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Visitors Day at the Sanctuary

Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary is a 400 acre non-profit refuge in Poolesville, for farm animals and wildlife. The Sanctuary relies entirely on public donations for support. The mission is to offer care, rehabilitation, and permanent sanctuary for neglected, abused or abandoned farm animals, as well as providing a protected habitat for wildlife. The organization promotes compassion and the humane treatment of all animals by educating the public on farm animal and wildlife issues at open houses and other events. These photos were taken at an open house on Saturday, Oct. 5.

<http://www.animalsanctuary.org/>

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Vicky Markovitz holds Janie the chicken,



Irwin the pig with Chriss Yode, and Stephanie Stevens and Mark Looch.



Turkeys at Poplar Spring can look forward to Thanksgiving FOR turkeys, without fear.



Another kind of pig enjoys the mud.



Domestic geese running



Earl the rooster sports some fancy leggings.



The big picture.

NEWS



Children spread out over the Potomac Community Center fields enjoying inflatables and games.



Indoors, people listened to the Band Sol Crackers, among others.

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Potomac Community Turns Out for Rec Center Celebration

BY PEGGY MCEWAN

Several hundred people, young, old and in between, joined together Sunday to celebrate thirty years of community service by Potomac Community Recreation Center on Falls Road.

While demonstrations of center activities took place inside, the back field was set up with special activities including booths, game and inflatables.

There was even a chance to learn Pickle Ball.

“A huge Congrats to all Friends of Potomac Community Center for partnering with us for an extremely successful 30th Anniversary Celebration, said Peter J. Selikowitz, Center Director, in an email to many people. “Accolades are streaming in.

“Thanks for contributing in a large way to making the Potomac Community Center a staple for health and wellness for our community.”

Special thanks went to Pam Yerg, Allen Cohen, Penny Heltzer, Adam Horowitz, Alex, Harold Heltzer, Alex Detitta, Luke Sumberg, Alex Detitta, Tony Hsia, PCC staff member Amy Kertesz, among others.



Louise, 3, and Michelle Djineu, 6, pose at the soccer kick booth.



Griffin Rosenthal, 12, slides down an inflatable at the celebration Sunday.



Ryan Tsai and Freddy Meng with Tompkins Karate Associates.



Members of the A Sharp Jazz Combo perform at PCC Sunday. All the group's members are students at Winston Churchill High School.



Members of the Martial Arts Health Dance Society of Greater Washington demonstrate one of their dances at PCRC Sunday. The group meets from 2:30 - 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the center.



Sophia Newfeld pushing the Big Ball at Potomac Community Center's 30th anniversary celebration.



More than \$800K Damage in Carderock House Fire

More than 80 firefighters responded to an early morning house fire on Persimmon Tree Lane in the Carderock Springs area. The fire was caused by an unattended pot on the stove, said Pete Piringer of Montgomery County Fire and Rescue. The sole occupant discovered smoke and could not access the phone in the kitchen, but went to neighbors to call 911. The resident likely left the door open, Piringer said. There was no working smoke alarm, and hoarder conditions complicated firefighting

efforts, Piringer said.. Firefighters will return to the neighborhood in coming days to talk to neighbors and test smoke detectors. Check yours.

Via Twitter:

Pete Piringer @mcfrsPIO
Update (~245a) 7601 Persimmon Tree Lane, Potomac; Cause, unattended pot on stove; Area of Origin, Kitchen; note: sole occupant discovered smoke & could not access phone (in kitchen) went to neighbors to call 911 (likely left door open); Total Damage

>\$800K; no working smoke alarm

Pete Piringer @mcfrsPIO
Traffic Advisory - Persimmon Tree Lane BLOCKED btwn Persimmon Tree Rd (IAO Carderock Springs ES) & Persimmon Tree Rd (near Congressional CC), or btwn Lily Stone Dr & Comanche Ct, fire department activity, police directing

Pete Piringer @mcfrsPIO
Update - 1 FF injury (medical) 7600blk Persimmon Tree La, Potomac; NO smoke

alarm; Cause, unattended cooking; Damage, >\$800K; occupant got out ok; heavy fire load, hoarding conditions; ~85 @mcfrs FFs responded

Pete Piringer @mcfrsPIO
Carderock Springs @MontgomeryCoMD @mcfrs is involved in more than putting out fires & taking people to the hospital. Area FFs are engaged w/ Safety in Our Neighborhood program: buff.ly/2ublamW 'After-the-Fire' Safety Surge Checking Smoke Alarms - Put a Finger on It!

Next FY21 Operating Budget Forum in Bethesda

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich is holding five budget forums to seek input from residents about Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Operating Budget priorities.

The next forum will be Monday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center. This is the closest forum to Potomac.

"When I first took office in December 2018, the budget process for Fiscal Year 2019 was well underway," said Elrich. "However, I have pledged that my administration would be looking at government and the priorities of our residents in new ways. This all starts with the budget and the best way residents can have impact on the budget is to let us know what is important to them. I invite them to come to our budget forums and let us hear their thoughts."

FY21 Operating Budget forums are scheduled as follows:

- ❖ Monday, Oct. 21 – 7 p.m. – Bethesda-

Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Ln, Bethesda.

- ❖ Wednesday, Oct. 30 – 7 p.m. – Silver Spring Civic Building, in the Buffalo Soldiers Great Hall, 1 Veterans Pl, Silver Spring.

- ❖ Thursday, Nov. 7 – 7 p.m. – BlackRock Center for the Arts, at 12901 Town Commons Drive in Germantown.

- ❖ Wednesday, Nov. 13 – 7 p.m. – Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring.

The County Council approves the operating budget at the end of May.

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, call 240-777-6507, Maryland Relay 711 or email a request to Karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Join Montgomery County's conversation about the FY21 Operating Budget on social

media and help raise awareness by using #MoCoBudget21.

See the budget forum briefing presentation. https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OPI/Resources/Files/2019/FY21_OperatingBudgetForumBriefing.pdf

Donations of Bicycles Sought for Community Service Month

On Friday, Oct. 18, the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) will sponsor its annual bike collection during this year's Community Service Month celebration, making sure that a youngster in need will benefit from those donations. Bicycles and bicycle parts can be brought from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. to the outside area adjacent to the Montgomery County Council Office Building parking

garage at the corner of East Jefferson and Monroe Streets in Rockville.

The donated bikes and parts will go to the Rockville Bike Hub, a nonprofit organization whose volunteers refurbish the bikes and then give them to low-income residents in the county. The bicycles are distributed through Rockville's Terrific Kids program and to other charitable organizations that need bikes to distribute during the holidays.

Bikes for the World is partnering with Rockville Bike Hub to accept donations of bikes that are beyond Rockville Bike Hub's ability to repair. Residents also can support the program with checks to the Rockville Bike Hub program. All donated funds will be used to purchase parts to repair the bikes.

Last year, 100 child and adult bikes were collected. Information about MCDOT's Community Service Day is available online at https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgpportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=23512

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POTOMAC DAY, SATURDAY



People line up to see the Potomac Day Parade. Potomac Day is Saturday, Oct. 12.

Annual Celebration Of Potomac Oct. 12

Some of community's best to be honored on Potomac Day

BY PEGGY McEWAN
POTOMAC ALMANAC

A traditional feature of Potomac Day is honoring people and businesses who have contributed in a special way to the Potomac community.

This year is no exception and those selected are exceptional.

First there is the **Grand Marshall of the Potomac Day Parade**. Long time Potomac resident **Ellen Cromwell** founder of Georgetown Hill Early School has that honor.

Nominated by Kristen Raymond, a member of Georgetown Hill Early School staff, Cromwell, she wrote, started her school in 1980 "with the mission of providing the best early childhood programs possible for families in Maryland. ... Ellen set out as a pioneer in her field to create the then-new concept of a full day preschool with quality programming. Ellen taught and directed preschool programs where children thrived in play-based, age appropriate, and nurturing environment. Ellen's vision for creating exceptional preschools lives on today with the opening of [Georgetown Hill's] newest school right here in the heart of Potomac Village. Her commitment to creating an exemplary early childhood program now results in 11 campuses, over 300 teachers and over 1,400 students. Ellen is now retired and has just completed writing her 4th children's book. Ellen Cromwell, your legacy has touched the lives of so many of us."



Jill Phillips of Squeals on Wheels with one of her adorable and rare beasts.

Cromwell retired about seven years ago at the age of 78, her son Peter, CEO of Georgetown Hill, said. "She still misses it every day," he said.


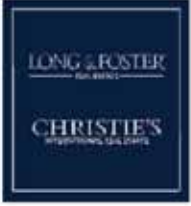
Selected as **Businessperson of the Year for 2019 is Sue-Anne Slonin**, manager of Falls Road Veterinary Hospital.

In her nominating letter, Jill Phillips of Potomac Community Village wrote: "I have observed Sue-Anne in her position as manager and she is consistently kind, helpful and professional. [She] is the person behind the scenes, making sure everything is running smoothly and at the highest level of quality."

Phillips also pointed out all Slonin does for the
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POTOMAC DAY, SATURDAY

Annual Celebration of Potomac Oct. 12

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Potomac community when not working exclusively with “2-legged and 4-legged clients.”

“Sue-Anne reaches out to other businesses at the annual Potomac Day Parade where a booth with helpful veterinary care information is on display. [She] reaches out to the residents of Potomac by delivering the Chamber of Commerce’s Welcome Baskets to new residents and with speaking with new residents about both the Chamber of Commerce and Falls Road Veterinary Clinic. Sue-Anne and her family have raised five dogs for Guiding Eyes for the blind and she assists members of Potomac Community Village as a volunteer driver, Phillips wrote.

Next, nominated as **Person of the Year**, are several persons: the **Potomac Chapter of Friends of the Library.**

Ginny Barnes nominated this group whose current president is Edie Wyngate. “This organization serves the community in so many invaluable ways,” Barnes wrote. “In addition to promoting the many Potomac Library activities and offerings...they keep books alive and circulating through the community via their monthly [used] book sales.”

Potomac Friends of the Library works year-round to provide special programs at the library. For October, among other activities, they are promoting an Author Visit Oct. 15 with Jamie Khuhns, a Montgomery Parks historian speaking on the life of Josiah Henson, who lived enslaved in Montgomery County and escaped to freedom. A children’s program called Beowulf T. Wonderbunny’s Not-Too-Scary Halloween Spooktacular will be on Oct. 17, On Oct. 21, there will be a class for those interested in learning to knit.

Multiply those activities by 12 months and it is evident that the Friends of the Library adds much to the Potomac literary community. “Last fall, Barnes wrote, the Friends brought Paddington Bear to the Potomac Day in celebration of his 60th birthday. ... Again this year FOL will introduce another storybook character to Celebrate Potomac Day Oct. 12.”

The fourth honoree at Potomac Day is **Youth of the Year**. This year Bullis School senior Caleb Robinson represents the best of the area’s young people.

Caleb, 17, is a senior and co-president, with Hannah Baltimore, of the school’s student body. He is



It’s always fun to spend time at the car show at Potomac Day. Potomac Day is Saturday, Oct. 12.



So many ways to have fun on Potomac Day. Don’t miss it. Saturday, Oct. 12.

More Details For Potomac Day Saturday, Oct. 12

Potomac Day; Saturday, Oct. 12.

The parade, long in participants traveling a short distance, begins at 10:30 a.m. (line up by 10) on Chapel Drive and River Road and travels along River Road to Falls Road.

More than 6,000 people turn out for Potomac Day on average.

Remember, Potomac Day goes on rain or shine.

Vendors can set up at 8:15, Car show starts at 9:30, Children’s festival starts at 10, Roads close at 10 a.m. The parade is at 10:30 The festival continues until 3pm

The car show/event sponsor this year is Criswell Auto.

There will be around 90 vendors for the business fair.

There are a bunch of exciting new rides for kids.

There will be demonstrations from Kicks Karate, Millennial Youth, East West Tae Kwon Do and Positive Impact.

We will have Churchill Poms & Cheer in the parade.

And Chrissellene Petropoulos with Vocal Mastery leading the parade off with the National Anthem.

Potomac Day is early this year! Saturday, Oct. 12. Here, the mounted police lead off the parade a few years back.



The view down River Road into Potomac Village on a previous Potomac Day. Potomac Day is Saturday, Oct. 12.



PHOTO BY ANDREA RAZAK

also a member of the Bullis football team and exemplary student, according to Lynn Kittel, Director of College Counseling at Bullis.

“Seeing this confident young man lead the Bullis School as Student Body Co-President, I am thrilled to say he has embraced his gifts, understands the influence he can have on others and eagerly works to make our community more caring and inclusive.”

Among Caleb’s activities at Bullis, Kittel lists: “Bullis School Ambassador (leading campus tours), Editor of LOGOS (Bullis Literary Magazine), Bullis Debate Club, and Bullis Coexist Club (an organization developed to increase appreciation of diverse cultures).”

Caleb also has a talent for spoken word poetry.

“It’s a hobby,” he said. “I really enjoy poetry; I love writing in gen-

eral. I love being able to craft something – the ability to say what I want to say.”

The main topics for his poetry, he said are how he views the world: growing up as a black man and discovering his passions.

He is excited to be a part of Potomac Day.

“I felt really honored,” he said. “It sounds like a great opportunity to be recognized. It will be cool.”

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Alexandria based designer Quintece Hill-Mattauszek designed this “Boys Club” space using vintage finds.

Local Designers Create Dream Home for Charity

Proceeds will help preserve historic sites such as an Underground Railroad stop and one of the first public schools for African Americans.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

A few of the area’s top interior designers were tapped to transform a grand home into a showcase house to raise money for charity. Designers Quintece Hill-Mattauszek of Studio Q Designs, Rhonald Angelo of Rhonald Angelo Interiors and Sheryl McLean of McLean and Tircuit Designs will unleash their collective creative talent to create a library, a teenage girl’s bedroom and a lounge space for a family of six.

“I envision this to be a sophisticated ... entertaining space, but not necessarily a man-cave,” said Alexandria-based Hill-Mattauszek, who used vintage finds to bring-to life ‘The Boys’ Club,’ the space she was tasked with transforming. “I envision poker nights [and] Oscar parties.”

“I designed the library for how a family of six will actually function within it,” said Angelo. “New walnut flooring and paint changed the look. The room felt unbalanced beforehand, which I corrected in the final design.”

Sheryl McLean of Bethesda, Md. added bold artwork and vibrant colors to the home’s sitting room.

Interior design aficionados who are up for a short road trip can see the creations of the three local designers and others during the Historic Ellicott City, Inc.’s 33rd Annual Decorator Show House. Proceeds go toward preserving historic sites including a stop along the Underground Railroad and one of the first public schools for African Americans.

Twenty-one designers decorated 24 rooms and spaces in the stately French Provincial private home that is the future home to a couple with four young children.

The house will be open to visitors through Oct.



Bethesda-based designer Sheryl McLean, of McLean and Tircuit Designs, created this sitting room.

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Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

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. Tickets Sept. 14-Oct. 20, \$12-\$27. Group and multi-day discounts available. Children under 7, free. Visit www.marylandrenaissancefestival.com for more.

THURSDAY/OCT. 10

Family Storytime. 10:30 a.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. These 25-30 minute programs are designed to delight children of all ages. Filled with diverse stories and activities that promote and develop language skills and imagination. These programs encourage children to develop a lifelong love of reading and learning and introduce them to the culture of reading. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

Stay and Play. 11 a.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. An open play program at the Potomac Library. They provide the toys and music-you bring the smiles! This program is for children aged 0 - 6 years old along with their families. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

Conservation Landscapes and Rain Gardens Workshop. 4-7 p.m. at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. The Montgomery County RainScapes team will offer this popular workshop on how to have a landscape that not only absorbs stormwater but also uses native plants and is beautiful. Register at apm.activecommunities.com/montgomerycounty/Activity_Search/conservation-landscapes-and-rain-gardens/66594

Yardbirds Band. 8 p.m. At the Robert E. Parilla PAC, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville, MD. The Yardbirds is the band that spearheaded the British Blues Boom of the 1960s, the band that brought the world Eric Clapton in 1963, Jeff Beck in 1965 and Jimmy Page in 1966 (who played in the band *with* Beck for four months), the band that continues to inspire artists worldwide. Visit cms.montgomerycollege.edu.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 11-13

Halloween Eye Spy Trains. Friday, 4-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Bring the kids to ride Halloween Eye Spy Trains and search for all the characters hidden along the tracks. Great for families of all ages, Montgomery Parks' Cabin John Miniature Train will take a ride through "Trainslyvania." Visit ow.ly/Ktjy50vSaTz for tickets.

SATURDAY/OCT. 12

Potomac Day is early this year. Potomac Village, parade, children's festival, business fair, car show, food, more. See pages 5-7

Kensington Parkrun. 9-10:15 a.m. at Rock Creek Trail at Beach Drive and Cedar Lane. Kensington parkrun is a free, weekly, timed 5K run/walk on Rock Creek Trail and is part of the larger parkrun global community of more than 1300 events intended to build healthy and well-connected communities. All ages and abilities welcome. Register before first time. Visit parkrun.us/kensington or email kensingtonoffice@parkrun.com with questions.

Potomac Conversation Club. 11 a.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Practice English conversation in a friendly and relaxed setting. New members are always welcome. No registration. Join in at any time. For more information, call 240-777-0690.

SUNDAY/OCT. 13

Autumn Rocks Event. 10 a.m. At Historic Great Falls Tavern, 11710 Macarthur Blvd., Potomac. Join the Park for blacksmith operations, dulcimer music, guest speakers, ranger-guided walks and more. Call 301-767-3714.

An Evening with James Keelaghan. 7 p.m. At



Ride the Cabin John Train

The miniature trains are replicas of the 1863 C.P. Huntington, a 4-2-4T steam locomotive purchased by the Southern Pacific Railroad and named in honor of Collis P. Huntington, President of the Southern Pacific Company. June - August, OPEN Saturdays & Sundays 10am-6pm, OPEN Daily (Tues-Fri) 10am-5pm, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Cabin John Train. An activity great for families, each child under 2 rides free with a paying adult (\$4). Tickets can be purchased online at ActiveMONTGOMERY.org or on site the day of. Visit ow.ly/geOC30oa52p for more.

Island Pride Oasis Restaurant, 617 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg. Fusing his insatiable appetite for finding the next unique story line, Keelaghan also forges his pieces with brilliantly defined craftsmanship and a monogrammed artistic vision, making him one of the most distinctive and readily identifiable voices of not only the Canadian scene, but as a member of the international singer-songwriter community. Tickets are \$18 in advance at <https://www.focusmusic.org/event-3479058> and for members, \$20 at the door. Contact Jay Keating at jay@know1else.com or 301-221-9000.

MONDAY/OCT. 14

Flower Buds Class. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. At Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Cost: \$7 per child (adult free); registration required. Meeting the second Monday of every month, this series will feature gardening activities, stories, crafts and garden walks for children ages 3-5 with a parent. Siblings are welcome, but the crafts are designed for older kids. Adults must accompany children. Visit www.montgomeryparks.org.

TUESDAY/OCT. 15

Read to a Dog. 4:30 p.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. School-age children, especially beginners learning to read and those who want to improve their confidence in reading skills, are invited to practice reading aloud in short (10-15 minute) semi-private sessions with a certified therapy dog. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

Author Visit: Jamie Kuhns. 7 p.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Montgomery Parks' historian Jamie Kuhns will visit the branch to discuss her new book *Sharp Flashes of Lightning Come from Black Clouds*. This is a new biography of Josiah Henson - once enslaved in this county and the inspiration for the classic Uncle Tom's Cabin. This program is being brought to you by the Friends of the Library-Potomac Chapter. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 16

Potomac Adult Book Discussion. 1 p.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Adult book discussion. 2019 One Maryland One Book selection: *America for Beginners* by Leah Franqui. Ask for the book at the Circulation Desk. No registration needed. New members welcome. Registration required: No. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

Makerspace. 4 p.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Why not make the picture frame as unique as the photo it's holding? Come to the Potomac Library and unleash your creative side and customize your own picture frame. All supplies will be provided

on a first-come, first-served basis. Children under the age of 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required: No. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

THURSDAY/OCT. 17

Diabetes, Dementia, Heart Disease and Cancer. 8:30-10:30 a.m. At Charles E. Smith Life Communities, 6121 Montrose Road, Rockville. As a follow-up to the Sara and Samuel J. Lessans Healthcare Symposium, this event focuses on the commonalities and complexities of treating diabetes, dementia, heart disease and cancer in an older population. Speakers include: Edward Healy, M.D., MBA, Chair of Cardiology, Suburban Hospital; Linda Dunbar, Vice President of Care Management and Population Health; Johns Hopkins Healthcare; and Monica Talcott, Social Worker and Clinical Liaison, Season's Hospice.

Beowulf T. Wonderbunny's Halloween Spooktacular. 10:30 a.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. For preschool and kindergarten age. After helping magician Tom Lilly pick out a Halloween balloon hat, Storytime ghouls and boils pitch in to help with the magic before getting Beowulf T. Wonderbunny's new haunted house ready in time for a special treat. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

S'mores Night. 5-7 p.m. At Elm Street Park, 4600 Elm Street, Bethesda. Make a delicious treat and cozy up for a festive evening outdoors with friends, complete with live music, board games and food and drinks sold by Bethesda restaurants. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 18-20

Halloween Eye Spy Trains. Friday, 4-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Bring the kids to ride Halloween Eye Spy Trains and search for all the characters hidden along the tracks. Great for families of all ages, Montgomery Parks' Cabin John Miniature Train will take a ride through "Trainslyvania." Visit ow.ly/Ktjy50vSaTz for tickets.

SATURDAY/OCT. 19

Truck Touch. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Suburban Nursery School, 7210 Hidden Creek Road, Bethesda. Kids of all ages can pretend to drive a school bus, explore construction rigs, delight at the sounds of the fire truck, and hop aboard many more vehicles. Along with the cool rides, guests can enjoy homemade baked goods, lunch from favorite local food trucks and shop a used toy and book sale. Cost is \$5/person; kids under 2 are free. Visit the website: <https://suburban-nursery-school.ticketleap.com/truck-touch-2019/>

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Rockville's Antique and Classic Car Show. 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. At Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. The free show - one of the oldest and the largest in the mid-Atlantic region - will feature more than 500 vehicles, a car-related flea market, a car sales area, live music by Sons of Pirates and a moon bounce. Croydon Creek Nature Center will be open to visitors. The show is the premier non-judged motor vehicle show in the region, offering the chance to share memories of classic cars of yesteryear. The theme of this year's show is "The 9s," featuring models from the last year of each decade from 1889-2019. Parking will be available at Rockville Civic Center Park, with overflow parking at Rockville High School, 2100 Baltimore Road. A courtesy shuttle will run between the school and the show from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For inclement weather updates, call 240-314-5022. Car owners can register their vehicle until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16. After that, owners must register on the day of the event. To show or sell a car at the show, host a flea market booth, or learn more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/carshow, call 240-314-8620 or email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov.

The Lustre Quartet. 5 p.m. At Faith United Methodist Church, 6810 Montose Road, Rockville. Lustre, otherwise known as "The Queens of Harmony," are rock stars in the field of a cappella singing. The concert is presented by Chapter O, MD of P.E.O., Philanthropic Educational Organization. P.E.O. is a nonprofit organization founded in 1869, and is dedicated to improving the lives of women through education. Tickets are \$20. To reserve tickets, email: PEOChapterOMD@gmail.com.

MONDAY/OCT. 21

Learn Basic Knitting. 4:30 p.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Knitting is a great way to relax and spend your time. Bring your own needlecrafts or use our limited supplies. For ages 8 and up. All skill levels welcome! Meets once a month (except December) No registration required. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library-Potomac Chapter. No registration required.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 23

Make a Cartesian Diver. 4:30 p.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. It's STEM Festival time! Join us at the Potomac Library to learn scientific concepts while making your own Cartesian Diver take home. No registration required.

Caring About Climate Change. 6:30-9 p.m. At Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Four short films on climate change and youth leadership will conclude the series. Caring About Climate Change was produced by Montgomery County students as part of a Gandhi Brigade Youth Media summer program. Green Ambassadors and Save Tomorrow are from Young Voices for the Planet, and Waterways: Ellicott City was produced by students from Lansdowne High School near Baltimore with partner organizations. Visit www.montgomeryparks.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 25-27

Halloween Eye Spy Trains. Friday, 4-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Bring the kids to ride Halloween Eye Spy Trains and search for all the characters hidden along the tracks. Great for families of all ages, Montgomery Parks' Cabin John Miniature Train will take a ride through "Trainslyvania." Visit ow.ly/Ktjy50vSaTz for tickets.

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

Artist Tom Greaves. 2 p.m. Artist talk at Galleries at BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown. Free. Featuring his "Middlemost Draft." In a series of assemblages depicting the middle of an unfinished short story, Greaves challenges the viewer to question what is real and what is fake as we consider how our unintentional and perhaps unknown biases shape what we believe to be the truth. Visit www.tomgreavesart.com

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SUNDAY/OCT. 27

Normandie Jazz Jam. 2:30-5:30 p.m. at Normandie Farms Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac. The seven-piece Conservatory Classic Jazz Band opens with various music styles, New Orleans, Chicago, New York and more. Surprises occur when jammers join in to share their musical talents. Food and drinks enhance the experience. Free for youth and jammers; \$10 for others. Email labeaver1@verizon.net or call 240-447-2054.

Through the Looking Glass. 5 p.m. At Bradley Hills Church, 6601 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda. Join The Thirteen for an exploration of some of the most beloved English-language composers. Featuring Tallis' symphonic-in-scope Gaude gloriosa Dei mater, Britten's touching and powerful Hymn to St. Cecilia, Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Caroline Shaw's Fly Away I, selected repertoire from the distinctly-American Sacred Harp repertoire, and more, this concert promises to be a display of virtuosity and artistry. Tickets for The Thirteen may be purchased by visiting [this link](http://www.thethirteenchoir.org).

SUNDAY/NOV. 3

Symphony of the Potomac. 3 p.m. At Cultural Arts Center, Montgomery College, 7995 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. The Russians opens the season and features Mikhail Glinka's Overture to Ruslan and Lyudmila, the Cello Concerto No. 1 of Dmitri Shostakovich, and Vasily Kalinnikov's Symphony No. 1. Steven Honigberg will be the soloist in the Shostakovich concerto. Discounted season tickets, \$55 for adults and \$15 for students and youth 18 and under, are available on the orchestra's website, symphonypotomac.org/tickets.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Happy Birthday Buddy Holly. 7:30 p.m. At The Music Center at Strathmore. Tickets are \$45-\$65. Concert honors Buddy Holly, who was born on September 7, 1936, in Lubbock, Texas, and produced some of the most distinctive and influential work in rock music. Visit www.strathmore.org or call 301-581-5100. For a full itinerary, visit: www.royandbuddy.com.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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.

DANCING

Weekly International Folkdancing. Thursdays, 7:30-11 p.m. at Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Drive, Bethesda. Circle and line dances from Eastern Europe. Lesson at 7:30, followed by requests. Glen Echo Folkdancers welcome beginners of all ages; no partner needed. Wear comfortable shoes. \$7. Call 301-466-3018 or visit www.dancingplanetproductions.com.

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. \$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. capitalblues.org

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. Admission \$16-\$18, age 17 and under \$12. Visit www.glenechopark.org.

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. www.glenechopark.org, 301-634-2222.

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. www.glenechopark.org, 301-634-2222.

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

MORE ONGOING

Pups on the Patio. 4-7 p.m. every Thursday through Sept. 26 at Silver, 7150 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda. Pups on the Patio provides happy hours with menu specials, bar specials including craft cocktails, "pup" associated drinks and pet-friendly giveaways and surprises. Guests can enjoy drinks, appetizers and dinner with their pets outside on Silver's patio. Visit www.eatatsilver.com for more.

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

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.

Drop in Art Activities. Every Saturday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Candy Corner Studio at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., parents and children can explore a new art form or theme. \$10/child, parent combo. Drop-in only. www.pgip.org.

Mommy & Me (& Daddy, Too). Third Tuesday each month. 10 a.m. at Rockville Town Square. Meet for a morning out with active learning and creative play with lunch specials, story time, arts and crafts, sing-a-longs, prizes and more. rockvilletownsquare.com/events/mommy-and-me.

Chocolate Factory Tours. Fridays and Saturdays, 2-5:45 p.m. at SPAGNVOLA Chocolatier, 360 Main St., Gaithersburg. Take a short tour of The Truffle Factory facilities. Free. www.spagnvola.com.

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. Sculpture, vessels, functional art and jewelry for sale. Classes are taught year-round for beginner, intermediate and advanced students. Visit www.artglasscenteratglencopark.org for more.

Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery. 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. www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

Potomac Games Group. Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. at Potomac Community Recreation Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. The world is in the midst of a Golden Age of new board and card games for players of all ages. Free. Contact event host Randy Hoffman at 412-983-5411 or wrandyhoffman@gmail.com.

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Apparently, Not a Stable Genius



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Let me get this out of my system because until I do, I won't be able to write about anything else. Not to worry. This is not a cancer column. I am fine until they tell me otherwise which occurs every eight weeks after my bi-monthly CT scan tells the tale of the tape.

No, this column is about my lack of understanding and business acumen which twice has led me down the garden path only to be asked to leave before I got to smell any of the pretty flowers. Once (twice, actually) had to do with attempts at refinancing this old house (carbon dated to approximately 1750, according to a plaque the previous owner hung to the right of the front door), and most recently (also twice) to do with reverse-mortgage financing this same now older house.

With respect to the attempts at refinancing, I will make this short and not particularly sweet. Without getting into the lead paint, bathrooms, roof, door and window issues, it always perplexed me that if I could afford to pay \$1800 per month at 6.75% interest, I could probably afford to pay \$1400 per month at 3.75% interest. However, and this is where my lack of common banking sense manifests itself; my presumptive inability to pay \$400 less per month was problematic for the lenders to be. And an over 800 credit rating did nothing to dissuade the lender's notion that whatever financial wherewithal I had exhibited over the previous 30-plus years was irrelevant borrowing forward.

As concerns the current issue: the reverse mortgage. To say my financial life depends on its approval might be a bit of an exaggeration, but not if you're in my shoes, even occasionally. I can understand the need for the installation of safety rails on the left and right side of the staircase going down to the basement. And grudgingly, I can understand the need for the structural integrity fix relating to the five wooden pillars sitting atop the cracked concrete slab which floors our front porch and apparently prevents the house from falling forward. But I can't understand why the old stable matters so much to the appraiser/underwriter.

It is not used or functional in any way other than as a repository for junk and as a landing spot/vantage point for the Turkey Vultures who nest there. This building is approximately 50 yards from our house and 10 to 15 yards from our neighbor's house. If it fell, like our barn did years ago, it would land on part of our two acres. Given its age, likely over 100 years, it was not, nor has it ever been covered by our home owner's insurance. "Too old," they said. The structural engineer who submitted the report about our house did a walk-around the stable with me and made note of its peculiar structural fixes which included cinder blocks and some rocks. However, in response to my "What do I do?" question; his answer: "We don't certify the structural integrity of 100 year-old buildings." Now I'm being told by my reverse-mortgage banker that I have to fix/secure the foundation of the stable or else the deal is likely dead. Dead over an out-building that nobody uses and was likely built before two century's turned?

The whole point of this application was to spend nothing and get something. It was not to spend something and get nothing. This stable, either structurally sound or not provides me nothing as a living benefit. We're not moving into it. Nor are we selling the property. We're here for the duration. The stable, if it matters at all, will matter to whomever sifts through our financial remains, and since we have no children, those 'remains' are not really our concern. Yet according to the most recent email I received, either I make it my concern or stew in my own juices and slowly wither away.

When I began this process, I had hoped there would be an end in sight. I didn't realize it would be my own.

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