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March, 2022 Top Sales

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2 10706 Tanager Lane – \$1,695,000



3 7109 Masters Drive – \$1,695,000



4 10100 Meyer Point Terrace
– \$1,670,000



5 11331 Palatine Drive – \$1,625,000



6 7600 Masters Drive – \$1,615,000



1 13635 Maidstone Lane – \$1,760,000



7 7931 Lakenheath Way – \$1,525,000



8 9900 Avenel Farm Drive – \$1,510,000

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13635 MAIDSTONE LN.....	5	5	1	POTOMAC.....	\$1,760,000.....	Detached....	2.31	20854.....	RIVERS EDGE	03/31/22
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7109 MASTERS DR	4	3	1	POTOMAC.....	\$1,695,000.....	Detached....	0.43	20854.....	RIVER FALLS	03/17/22
10100 MEYER POINT TER	4	4	1	POTOMAC.....	\$1,670,000.....	Detached....	0.33	20854.....	AVENEL	03/22/22
11331 PALATINE DR.....	5	4	1	POTOMAC.....	\$1,625,000.....	Detached....	2.00	20854.....	PALATINE	03/18/22
7600 MASTERS DR	4	3	1	POTOMAC.....	\$1,615,000.....	Detached....	0.35	20854.....	RIVER FALLS	03/10/22
7931 LAKENHEATH WAY	5	4	2	POTOMAC.....	\$1,525,000.....	Detached....	1.05	20854.....	INVERNESS FOREST	03/25/22
9900 AVENEL FARM DR ...	6	4	2	POTOMAC.....	\$1,510,000.....	Detached....	0.29	20854.....	AVENEL	03/03/22

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Caesar Sant, a violin prodigy, shared his medical journey with sickle-cell anemia, a painful red blood cell disorder. He suffered three strokes which left him unable to walk or play the violin.

Children's Inn Hope Gala Surpasses \$1 Million Goal

Inn resident and 13-year old violin prodigy Caesar Sant shares inspiring medical journey.

The Children's Inn at NIH raised a new record \$1,083,988 in donations at the 2022 An Evening for Hope Gala, after a two year hiatus due to the pandemic. The proceeds will support The Inn's mission to provide free lodging, meals and a wide range of recreational and therapeutic supports to seriously ill children and young adults participating in clinical research studies at the National Institutes of Health. Nearly 400 senior leaders from industry and federal health and civilian agencies came together at the Ritz Carlton, Tysons Corner on April 30, 2022.

"While these past two years have been challenging for all of

us, they have been particularly difficult for the children and the families who need our support," said Todd Pantezzi, 2022 Hope Gala Chair, Children's Inn Trustee and Chief Strategy Officer at CVP Corp. "The Children's Inn has been like a beacon in a storm, making it possible for seriously ill children and their families to participate in groundbreaking clinical research studies at the NIH."

Speakers included NIH Acting Director Laurence A. Tabak and NBC News4 anchor Shawn Yancy.

Inn resident Caesar, son of Lucas and Aline Sant, shared his medical journey with sickle-cell anemia, a painful red blood cell disorder that affects hemoglobin

levels and the protein that carries oxygen throughout the body. Trying to find a cure for their son, Lucas and Aline enrolled Caesar in NIH's clinical research study led by Dr. John Tisdale.

During the gala, Dr. Tisdale explained the severity of sickle cell disease and the important partnership between the Inn and NIH. Caesar, a trained classical violinist since the age of two, suffered three strokes which left him unable to walk or, much worse, play the violin. After a tough recovery from a lifesaving bone marrow transplant from Caesar's younger sister, Lucas Sant shared, "The Children's Inn is a heavenly place. Caesar's medical journey would be

impossible without The Inn's well thought out accommodations, support, and care."

"I want to thank our supporters for giving generously and from your hearts so that hundreds of children, teens and young adults with rare and life-threatening diseases can stay free of charge at The Children's Inn at NIH while pursuing groundbreaking treatments only available as part of NIH clinical research studies," said Jennie Lucca, CEO of The Children's Inn at NIH. "After a trying two years, it's a wonderful comeback for the gala, and we're excited for the Inn of the future."

Next year's gala is slated for April 29, 2023, at The Ritz Car-

ton, Tysons Corner.

About The Children's Inn at NIH
The Children's Inn at NIH has served more than 14,500 children, teens, and young adults, and their families from all 50 states and 105 countries since its opening in 1990.

Located on the NIH campus, across from the world's largest hospital dedicated entirely to clinical research, The Inn's children, teens, and young adults have participated in 522 clinical research studies, representing advances in treating cancer, bone and growth disorders, mental illness, genetic conditions, and other serious health issues.

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Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

STARTING MAY 8

Montgomery County Will Increase Ride On Bus Service. The Montgomery County Department of Transportation will increase Ride On bus service starting Sunday, May 8. The new schedule will increase bus service to 90 percent of pre-COVID-19 levels. All routes, except Route 301, will undergo schedule changes. The new schedules will be available at rideonbus.com

and also will be available in print. The increased service starting May 8 will include extending Route 4 from Kensington to Wheaton. The revised routing will provide a direct connection from the Kensington MARC Station to the Wheaton Metro Station. The route previously went as far as Connecticut and Howard Avenue in the Kensington area. It will now continue down University Boulevard and onto Veirs Mill Road to the Wheaton Metro Station. Route 4 will continue to operate on weekdays, with no additional changes.

SATURDAY/MAY 14

Encore Creativity Concert. 3 p.m. At

the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, MD. Encore Creativity for Older Adults, the nation's largest choral organization for adults over 55, will celebrate its 15th anniversary with a special concert honoring founder Jeanne Kelly at the renowned Music Center at Strathmore in North Bethesda. For tickets, visit <https://www.strathmore.org/what-s-on/in-the-music-center/encore-creativity-15th-anniversary-celebration/>

SATURDAY/MAY 14

Refurbished Cars and Computer Sale. 9-11 a.m. At The Foundations Office/Thomas Edison High School of

Technology, 12501 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring. Refurbished cars from the Montgomery County Students Automotive Trades Foundation. Potential inventory can be found at www.cars2purchase.org. Also includes refurbished desktop computers from the Montgomery County Students Information Technology Foundation. More details on the website: www.itfcareers.org. Only cash and checks are accepted. No debit or credit cards. Electronic payment is unavailable. Financing options for cars will be offered by the Educational Systems Federal Credit Union.

MAY 14-15

Bethesda Fine Arts Festival. 10 a.m. to

5 p.m. At Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle, along Norfolk, Auburn and Del Ray Avenues. The 17th annual Bethesda Fine Art Festival includes more than 100 of the nation's best contemporary artists, live entertainment and Bethesda restaurants. Artists will have the opportunity to sell original fine art and crafts. Artists from across the country will gather to showcase and sell their original paintings, drawing, photography, furniture, jewelry, woodwork, ceramics, and more in downtown Bethesda. Admission to the festival is free

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Potomac Village Farmers Market Open for the Season

Potomac Village Farmers Market is open for the season, every Thursday, 3-6 p.m. at Potomac United Methodist Church, corner of South Glen and Falls roads. 9908 S Glen Road.
<https://www.potomacumc.org/potomac-village-farmers-market/>



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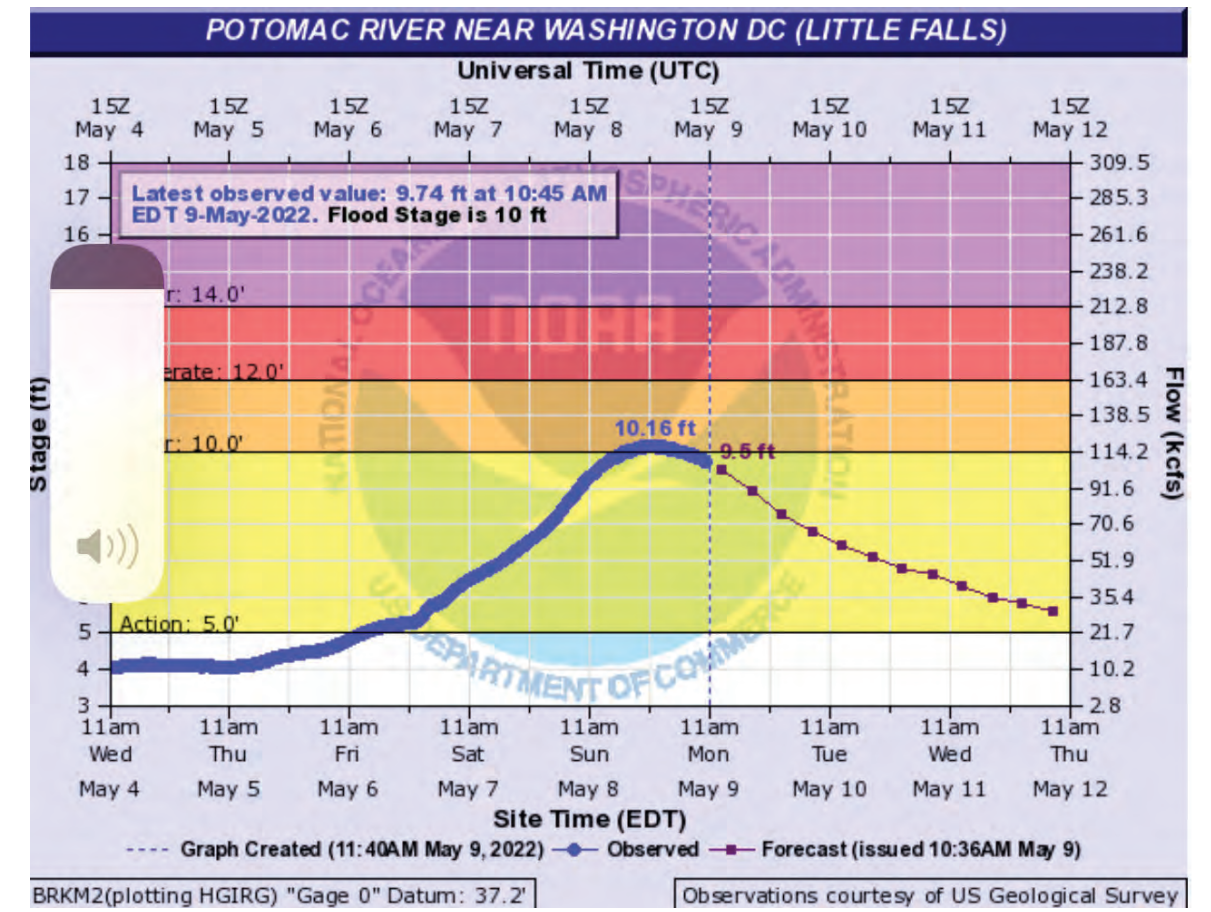
High Water on the Potomac River



PHOTOS BY MARY KIMM

Great Falls themselves as the water level recedes. Compare to the Falls pictured at normal levels.

This photo from several years ago shows the water level, and visible rock formations, when the Potomac River is at a normal level.



Heavy rains brought the Potomac River levels to flood stage, more than 10 feet measured at Little Falls. Normal river levels are below four feet.



High water.



Potomac River water levels reached flood stage on Sunday.



FROM TWITTER @CCCANALNPS

The Great Falls entrance road (MacArthur Blvd) is closed due to falling trees [Saturday]. The road is expected to reopen tomorrow morning (Sunday).



Great Falls Overlook sign.



The half moon appears in daylight over the canal.



Canal Trust community days helped with projects and cleanup around the C&O Canal Historical Park. More volunteer opportunities are available. <https://www.canaltrust.org>



The Charles Mercer, a replica mule-drawn canal boat, is currently up on blocks, although there is hope that boat rides through the lock will resume this year.



High water rushes with enormous power.



The water from the channels around Olmsted Island rushes into the Potomac River's Mather Gorge, visible in the distance.



Bridges over channels in the River leading across Olmsted Island to the Great Falls overlook of were closed on Sunday because of high water. They reopened Monday afternoon.



Young goslings sit under the watchful eyes of both parents.



Goslings with a parent.



Great Falls Tavern behind the sign warning of flooding.

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and free parking is available in the public parking garage on Auburn Avenue. This year's entertainment includes: Sara Jones, Eric Scott, iLyAmy, Andrew O'Day, Jay Byrd and The Musical Trust and Jarreau Williams. Visit www.bethesda.org or call 301-215-6660.

MAY 14-15

Maryland Youth Ballet Spring Concert 2022. At the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, 51 Man-nakee Street, Rockville. May 14 at 7:30 p.m.; May 15 at 1 and 5 p.m. This spring, join them for one of the world's most famous ballets – Swan Lake. MYB will present Act II where Odette and her dozens of swans, all dressed in white tutus, seemingly dance as one to Tchaikovsky's classic score. Also presenting, Coronation of a Dragonfly Queen a children's ballet originally choreographed in 1973 by MYB's Founder and presented in honor of her 100th Birthday this year.

SATURDAY/MAY 14

Carousel Carnival. 6 p.m. At Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD. Glen Echo Park's Carousel Carnival will be a night of circus entertainers, an exquisite dinner in the Spanish Ballroom, a silent auction, cock-tails, carousel rides, and more. The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. The Gala in the Park raises essential funds to support Glen Echo Park's arts and cultural programs and historic facilities. Each year over 350,000 people attend the Park's classes, social dances, family festivals, concerts, exhibitions, children's theater performances, and more. Visit the website: <https://givebutter.com/carousalcarnival>.

SUNDAY/MAY 15

Potomac Hunt Races. Noon to 7 p.m. Shuttle Service: Polo Grounds 15598 Hughes Road, Poolesville, MD. Held in the heart of Montgomery County's horse country, the Potomac Hunt Races is an annual tradition, celebrating the sport of steeplechase racing. Amidst the thrill of thundering hooves and soaring horses, race day festivities include mounted police demonstrations, a Kid Zone and Vendor Village. Enjoy the camaraderie of friends and colleagues, the beauty of nature, and the majesty of the equine athletes — all within the pristine rolling fields of the Kiplinger estate in Poolesville. For optimum tailgating, railside parking passes must be purchased in advance. They also offer Premium Unreserved Parking for those who wish to park in the lot on the race grounds. All other attendees must purchase a Shuttle Pass. Visit <https://www.potomachuntraces.com/>

SUNDAY/MAY 15

Waltz Dance. 3:30-6 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD. Featuring the ensemble Pet-richord playing a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schot-tische, 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 p.m. Admission is \$15, \$5 for full-time students with student ID. No partner required. For more information, call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org.

MAY 15-22

Montgomery County Ride On bus riders can donate non-perishable food to the County Department of Transportation's Ride On food drive from May 15-22. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off on all Ride On, extRa, Flex and Flash buses. A food donation bag will be available next to the farebox.

MCDOT has conducted the food drive for more than 30 years in partnership with Manna Food Center, although the effort was suspended during the two-year COVID-19 health crisis. This year, the food drive also has partnered with Montgomery County Public Libraries and the County's five Regional Services Centers, which are also taking in non-perishable food donations.

In addition to County buses, food donations will also be accepted at the following locations:

Executive Office Building: 101 Monroe Street Rockville, MD 20850 240-777-5880

County Council Office Building: 100 Maryland Avenue Rockville, MD 20850 240-777-5870

Regional Services Centers:
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center: 4805 Edgemoor Ln Bethesda, MD 20814 240-777-8200

East County Community Recreation Center: 3310 Gateshead Manor Way Silver Spring, MD 20904 240-475-6527

Mid-County Regional Services Center: 2425 Reddie Drive Wheaton, MD 20902 240-777-8103

Silver Spring Regional Services Center: One Veterans Place Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 240-777-5300

Upcounty Regional Services Center: 12900 Middlebrook Road Germantown, MD 20874 240-777-8000

County Libraries:
White Oak Library: 11701 New Hampshire Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20904 240-773-9555

Olney Library: 3500 Olney-Laytonsville Road Olney, MD 20832 240-773-9545

Long Branch Library: 8800 Garland Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20901 240-777-0910

Davis Library (North Bethesda): 6400 Democracy Boulevard Bethesda, MD 20817 240-777-0922

Gaithersburg Library: 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue Gaithersburg, MD 20879 240-773-9490

Manna Food Center locations:
Manna Food Center warehouse: 9311 Gaither Rd Gaithersburg, MD 20877 301-424-1130

Manna Food Center, administrative office: 12301 Old Columbia Pike Silver Spring, MD 20904 301-424-1130

All food donations will go to Manna Food Center to help community members in need. Last year, Manna Food Center supported more than 45,000 residents with 5.3 million pounds of food.

MAY 16-20

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.

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 May 16-20 will include "Facebook" and "Google Maps."

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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.

Sessions concentrate on user-friendly tools and resources and are designed to enable older adults to learn to utilize technologies to improve their daily lives. Senior Planet Montgomery utilizes curricula created by OATS, which also provides training staff and works with numerous County departments to identify topics of interest for Montgomery residents. OATS sponsors similar Senior Planet programming in six states. The County's Department of Environmental Protection contributes to the program's course offerings by producing sessions on how to lower energy costs.

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 May 16-20 will include:

❖ **Facebook:** Tuesday, May 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m. This lecture offers an overview of Facebook's evolution, its most popular features, and tips for getting in on the action.

❖ **Google Maps:** Thursday, May 19, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Google Maps is a mapping application that offers satellite imagery, street maps, and street-view perspectives. During this lecture, receive an introduction to the platform and a demonstration of how to use it.

❖ **Introduction to Social Media:** Thursday, May 19, 4-5 p.m. This presentation provides a general introduction to social media. Learn about popular social media sites like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok.

English Translation for Class in Mandarin:

❖ **18, noon-1 p.m.** This tech talk is an opportunity for you to learn about games. Join our Senior Planet trainers who will lead an open discussion on the topic.

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

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NEWS BRIEFS

President Biden Was in Potomac Monday

President Joe Biden was in Potomac on Monday at the home of U.S. Rep. David Trone for a Democratic National Committee Fundraiser at 6 p.m. If you saw extra police presence and motorcycle security along MacArthur Boulevard and Falls Road on Monday, May 9 in the late afternoon and early evening, that's the reason.

\$1 Million Fund for Abortion, Reproductive and Maternal Health

County Executive Elrich announced Tuesday that he will be seeking \$1 million in supplemental allocation from the Montgomery County Council to establish a fund for services and support to ensure access to abortion, family planning, reproductive, and maternal health providers in Montgomery County. This funding will ensure that non-profit providers in Montgomery County and assisting organizations will be able to serve the growing need by:

Assisting with wraparound services to those who are accessing abortion services to providers, as well as to those who choose to have children

Providing grants to organizations in the County that provide abortion services

Support organizations focused on comprehensive family planning, reproductive health, and maternal health

Provide aid to organizations that are fighting legal battles on behalf of women

"We live in a time where people's rights are under attack - from the Supreme Court to the halls of Congress, to State Houses throughout this nation," said County Executive Elrich. "We must do all we can to protect women's health and their personal rights. With this allocation of funds, we are helping ensure that any woman who needs assistance will be able to access it. I want to thank our nonprofit partners, doctors, and nurses who are so critical to our efforts. In Montgomery County, we are committed to working in partnership to stand up for all people and will continue to do so."

"The County Executive's initiative is in great alignment with the County Council's resolution on reproductive rights, which I spearheaded," said County Councilmember Nancy Navarro. "The resolution affirmed our commitment to ensuring that health care organizations that provide reproductive health services have the appropriate supports and capacity to safeguard the reproductive rights of residents in our communities. As the lone woman Councilmember on the Council, I will continue to do all I can to support the County executive and the County Council in doing the right thing - protecting our reproductive rights and safeguarding the welfare of all our residents. I also call on Governor Hogan to support reproductive rights in Maryland by releasing the \$3.5 million earmarked by the legislature for training."

Free Deck Inspections

Free deck maintenance inspections are of-

fered as a courtesy service by the Department of Permitting Service (DPS) to promote Building Safety during the month of May. DPS will honor all requests received from April 4, 2022 through May 31, 2022.

Requests received online are processed and assigned for inspections in the order in which they are received. After the online requests are processed, an inspection request is assigned to the residential inspection team, who does the actual scheduling of the inspection appointments with the homeowner, in the month of May or later (depending upon the number of inspections requested). The demand for the deck inspections have been very high, therefore, a response from an inspector may be delayed for a period of a few weeks. <https://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/online/eComplaint.aspx>

Forum on Youth Mental Health

Three County Advisory Boards have joined forces to host, "Break the Taboo," a forum on Youth Mental Health and Substance Use, from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 19. The forum, designed for youth, parents, and guardians, will highlight signs of youth mental health and substance use concerns and where to find resources in the community. The event is the result of a collaboration between the Montgomery County Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council, Mental Health Advisory Council, and Citizens Review Panel for Children.

"It is now more important than ever for Montgomery County to hold an event focused on youth mental health and substance misuse," said Celia Serkin, member of the

May 19 Forum Planning Committee. "The COVID-19 pandemic has had serious negative impacts on the mental health and psychological wellbeing of children, youth, and young adults and their families, particularly for groups at-risk of new or exacerbated mental health and substance misuse challenges and those facing barriers to accessing care. The COVID-19 crisis has turned into a mental health and substance misuse crisis for young people. During the youth panel, young people will help us understand their needs and challenges and what has or has not worked for them."

The virtual forum will include youth programming planned by members of the Youth Ambassador Program, and separate programming for parents, guardians and those who work with or care for youth. Youth will participate in youth-led sessions, learn about substance use/mental health warning signs, coping skills, and ways to help, and earn Student Service Learning hours for participating.

Parents, providers, and community members will hear from the Center for Anxiety and Behavioral Change and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration on ways to support youth and learn how the Surgeon General's Call to Action on Youth Mental Health is being implemented.

All attendees will hear firsthand about youth mental health and substance use experiences during the panel discussion and question and answer session facilitated by Dr. Rolando Santiago, Chief of Behavioral Health and Crisis Services for the County's Department of Health and Human Services. The evening will conclude with a virtual resource fair, during which attendees can speak directly with representatives from local organizations.

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LIBRARIES OFFER WORKSHOPS FOR JOB SEEKERS

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) is offering online workshops and one-on-one sessions geared toward assisting job seekers and entrepreneurs throughout May. 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 May – 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, May 16: <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/6540231>

Monday, May 23: <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/6540232>

Tuesday, May 17: 10-11:30 a.m. Introduction to Entrepreneurship

Are you just starting your entrepreneurial journey? This workshop will cover the fundamentals of building a business and help you determine if you're ready to become a small business owner. Presented in partnership with the Maryland Women's Business Center. Register: <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/6540240>
Tuesday/Thursday, May 17 and 19: 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/5959831>

Wednesday, May 18: 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/5822120>

Purple Line Spotlight on Library Resources Series

In collaboration with the Prince George's Memorial Library System and the Purple Line Corridor Coalition, MCPL is launching a new digital skills series, "The Purple Line Corridor to Success!" We feature four sessions in May focused on Adult Education and Career Exploration:

Presented in Spanish. Top-rated courses and training programs in the areas of entrepreneurship, project management, sales, technology, personal development, and more! Register: <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/6340510>

Wednesday, May 11: Noon-1:15 p.m. The Purple Line Corridor to Success: Career Online High School

An online flexible career-based high school diploma program available FREE from the library. Register: <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/6340509>

High Water on the Potomac River



PHOTO BY MARY KIMM

The water is so high that it changes the landscape.



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIVIANE PEDRUCO

Marymount University Interior Design student Viviane Pedruco maximized light to create an airy master bedroom for a Bethesda family.

When Accessibility and Style Collide

Award-winning Marymount University student combines universal design and bold colors to create the dream home for a Bethesda family.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

When Juliette Blanche and Chris Willows relocated from Antibes, France to Bethesda, Maryland they wanted the interior of their new home to incorporate natural light, bold colors and universal design that would accommodate one of their three children who is wheelchair bound.

Blanche, who is French, and Willows tasked Marymount University Interior Design student Viviane Pedruco with making that vision a reality.

"The owners wanted a design for that combined natural elements [like] wood, plants, flowers with a Cote D'Azur aesthetic and pops of bright corals, oranges, yellows, blues, teals and greens," said Pedruco, who was recently named a "Future100 Interior Design Graduate Winner," an honor bestowed upon students who advocate for openness, equality and inclusion through

their work. "The goal of the Blanche-Willows project was to deliver a comfortable space, with a relaxing atmosphere for the entire family, where coastal meets winter, garden meets cozy interiors, and good quality meets unpretentiousness."

Pedruco left her native country of Brazil where she worked as a helicopter pilot, to pursue a career that gave her an opportunity to explore her penchant for creativity. The Blanche-Willows project allowed her to meet the family's needs with her design style.

"I had to incorporate clever systems to maximize storage and accessibility," said Pedruco, who is from Rio de Janeiro. "I am passionate about color and I like to think that I have a sunny personality. I am also a mix of many cultures. I am the daughter of a Brazilian mother and a Portuguese father who was born in Macau, China and raised in Rio de Janeiro. I love my hometown, its colors, sounds, scents, contrasts, vibrancy and chaos."

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An Uncomfortable Month



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In an odd juxtaposition of events/months, I find myself adrift, sort of, with no medical appointments whatsoever on the previous or future horizon; compared to the previous month when I had a medical something-or-other practically every other day. And I can't help fearing that this calm is ahead of some storm. I mean, I have cancer. Shouldn't I be doing something (other than taking my daily thyroid cancer pill), going somewhere, being tested, being scanned, having my blood drawn and/or having a telephone or video appointment with one of my doctors? I'm not exactly unsettled by this lack of activity, but I can't help thinking, to quote Shakespeare: "something is rotten in the state of Denmark."

Not that I have any symptoms that are new or have persisted for three weeks (the advisory timeframe I was given for such cause/concern). But how do I go about my daily business (life) without any substantial cancer-related activity/inquiry, other than my daily lenvima? Cancer is a very serious situation, maybe more serious than a heart attack (as the old expression says), yet here I am unsupervised – sort of, and untethered (to quote one of my late father's Sid Caesar references) as if I don't have a care in the world. Not having any cancer-centric activity or preoccupation; it's almost as if I'm on holiday from my disease, and I'm not expected back for another few weeks. Moreover, given the rarity of this emotional interval I can't help wondering: "What's wrong with this picture?" I have an incurable from of thyroid cancer, shouldn't there be more hands on me?

The juxtaposition is that instead of worrying/planning for all the cancer activity ahead, I'm worrying/not-having-to-plan since I have no cancer activity ahead. Somehow, it feels wrong, or at least something is missing somewhere. I'm used to having lots of cancer stuff on my schedule. That's my normal. It's abnormal – now when I don't have to schedule anything. Not that I'm paranoid (which to quote Major Frank Burns from M*A*S*H: "I wouldn't be if everybody wasn't looking at me"), but this silence is not golden.

I can't imagine any medical professional on my quasi team is assuming anything about my health/status (after all, we know what assuming does). And cancer is hardly best left unattended. As my oncologist said years ago in response to my question about what happens if I stop the medication: "I know what happens. The cancer grows." Is it really the process that I take a pill every morning and then call the doctor in the morning, three months hence? Granted, I have been on this thyroid cancer track going on two years since I was re-diagnosed and I do know the drill, but as I felt in the early days of being a non-small cell lung cancer "diagnossee," am I closer to the beginning or the end?

I don't feel neglected, exactly. I feel like I'm not doing something I – or someone else, should be doing. Cancer is rarely better left to its own devices. My dilemma is, I just don't know if the devices I'm left with and/or which are being left on my behalf, are enough to meet the challenges ahead because cancer never takes any days off, so I shouldn't be taking any days (certainly not months) off either, right?

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