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Marc Elrich, Montgomery County Executive, speaks at the Veterans Day program at the American Jewish Veterans Memorial on the grounds of the Bender Jewish Community Center in Rockville.



Rabbi Moshe Kavka gives the invocation at the Veterans Day program at the Bender Jewish Community Center on Sunday, Nov. 10.

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Honoring Veterans at the American Jewish Veterans Memorial

In November, 2016 the Bender Jewish Community Center honored veterans — past and present — and re-dedicated the American Jewish Veterans Memorial. County Executive Marc Elrich and others spoke this year at the Veterans Program on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019.

Local Charities Need Your Help to Help Others

BY PEGGY McEWAN
POTOMAC ALMANAC

There are many ways to share with those in need in Montgomery County, a need for every good thought. Below is a list of a few local nonprofit organizations with wish lists to be filled for the holidays.

Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless announced last week that the organization's "Holiday Gift Drive is LIVE!"

"You can spread holiday cheer this season by donating a gift to someone who is experiencing or has experienced homelessness. Check out our gift wish list and sign up to give a gift to a child, veteran, or adult." Visit [bit.ly](http://bit.ly/MCCHolidaygiving2019)

to learn how you can bring holiday cheer to the adults, children or veterans the Coalition serves by purchasing gifts clients have requested.

For more information contact Lynn Roseatrose@mcch.net or 301-217-0314 ext. 117 if you have any questions.

Manna Food Center, the main food bank in Montgomery County, strives to eliminate hunger through food distribution, education, and advocacy. Manna provides food to 32,000 individuals each year and helps distribute rescued food to soup kitchens, food pantries and emergency shelters county-wide. Nearly every social service organization in Montgomery County relies on Manna to provide food to their clients.

Food donations may be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at Manna's Warehouse, 9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg.

For more information call 301-424-1130 or visit info@mannafood.org

Interfaith Works staff members work with individuals and families in crisis to help equip them to lift themselves from poverty and homelessness through prevention, stabilization and empowerment programs, according to the group's website. To help out this holiday season, there is a list of Ongoing Needs from all Interfaith Works programs:

New travel-sized toiletries: shampoo, bar soaps, deodorant, Alcohol free mouthwash and hand sanitizer, also razors and sunscreen.

Paper products: paper towels, toilet paper, paper napkins and plates, Supplies: Liquid laundry detergent (high-efficiency/HE), toothpaste and toothbrushes, locks for lockers Home goods: bath towels, washcloths, new pillows, new or gently used twin and queen sheet sets, fleece blankets.

Children's NEW underwear, we hope to give 3,000 children new school supplies and new underwear so they start the new year off right (all sizes for students in grades K-12).

Women's NEW underwear, preferably cotton briefs, all sizes; insulated underwear in all sizes.

Men's NEW underwear, fitted crew socks, boxers or briefs, all sizes to 3X; insulated underwear in large sizes.

Cleaning supplies: Lysol wipes, bleach,

all-purpose sprays/solutions, Windex.

Food: Breakfast foods (cereal, oatmeal packets, breakfast bars, coffee, sugar, creamer, tea), peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce (please, no vodka or wine-based sauces), and canned vegetables and fruits.

Interfaith Works is located at 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville. For more information visit iworksmc.org or call 301-762-8682.

Potomac Community Resources, Inc. promotes the full inclusion into community life of teens and adults with developmental differences by providing over 35 therapeutic, recreational, social, educational, and respite care programs. Donations to PCR make a difference in the lives of individuals with developmental differences and their families. Eighty-six percent of every dollar that is donated goes directly to its programs, according to PCR website. For more information visit <http://pcr-inc.org/> or call 301-365-0561

Shepherd's Table, www.shepherdstable.org, 8210 Dixon Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301-585-6463.

Shepherd's Table is a nonprofit organization in downtown Silver Spring, supported by volunteers, religious organizations, government, businesses, foundations, and individual donors. Shepherd's Table provides help to people who are homeless or in need by providing basic services, including meals, social services, medical support, clothing, and other assistance.

Fisher House, www.fisherhouse.org,

12300 Twinbrook Pkwy, Suite 410, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-294-8560, info@fisherhouse.org

The Fisher House program supports members of the military and their families when they travel great distances for specialized medical care. Fisher House Foundation donates "comfort homes," including at Walter Reed in Bethesda, built on the grounds of major military and Veterans medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times.

Friends in Action, www.iworksmc.org/friends-in-action, 114 West Montgomery Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, 301-762-8682.

Friends In Action recruits and trains a network of people from all faiths and ethnic backgrounds. Volunteer mentoring teams are linked for one year in a supportive relationship to a needy family in their community. The goal of the program is to help the family identify their strengths and develop attainable and manageable goals that guide them toward financial independence and personal wellbeing.

Spirit Club, 10417-B Metropolitan Ave. Kensington, MD 20895, 03-883-4364, spirit-club.com

Spirit Club Foundation Inc. is a non-profit organization organized to ensure that people with disabilities and other health-related challenges have the opportunity to exercise and learn about fitness and nutrition in an integrated setting.

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BOOK TALK

'White Elephant:' Author to Speak at Potomac Library

BY PEGGY McEWAN
POTOMAC ALMANAC

Billed in the Autumn edition of the Potomac Friends of the Library newsletter as, "A satirical debut novel ... about a behemoth of a new house in a DC suburb like ours," *White Elephant* is the first book written by former Potomac resident Julie Langsdorf.

Langsdorf will speak about her book and her writing life at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive.

"I was born in New Rochelle, New York, but I moved to Kensington when I was two — so I've lived in the DC area for nearly my entire life. I went to Walter Johnson High School. I lived in Potomac for twenty years, between 1995 and 2015. My kids grew up here, and the Potomac Library was our library. It's great to come full circle by doing a reading here," Langsdorf said.

Langston said the story is not autobiographical — no fights or loves with neighbors — "but it was inspired by articles I read in *The [Washington] Post*. A local town was considering a moratorium to deal with a mansionization problem gone haywire. It was fascinating to me to read about neighbors suing each other and egging one another's houses—a real nightmare for the residents, but a dream come true for a novelist! I couldn't resist

creating my own community and imagining how things went so disastrously awry."

As for satire, Langsdorf said she doesn't necessarily agree that her book is a satire.

"I use humor as a lens to tell stories of real emotions, fear, longing, and loneliness," she said. "Some crazy things happen in the book—but crazy things

happen in real life, too."

Going beyond the story but considering some of the problems in her fictional neighborhood, "I would say the division comes from both taste and values.

Everything feels so divided these days, sadly. There's so much vilification of those we perceive as other. One of my hopes with the novel is to show how similar we



Julie Langsdorf

"I couldn't resist creating my own community and imagining how things went so disastrously awry."

all are — even those we see as very different. In the fictional town of Willard Park, as in real neighborhoods, the residents all want [what] they believe is best for their families. Those beliefs just vary."

Langsdorf has done readings before and said questions from her listeners vary, depending on the audience.

"Some people are curious about where the story came from and whether I'm writing about people I know; others really like hearing that I didn't get the novel — my first — published until I was over fifty. It gives them hope," she said.

If there is a white elephant in your neighborhood or if you want to hear about Julie Langsdorf's *White Elephant*, remember Saturday at 1 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive.

"*White Elephant*" is available on Amazon.com

Give Thanks to Your Favorite Educators

BY PEGGY McEWAN
POTOMAC ALMANAC

Nominations are open for several competitions to honor exceptional teachers and principals. What better way to thank great educators than public acclamation?

Here are the names of several award possibilities along with an explanation of each and deadlines:

The Marian Greenblatt Excellence in Education Master Teacher Award

Award: This award recognizes three full-time teachers in kindergarten through Grade 12 who have a demonstrated record of promoting student success, such as closing the achievement gap. One of the Master Teacher Award winners is chosen as the MCPS Teacher of the Year, goes on to represent the school district as a contender for the Maryland State Teacher of the Year award and could become the National Teacher of the Year. One award winner will be named for each level: elementary, middle and high school. Each will receive a \$2,000 monetary award. More information is available at greenblatteducationfund.org. **Deadline: Friday, Jan. 10, 2020**

The Marian Greenblatt Excellence in Education Rising Star Teacher Award

Award: This award recognizes a first-, second-, third- or fourth-year full-time teacher in kindergarten through Grade 12 who has a demonstrated record of promoting student success. The teacher contributes to a professional learning community of students, staff, parents and community. The winner will receive a \$1,000 monetary award. More information is available at greenblatteducationfund.org. **Deadline: Friday, Jan. 10, 2020**

The Washington Post Teacher of the Year Award

Award: This award recognizes a full-time teacher in prekindergarten through Grade 12 who instills in students a desire to learn and achieve. Each nominee must have a minimum of five years teaching experience, three of which must be in MCPS. This teacher also must understand the individual needs of students, encourage their talents and foster their self-esteem. He or she will demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the subject matter and possess the ability to share it effectively with students. The nominee fosters cooperative relationships with his/her colleagues and the commu-

nity and demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities. The winner will receive a trophy, a \$7,500 monetary award and a profile in *The Washington Post*. Information available at montgomeryschoolsmd.org/ Washington Post Teacher of the Year. **Deadline: Friday, Jan. 3, 2020**

The Washington Post Principal of the Year Award

Award: This award recognizes principals who go beyond the day-to-day demands of their position to create an exceptional educational environment. In presenting these awards, *The Washington Post* Company Educational Foundation hopes to encourage excellence in school leadership and contribute in a substantive way to the improvement of education in the Washington metropolitan area. Nominations may be submitted by teachers, students, former students, parents, administrators or the general public. The winner will receive a trophy, a \$7,500 monetary award and a profile in *The Washington Post*. Nominating information at montgomeryschoolsmd.org/ Principal of the Year. **Deadline: Friday, Jan. 3, 2020**

The Shirley J. Lowrie Thank You for Teaching Award

Award: This award

honors extraordinary elementary school teachers who have a deep dedication to the teaching profession. These elementary school teachers, prekindergarten through Grade 5, must work directly with students in the classroom on a daily basis, demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the subject matter, and effectively communicate that subject matter to students. The nominee should be a teacher who goes the extra mile to ensure that students receive the support they need to succeed. Further information available at montgomeryschoolsmd.org/ Shirley J. Lowrie Award. **Deadline: Friday, Jan. 3, 2020**

The Superintendent's Annual Mark Mann Excellence and Harmony Award

Award: Established in 1991, this award honors MCPS principals who excel in promoting academic excellence, positive human relations and community outreach. These qualities were exemplified by Mark Mann, a former principal of Parkland Junior High School, who died in 1988. Nominations made in previous years may be resubmitted. For criteria visit montgomeryschoolsmd.org/ Mark Mann Award. **Deadline: Friday, Jan. 3, 2020**

HOLIDAY GIVING

Local Charities Need Your Help

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ArtStream, www.art-stream.org, 8401 Connecticut Ave. Ste 1230, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, 301-565-4567

ArtStream performances feature adult actors with intellectual and developmental disabilities including autism and other social and behavioral needs. Actors, volunteer mentors and theatre professionals work as a team to create original performances for live audiences. Drama and life-skills classes, programs in military hospitals.

MCPAW (Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being) is the non-profit partner of the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center (MCASAC) working through MCASAC to keep homeless pets healthy and happy while awaiting adoption.

The group's goal is to reduce the number of ani-

mals that come to MCASAC; Pamper, protect and provide emergency veterinary care for animals inside MCASAC; Educate and engage the community in causes for animal welfare. <http://www.mcpaw.org/>

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Youth Town Hall. 7-8:30 p.m. At Wheaton High School, 12401 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring. The Montgomery County Council will host its second youth town hall to

learn more about the issues impacting young people in the County. The youth town hall and pre-meeting reception provides students with a chance to meet their local representatives and to ask questions and get information about the issues that matter to them. At the pre-meeting reception, Councilmembers will visit with students and their family members. In addition, Councilmember Craig Rice, who serves as chair of the Council's

Education and Culture Committee, will announce the winner of the Councilmember for a Day challenge. Call 240-777-7931.

THURSDAY/NOV. 14

Community Conversation. 7:30 p.m. At Bethesda Elementary School, 7600 Arlington Road, Bethesda. Councilmember Andrew Friedson, who serves as the Lead for Parks on the Council's Planning, Housing and

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HISTORY

Potomac Community Village To Host Talk on Rosenwald Schools

Learn about Julius Rosenwald and his legacy of funding schools for African American communities.

BY PEGGY McEWAN
POTOMAC ALMANAC

Potomac Community Village continues its tradition of special programs for members and the general public with a talk on Julius Rosenwald and his legacy of funding schools for African American communities.

Rosenwald, an executive with Sears, Roebuck, Inc. partnered with communities in 15 states to build 5,000 schools between 1912 and 1932 to educate African American students, mostly in the South.

"Of the more than 5,000 Rosenwald program buildings constructed, 156 of the schools and ancillary structures were built in Maryland – and 53 of those structures remain," according to preservationmaryland.org website.

Dorothy Canter, author and President of the Board of Directors of the Julius Rosenwald & Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park Campaign, and Stephanie Deutsch, wife of Julius Rosenwald's great-grandson, David, and author of *You Need a Schoolhouse: Booker T. Washington, Julius Rosenwald and the Building of Schools for the Segregated South*, will speak. The talk will be held from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road.

Canter will share information on the progress of the National Park planned to honor Rosenfeld's legacy. The hope is to have a visitor's center in Chicago and a number of restored schoolhouses selected by the National Park Service.

"Together with Stephanie Deutsch, wife of Julius Rosenwald's great-grandson, David, and author of *You Need a Schoolhouse: Booker T. Washington, Julius Rosenwald and the Building of Schools for the Segregated South*, I am delighted to promote to the members and guests of Potomac Community Village our campaign, and hope to enlist their support to recognize and honor this extraordinary American through the National Park System, an entity I have been associated with for over thirty years," Canter said. "I am privileged to highlight the significant role played by the over 5,300 schools Julius Rosenwald built and maintained that helped to educate one-third of the black students in the South and narrow the wide gap between black and white students of the time."

Potomac Community Village is a non-profit network of neighbors and friends geared to enabling older Potomac residents to age in place in their existing homes by creating social connections and providing volunteer services such as transportation, computer assistance and simple home repairs.

For more information, to volunteer or get volunteer help, contact 240-221-1370, info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org or check out www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org or www.Facebook.com/PotomacCommunityVillage.

The one-room Rosenwald School in Scotland is in Potomac. Julius Rosenwald funded some of the first schools for African American communities.

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Rockville - the one-story Rosenwald School building in front was the first high school for African Americans (1927); the two-story building behind it was the Rockville "colored" elementary school (two rooms, built 1921); the two buildings shared one bathroom. Julius Rosenwald funded some of the first schools for African American communities.

The Smithville Rosenwald School is restored as a community center, on Randolph Road just east of New Hampshire Avenue.



HOME LIFE STYLE

In this table design, Anne Walker used neutral linens which provided a rich, but subtle backdrop to Royal Copenhagen china.

PHOTO BY
ANNE WALKER



Setting a Thanksgiving Table

Local designers share ideas for creating a festive tablescape.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Whether celebrating with large gathering of family or hosting an intimate dinner with friends, Thanksgiving offers an opportunity to express gratitude, merriment and creativity. Though the day is noted for football games and parades, it's the turkey dinner that takes center stage. Setting an aesthetically appealing table on which to place the perfectly prepped bird adds to the quintessentially American meal.

From monogrammed linen napkins to centerpieces crafted with backyard foliage, area designers offer ideas for creating a backdrop for one of the most anticipated meals of the year.

"The key to setting a beautiful Thanksgiving table is to keep it simple," said Amanda Mertins of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria. "The big focus for Thanksgiving is, of course, the food."

Designer Anne M. Walker, Anne Walker Design in Potomac says that she's created tablescapes that range from ultra-formal to super-casual. "By far my favorite is the unassuming, simple style of Scandinavian table décor," she said. "I like to use linen place-mats, rather than a tablecloth, so you can see the beautiful wood of the table."

"I prefer table linens made by Ekelund, a family-owned Swedish company that has been producing fine linens since the 1600s," said Walker. "Their placemats and napkins have body and heft to them, and the natural flax color complements any style and color of table."

Patterned, colorful napkins can add just the right amount of interest to a table set with neutral china, suggests Mertins. "Bold napkin rings always add a nice punch," she said. "Place cards make it very easy for guests to find their seat and they add a note of importance to the meal."

Adding fresh greenery to a table setting is one of the easiest and most cost effective ways to elevate your dining table decor, said Pamela Harvey of



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Designer Pamela Harvey used china, colorful napkins and placemats to add color to this table setting.

Pamela Harvey in Oak Hill, Va. "Adding a simple stem of pine needles to a napkin ring at each setting," she said. "I always survey my own yard for clippings of magnolia or a great branch to add to the table."

"A runner of eucalyptus branches mixed with tangerines or pears and casual ribbon makes for a great fall look," continued Harvey. "Simple flower arrangements using all the same flower or color make an impact."

Forgo a centerpiece created by a florist, says Walker. "Why not cut a few branches from your own garden and create your own floral display?" asks Walker. "Many plants, including Nandina, produce beautiful red berries in the fall, which makes for a lovely, simple table decoration."

The holidays are a perfect time to uncover treasured china and other pieces stored away, said Harvey. "I love the nostalgia of using pieces that were handed down," she said. "Varying the dish patterns is also a fun way to display china, such as using your grandmother's china mixed with more casual or everyday place settings."

"Use your real silver and your best crystal – these things are meant to be enjoyed," added Walker. "Food and drink taste better when delivered from a glass that's been hand-blown and a silver fork."

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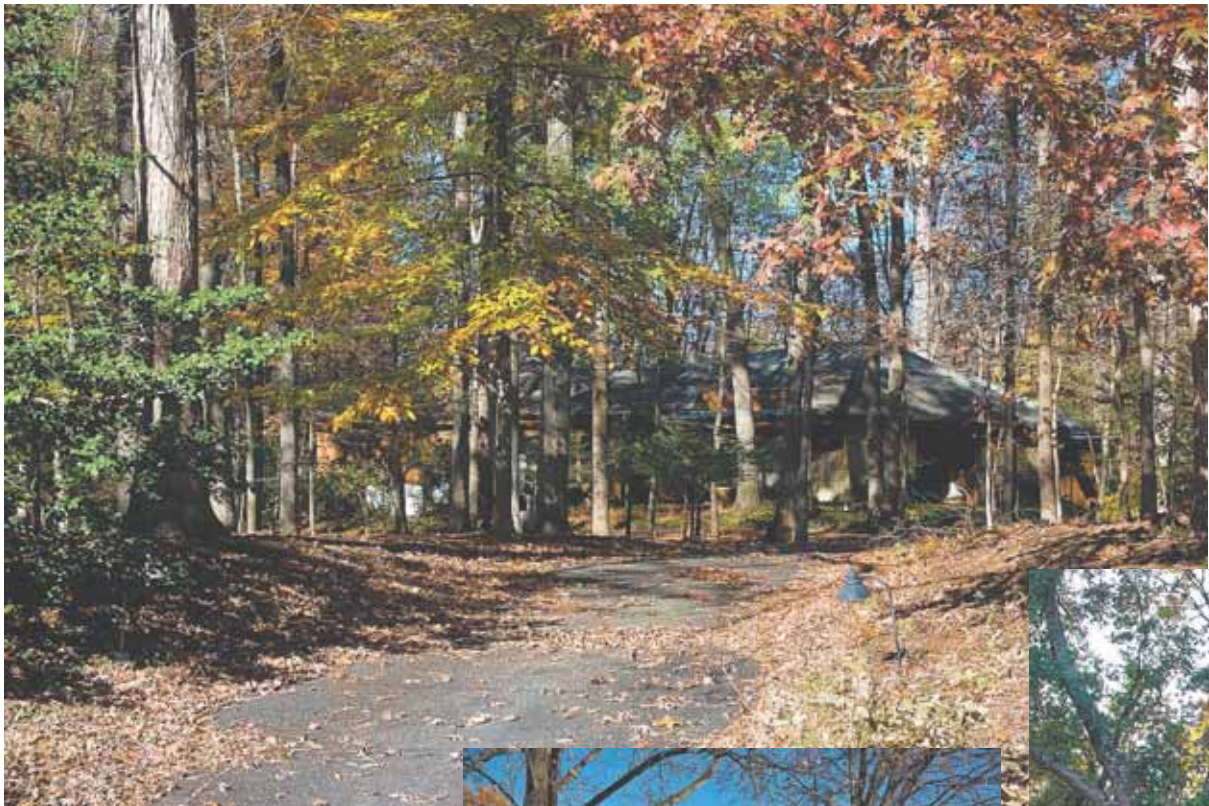
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Marcus Jones Is Sworn In as Police Chief

Marcus Jones, a 34-year veteran of the Montgomery County Police Department, was formally sworn in as the County's new police chief on Friday, Nov. 8, in ceremonies at Gaithersburg High School.

County Executive Marc Elrich, who nominated him as chief in October, was among those at the ceremonies.

The appointment of Chief Jones was unanimously confirmed by the County Council on Nov. 5.

"This is an important day for our new police chief, the Montgomery County Police Department and our County," said County Executive Elrich. "Chief Jones has lived in, and served, this County for more than 30 years. He is well respected and has my full support as well as that of County Council.

Over the last few months, he has demonstrated the capacity to lead this department and his strong community ties will be critical as we work to make a good department better.

"I am confident that under Chief Jones's leadership, we will improve the

department's relationship with all communities within the County and ensure that we remain one of the safest places to live and work in the region."

Recent controversy involving Montgomery County Police include community concerns over the shooting of an unarmed man, a brutality incident caught on video, a county council proposal for a civilian advisory council, anger over the ban of a "thin blue line" flag and other issues.

Jones was named as an assistant police chief in April 2018 after serving for four years as captain of the Third District station in Silver Spring.


He has served as interim police chief since earlier this year.

Chief Jones previously served as captain of the department's major crimes division, where he oversaw the homicide, robbery, cold case and fugitive sections.

In 2011, Chief Jones received the "Montgomery's Best Award" for directing the Damascus Gardens Drug Market Initiative to eliminate an open-air drug market.

He has a business administration degree from the University of Maryland and has attended the FBI National Academy.





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THURSDAY/NOV. 14

Native Plants in the Modern Landscape. 6:30-8 p.m. At Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. John Magee, landscape designer and owner of Magee Design, creator and host of the Native Plant Podcast, will share examples and lessons learned through his award-winning landscape design work while discussing the significance of incorporating the “ecological services” our gardens can provide. While beauty of design is emphasized first, John will discuss the importance of pollinator habitat, storm water runoff and a host of other services that can be provided when homeowners re-think their landscapes. John will offer practical installation tips along with some of his favorite native plant combinations.

FRIDAY/NOV. 15

NAACP Veterans Open house. 1-5 p.m. At Rockville Memorial Library, 211 Maryland Ave., Rockville. The purpose of the Veterans Open House is to acknowledge and honor veterans of Montgomery County. There will be a private screening of the award-winning documentary “The Six Triple Eight” during the 2nd Annual Open House of the Montgomery County NAACP Armed Forces and Veteran Affairs Committee. “The Six Triple Eight” film tells the story of the only African American Women’s Battalion of WWII who undertook the heroic assignment to distribute a whopping 17 million pieces of mail to servicemen within six months.

NOV. 15-23

“Legally Blonde The Musical.” At Winston Churchill High School, 11300 Gainsborough Road, Potomac. Show times are Nov. 15, 16, 22, and 23, at 7 p.m.; Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. Winston Churchill High School presents the fabulously fun, award-winning comedy, “Legally Blonde The Musical,” based on the beloved movie, Legally Blonde, starring Reese Witherspoon. Winston Churchill



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musical productions are known for being consistently entertaining, full of non-stop momentum, and this show promises to be exceedingly enjoyable and full of sass from start to finish. This performance is appropriate for middle school-aged children and up. Visit the website: wchsarts.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Mixed Winter Containers. 10-11:30 a.m. At Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Cost is \$75/\$67. With instructor Joan O'Rourke, create a container garden with plants that can withstand winter's harshest weather while providing you with a beautiful respite from the dull weather. Mix dwarf evergreens with a splash of herbaceous plants for some late season color. Cost covers materials, including a 14-inch container (or bring your own favorite).

Free Remodeling Seminar. 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. At Hopkins & Porter, 12944 Travilah Rd., Suite 204, Potomac. During this seminar you will learn: the latest design trends in kitchens and baths; the 3 levels of kitchen and bath remodeling; realistic kitchen and bath remodeling budgets; what to expect when remodeling; and more. Bring all your questions. Kitchen and bath experts will be available to help you make good decisions when remodeling. RSVP by calling 301-840-9121.

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 any time. Call 240-777-0690.

Author Visit: Julie Langsdorf. 1 p.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Local author Julie Langsdorf will visit the branch to discuss her new hit novel *White Elephant*. Her satirical debut novel is about a behemoth of a new house in a DC suburb just like Montgomery County. This program is being brought to you by the Friends of the Library-Potomac Chapter.

Sensory-Friendly Storytime. 2:30 p.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Sensory-friendly storytime is designed for children of all ages who prefer smaller groups due to sensory processing disorders, including those



Improbable Comedy

Improbable Comedy at Temple Shalom in Chevy Chase

The hilarious stand-up comedy of immigrant and first-generation performers Simon, Yasmin Elhady and Christian Escoto at Temple Shalom in Chevy Chase on Nov. 16.

on the autism spectrum, with ADHD, and other special needs. Storytime is followed by social playtime with educational toys and an opportunity for parents to socialize. Participants are encouraged to bring their own noise reduction earmuffs and weighted items. Siblings are welcome. To register for the program, contact Potomac Library, 240-777-0690.

Kassia Music. 7 p.m. At Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Drive at MacArthur, Bethesda. Classical and neo-classical music. Pre-concert reception at 6 p.m. The Kassia Kids Spot will start at 6:45 p.m., featuring performers from the artists' studios.

Improbable Comedy. 7:30 p.m. at Temple Shalom, 8401 Grubb Road, Chevy Chase. Comedy as a Second Language brings the hilarious stand-up comedy of immigrant and 1st generation performers: Simone, Yasmin Elhady and Christian Escoto. Laugh with them as they share stories of their upbringing, getting used to a new country, coping with immigrant parenting differences, being bilingual (or not!) and more. This show is presented by Improbable Comedy as part of Temple Shalom's 60th anniversary celebration. This event is open to the public, but tickets must be purchased to attend. The comedy content will be clean, but the comedy is intended for adults. Recommend ages 16+. Tickets: \$20 - \$35. Visit: <https://www.improbablecomedy.com>

SUNDAY/NOV. 17

Waltz Dance. 3:30-6 p.m. At Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Featuring Green Light Karma band. This versatile band will provide a

lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. The 45-minute dance lesson begins at 2:45 p.m. with a half-hour introductory Waltz workshop and a more advanced move presented the last 15 minutes. Social dancing follows until 6 pm. Admission is \$13, \$5 full-time students with ID. No partner required.

Monteverdi: The Other Vespers (1641). 5 p.m. At Bradley Hills Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Featuring The Thirteen, D.C.'s all-star professional choir. Monteverdi's 1610 collection, The Monteverdi Vespers, containing a mass, a Vespers service, and motets, has dwarfed his later works. He gathered many of his late compositions in one massive volume: *Selva morale e spirituale* – “the moral and spiritual wood.” It is from this 1641 publication that The Thirteen has assembled a Vespers of 1641, with the well-loved motet *Beatus vir* at its core and many fine period instrumentalists in accompaniment. Cost is \$30/\$25/\$15. For tickets, visit <https://www.thethirteenchoir.org>.

CD Sampler Release Concert. 6:30 p.m. At El Golfo Restaurant, 8739 Flower Ave., Silver Spring. Featuring: Ruthie and the Wranglers, Patty Reese, Little Red and the Renegades, Seth Kibel and Flo Anito, Craig Cummings, Annette Wasilik, Jesse Palidofsky, Bill Starks, plus Karen Collins & the Backroads Band. Tickets are \$15 at the door entitles you to a copy of New Roots: Azalea City Recordings Sampler 7. Call 301-608-2121 or -2122 to reserve a table.

MONDAY/NOV. 18

Dance and Laughter for Total Wellness. 11 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Attention Seniors! Want to stay healthy and happy while having fun? Try Potomac Library's new Dance and Laughter for Total Wellness class. Dance styles include Bollywood, Bhangra, and Zumba, with laughter exercise techniques for warming up and cooling down.

British Gardens Talk. 3 p.m. At Brookside Gardens Visitors Center/Education Building, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. The Silver Spring Garden Club presents a talk on What Can We Learn from British Gardens? Americans have been entranced by British gardens for as long as they've been creating their own – but what is it exactly that makes the British garden so revered? Using 10 key concepts gleaned from a lifetime of extensive travel and study in the UK, speaker Marianne Willburn illustrates the reasons why we might want to keep paying attention to our cousins overseas.

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.

TUESDAY/NOV. 19

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.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 20

Potomac Adult Book Discussion. 1 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Adult book discussion. *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. Ask for the book at the Circulation Desk. No registration needed. New members welcome.

Button Jewelry. 4-5 p.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Learn how to upcycle buttons and turn them into unique jewelry! All supplies will be provided on a first-come first-served basis. Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Free. Call 240-777-0690.

NOV. 20-21

Sophia Loren in Person. 7:30 p.m. At the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville. Ms. Loren will reminisce about her life and career, with a live interview on stage, hosted by Entertainment Tonight's Bill Harris. Amazing film clips will be shown, and your questions will be answered by Ms. Loren herself. Tickets \$100. Call the Box Office: 240-567-5301 or visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/pac.

THURSDAY/NOV. 21

Mr. Jon & Carrie Lewis. 4:30 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Mr. Jon & Carrie make music for kids and their families that inspire fun, laughter, and dancing. They will bring a smile to your face. The program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. This is a program for children of all ages and their families.

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Economic Development Committee, and is a member of the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee, is holding a Community Conversation. Friedson will be joined by 2nd Police District Commander Sean Gagen to engage with residents and learn about what is important to them. The discussion will cover both countywide and neighborhood issues in District 1. RSVP: Aaron Kraut at Aaron.Kraut@montgomerycountymd.gov or 240-777-7962.

MONDAY/NOV. 18

Flu Vaccination Campaign.

4:30-7:30 p.m. At the Universities at Shady Grove, Building II, 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville. Montgomery County will hold its annual flu vaccination campaign and urges residents to get a flu vaccination. Anyone not wanting to get the flu should receive the seasonal flu vaccination, particularly the elderly, household members living with children younger than six months of age, health care workers and individuals with chronic illnesses. Flu shots will be available to individuals 6 months of age and older. There will be three FREE flu shot clinics for healthy, school aged children (ages 3 to 18 years) by appointment only. Flu Mist will not be available. Schedule appointments at <https://apps.montgomerycountymd.gov/FluVaccine/> or call 311.

CALENDAR

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Fighting Hunger with Empty Bowls.

6-8 p.m. At VisArts, 155 Gibbs Street, Suite 300, Rockville. Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. The premise is simple: potters, craftspeople, educators, and others work with the community to create handcrafted bowls. VisArts is donating the clay, kiln time, and glazes, and our ceramics instructors and students are donating their time to creating bowls. Attendees are invited to a simple meal of soup, bread, and dessert. In exchange for the ticket cost, guests keep a bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. Early Bird ticket \$35; Online ticket \$25; At the Door Ticket \$30. Visit www.visartscenter.org.

NOV. 22 TO DEC. 31

Garden of Lights. At Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Nov. 22 & 23: 5:30-10 p.m.; Nov. 24: 5:30-9 p.m.; Sunday - Thursday: 5:30-9 p.m.; Friday - Saturday: 5:30 - 10 p.m.; Closed November 25-28 & December 24-25. Step into a magical winter wonderland illuminated with more than one million dazzling colorful lights shaped into hand-crafted, original art forms of flowers, animals and other natural elements. Stroll from garden to garden enjoying twinkling tree forms, sparkling fountains, and whimsical winter scenes. To avoid long lines, consider visiting on a weeknight, when Garden of Lights is less crowded. Admission: \$25-\$30 per car/van.

MONDAY/NOV. 25

Early Care and Education Initiative Community Forum.

5:30-8 p.m. At 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville. The public is invited to join community leaders for a conversation about the Montgomery County Early Care and Education Initiative (ECEI). Attendees will learn about the County's early care and education priorities and be invited to share their thoughts. The free forum will provide an opportunity to learn about accomplishments to date, and a and a chance to voice opinions about priorities moving forward. Free childcare will be provided for children six weeks to eight years of age. Call Michelle Gallipoli at 240-777-4582.

CRISIS PREVENTION SERVICES

EveryMind Crisis Prevention and Intervention specialists

are available by phone, text and chat every hour of every day. The community can also look to EveryMind for mental health professionals who are prepared to talk about warning signs and ways anyone can help to prevent suicide from ending lives far too soon. EveryMind is an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Visit EveryMind.org. More resources include:

- ❖ Call or Text Montgomery County Hotline: 301-738-2255
- ❖ Chat: Crisis Prevention Chat: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/>
- ❖ Call: National Suicide Prevention

Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

- ❖ www.every-mind.org/services/crisis/
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- ❖ suicidepreventionlifeline.org
- ❖ www.suicidology.org

HIGH SCHOOL POETRY CONTEST

The Gaithersburg Book Festival

announces its annual high school poetry contest is now open for submissions. First and second place winners will receive \$250 and \$100, respectively. Third place and fan favorite winners will receive \$50 and \$25, respectively. Winners will be unveiled at the Gaithersburg Book Festival on May 16, 2020, at its new, temporary location – Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm, 506 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg. To participate, students must be enrolled in grades 9-12 at a public or private school, or be in a homeschool program, for the 2019-2020 school year. Additionally, entrants must reside in Maryland, Virginia or the District of Columbia. Poems must be the original work of the student and must not have been previously published online or in print. Poems must be submitted electronically via web at <https://tinyurl.com/yvvgqdpl> by midnight ET on Thursday, February 20, 2020. Complete rules and regulations can be found online at <https://www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org/gbf-programs/poetry-contest/>. Questions can be emailed to writingcontest@gaithersburgbookfestival.org.

Baikal to Brazil. 8 p.m. At F.

Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, Rockville. The Washington Balalaika Society, a Russian folk orchestra of 60 musicians performing on balalaikas and dombras, will present a musical program spanning an amazing geographical area! Concert repertoire will include 'A Tale of Lake Baikal' capturing the mysterious sounds of the frozen waters of Russia's Lake Baikal to the rousing, bustling and rumba sound of 'Brasileira' from Milhaud's Scaramouche Suite. Tickets: Adults \$25; Seniors \$20; Students \$15; Children under 12 free. Visit www.balalaika.org.

SUNDAY/NOV 24

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 and closes with music with a jam session in the middle. All are welcome to sit back and enjoy. Students and jammers free/ \$10 for others. Contact Lois Ann Beaver at labeaver1@verizon.net.

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Chino Lourie, Rest in Peace



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As much as I try not to self-indulge in my weekly column, I am aware that I don't always succeed. It seems I can only write about what I feel, what I see and what I hear, be it personal, professional or public. To that end — which justifies my means, I have often involved you regular readers in my cancer life, as well as a few other "privacies" I've been comfortable sharing: family (including pets), friends, finances and the occasional faux pas (if I am anything, I am open, perhaps too open, if certain other familial opinions are to be considered).

This meandering start is meant to explain — indirectly, how when something is preoccupying my mind, it is difficult/near impossible for me to write about something that's not. At present my preoccupation is with one of my cats: Chino. He is not doing well, at all. After multiple emergency room visits and follow-up appointments with veterinarians over the past few weeks, it appears his diabetes has finally gotten the best of him leading to the worst possible outcome: death, with some dignity, hopefully.

In two of our most recent visits to the veterinarian, we have had preliminary discussions about euthanizing Chino. We have resisted so far and have continued, especially my wife, Dina, to give him as much t.l.c. as we can. However, his quality of life, as described by our primary veterinarian on Friday, is "not good." To invoke/rework a phrase commonly associated with some human beings in early childhood: Chino is failing to thrive, though he turned 13 in late September. Other than engaging with us when we call his name or pet him, Chino is not able to do nearly enough (eating, drinking, grooming, using the litter box) to give us much hope. Nevertheless, he is home and curled up in his favorite spot in the kitchen, though barely able to get around.

I wouldn't characterize our activity as a vigil, but neither Dina nor myself are planning to leave the house (or one of us will be at home if the other needs to go out) anytime soon. With this weekend of inactivity, our focus is exclusively on Chino. Yet here I sit, a literary task at hand, attempting to navigate emotionally the prospect of his passing and the significance of such a loss.

It's been 10 years or so since we've had to consider euthanizing a pet. It was either Bailey, our second golden retriever or Chester, our second dwarf rabbit. I can't remember exactly as it was around this time that I was diagnosed with lung cancer and began heavy-duty chemotherapy. But we've all survived since then and even added a few critters: Chino's brother, Biscuit, Twinkle, our white cat with an attitude and two more rescues "The Blackies," as we call them: Andrew and Sloane, black, domestic short hair siblings. As longtime animal owners, we knew this day would come, but given my cancer diagnosis: "13 months to two years," I think we figured I'd be the first to go. So it's both upsetting and distracting in a way, our normal pursuits, because what's happening — both good (me still being alive) and bad (Chino succumbing to his illness) is not what we anticipated happening. As a result, I am self-indulging you in my preoccupation because I'm unable to think/write outside the box. A figurative box on which Chino sits front and center, mostly down but not quite out.

Still, we're not exactly sitting and staring blankly into space, but neither are we entertaining too many other thoughts. We are here for Chino so with a column to write, it is being written with Chino as the subject, and excuse for what is written in this space. For 13-plus years Chino has been my companion. We have rubbed noses too many times to remember. He has my scent and as such, I have belonged to him. Soon I fear he'll belong to no one and I'll have lost his loving feeling. He was a sweet and affectionate cat. We will miss him terribly.

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