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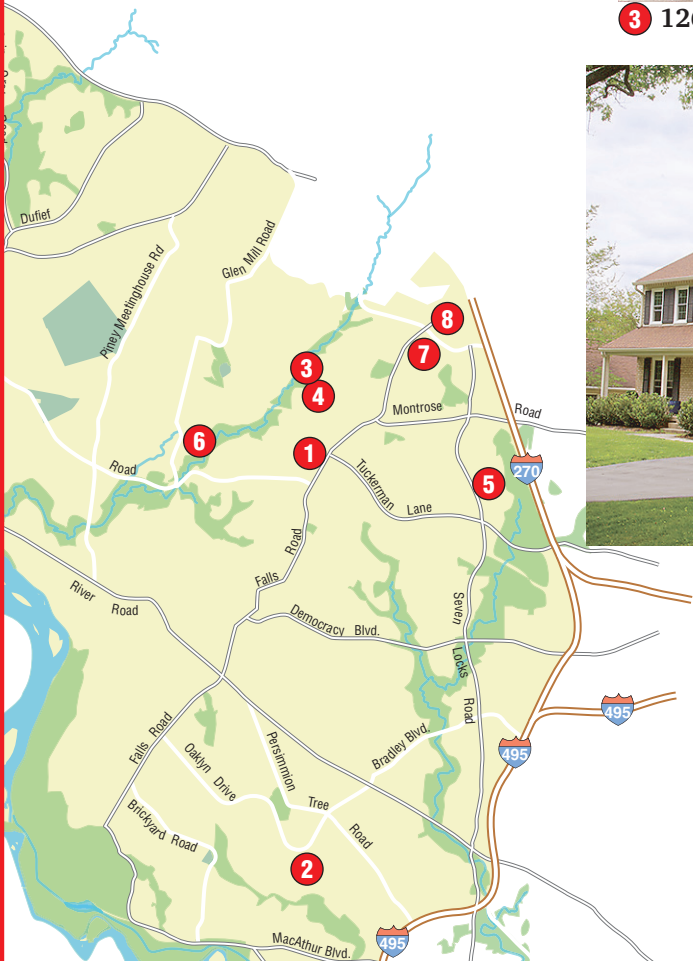
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# George Floyd on Our Minds

Police use of force incidents in Montgomery County involve African Americans 55 percent of the time, even though they make up just 19.9 percent of the population.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE ALMANAC

While protests spread coast to coast, and local law enforcement condemn the death of George Floyd in police custody in Minneapolis, data show that police use of force locally targets African Americans disproportionately.

In 2018, Montgomery County police officers were dispatched to 219,162 calls for service, made 18,592 arrests, and force was reported used in 542 incidents, according to the Montgomery County Police Annual Use of Force Report for 2018, the most recent available.

Police use of force incidents involved African Americans 55 percent of the time, according to the report, even though African Americans make up just 19.9 percent of the population of Montgomery County, according to the United States Census.

Latinos also make up 19.9 percent of the county, according to the Census, and were subject to 18.1 percent of the police use of force incidents, 98 of the 542 reports.

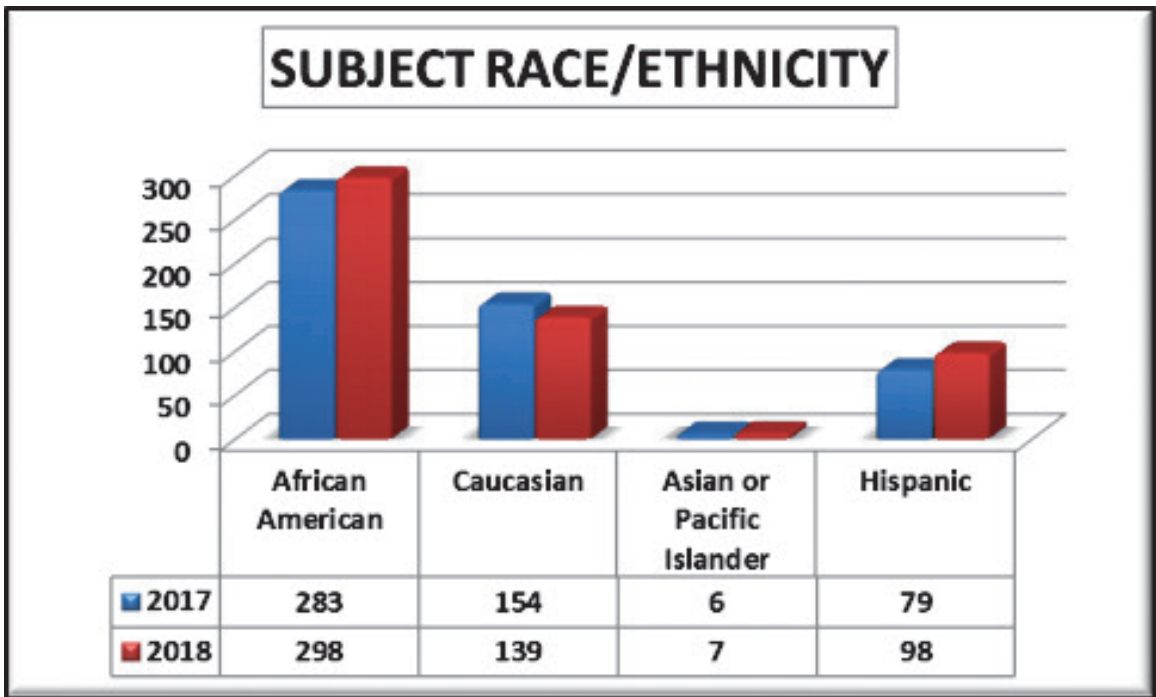
Montgomery County Police reported that police use of force incidents involved African Americans 298 of the 542 incidents; Caucasians in 139 incidents (25.5); Latinos in 98 incidents (18.1 percent); and Asians seven times (1.29 percent).

60.2 percent of the county is white, and 15.6 of the county is Asian, according to the Census.

**FAIRFAX COUNTY**, meanwhile, reported 510 use of force incidents in 2018, according to the Fairfax County Police Department Internal Affairs Bureau 2018 Annual Statistical Report.

"In 2018, there were 491,700 contacts between officers and community members. Of those contacts, there were 510 use of force incidents which equates to 0.10% of the total contacts," according to the Fairfax County Police report.

While 9.7 percent of the Fairfax County population in 2018 was



Graphics from Montgomery County Police.

African American, police use of force incidents involved African Americans in 248 of the 510 cases, according to the Fairfax County report, which is 48.6 percent of the incidents. Fairfax County included county demographics from 2018 in the report.

percent of officers are caucasian (60.2 percent of the population is white), 12 percent are African American (African Americans make up 19 percent of the county), 8 percent are Hispanic (Latinos make up 19 percent of the county population), and 5 percent are Asian or Pacific Islander, (who make up 15.6 percent of the population).

In Fairfax County, 80.24 percent of officers are white but the county is 61.1 percent white; 7.88 percent of officers are black and 9.7 percent of the population is black; 6.38 percent of officers are Hispanic/Latino while 16.2 percent of the county is Latino; and 5.5 percent of officers are listed as "other;" 19.5 percent of the Fairfax County population is Asian or Pacific Islander.

Of the 353 sworn personnel in Arlington, according to the Arlington County Police Department 2018 Annual Report, 290 officers are white (82.15 percent), 39 are African American (11.05 percent), 11 are Asian or Pacific Islander (3.12 percent), and 13 (3.68 percent) are "other or multi-racial." The actual population of Arlington is 75.1 percent white, 9.6 percent black, 11 percent Asian and 15.8 percent Latino, according to the

U.S. Census.

**ALL JURISDICTIONS CONDEMNED** the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

"I was saddened and angered to watch the video circulated recently which depicted the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis," said Chief Marcus G. Jones, Police Chief of the Montgomery County Department of Police. "To watch a person's life be slowly and callously taken away before our very eyes shakes the core of committed and dedicated police officers. I am also frustrated. I am frustrated because I know this incident will be a brush by which our entire profession will be painted and it was an inhumane act." According to the Montgomery County Council, "Once again, America is in the crossfire, reeling from the pernicious effects of bigotry, racism and prejudice and from an inferno fueled by police brutality."

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## COUNTY BEGINS PHASE 1 REOPENING

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich and County Health Officer Dr. Travis Gayles announced last week that critical benchmarks to reduce the spread of COVID-19 had been achieved, allowing the

"It has troubled all of us in law enforcement to observe events around this country, including what occurred in Minneapolis where the sanctity of Mr. Floyd's life was ignored and other officers did not intervene to preserve another precious life," said Fairfax County Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr. "As a reminder, we have updated our use of force policies over the years using the co-production of policing model, vetted our policies and training through the Public Safety Committee, and we continue to leverage the partnerships created with community members who were part of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission."

Roessler added: "Additionally, we are grateful for the external accountability measures from the Police Civilian Review Panel, [and] the Independent Police Auditor.

"No law enforcement officer has ever been trained to take the actions that those officers took; they have been trained to do the exact opposite," said Alexandria City Sheriff Dana Lawhorne. "This event is a tragic reminder that we, as law enforcement officers, must do more to hold each other to the high standard of conduct that is expected and demanded by those we serve."

"It is impossible for us to achieve our mission if we lose the trust of our community," said Arlington County Chief of Police M. Jay Farr.

Montgomery County's report can be found at

[https://montgomerycountymd.gov/POL/Resources/Files/PDF/PDRResources/Use%20of%20Force%20Report%202018\\_Final\\_0319.pdf](https://montgomerycountymd.gov/POL/Resources/Files/PDF/PDRResources/Use%20of%20Force%20Report%202018_Final_0319.pdf)

Fairfax County's report can be found at

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/sites/police/files/assets/documents/2018%20iab%20admin%20and%20use%20of%20force%20report.pdf>

county to begin a gradual reopening. The county entered Phase I of the reopening on June 1. Phase I allows additional businesses and activities to start and/or increase modified operations that are included in Elrich's Executive Order 070-20 that was approved by the County Council. Here's the list: Retail; curbside only; Restaurants and bars; outdoor seating (curbside pick-up still allowed); Childcare; state-approved emergency

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# All Decked Out and Ready to Open

By PEGGY McEWAN  
POTOMAC ALMANAC

**M**emorial Day passed, June arrived, school is “out,” it is time to open the pools.

While no one knows for sure when pools will be open to swimmers, most are ready for the summer’s first dive, including the two pools at Potomac Swim and Tennis Club on Oaklyn Drive.

“I hoped we would be open yesterday,” general manager Bruce Goldstein joked on Saturday. “Everything is dependent of [state and county] guidelines and we don’t even know what the guidelines will be.”

Goldstein is in the same limbo with other pool managers as the weather is beginning to shout summer and pool safety parameters slowly become clear.

County, community and club pools are all still closed as the area emerges from “stay and home” to Phase one opening schedules. But pools

Goldstein said that on a normal Saturday, the pools, decks and play area would be filled with club members enjoying the outdoors. The club has a large children’s playground and basketball court for those on break from swimming.

Meanwhile, the club’s tennis courts are open and in use. Maryland Governor Larry Hogan announced that golf, tennis, boating, fishing and camping restrictions were lifted May 7.

“We have six courts, all newly resurfaced,” Goldstein said.

Along with the renovated tennis courts, Potomac Swim and Tennis has employed 4 Star Tennis Academy to handle the club’s tennis lessons.

4 Star is well known in the area for the quality of its programs according to Goldstein. He also noted that you do not need to be a



Keanu Owusu, from 4 Star Tennis, gives a private lesson at Potomac Swim and Tennis on Saturday, May 30.

member of the club to take lessons there.

Also new at the club this summer is the expanded snack bar menu.

“Before we had ice cream and soda and snacks,” Goldstein said. “Now we are going to have food, burgers, dogs, nachos, salads, pizza probably.”

The snack bar will be run by Vignola Gourmet from Rockville.

Everything is ready for a summer of fun and sport at Potomac Tennis and Swim Club. Hopefully, the coronavirus COVID-19 will abate, and members will be able to enjoy community time together.

Although a specific date has not been set, swimming pools will reopen with limitations during Phase 2 of the County’s COVID-19 Recovery Plan, according to the county. When outdoor pools open there will be restrictions on the maximum number of patrons allowed, which will be determined by the

size of the pool. Other restrictions will include:

- ❖ Swimmers must maintain a minimum, six-foot physical distance while in the pool and on the grounds;

- ❖ Staff and patrons will be required to wear face coverings when outside of the water whenever possible;

- ❖ Pools must maintain a supply of soap and hand sanitizer for use;

- ❖ Pool operators will be required to disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least twice daily and clean floors, toilets and sinks with soap and water daily.

- ❖ Wading pools, hot tubs, spray or splash pads and lazy river pools will remain closed.

For membership information for Potomac Swim and Tennis Club on Oaklyn Drive or to inquire about tennis lessons call Goldstein at 301-983-0390 or visit [www.potomacswimandtennis.com](http://www.potomacswimandtennis.com).



Potomac Swim and Tennis is ready to open their pool when Phase 2 begins in Montgomery County.



Members of Potomac Swim and Tennis Play on newly resurfaced courts at the club Saturday.

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programs open for dependents of essential employees and Phase 1 reopening employees; Personal services; hair salons and barber shops for hair-only appointments; Car washes; exterior cleaning only; Manufacturing; fully reopen, with precautions and guidance; Outdoor day camps: following Maryland Department of Health guidelines; Outdoor youth sports; following Maryland Department of Health guidelines. Still closed under Phase I are swimming pools (licensing and inspection can be requested

and conducted), senior centers, fitness centers, movie theaters, shopping malls and nail salons.

### ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET OPENS

The City of Rockville’s Farmers Market is scheduled to open for the season on Saturday, June 6, with market rules and regulations and a pre-ordering program to provide for quicker, safer shopping. The market’s opening was rescheduled from mid-May as part of the city’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The market will be open Saturdays, through Nov. 21, in the jury park-

ing lot at East Jefferson (Route 28) and Monroe Streets in Rockville Town Center.

### POOLS REMAIN CLOSED

As Montgomery County officials begin to reopen some businesses June 1, officials urge operators of public and private community pools to plan and schedule pre-opening inspections now. Although a specific date has not been set, swimming pools will reopen with limitations during Phase 2 of the County’s COVID-19 Recovery Plan. The County’s seven public outdoor pools will follow similar guidance. Based on guidelines from the Maryland Department of Health,

when outdoor pools open there will be restrictions on the maximum number of patrons allowed, which will be determined by the size of the pool. Other restrictions will include:

- Swimmers must maintain a minimum, six-foot physical distance while in the pool and on the grounds;
- Staff and patrons will be required to wear face coverings when outside of the water whenever possible;
- Pool must maintain a supply of soap and hand sanitizer for use;
- Pools must maintain an ample supply of equipment such as noodles and kickboards (where allowed) to minimize sharing.

Pool operators will be required to disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least twice daily and clean floors, toilets and sinks with soap and water daily. Wading pools, hot tubs, spray or splash pads and lazy river pools will remain closed.

### SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICATIONS

U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) announced that his office is now accepting applications from students in Maryland for nominations to one of the Uniformed Service Academies for SEE BULLETIN, PAGE 6



## News

# The Show Must Go On!

## Potomac Elementary students share diverse talents.

BY PEGGY MCEWAN  
POTOMAC ALMANAC

Every year students at Potomac Elementary School have a chance to share their talents with the school community during the Potomac's Got Talent show.

This year? Many end-of-the-year traditions had to be put on hold but, not the talent show.

The PTA sponsored a virtual talent show via Facebook.

Students were invited to film or take photos of themselves acting out their talents and post them on the school's Facebook page.

Almost twenty brave and talented students took the challenge and displayed a wide range of abilities. Especially interesting were the many talents that would not have been on display on a school stage. Students showed off cooking skills, many sports abilities including horseback riding, trampoline and running, along with more traditional talents playing musical instruments, singing and dancing.

"The virtual talent show was amazing. We saw a variety of talent from football, gymnastics, dancing to horseback riding," Catherine Allie, Potomac Elementary principal, wrote in an email. "It was terrific to see students flourish outside of the school classroom."

The show opened with a tantalizing display of baked goods and a very sophisticated brunch platter of scrambled eggs and avocado toast prepared by Annelise Meira. Like many of us, she has been practicing her cooking skills during her time at home. She did not share recipes.

Next up was third grader Adya Bhardwaj playing the piano. She was followed several acts later by her fifth-grade brother, Avi, who also played the piano, both showing excellent skills with their finger



Layla Greene, a second grader, prepares to perform a modern dance routine for the Potomac Elementary School virtual talent show.

work.

Every grade was represented in the show. Kindergarteners had the most talent to show off. Six of them took part.

Grayson Greenbaum showed off his baseball skills, pitching with good form, and fielding well too. His classmate Giuliana Jeffries showed her ability to do seat drops on the trampoline. She did 33 in a row.

Sticking with the athletic theme, kindergartener Eduardo Freire ran from one place in his yard to another, expecting it to take 15 seconds. He did it in 13 seconds.

"Wow," he said, impressed with his speed.

Staying with the kindergarteners, Tatum Safa announced at the beginning of her video, "I am an equestrian." The tape of Tatum's riding abilities showed her riding, jumping, and guiding her horse in a number of moves. She was followed by Azaria Mita dancing to "Peace and Love" by Tall Black Guy.

The last of the kindergarteners was Ethan Larkin who enthusiastically displayed his skills on the



Animal lover and naturalist Sebastian Swierczek shows a fish he caught

trampoline.

As the lone first grader, gymnast Cecilia Zhuo did a floor routine that included a one-handed cartwheel along with other dance moves and tumbling skills.

Four second graders participated.

Beckett Safa, played football as did Carlos Romero, while Layla Greene performed a modern dance and Manuela showed off her gymnastic abilities.

From third grade, other than Adya, was Addison Greenbaum who showed her gymnastic skills beginning with a back walkover, followed by a cartwheel.

Caden McCuinen, a fourth grader, played the piano and Kian Zade-gan, also a fourth grader, played guitar.

Fifth grader Teddy Pearce sang and Sebastian Swierczak, who did not give his grade, showed photos demonstrating his abilities and interest in animals, especially frogs, who he raises from tadpoles, then releases. Pretty impressive.

All the talent show participants were impressive.

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# Glenstone Opens Outdoors Only

Glenstone Museum will reopen as an outdoor-only experience in a limited capacity on June 4 on visitor days (Thursday-Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.). This decision was made following Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich's announcement that the county will enter phase one of its reopening plan on Monday, June 1.

The wellbeing of our visitors and associates is our top priority and we have adjusted our visitor experience to include additional safety measures during the coronavirus outbreak. These include:

Requiring reservations for all visitors

Limiting group sizes to no more than five

Offering scheduled visits every 15 minutes to help prevent too many people from arriving at the same time

Requiring that all visitors always wear a face covering and stay six feet apart from different households/arrival groups

Closing all indoor amenities including bathrooms, water fountains, and food service

A full list of guidelines is available here. <https://www.glenstone.org/visit/plan-your-visit/>

[www.glenstone.org/visit/plan-your-visit/](https://www.glenstone.org/visit/plan-your-visit/)

Tickets will be released in 2-week increments and are currently available through June 14. Tickets will go live at 10 a.m. every Monday beginning June 8.

Visitors are required to schedule visits in advance at [www.glenstone.org](https://www.glenstone.org). Walk-ups will not be accepted and our partnership with the Montgomery County Ride On Bus is temporarily suspended.

Because there are no indoor amenities, experiencing Glenstone during this period will be like a visit to a park – remember that there are no bathrooms, be prepared to spend the entire visit on your feet, bring your own water bottles, check the forecast before you arrive, and carry your garbage out with you.

Details will continue to be updated on the website. Please check [www.glenstone.org](https://www.glenstone.org) for the latest information.

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Potomac, Maryland 20854

## Construction Worker Killed on Old Georgetown

A fatal collision involving a construction worker occurred last night in North Bethesda.

On Monday, June 1, at approximately 6:28 p.m., 2nd District officers and Fire & Rescue personnel responded to Old Georgetown Road at Executive Boulevard for the report of a collision.

Preliminary investigation by detectives revealed that a 2009 Hyundai Elantra was traveling south on Old Georgetown Road. A 2009 Chevrolet Colorado was traveling east on Executive Boulevard. For reasons still under investigation, the two vehicles collided in the intersection.

The impact of the collision then caused both vehicles to travel into a construction zone at the southeast corner of the intersection. The Hyundai struck a stationary excavator. The Chevrolet struck a construction

worker who was working in a trench in lane two of northbound Old Georgetown Road.

The construction worker, identified as 61-year-old Michael James O'Connor, of Middle River, Maryland, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The driver of the Hyundai, identified as Elizabeth McMillan Stuckle, age 69, of Bethesda, Maryland, was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the Chevrolet, David Walter Fenerty, age 56, of Kensington, Maryland, was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this collision. Anyone with information regarding this collision is asked to contact them at 240-773-6620.

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the class of 2025. All applications and supporting materials must be received electronically by 5 p.m. on September 30, 2020. Qualified applicants will interview with Senator Van Hollen's Service Academy Advisory Board in November. In the past, interviews have been held at the University of Maryland Global Campus in Largo, Maryland.

member, cellist Drew Owen brings together two loves -- music and magic -- through his character Musico the Magnificent. Enjoy a delightful magical musical morning fun for the young and young at heart. Email [reservations@washingtonconservatory.org](mailto:reservations@washingtonconservatory.org) for a Zoom Room link. For additional information, call 301-320-2770 and [www.washingtonconservatory.org](https://www.washingtonconservatory.org).

laboratory located in Rockville. The self-administered oral swab test, developed by AdvaGenix, enables the County to expand testing to essential frontline workers, nursing home staff and residents, and the general public, with test results available in fewer than 48 hours.

### NICK ASANTE ELECTED TO BOARD

Nicholas Asante, a junior at Richard Montgomery High School, has been elected the Student Member of the Board of Education for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Asante's term begins on July 1, 2020. All secondary students were eligible to vote virtually in the SMOB election and nearly 11,000 students cast ballots. Mr. Asante received 59 percent of the vote, while his opponent, Ms. Victoria Kidder, a junior at Col. Zadok Magruder High School, received 41 percent. This SMOB election was held remotely as a result of the extended emergency school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Asante currently serves as chief of staff for the Montgomery County Regional (MCR) Student Government Association (SGA) and as chief of staff for the current SMOB, Mr. Nathaniel Tinbite. He also served as legislative affairs director for MCR SGA and as president of the Montgomery County Junior Council SGA.

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### BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich has issued an executive order suspending time requirements for the County's 2020 business personal property (BPP) tax. Executive Order 64-20, which went into effect on May 21, suspends the normal required date of payment. Elrich issued the order to assist businesses during the difficult economic times that have transpired from the COVID-19 health crisis. The deadline for paying the tax will be extended until after Maryland Governor Larry Hogan lifts the state of emergency executive order he issued on March 12 and under which all of the State currently operates.

### JUNE 6

Family Magic & Music Show. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Via Zoom. At 1 Westmoreland Circle, NW, Bethesda. Washington Conservatory faculty

### NEW COVID-19 DATA DASHBOARD

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich and County Health Officer Dr. Travis Gayles introduced a new COVID-19 data dashboard. The dashboard provides information on hospitalizations, the number of patients in intensive care units (ICU), and the number of ventilators in use, as well as previously available information regarding the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths. This information will help guide the County's decisions on when to lift its Stay-at-Home Executive Order.

### COUNTY SIGNS ADVAGENIX CONTRACT

County Executive Marc Elrich and County Health Officer Dr. Travis Gayles unveiled an ambitious COVID-19 testing plan made possible by a contract with AdvaGenix, a molecular diagnostics



PHOTO FROM PETE PIRINGER VIA TWITTER @MCRSPLO

Rescue crews were busy over the weekend, and continued Tuesday morning search for a swimmer who jumped into the water in the vicinity of the Billy Goat Trail but from the Virginia side, and is presumed drowned.

## Virginia Swimmer Presumed Drowned

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Swift Water Rescue boats and crews spent several hours on the Potomac this morning of June 2 searching for a missing swimmer, presumed drowning victim after an incident on Sunday, May 31. Relief crews planned to conduct a systematic search again Tuesday afternoon, according to Pete Piringier.

Around 5 p.m. on Sunday, on the Potomac River in the area of Billy Goat Trail A and Sandy Landing, South, downstream of Great Falls, a person entered water from the Virginia side and was still missing, as of deadline Tuesday.

He jumped into the water south of Great Falls from the rocks on the Virginia side, Piringier said. He never resurfaced. His friends tried to help him but were not able to do so.

Then Sunday around 8 p.m. in the Potomac River, at Katie Island, Seneca area, a kayak boater in was in distress, separated from their boat, and stranded on island. Swift Water boats deployed from Pennyfield Lock and also Riley's Lock/Seneca. They located the boater of interest safe on an island, with no injuries, and that person was extracted via Montgomery County boat to back to land at Pennyfield Lock. The boat was still missing.

On Saturday, May 30, Swift Water Rescue crews were dispatched for an injured hiker on Billy Goat Trail, and then while still in the area another call was received for a medical emergency on another portion of Billy Goat Trail.

Crews used boats, UTVs, fire engines, 4-wheel drive vehicles and US Park helicopter to locate the hikers.

## Fatal Accident Involving Motorcycle

Montgomery County Department of Police are investigating a serious collision involving a motorcyclist that occurred along River Road in Bethesda.

On Thursday, May 28, at approximately 10:08 p.m., 2nd District officers and Fire and Rescue personnel responded to River Road (MD 190) at Burdette Road for the report of a collision involving a motorcycle and vehicle.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that the operator of a 2005 Suzuki motorcycle was traveling west on River Road. The driver of a 2014 Toyota RAV4 was traveling east on River Road and was attempting to make a left turn onto Burdette Road when the vehicle and motorcycle collided.

The motorcyclist, identified as Scott Emerson Hess, age 32, of Goldsboro Road in Bethesda, was declared dead at the scene. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Mohammad Mansour Rouhanian, age 60, of Clarksburg Square Road in Clarksburg, was not injured in the collision.

This collision remains under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this collision is asked to contact the Collision Reconstruction Unit at 240-773-6620.



# Potomac Week in Coronavirus

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## Monday, June 1

Potomac 20854 Cases: 261  
Montgomery County  
Cases: 11,476  
Maryland Cases: 53,327  
United States Cases: 1,761,503  
Montgomery County  
Deaths: 576  
Maryland Deaths: 2,431  
United States Deaths: 103,700

## Sunday, May 31

Potomac 20854 Cases: 259  
Montgomery County  
Cases: 11,361  
Maryland Cases: 52,778  
United States Cases: 1,737,950  
Maryland Deaths: 2,411  
Montgomery County  
Deaths: 572  
United States Deaths: 102,785

## RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Montgomery County has developed reopening guidelines for businesses as we move into Phase 1 on Monday, June 1. These guidelines are designed to foster a safe environment for businesses and their employees and customers. Only businesses referenced in the Executive Order are permitted to reopen; all others must continue to follow the "Stay-at-Home" Order.

The Reopening Montgomery web page features resources, best practices and answers to reopening questions. <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS/RightNav/re-opening/index.html>

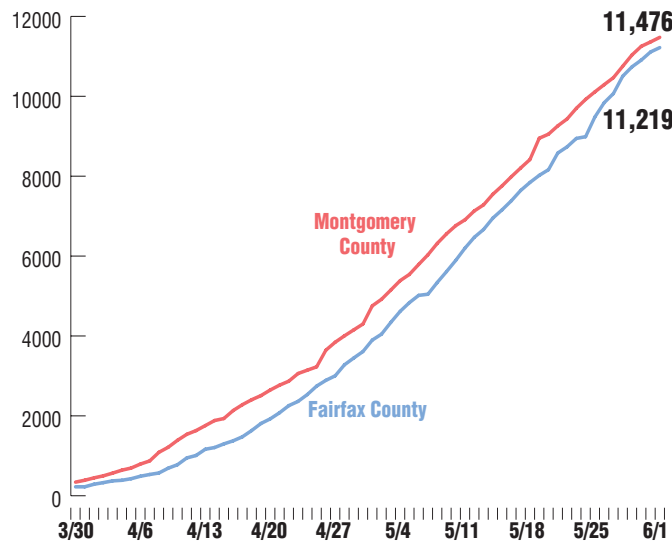
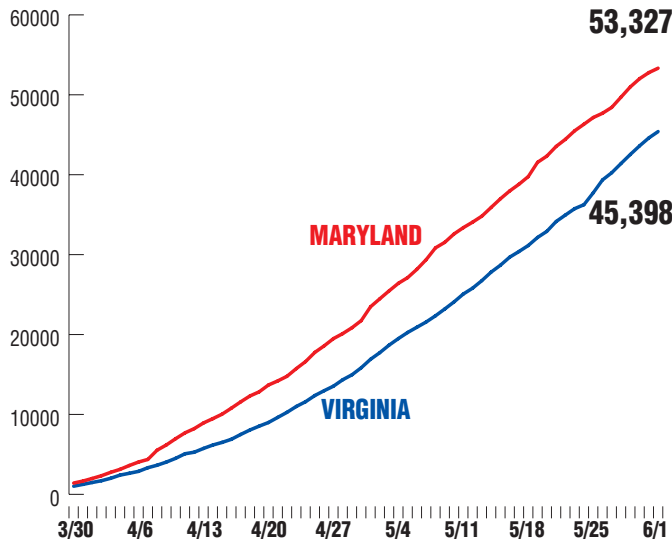
**POSITIVITY RATE:** Maryland's COVID-19 positivity rate has dropped to 10.9%, and current total hospitalizations have fallen to their lowest level since April 15, according to Gov. Larry Hogan.

Maryland has now conducted 348,773 COVID-19 tests, including 9,412 tests over the last 24 hours. The state's positivity rate peaked on April 17, when it reached 26.91%. Since then, it has dropped by 59.49%, down to 10.9% statewide.

Montgomery County and Prince George's County, while still above the rest of the state with respect to positivity, continue to see steady decreases. The positivity rate in Prince George's County has dropped by more than 59%, from a high of 41.96% to a current rate of 16.9%. Montgomery County has dropped by more than 60%, from a high of 32.64% to a current rate of 12.9%. Positivity rate data for the state and all 24 jurisdictions is available at [coronavirus.maryland.gov](http://coronavirus.maryland.gov).

Maryland's current total COVID-19 hospitalizations—one of the state's key recovery metrics—have dropped to 1,183, their lowest level since April 15.

There are 479 ICU beds currently in use for COVID-19 patients, the lowest number since April 17, and the number of patients in acute care, 704, is at its lowest since April 14.



### Sources:

Virginia Department of Health <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>  
Maryland: Maryland Department of Health <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>  
Alexandria Source: City of Alexandria

Nearly 100 Testing Sites in Maryland. With expanded capacity and supplies available, the state has broadened the criteria for COVID-19 testing to include those who are asymptomatic. There are now nearly 100 major testing sites in Maryland. Visit [coronavirus.maryland.gov](http://coronavirus.maryland.gov) to find a location.

## Saturday, May 30

Potomac 20854 Cases: 259  
Montgomery County Cases: 11,251  
Maryland Cases: 52,015  
United States Cases: 1,719,827  
Maryland Deaths: 2,390  
Montgomery County Deaths: xx  
United States Deaths: 101,711

**UNIVERSAL GRADUATION MCPS** will honor the Class of 2020 with a systemwide live Universal Graduation Celebration on Sunday, June 7, featuring Jose Andres, world-renowned chef and founder of World Central Kitchen as the commencement speaker.

The event will pay tribute to more than 10,500 high school graduates. Airing at 6 p.m. on Cozi TV (broadcast over-the-air channel 4.2, Verizon Fios channel 460 and Xfinity channel 208). The ceremony will be emceed by NBC4 anchor Leon Harris. Replays of the ceremony will be available on the MCPS website and the MCPS YouTube channel after the event.

Additionally, individual school virtual graduations will be held June 8-12.

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## Night and Now Daze



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

That wasn't so bad. Approximately 29 hours in the hospital in a private room and all I had to do was drink as much water as possible and shower half a dozen times. The goal being to rid myself of the radioiodine I had been given at the beginning of my admission. This "therapy" is used to measure the iodine related to my papillary thyroid cancer and to determine presumably, whether in fact the tumors in my lungs are thyroid cancer which has moved or whether it's still lung cancer or both.

To say my life depends on the results of this finding and the interpretation of the follow-up gamma camera scans this Tuesday is perhaps a bit much. But my life expectancy sure depends on it, as well as my treatment life going forward. There's too many ifs, ands or buts to present here, but suffice to say, my future, yet again, is sort of up for grabs.

For the moment however, I feel mostly fine. I'm back eating the foods that I love, after a 31 day lull when I was on the low iodine diet, so all is semi back to normal. Being able to satiate once again does soothe the ravenous beast inside me. Nevertheless, there are bigger problems/possible solutions in the offing that M&Ms, Double Stuf Oreos and Entenmann's Marshmallow Devil's Food Iced Cake can really address. Still, if I'm going to go down, I can now go down with a smile on my face and a delicious dessert/snack in my mouth.

In a way, I'm back on the precipice. Are the tumors in my lungs all lung cancer which has previously led to my being given a "terminal diagnosis/prognosis: "13 months to two years" back in late February, 2009 or are they papillary thyroid cancer, stage II; not terminal, and not just treatable, but curable? Or are they something in between, as yet undiagnosed? Maybe I've developed new tumors? Maybe I'm to be diagnosed with a third type of cancer? Maybe, maybe, maybe. That's how I have to roll for the next few weeks (thyroid cancer) and the next six weeks (lung cancer) when I will have the usual upper torso CT scan of my lungs, the first one I will have had in over five months (all my lung cancer-related treatment was stopped while we addressed the thyroid cancer). Perhaps in mid-July I'll know the "end of the story" as radio icon Paul Harvey used to sign off; "Good day!"

For now, all I can do is wait and not "smoke em if I got 'em" but "keep my powder dry" and "keep my eyes on the prize." It's really no different than pretty much how I've managed to live my life since I got the diagnosis 11 years and over three months ago. Although, oddly enough it feels different than it did before as if I didn't have as much at stake then as I do now. Almost as if this is my last chance to catch a break, especially considering that living nearly a decade past my original prognosis I've already received a lot of breaks. Somehow though, this medical-diagnosis-to-be conjures a kind of inexplicable finality.

I don't want to go back. I want to go forward. Unfortunately, which direction I'm headed is out of my control. The endocrinologist and the oncologist will tell me whether I "Return to Jail" or "Pass Go and Collect \$200." They will be monopolizing my future and in so advising, will indirectly determine my covid-19 risk as well. Will I be visiting my healthcare provider/facility regularly for treatment and possibly exposing myself to the virus

(which would be a major complication for a patient like me: over 65, with lung disease and a weakened immune system) or will I be able to live my life without any of the life-ending-type fears I've had since 2009, and the world has had since the first quarter of 2020?

So even though I don't know for sure that my life is at stake, I think I can definitely say that my living is. Will it be cancer-centric or not? Either way, I'll live with the outcome. The only question is: for how long?

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