

# Potomac ALMANAC

## Will the Charles F. Mercer Float Again?

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CHARLES F. MERCER

The Charles Mercer Canal Boat in 2013; the boat will return to offering rides this Spring, according to the C&O Canal Trust.

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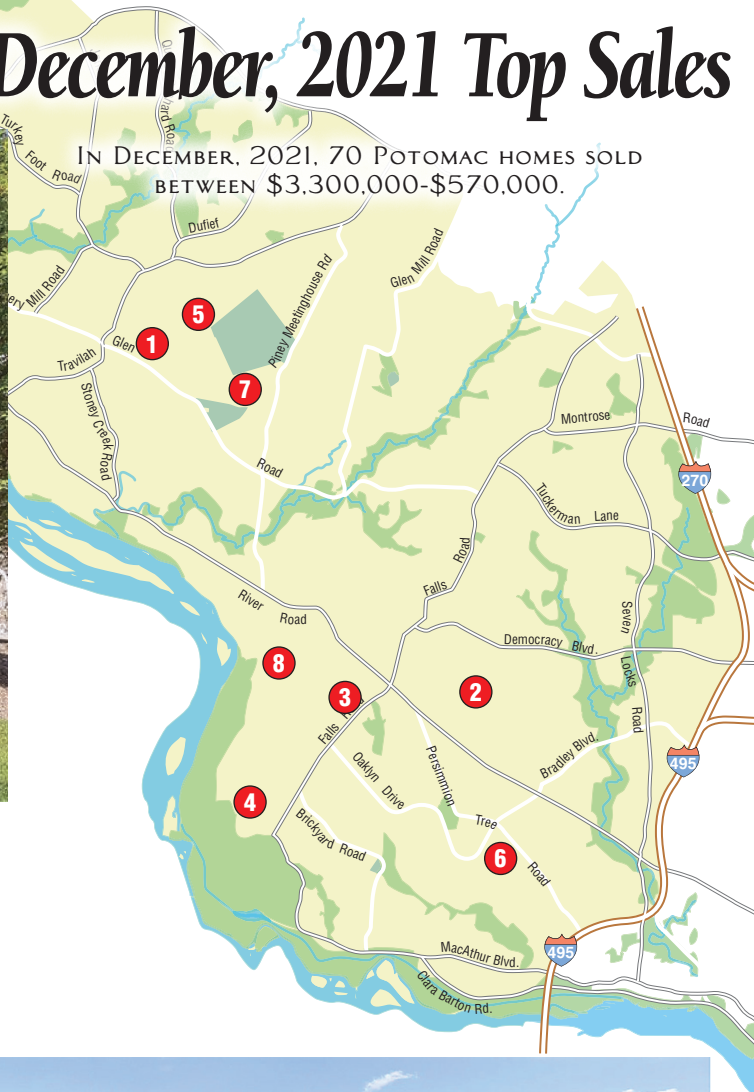
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# Potomac REAL ESTATE

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IN DECEMBER, 2021, 70 POTOMAC HOMES SOLD  
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3 10412 Bit and Spur — \$2,700,000



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## What Happened to Potomac's Friends of the Library?

**Dissolved, by the County chapter, without discussion.**

**T**he Montgomery County Friends of the Library has dissolved the local chapters of the Friends of the Library, including the Potomac chapter, which has been addressing local needs for 31 years.

Reportedly, the announcement came at a meeting with the admonishment that no questions would be taken. Chapter members were blindsided because there was no collaboration on the decision before the announcement.

Here's what Edythe Wingate, President, Potomac Friends of the Library, wrote in an email to chapter members.:

The Potomac Friends of the Library organization has been informed that it, along with all other Friends chapters at the county's branch libraries, will be dissolved as of April 1.

This unilateral, unexpected action—taken with no prior consultation with branch chapters—was made by the “parent” organization, Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, MD, last Saturday, March 19. You can read the announcement at <https://www.folmc.org/from-the-desk-of-the-president>. [And below]

The Potomac Friends chapter is stunned by this action and concerned that direct community involvement in supporting and enhancing the Potomac Library and its programming will suffer. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization run by a 13-member elected Board of Directors made up of volunteer residents and library patrons, we are exploring with other chapters—which are equally concerned—what options may be available to continue to serve our communities.

For 31 years the Potomac Friends of the Library chapter has been dedicated to the enhancement of the Potomac library in a multitude of ways. In recognition of this, the Potomac Chamber of Commerce honored the organization collectively as “Potomac Citizen of the Year” in 2020. We have provided “extras” such as: author talks; 8 years of



Sign at Falls Road and Glenolden.

the Great Decisions foreign affairs lectures; monthly book sales; children's programs; computers and furniture; funds for collection development; partial funding for landscaping of the grounds by the Potomac Village Garden Club; staff appreciation lunches and funds for ongoing learning; storybook characters and children's activities for Potomac Day; financial support for re-painting and refurbishing of the library building.

We also planned to make significant funding for the upcoming refresh of the Potomac branch. The Potomac Friends chapter is pursuing alternatives to disbandment in the hope of continuing our service to the Potomac Library and the Potomac community. We appreciate all our many members.

**From the Desk of the President, Pamela Saussy**

Here is the letter from Pamela Saussy,

President, Board of Trustees, Friends of the Library, Montgomery County

**March 19, 2022**

On behalf of the FOLMC [Friends of the Library, Montgomery County] Board of Trustees, I would like to announce that we have made a unanimous decision to change the chapter model for our organization. Instead of chapters, our new ONE FOLMC model will centralize volunteer activities, creating a more unified, efficient, and streamlined organization. The decision to create a new ONE FOLMC model was driven by an extensive years-long business review that exposed both fiduciary and liability risks that threaten the long-term viability of the whole organization.

This decision was made after careful and deliberate consideration. As 501(c)(3)s in the state of Maryland, individual chapters were

required to file articles of incorporation, recruit a board of directors governed by a set of by-laws, and maintain their status as a charity under Maryland law.

FOLMC was held legally and financially responsible for all actions or inactions taken by the individual chapters but did not have authority to ensure their compliance. Despite efforts over many years to resolve these risks within the current chapter model, it became clear that revising our model was our only path forward. Our chapter leaders were notified of the change on March 19 and provided with a path to determine next steps for ensuring that publicly donated assets remain accessible to their intended MCPL branch.

This step does not change FOLMC's mission to strengthen, promote, and champion Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) or to continue directing funds to each branch for which they are raised. FOLMC's vision that everyone in Montgomery County values and benefits from our public libraries remains the same, as do our values of education, innovation, service, integrity, and advocacy. Our volunteers will still carry out book sales and participate in programs supporting their local library. The new ONE FOLMC volunteer model will not impact our relationship with and ability to serve MCPL.

The change to ONE FOLMC benefits our hardworking volunteers by easing the administrative burdens of chapter management so that they can spend more time doing what they love, including conducting booksales which supports library programming.

It benefits MCPL by streamlining their interactions with FOLMC to communicate branch needs for programs and funding. In addition to reducing the risks cited above, the new model strengthens FOLMC's oversight and stewardship of publicly donated assets intended to benefit MCPL.

As we take this necessary step, I'd like to thank our volunteers and chapter leaders for their dedication in supporting our treasured public libraries. We look forward to continuing our mission together as ONE FOLMC.

For more information about ONE FOLMC, please see our Frequently Asked Questions. If you would like to volunteer for FOLMC, please fill out this volunteer form.

## Potomac Man Dead After Motorcycle Crash

**O**n Friday, April 1, 2022 at approximately 5:12 p.m.,

First District police officers responded to the 10700 block of Falls Road for the report of a single motorcycle collision, in front of Normandie Farm Restaurant. The operator of the motorcycle did not collide with another vehicle. Upon arrival, units located an adult male victim motorcyclist in the entranceway of the Normandie Farm Restaurant. Montgomery County Fire Res-

cue transported the victim to an area hospital with serious injuries.

The victim, identified as 60-year-old William Herndon True Jr., of Potomac, succumbed to his injuries on Sunday, April 3, as a result of the injuries he sustained in the collision.

Detectives from the Montgomery County Department of Police – Collision Reconstruction Unit (CRU) are investigating the fatal collision that occurred on Friday, April 1, 2022.

The preliminary investigation by detectives revealed that the operator of a grey 2019 Ducati Diavel motorcycle was traveling southbound on Falls Road from the area of Potomac Tennis Club Lane, toward Democracy Boulevard. For reasons still under investigation, the motorcycle left the right side of the roadway and struck a granite retaining wall. The motorcyclist was ejected from the motorcycle and landed in the entranceway of

the Normandie Farm Restaurant. There is no physical evidence that would suggest another vehicle was involved.

The adult male victim was transported to an area hospital with life threatening injuries.

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

## Walking with Shakespeare, April 23

**G**aithersburg's Arts on the Green will hold its 2nd “Walking with Shakespeare” adventure from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, at Observatory  
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## Join West Montgomery County Citizens Association for a Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

at 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81048615930?pwd=MTZKU3JoU2xLck40OTFpcnhON3RrQT09> or call in with 301-715-8592 (Meeting ID: 810 4861 5930, Passcode: 170748)

A recording of this meeting, and hotlinks within the Newsletter, will be available on our website: [www.WMCCA.org](http://www.WMCCA.org)

### April's speaker is Mike Riley – Director, Montgomery County Parks

April is Earth Month and the time for public hearings on the Operating Budget, a good time to remember that our County has an award winning 35,000 acres of parkland and 474 separate parks. The Parks system includes Regional Parks like Cabin John, recreational parks, conservation parks like Blockhouse Point, cultural and historic resources, natural resource stewardship, trail planning and maintenance, as well as park facilities. This abundance requires money to operate and maintain. The County Council is scheduled to hold hearings on the yearly Operating Budget which includes funding for parks. Director Riley will discuss park needs and answer questions.

As always, the public is welcome to attend.

### Pass the Synthetic Turf Disposal Bill; Fight Airplane Noise Pollution

President's Letter by Carol Van Dam Falk

This past week WMCCA wrote our state lawmakers calling on them to support SB 321/HB 131, "Synthetic Turf and Turf Infill – Chain of Custody," which requires manufacturers and owners of synthetic turf and infill to maintain a chain of custody of its installation, reuse, repurposing, recycling, and ultimate disposal, and to report this information to MDE for posting on a public website. This bill has no down side; it protects citizens from being exposed to dumped turf fields which are known to contain carcinogenic material.

We know that 80,000 square foot synthetic turf fields have an average life span of 8 to 10 years and produce a significant amount of waste as they are made from 40,000 pounds of mixed plastic turf, most of which is used tires. Synthetic fields and infill contain aquatic and human toxins, carcinogens, endocrine disruptors, heavy metals, and immune disruptors, including PFAS or "forever" chemicals.

State officials keep no inventory of the number or location of synthetic turf fields across Maryland and have no idea of where the used fields end up, even though some of them have been dumped in woods or near waterways. In 2021, Sierra Club volunteers found 347 fields in 18 counties and Baltimore. They estimated the waste produced over the next decade for 328 of the fields, as they are replaced, includes more than 67,000 tons of plastic carpet and infill, almost 123,000 cubic yards of infill, and 24 million square feet of plastic carpet, or 557 acres.

The fate of this incredible amount of toxic, plastic waste is nearly impossible to track. No documentation is required regarding how much, if any, of the material is re-

purposed or recycled or how it is disposed of. Many waste facilities do not accept synthetic turf waste because of its high volume, weight, and toxicity. When improperly disposed of and uncontained, especially near waterways, these materials pose untold risks to humans, wildlife, and the environment. We hope this is the year that Maryland paves the way for other states by becoming the first state in the nation to approve this important legislation.

This week we also wrote U.S. Members of Congress including Maryland Senator Chris Van Hollen regarding the March 17, 2022 Aviation Subcommittee Hearing: Aviation Noise: Measuring Progress in Addressing Community Concerns. Aircraft noise continues to negatively impact hundreds of people in our community who were not adequately represented at the hearing. The only speaker (1 of 8) who spoke for communities was from the organization N.O.I.S.E. which does not represent Montgomery County. Airplanes fly directly over Cabin John and several other local neighborhoods, sometimes every 4-5 minutes in the mornings and evenings. The planes are so loud they drown out conversations on the street.

Studies have shown repeated exposure to aviation noise pollution is a significant public health hazard. It has been proven that aircraft noise pollution has negative health impacts on the cardiovascular system, including increased risk of strokes and heart attack. It also harms the endocrine and nervous systems, impairs cognition, and causes sleep disruption, anxiety, and depression. We urged the aviation panel to address the serious health impacts caused by aviation noise pollution, including amending the Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990 which stripped away all local control over aircraft and aviation noise. Alternatively, we called for Congress to give responsibility for regulating aircraft noise to the EPA, not the FAA, which has no experience handling health-related issues.

### Heritage Gardens (CU2022-01)

SUBMITTED BY SUSANNE LEE

No date has been set for the next and perhaps final hearing before the Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings (OZAH) regarding this conditional use application to construct a townhouse / senior care community on the 30-acre lot at the intersection of Norton and South Glen Road. OZAH has remanded part of the case back to the Montgomery County Planning Board staff to address the need for a traffic study. In the meantime, on March 23, Wormald, the applicant townhouse developer, submitted its proposed legal structure for the facility.

It still proposes what we believe is a bizarre arrangement in which this age-restricted senior living facility and the required conditional use will be owned by 46 different entities – the 45 townhouse owners and Wormald who will own the Lodge structure containing independent and assisted living and memory units. Sage, the actual provider of services, will not have any ownership interest or hold the conditional use.

On March 31, the Hearing Examiner asked the applicant for further clarification of the

proposed legal structure. She also referred the submission to the County's Department of Permitting Services "to see if they have any concerns regarding enforceability of the conditional use given the multiple levels of HOA [Home Owners Association] and multiple conditional use holders."

The Greater South Glen Neighborhood Association (GSGNA) and the surrounding neighbors continue to work on a variety of issues including compatibility and the impact this massive development will have on the neighborhood and those using South Glen Road. If you would like to further support these efforts, we urge you to send donations for legal and consultant expenses to GSGNA at 11021 Dobbins Drive, Potomac, MD 20854, or by Venmo to @Neil-Goldman-9. GSGNA will provide a receipt for all contributions.

### Glen Road Bridge over Sandy Branch near Glenstone Museum

SUBMITTED BY KEN BAWER

Several questions arose after reviewing the "Glen Road Bridge Replacement" document prepared for Glenstone by Rocky Powell, et. al. dated April 22, 2021. What would be the purpose for the proposed upstream side cross vane and plunge pool? What would be the impact on movement of aquatic organisms (fish, etc.) up and down the stream? Is the extensive proposed left (east) bank protection (rock wall) really needed? Is the proposed upstream side "realign and shape channel for better entrance to bridge" really needed? This is a lot of engineering in a stream channel which would destroy the natural character of the stream and its riparian plant life. On the downstream side, why extend the plunge pool to the head of the downstream riffle? This would disrupt the current stream bed and its aquatic life.

Regarding the Rustic Road Advisory Committee letter of May 5, 2021 to Barry Fuss, Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) which supports the proposed improvements to the upstream channel, the issue should not be visual enhancement. The primary issue should be the protection of the natural area. What is the impact of this project on the ecology of the project footprint? The beneficial effect on stream quality has not been established. We

will relay our views to MCDOT.

### 2021 Water and Sewer Plan Update

SUBMITTED BY KEN BAWER

DEP staff has prepared the 2021 triennial comprehensive update of the Water and Sewer Plan which it turned over to Executive Elrich's office. After the Executive's review and sign-off, the Plan goes to the County Council; a public hearing will follow. We are providing comments on a variety of issues.

For example, creating a septic system survey requires that it be initiated by a property with a septic system failure, but DEP can expand the survey area to include as many additional properties as they desire, even if these properties have no septic system failures. This loophole can result in numerous properties unnecessarily being granted sewer category changes from septic to sewer thereby promoting extension of the public sewer system. This, in spite of the fact the WSSC sewer system spills enormous quantities of raw sewage each year — almost 8 million gallons of raw sewage in 2021. Aside from the environmental consequences of spills, sewer line extensions can lead to higher density development resulting in more impervious surfaces, causing more stormwater runoff that erodes our streams. We have asked that the Plan be changed so only properties with failed septic systems can be added to a survey.

We are also objecting to continuation of the peripheral and abutting mains sewer policies and multiple "special rule" changes that are inconsistent with the Potomac Subregion Master Plan and Maryland Smart Growth Statutes and are designed to benefit specific property owners who are otherwise ineligible for sewer extensions.

### WMCCA NEEDS A NEW WEB ADMINISTRATOR

We have updated the website and are poised to turn it over to a new provider. Would you be interested in performing this important task for the organization? It would require uploading the monthly newsletter, the occasional testimony by Board members, community and environmental issues, etc. If you're interested, contact us at [president@wmcca.org](mailto:president@wmcca.org).

### BULLETIN BOARD

*Submit civic/community announcements at [ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar](http://ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar). Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.*

#### NOW THRU APRIL 30

Exhibition Title: "Essence". Solo Art Exhibition for Artist: Vian Borchert. At The Framer's Choice Gallery, 402 Main Street, Gaithersburg. Artist Talk and Reception: Saturday, April 23, 3-5 p.m. Gallery Hours: Monday - Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exhibition link: <https://www.vianborchert.com/exhibitions/386-essence-fcg-2022.html>

#### NOW THRU APRIL 27

"The Prayer for Peace." At Artists & Makers Studios, 11810 Parklawn Drive, Rockville. Featuring artist Nana Bagdavadze who

will exhibit her work to honor Ukraine as well as resident artists' "Threads." The April 2 opening is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. An Artist Talk will be held Saturday, April 16 from 1-3 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 6

A Community Conversation with Councilmember Andrew Friedson. 7-8:30 p.m. At Bethesda Regional Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda. Call 240-777-7828. Email: [councilmember.friedson@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:councilmember.friedson@montgomerycountymd.gov).

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECREATION TO HOST

#### TWO SUMMER JOB FAIRS

Montgomery County Recreation is hiring part-time seasonal employees to work  
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during the 2022 summer season. There are numerous positions available for aquatics and summer day camp staff. The following teams have openings: aquatics, community recreation facilities, senior services, youth development, sports, therapeutic recreation and more.

There will be two job fairs held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 9.

Upper County Community Recreation Center, 8201 Emory Grove Road, Gaithersburg

Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville

Priority will be given to candidates who have registered for an interview slot ahead of time. Registration for interviews is available on the recreation interview scheduling website. In-person interviews will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants who are unable to attend the job fair are able to apply for open positions on the County's Office of Human Resource website.

Part-time/seasonal pay begins at \$15 an hour and increases based on experience. Applicants must be at least 15 years of age. Bilingual applicants are encouraged to apply. To review and apply for open positions, visit WORK4MCG and click on the search tab.

## SENIOR PLANET MONTGOMERY FREE ONLINE CLASSES

Senior Planet Montgomery, a technology training program designed for County learners 50 and older, is offering free online classes that focus on how to thrive at home. Classes, which are offered live via video conference, enhance a wide variety of life skills. Classes for Seniors April 11-15 will include "Graphic Design Tools" and "Messaging Apps."

In addition to classes in English, two classes will be taught in Spanish, and one class will be taught in Mandarin. A variety of exercise classes also will be offered.

During the fall and winter program quarters, more than 2,000 participants joined 201 virtual programs hosted by Senior Planet Montgomery. This spring, classes will cover how to use and host on Zoom, online basics, popular social media sites, lowering one's utility bill, financial security, and civic engagement.

The program is supported by the County's Department of Technology Services' ultraMontgomery program in partnership with nonprofit OATS (Older Adults Technology Services). The County's Department of Recreation and Montgomery County Public Libraries also are partners in helping provide the classes at no charge to participants. Classes change on a weekly basis.

A home internet connection and a device (such as a smartphone, tablet or computer) are all that is required to participate. Classes to be offered week of April 11-15 will include:

- ❖ Graphics Design Tools: Tuesday, April 12, 10:30-11:30 a.m. In this presentation, explore the popular design platform, Canva, and demonstrate how to use basic tools like Google Slides.
- ❖ Messaging Apps: Thursday, April 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Lecture will go over the features of three widely used apps: iMessages, Hangouts, and WhatsApp.

- ❖ Hello Montgomery: Thursday, April 14, 2-3 p.m. Join fellow MoCoresidents for an hour of socializing Twitter: Thursday, April 14, 4-5p.m. Learn about Twitter's important features as well as the social importance the service has gained over the last ten years and how to access breaking news and important information even without signing up for a Twitter account.

- ❖ Lighting and Smart Bulbs: Friday, April 15, noon-1 p.m. This lecture reviews common lighting terminology like watts and lumens and explains the differences between the many types of bulbs currently on the market.

English Translation for Class in Mandarin:

- ❖ Cloud Storage: Wednesday, April 13, noon -1 p.m. In this lecture, you will learn the basics of cloud storage — a technology that lets you store documents, images, and other media files remotely while giving you greater accessibility, reliability, and protection for your important data. We will discuss what it is, why it is the future of data storage and demonstrate a few of the most popular services currently available to consumers.

For more information about Senior Planet Montgomery and to view its virtual program offerings, visit <https://seniorplanet.org/Montgomery>. The team can be contacted at 240-753-0676 or via email at [mocoinfo@seniorplanet.org](mailto:mocoinfo@seniorplanet.org).

## LIBRARIES OFFERS FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Montgomery County Public Libraries is offering online workshops and one-on-one sessions geared toward assisting job seekers and entrepreneurs throughout April. All workshops are free and offered virtually.

An internet connection and a device (such as a smartphone, tablet or computer) are required for participation.

Throughout April – Every Monday: 9:30-11:30 a.m. H.I.R.E. (Helping Individuals Reach Employment) Sessions

Sign up to meet virtually/confidentially one-on-one with a career counselor for advice and assistance with your job search. Register:

Monday, April 11: <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/6205856>

Monday, April 18: <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/6205874>

Monday, April 25: <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/6205918>

Monday, April 4: 1-3 p.m. Job Search Strategies (in a Pandemic)

Learn about best practices for conducting a job search in the current (pandemic) job market. Register: <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/6376492>

Wednesday, April 6: 1-3 p.m. How to Prepare for your Virtual Job Interview

Learn how to differentiate yourself from other candidates, be Zoom ready, package your experience, tell your story, be ready for challenging questions, and feel more confident in your next interview. Register: <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/6376568>

Tuesday, April 12: 1-2 p.m. Google Drive Basics

Learn how to use the cloud-based storage system Google Drive. Register: <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/6342803>

Tuesday, April 19: 10-11:30 a.m. Intro- SEE BULLETIN, PAGE 10

# Dr. Whyte's New Book

## Released March 8, 2022

## TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR DIABETES RISK

### JOHN WHYTE, MD

Chief Medical Officer of WebMD



From the Chief Medical Officer at WebMD, the world's largest provider of trusted health information, learn how to reduce your diabetes risk and change your mindset from I hope I don't get diabetes to I can prevent diabetes.

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Three words no one ever wants to hear, yet each year, over a million people in the United States do.

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- Learning the role food, exercise, and sleep play
- Understanding the relationship between diabetes, heart disease, and cancer
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The Charles Mercer Canal Boat has been up on blocks and out of service for some time, but that time is coming to an end.

## Floating the Boat Again

The Charles F. Mercer Canal Boat will be returning to service at the C&O Canal National Historical Park at Great Falls this spring for mule-drawn boat rides. Stay tuned for more information from the Park.

### Upcoming Events:

**April 16 - 24 is National Park Week, and this year the theme is Park Connections. Celebrate the C&O Canal National Historical Park.**

Canal Community Day events. C&O Canal Trust will hold its first event of the season on April 23 at the C&O Canal National Historical Park Great Falls. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help perform cleanup and beautification projects. Fill out the registration form to sign up.

<https://www.canaltrust.org/2022/01/great-falls-canal-community-days-event-on-april-23-2022/>

Kids to Parks Day is a national day of outdoor play celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May. The day connects kids and families with their local, state, and national parks and public lands through thousands of park events that promote discovery and exploration in the great outdoors.

The C&O Canal Trust will hold fun and educational activities at Fletchers Cove. Explore a wild, diverse world that may be brand-new to you or might feel like part of your own backyard. The C&O Canal Trust will be on hand with family-friendly activities, challenges and tools to help visitors of all ages learn more about the natural, human, and historical resources all around us.

When: Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 10:00am – 2:00pm

Where: C&O Canal NHP – Fletchers Cove  
4940 Canal Rd NW, Washington, D.C. 20007

Online activities: <https://www.nps.gov/choh/learn/kidsyouth/main.htm>



The Charles Mercer Canal Boat in 2013; the boat will return to offering rides this Spring, according to the C&O Canal Trust.



Dogwood with tiny blossoms.

## Scenes of Nature Around Potomac

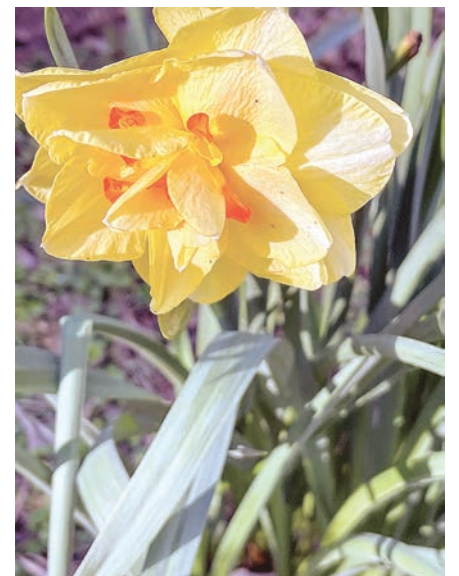
With some rain and a little warm weather, Spring will take off.



Bleeding Hearts begin to bloom, a plant that is resistant to deer.



Star flowers make repeat performances



Rose daffodil, along with many other daffodils are lasting longer with cool weather. And the deer do not eat them



Nascent dogwood blossoms in the golden hour.





Biologists pull up the suspended mussel cages from the river.



Project participants search a cage's base for young mussels.



Biologist Matt Ashton lowers a cage, explaining the process to the public.



Project participants put fish carrying microscopic mussel larvae into cages.



Matt Ashton secures a new cage before lowering it into the water.



An educational panel on the pier explains a mussel's life cycle.

# Bringing Mussels Back to the Potomac

BY GLENDA C. BOOTH  
THE ALMANAC

**M**any people may think that freshwater mussels are insignificant, nondescript critters, but for rivers and streams, they are important critters.

Virginia's riverbeds, including the Potomac's, were once lined with native mussels. When the first English settlers arrived, "They were astonished to discover rivers practically paved in freshwater mussels," according to the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources' (DWR) website. Over the next 400 years, pollution, dams and invasive species helped put 70 percent of mussels in the United States at risk. Over seven percent have gone extinct and another 50 percent are listed under the U.S. Endangered Species Act. In Virginia, of 82 species, only 30 percent are considered to be stable, with the remaining in decline, reports Department of Wildlife Resources.

Declining mussel populations can signal that freshwater ecosystems are in trouble. "The disappearance of freshwater mussels usually indicates chronic water pollution problems," says a U.S. Department of Agriculture website.

To improve water quality, the Potomac Riverkeeper Network (PRKN) has launched the 50 Million Mussel Project to restore freshwater mussel populations in the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers.



Left to right: eastern pond mussel; eastern lamp mussel; tidewater mucket mussel.

## What Is a Mussel?

Mussels are aquatic mollusks, invertebrate animals with soft bodies usually enclosed in a hinged shell. Freshwater mussels can range from thumbnail to pie plate size and live from 20 to 100 years.

Mussels draw in water with their incurrent siphon and discharge it through their excurrent siphon. Their shells are usually, but not always, dark in color on the outside and pearly on the inside. Mussels grow in both freshwater and saltwater. They spend much of their lives partially buried in sediment.

## Why Mussels?

"Like oysters, freshwater mussels are nature's water-based clean-up crew," explains Emily Franc, Vice President for Development/Philanthropy at Potomac Riverkeeper



An eastern lamp mussel.

er Network. They are filter feeders which means they obtain food by filtering water for nutritious particles.

One adult mussel can clean up to 10 liters of water per day. They can filter out excess nutrients, sediments and other pollution. These pollutants come from stormwater running off roofs, parking lots, roads and other hard surfaces and from lawn and agricultural fertilizers. Nutrients often flow off agricultural fields and poultry farms.

Sediments can smother mussel beds and cloud water. Turbidity blocks sunlight needed for submerged aquatic vegetation, underwater plants that invertebrates, fish, ducks and other aquatic organisms need for food and protection.

While the river is making progress, in their 2020 report, the Potomac Conservancy, concluded, "... excess nutrients and sediment from polluted urban runoff is increasing over time and threatens to undo

**"Recovering our nearly extinct freshwater mussel populations will help heal the entire Chesapeake Bay. They need our help to make a comeback."**

— Emily Franc,  
Potomac Riverkeeper Network

decades of progress ... Sediment in urban and suburban stormwater runoff continues to increase."

## Growing Mussels

The riverkeepers hope to reintroduce 50 million mussels to the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers by 2030, starting by propagating native mussels on the Potomac in Smoot's Cove at National Harbor. They have propagated or cultured four species: eastern floater, eastern lamp mussel, eastern pond mussel and tidewater mucket. They plan to eventually have similar projects at other Potomac River sites.

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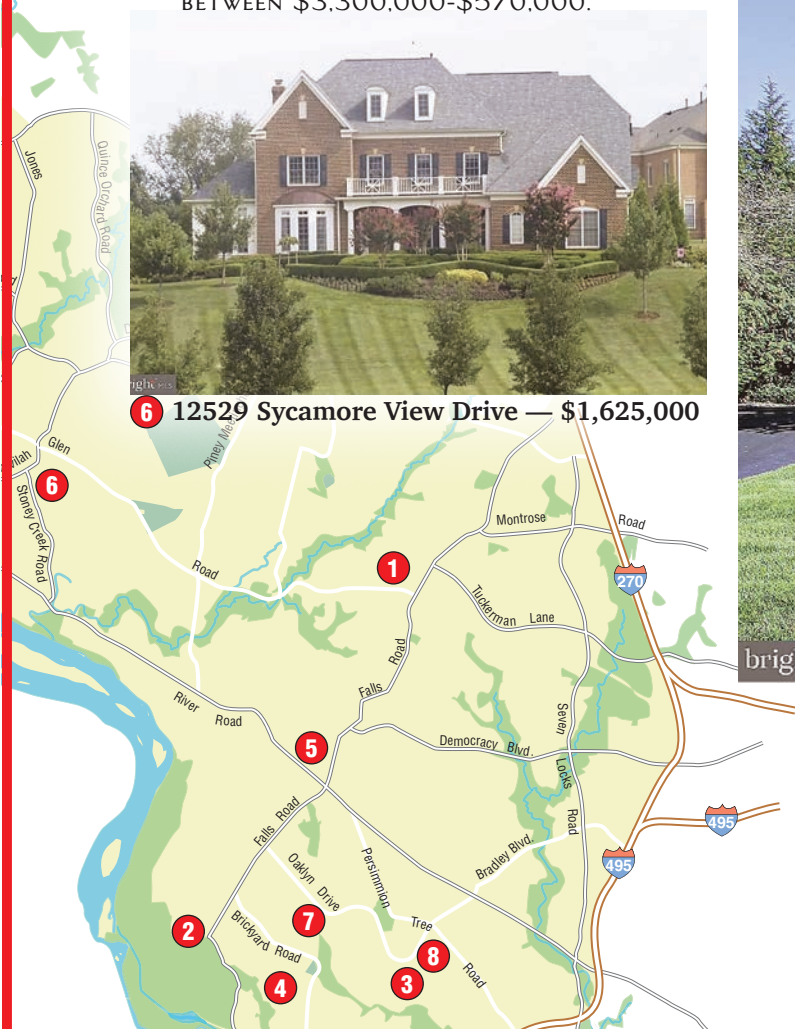


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## Encore Creativity Presents 15th Anniversary Concert at Strathmore

**E**ncore Creativity for Older Adults, a choral organization for adults over 55, will celebrate its 15th anniversary with a special concert honoring founder Jeanne Kelly at the Music Center at Strathmore, Saturday, May 14th at 3 p.m.

There will be more than 100 singers from Encore's programs in Montgomery County, including the Washington Conservatory Glen Echo Park Encore Chorale and ROCKS, the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center Encore Chorale and the Asbury Methodist Village Encore Chorale.

As many as 600 singers from Encore programs in Washington, D.C., New York City, Maryland and Virginia plus participants in Encore's online university program will join together to present an



**Kelly Jeanne**

uplifting and joyful repertoire featuring an eclectic mix of music in many styles and from many eras

with live musical accompaniment.

Admission is pay-what-you-wish. For tickets, visit <https://www.strathmore.org/what-s-on/in-the-music-center/encore-creativity-15th-anniversary-celebration/>

The Annapolis, Md.-based non-profit Encore Creativity for Older Adults was founded in 2007 by Kelly, who had a vision for a non-audition, professionally run choral program for people over 55, an age group that she felt was underserved in the arts in the country. Today, Encore has more than 1,200 singers in 26 in-person ensembles across the nation, including Chorales, ROCKS - rock & roll choruses - and Sentimental Journey Singers, a choir for those with

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## Montgomery County Board Vacancies

**C**ounty Executive Marc Elrich is committed to representation on all of the County's boards, committees, and commissions that is reflective of, and responsive to, our County's residents. Public participation contributes to the work of County government and provides an important service to the community when a variety of issues, concerns, and viewpoints are presented.

Access information regarding boards, committees, and commissions, including new application instructions here. <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/boards/instruction.html>

Please carefully read application instructions on that page, where you will also find all currently posted vacancy announcements and the online application form for each announcement.

**Currently, there is an opportunity to serve on the following:**

Commission on People with Disabilities <https://cexbcc.montgomerycountymd.gov/board/4099>

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**The deadline for application is April 22, 2022.**

Please share this notice with anyone who may be interested.

Applicants of diverse backgrounds, professions, genders, geography, disabilities, ethnicities, and ages are encouraged to apply. Members of County boards, committees, and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time. The County Executive's appointments are generally subject to confirmation by the County Council. Members must complete training on the Maryland Open Meetings Act and basic parliamentary procedure. Members are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for in-person meetings attended. County boards, committees, and commissions may meet virtually by video and/or teleconference.

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# New Districts, and Primary Elections July 19, 2022

**R**edistricting, mandated by the constitution every 10 years after the census, was delayed because the Census reports were late.

On March 15, 2022, the Court of Appeals postponed the upcoming primary election from June 28, 2022 to July 19, 2022. In addition, the candidate filing deadline is changed to April 15, 2022 AT 9 p.m.

While candidates still have until April 15 to file to run, the local slate is already crowded.

Clearly nearly everyone in Montgomery County will need to send in to vote by mail. Who knows for certain that they will be in town on July 19? Anyone who does might also be averse to activities indoors during the pandemic.

Possibly you think that primary elections aren't so important. You can vote in November, right?

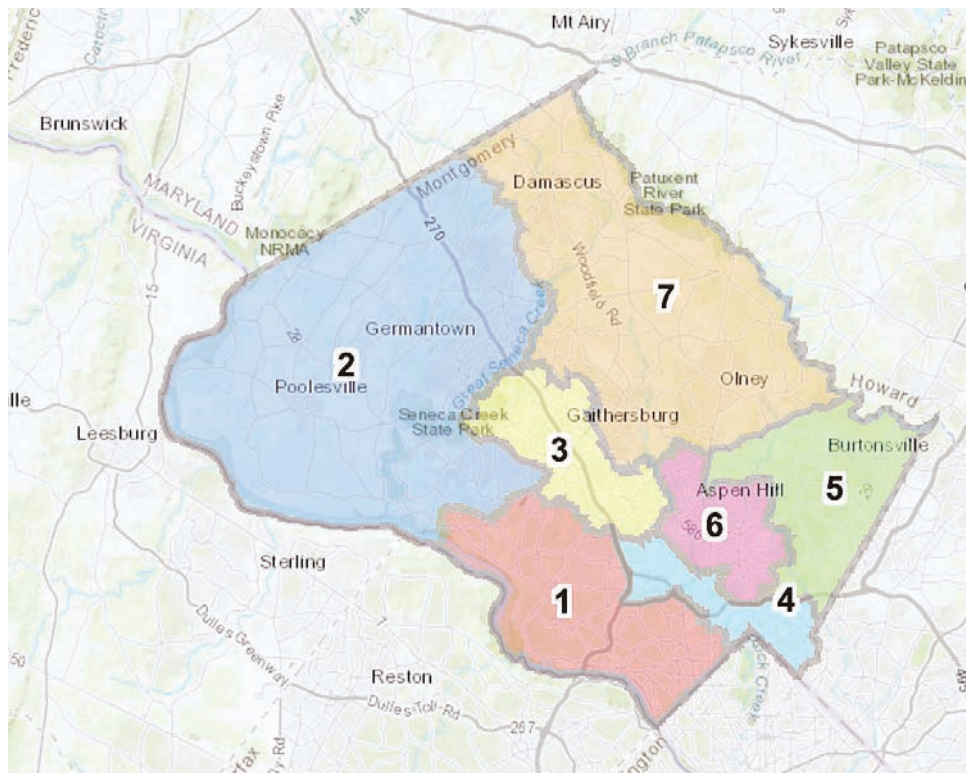
Consider that 100 percent of the elected officials in Montgomery County, every one, is from the same political party. That means that the election is decided by primary voters. On July 19.

It's time to pay attention. July 19 is about when there will be ripe tomatoes in your garden or at your farmers market. It's soon.

There have been debates between candidates already, and many groups and individuals demonstrate that they have already been tuning in.

## Some Examples:

Marc Elrich is running for reelection as county executive for Montgomery County, facing at least four other candidates in the Democratic primary. Included are David Blair, two current members of County Council, Tom Hucker, District 5, and Hans Riemer,



Montgomery County now has seven county council districts. Most of Potomac is still in District 1. Every voter is represented on County Council by their District representative plus the four at large members. They are all up for reelection.

at large; and Peter James.

Three incumbents will be on the ballot for the four County Council at large seats, Gabe Alborno, Evan Glass and Will Jawando. The incumbents are all Democrats.

Also running as Democrats for County Council at large are Brandy H. M. Brooks, Scott Evan Goldberg and Laurie-Anne Sayles.

Three Republicans are listed and will likely advance to the General Election in November (top four advance): Christopher P. Fiotes R, Lenard Lieber R and Dwight Patel R

Potomac, in Council District 1, is represented now by Andrew Friedson, who is running for reelection. Amy Ginsburg (D) plans to run against him in the primary. Cheryl Riley (R) is also throwing her hat in the ring.

The entire schematic only gets more com-

plicated and more important from here. (And if you care about your neighborhood, not much is more important than County Council.)

The lines between Congressional District 6 and 8 have shifted, affecting some Potomac residents in terms of who represents them in Congress.

Board of Education member from District 1, Pat O'Neill, died unexpectedly in December.

In addition, here is what the Montgomery County Board of Elections website says about the Board of Education Candidates: "These candidates are listed in the district where they live now. After election officials make changes to County, State, and Congressional districts based on final redistricting plans, some candidates may be assigned

## New Council District 1

**ACREAGE**  
40,119

**TOTAL POPULATION**  
155,015

**ASIAN PI**  
25,048

**BLACK**  
7,527

**HISPANIC**  
12,485

**OTHER**  
8,906

**WHITE**  
101,049

**TOTAL POPULATION OVER AGE 18**  
120,115

**ASIAN PI 18**  
19,492

**BLACK 18**  
5,698

**HISPANIC 18**  
8,907

**OTHER 18**  
4,992

**WHITE18**  
81,026

to a different district. Please come back in late May or early June to see which candidates are running for this district."

While Board of Education candidates are non-partisan, if there are more than two candidates for a district or at-large, they will appear on the ballot on Primary Election day (quick review, July 19) as well.

To make it clearer, Board of Education candidates run based on the district they live in, but it doesn't matter what district the voters live in; all voters can vote for all Board of Education districts. And Board of Education is the one thing that could matter more to you than County Council, depending on the issue.

This is without mentioning the races for Governor, Lt. Governor, U.S. Senator, State Senator, House of Delegates, etc.

I'm going to stop here, because we won't know the final list of candidates for more than another week. But tune in here, and your other sources, in time to make some informed choices. See the candidates list here:

[https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2022/primary\\_candidates/gen\\_cand\\_lists\\_2022\\_1\\_by\\_county\\_16.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2022/primary_candidates/gen_cand_lists_2022_1_by_county_16.html) and

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Tuesday/Thursday, April 19 and 21: 5:30-8 p.m. LinkedIn Boot Camp for 45+ Job Seekers (Sessions I and II)

This popular two-session/two-day workshop focuses on both the mechanics and strategy of using LinkedIn as a tool to conduct a successful job search. Register: <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/5958971>

Wednesday, April 20: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. How to Apply for Jobs with Montgomery County Government

Find out everything you need to know about applying for jobs with Montgomery County Government. Register: <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/5842237>

Program Contact: Adrienne Van Lare, [adrienne.vanlare@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:adrienne.vanlare@montgomerycountymd.gov)

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY WILL OFFER BIKE CLASSES

Adults who want to learn more about riding bicycles will have the opportunity to take reduced-price classes this spring sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT). "Adult Learn to Ride" and "Basic Skills" classes this spring will be offered for \$10 for County residents and free for Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) and Capital Bikeshare For All members.

Classes are led by WABA instructors and are designed for residents 18 or older. Bikes and

helmets are provided to participants. Classes will be offered in April, May and June. To register, visit the WABA website here. The Learn to Ride Class is for individuals who have never ridden a bike before, have tried to learn but have been unsuccessful or who have not ridden for some time. Classes will cover the basics of balancing, gliding, pedaling and stopping. The Basic Skills Clinic is the next step for those who have recently taken a Learn to Ride class or who know how to ride a bike but have not been on one in some time. The class will focus on skills such as turning, shifting, braking gradually and weaving. Classes run from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the following days:

- ❖ Saturday, April 9: Learn to Ride Class: Westfield Montgomery (top floor of Nordstrom Garage), Bethesda.
- ❖ Saturday, April 30: Learn to Ride Class: Upper County Recreation Center (center parking lot), Gaithersburg.

- ❖ Saturday, May 7: Basic Skills Clinic: Wheaton Ice Arena (back left parking lot), Wheaton.

Saturday, May 21: Learn to Ride Class: GEICO (front parking lot), Chevy Chase.

- ❖ Saturday, June 11: Basic Skills Clinic: Montgomery College (Parking Lot 13), Rockville.

- ❖ Saturday, June 25: Learn to Ride: Burtonsville Park and Ride lot (behind Burtonsville Crossing shopping center), Burtonsville.

\*Select classes will offer a free e-scooter safety training and test ride from noon until 2 p.m.

There is no registration required for the scooter class and walk-ups are welcome.

The classes are an affordable way to include biking as another form of transportation. They also are a great way to prepare to participate in Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 20.



# Bringing Mussels Back to the Potomac

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Propagating mussels requires understanding one of the most complex reproductive systems in nature. Males release sperm which the current carries to a downstream female who draws it in through her siphon. A fertilized egg develops within her gills into the microscopic larval stage called a glochidium. Once mature, the glochidia enter the water column and attach to the gills, fins or scales of freshwater fish, so the fish serves as a host or “taxi” for the mussel’s eggs. The glochidia then encyst into the fish’s tissue. Still microscopic, the juvenile mussel drops off the fish and begins its life on the stream bottom.

At the Smoot’s Cove nursery, Potomac Riverkeeper Network project managers put striped bass and yellow perch carrying microscopic mussels in six cages in hopes that the baby mussels will drop into the cages and grow. They submerge the cages underwater to within one foot of the riverbed.

The floating cages are designed to catch baby mussels as they fall out of the fish’s gills and avoid being suffocated by sediment buildup. So far, managers have not found young mussels in the cages, but they suspect that waves and current moved them out and that the mussels are on the river bottom. They hope to send scuba divers down in the fall to search the riverbed for mussels that likely escaped the cages in recent months.

They have found damage to some of the cages and suspect that otters or large birds may have torn into them. The demonstration project will also help develop the most effective type of cage and locate other suitable sites for mussel nurseries.

Managers hope that the Smoot’s Cove 10-year project can be a national demonstration center and that the mussel population will eventually become self-sustaining.

In addition to the Peterson Companies/National Harbor, other partners are the Joseph Manning Hatchery in Charles County, Maryland, Oasis Marinas, Underwater Adventure Seekers and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Potomac Riverkeeper Network will expand partnerships to other organizations, including nonprofits.

Mussel restoration projects are also underway on the Anacostia and James rivers and in southwest Virginia.

Franc loves the challenge: “Centuries of human impacts overwhelmed and decimated these once vibrant freshwater mussel populations,” she says. “We have the opportunity to reverse the damage and get mussels back in the water to do what they do best, clean the water. Recovering our nearly extinct freshwater mussel populations will help heal the entire Chesapeake Bay. They need our help to make a comeback.”

## Walking with Shakespeare, April 23

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Park in Gaithersburg.

Observatory Park is located at 100 DeSellum Ave. in Gaithersburg. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for those 18-and-under. Tickets can be purchased here. The program is recommended for ages 12-and-older.

Those joining the walk will experience William Shakespeare’s most celebrated plays as they come to life on this unique walking tour.

The walk will celebrate Shakespeare’s 458th birthday. It will meet up with traveling minstrels and go past scenes from six Shakespearean comedies and tragedies. Each scene lasts approximately 10 minutes, and all pathways are accessible.

Participating theatre arts program partners will include Rockville Little Theatre, the Montgomery



Playhouse, the Mad Rabbit Society and Victorian Lyric Opera Company. Additionally, members of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) will be presenting a demonstration in weaving, calligraphy, medieval costuming and a live rapier exhibition. The SCA is an international educational organization dedicated to recreating the Middle Ages.

For more information, call 301-258-6394 or visit [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov).

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early Alzheimer’s and memory impairment, plus a vibrant online university, summer camp, winter retreat and travel abroad programs.

“For many participants - retirees, widows, widowers, empty nesters and people looking for engaging experiences in their later years - Encore has provided a new community of friends, a new passion, challenging educational and performance opportunities, and most of all, joy,” said Joshua Vickery, CEO.

Kelly was named one of twelve “Influencers in Aging” in 2019 by the online publication Next

Avenue, recognizing “her efforts to push beyond traditional boundaries and change our understanding of what it means to grow older.” She was recently named to the HelpAge USA’s first-ever “60 over 60” list, honoring 60 Americans who are making significant contributions to society at the local, national or international level.

Encore thanks AARP, Strathmore and the Beacon Newspapers for their support of this concert. The Music Center at Strathmore is located at 5301 Tuckerman Lane in North Bethesda, Maryland. For more information about Encore, visit [www.encorecreativity.org](http://www.encorecreativity.org) or call 301-261-5747

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Did you hear that exhale about 10:15 this morning, Friday, April 1? That was me/my reaction after I received a second call from my accountant. Which was in response to hearing what my 2021 tax bill was calculated to be. It was marginal to say the least and incredibly amazing/lucky to say the most. The last thing I need during all this cancer stuff/expense, is substantial taxes, penalty, and interest due the IRS. If there’s any subject, short of being a “terminal” cancer patient, which strikes fear and anxiety into the hearts and minds of us living and breathing tax-paying citizens, it is receiving an unexpected and beyond-one’s-ability-to-pay, previous year’s tax bill.

If there’s any arm longer than the IRS’, I don’t want to have anything to do with it. The IRS is bigger and stronger and way more connected – and funded, than any of my presumptive representatives/defenders would be. If there’s any fatherly advice that still resonates nearly 17 years after my father’s passing, it is his advice pertaining to tax collection by the government. He would say, if you owe them, pay them, something, anything, and don’t ignore them. Moreover, he would summarize tax arrearage with the following advisory: “It’s their money and they want it.”

A child during the Depression and a self-employed businessman for most of his adult life, he was keenly aware of the IRS. Mostly he lived by his wits and tried to color between the lines. He respected the government, especially the tax-collecting authorities, and so far, as I recall, was never in default or the subject of a judgment/any legal proceedings. He managed to work all those years without incurring the wrath of the dedicated public servants who strive to collect every dollar due – for the public good of course.

So, when I received that second call from my accountant (“the left-handed gun” is his nickname; he’s left-handed) to tell me the net damage after completing my federal and state tax 2021 returns, would be hundreds, not thousands, neither of which I have readily available, I was, to invoke Hubert Horatio Humphrey, the democratic candidate for President in 1968, “Pleased as punch.” And to invoke anyone whoever survived a duel at 10 paces with pistols: I feel as if I dodged a bullet. (Not literally. The IRS has many weapons at their disposal, few however, if any, include guns/gun powder.) That dodge being legit thanks to my capable accountant (not me). As such, I look forward to paying my fair share this year to the IRS/state of Maryland and will try to quarterly-plan a bit more for the next tax year ending 12/31/22 so that the pressure I began to feel on Jan 1, 2022 could be mitigated by the responsible actions I take between now and this next year’s filing deadline.

Granted, I’ve survived cancer going on 14 years, and have been extremely fortunate to have done so. However, an IRS audit would be another matter entirely, and one I’m not sure I’d survive, at least not with the same vim and vigor with which I’ve endured my cancer diagnosis.

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