, money really isn't the issue.

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