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Jim Brown shows Terry Pierce IV how to use the gavel. See more Family Album pictures on page 2.



Dickerson's Peggy and Arthur Johnson were recently honored. Find out why on page 7.



Joyce Breiner of Poolesville Green at the PACC Business Fair. More pictures are on page 11.



PHS English Resource Teacher Allison Wilder and Anastasia Goldberg are very pleased. Find out why in Student News on page 15.

Boyd's Site to Get Solar Array

By Kristen Milton

The power of the Upcounty sun will hopefully aid the Montgomery County Planning Board in cost-cutting measures for decades to come if two solar farms approved this month are installed.

The board gave unanimous approval March 12 to a proposal that would see multi-acre, ground-mounted solar panels installed on parkland in Boyd's South Germantown Recreational Park and Derwood's Rock Creek Park.

Dominic Quattrocchi of Park Planning and Stewardship said the project was "consistent with the park stewardship mission" as it would reduce the negative environmental impact of other energy sources while cutting the commission's energy costs. An earlier release had estimated annual energy savings at approximately \$291,000 per array, while the reduction in the carbon footprint was said to be comparable to the greenhouse emissions of three hundred cars.

The staff report noted this was an "unfunded initiative" that would depend on a solar company responding to the commission's bid request to build the arrays and enter a Power Purchase Agreement to sell generated electricity back to Montgomery Parks at below-market cost for fifteen to twenty years. The report highlighted solar arrays installed in Poolesville more than a year ago as an example of the potential.

In presenting the proposal March 12, Quattrocchi said approximately 135 of the department's more than 400 properties were evaluated as possible sites for the arrays over the course of the ten-month study.

The Boyd's location selected is a field west of the South Germantown Recreational Park maintenance facility that is currently leased for hay production. "There aren't really any visible eyes on this part of the park," Quattrocchi said, yet the number of visitors to the popular Soccerplex meant "we

think solar panels here could work as an educational platform."

The seven-acre Derwood site is located west of Needwood Road and is used to receive soils from dredging at nearby Lake Needwood. Since dredging will not reoccur for another twenty years, Quattrocchi said, the solar array would be a logical "interim use."

Jean Cavanaugh, president of the Seven Oaks Evanswood Citizens Association in Silver Spring, was the only citizen speaker at the March 12 hearing. She noted that while she supported solar energy usage, she hoped the board would pursue the concept of smaller panels on parking lot canopies and rooftops. "We want to protect our open spaces and we want to use renewable energy," Cavanaugh said.

Quattrocchi said the solar farms proposal represented less of an investment, although he speculated that the commission could use the energy savings to "springboard" to other solar projects.

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SCA Marks 43 Years as Guardians of the Ag Reserve

By Rande Davis

Beth Daly, president of the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association, opened the organization's forty-third annual meeting on March 14 with a robust and energetic celebration of the accomplishments of the group in the past year. The large gathering of members and supporters in attendance at the Linden Farm on Martinsburg Road in Dickerson heard Daly talk of the SCA's historical leadership role in preserving the 93,000-acre Agriculture Reserve, protecting the area's rural legacy and environmental health, along with its joint effort with other groups, such as the Montgomery Countryside Alliance, Sugarloaf Regional Trails, and Sugarloaf Countryside Conservancy, in achieving public policy goals to their satisfaction during the last year.

Of SCA's initiatives, the most prominent issues of the past year included the resolution of the Ten-Mile



The newly-elected Board of Directors of the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association: Dick Hill (first vice president), Carrie Laurencot (secretary), Ellen Gordon (second vice president), Beth Daly (president), and William Price (treasurer).

Creek development, stopping the building of a gun range, and pursuing legal actions against the building of a mega-church facility in the Ag Reserve.

As part of the Ten-Mile Coalition, Daly noted that the SCA's efforts resulted

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Family Album



Brian Johnson walks his pal Sandy on the first day of spring 2015.



2014-15 PBA sixth grade boys' Rising Stars team.



The Rimmie Magaha (center) family was joined by friends at the recent PBA annual celebration luncheon.



You know it's spring when the PAA baseball parents gather for an organizational meeting at the town hall.



2014-15 PBA sixth grade girls' Rising Stars team.



Sixth grader Isaac Hill explained his project to supply trout to the streams in the area.



Senator Brian Feldman, keynote speaker at the SCA annual meeting.



Attorney Michelle Rosenfeld updates SCA on Global Mission Church development in Ag Reserve.

Good Friday Worship Service

All are invited to join St. Peter's Episcopal Church and Memorial United Methodist Church as we reflect upon Christ's last words through message and song. Everyone is welcome!

When: Friday, April 3 from noon until 3:00 pm (drop in any time)

Where: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 20100 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville

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† Please join us on Whalen Commons at 4:00 pm as our youth present the Stations of the Cross.



Town Government Grant Night at The Commission

By Link Hoewing

At its March 16 meeting, the commission's agenda was dominated by presentations from various groups seeking grants from the town. Before the groups presented, however, the commissioners listened to a presentation from the town's Ethics Commission. In their annual report, Nick Tucci and Michelle Roach, representing the ethics board, said that the commissioners had all successfully completed their financial disclosure statements for this year as required by the town code. Tucci said they found no problems with the statements and commended the commissioners for completing them in a timely manner.

Tucci went on to note that the Ethics Commission not only oversees the development and completion of financial disclosure forms from the commissioners but also listens to complaints from citizens about potential violations of the ethics code. There were several complaints in the past year, and the commission had looked into each one. There had not been

sufficient evidence to conduct a formal investigation regarding any of the complaints; however, Tucci cautioned the commissioners to be very careful in observing ethics requirements especially since many of the decisions made by the town commissioners involve zoning and property-related issues, and some of the commissioners make their living in the real estate business.

After the Ethics Commission presentation, four groups appeared to request funding for their organizations. Rande Davis made the first presentation. He was returning to report to the commissioners about the idea of holding a Civil War-related event sometime this fall. A group of volunteers had come together to begin the planning process, and Davis explained that an extensive program had been discussed by the group with regard to the event. They decided that an event of the scope that had been envisioned—with potential Civil War reenactments, musical bands, food, and house tours—was simply not realistic given the limited amount of time left before the planned October 10 event date. Instead, the group proposed a more limited event consisting largely of house tours

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Local News

Community To Give Special Honor to Stearns

On Thursday, April 30, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., residents will have the opportunity to pay their respects to a grand lady, the Founder of WUMCO Help and its leader for the past forty-seven years: Jane Stearns. Everyone is invited to join in the festivities to honor the woman who has devoted so much of her life to serving others. The program will be held at the Family Life Center at 17750 W. Willard Road (across from the high school).

As we noted in the latest *Monocle*, the narrative on Jane's service to the local community boggles the imagination. She has never received (or asked for) compensation and has provided her home rent- and utilities-free for WUMCO operations. In a nutshell, Jane has been WUMCO and WUMCO has been Jane.

The community is invited to join the WUMCO Board of Directors in its "Salute to Jane" as she steps down from fulltime service (she will still be at WUMCO several hours each week).

Not all details are complete, but the program committee has confirmed that County Executive Ike Leggett will be on hand to present an award to his good friend—but don't think that the evening is mostly about speeches. Even the brief program will be informal,

and attendees will have much time to socialize, enjoy light refreshments, and, yes, thank Jane personally for all that she has done for and meant to the Upcounty. This is not to mention the most obvious: Expect to see many of your friends at the event.

The WUMCO Board is also inviting all those who would like to help in giving a present to Jane to do so. Of course, the board knows Jane too well to think she would accept a personal gift, far from it. The best way to honor Jane (other than personal expressions of gratitude) would be to donate to WUMCO. Send your check to WUMCO, Box 247, Poolesville 20837. Write "STJ" on the memo line. Donate online: www.wumcohelp.org, click on the "How to Help" tab at the top of the page, scroll down, and click the "Donate" tab to make your contribution through PayPal.

These funds will help the organization cover the increased operational costs involved in leasing space and the possibility that additional part-time paid staff may be required as Jane's hours decrease. They will also help the board to consider the prospect of undertaking new programming options that are not strictly reactive.

The WUMCO Board is extremely pleased to announce that the following community leaders will be serving as Patrons in spearheading the fundraiser: Gail Lee, Dr. Tim Pike, Carl Hobbs, Alex Markoff, Tom Kettler, Valaree Dickerson, William Price, Brice Halbrook, DVM Chet Anderson, Link Hoewing, and Frank Jamison.



County Executive Ike Leggett, here with wife Cindy, will be a guest speaker at WUMCO's tribute to Jane Stearns.

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Boyd's Site to get Solar Array

The board approved plans that would advertise the project for bid in hopes of installing the equipment

by December, making use of expiring federal tax credits.

"We're not really giving away the land," Commissioner Marye Wells-Harley said before the vote. "We can always get it back."

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Commentary

It's Not a Takeover

By John Clayton

Over the past few years, I have noted the migration of opinion, primarily objections, concerning the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for primary and secondary education. Initially, the establishment of standards to measure academic progress and the performance of our teachers and schools was largely accepted as a desirable endeavor; however, with the establishment of CCSS, the debate entered the political arena, particularly the national presidential race, which has not burned the quality of the debate.

The Common Core, as described on its website, is "a set of high-quality academic standards in mathematics and English language arts/literacy (ELA). These learning goals outline what a student should know and be able to do at the end of each grade." These have been adopted by forty-three states, the District of Columbia, four territories, and the Department of Defense Education Activity. The standards are not set by the federal government, although the federal government encourages use of the standards and provides incentives for adoption. The federal government also does not mandate curricula or the testing necessary to measure progress to the standards. Testing alternatives are provided by other national organizations.

The idea of common standards, instead of each state or other jurisdiction setting individual standards, is that there should be consistency in American schools over that which is being taught and hopefully mastered. Motivation to improve our performance is grounded in studies that have shown that our educational system, not unlike our medical system, delivers results inferior to those in much of the rest of the world. This is not experienced by everyone, of course. If we focus only on the best education or care we provide, to those who can position themselves to receive it, we may be among the best. In the aggregate, however, considering the options available to all Americans, we don't do so well compared to the rest of the world—another one of those annoying and perhaps inconvenient truths.

There is nothing simple about the Common Core issue. I've been trying to read and learn more about the program for some time so that I could write about it, but the issue and its ripples on the educational system,

society, and public opinion, are vast. Many people of good conscience make legitimate arguments against educational standards in general, Common Core standards, educational testing (in general and specific to Common Core), methodologies, specific content, and the list goes on. The quality of childhood education is critical to all of us for many reasons, and we want it done right.

Another prominent argument concerns CCSS test results and teacher evaluations. There is a long-running battle between educational reformers and teachers' unions, with reformers trying to find ways to expose and cull nonperforming teachers, and the unions digging in to protect all of its employees, which is part of what unions do. According to many sources, the erosion of support for Common Core by teachers is in part a result of its consideration for evaluations—anathema to many.

When Common Core enters the presidential race, the legitimate debate topics get trampled. The issue has become a lightning rod in Republican presidential politics, and the prevailing argument is that CCSS represents a federal government takeover of education. A number of prominent politicians seemed to be fine with CCSS until they considered running for the Republican presidential nomination. That seems to change things.

An exception is former Florida governor Jeb Bush who supports the standards, and it will be interesting to see if he holds on to that position. He has indicated that he would want to tighten up protections against any federal takeover but doesn't claim there has been one.

A vocal opponent, Louisiana's Bobby Jindahl, was for it before he was against it. More recently, he has said, "These are big government elitists that believe they know better than parents and local school boards." Therein lies the objection of many. "Elitist" is a well-known, tried and true epithet in many circles. I'm not sure what happens after he takes out the big government elitists. I assume he will develop standards using small government mediocres. The objection to the presence of educational elites is not the only ad hominem attack being made. The Bill Gates Foundation has heavily supported CCSS, and "Gates-funded" is a popular criticism that appears frequently.

Governor Scott Walker of Wisconsin, former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee, and New Jersey Governor Chris Christie have also all backed away from earlier support of CCSS,

and they may have legitimate reasons for this. My problem is when this is sold as preventing a federal takeover of education, which it is not. Perry, for example, has been quoted, "We collectively know best how to educate our children rather than some bureaucrat in Washington." This may be true, but it feeds the falsehood that our federal government is imposing a system. Senator Marc Rubio of Florida has stated that the Obama administration is trying to turn the U.S. Department of Education into a national school board. Christie wants to avoid "the heavy foot of the federal government coming in."

Texas Senator Ted Cruz would repeal the Common Core because he objects to "a federal government that seeks to dictate school curriculum through Common Core." This is totally an untrue statement. Senator Cruz is a graduate of two elite schools, Princeton University and the Harvard Law School, and I suggest that a man of his considerable intelligence and education knows that this is untrue. He may legitimately think that we would be better off without this program, but he's stretching the truth to get to a hot button issue.

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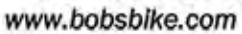
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in hundreds of fewer acres of asphalt pavement in Montgomery County, which makes for a healthier Ten Mile Creek, sole source to the aquifer and emergency drinking water supply for over 4.3 million in the metro area. She also pointed to SCA's public testimony along with the support of other concerned groups in persuading the owner of the proposed Old Arsenal Gun Range in Frederick County to withdraw his request for a permit to build. She noted that through legal challenges sponsored by the SCA, the planned 118,000-square-foot Global Mission Church facility, which would be larger than the Nashville Convention Center, has been put on hold until legal issues are settled. SCA attorney Michelle Rosenfeld updated the attendees on the litigation against the proposed facility explaining that a final resolution on the matter could be anywhere from a few months to years away.

Another initiative that SCA supported was county legislation to replace the use of styrofoam containers in restaurants, grocery stores, and other food establishments in Montgomery County.

After Daly's overview of the past year, SCA's Linda Pepe, chair of the board officers nominating committee, introduced the BOD officer candidates and held a vote on the slate. Beth Daly was re-elected as president, Dick Hill as first vice president, Ellen Gordon as second vice president, William Price as treasurer, and Carrie Laurentot as secretary.

Jim Brown, president of the Piedmont Environmental Education Foundation, announced the winners of financial grants for the year: Gaithersburg Elementary School (\$1,000) for a construction of a vegetable garden for use by students, MCPS Outdoor Educational Center (\$1,000) to assist in the additional environmental training of twenty-five teachers, Rocky Hill Elementary School (\$708.00) for a garden project entitled "No Child Left Inside," and three schools, Sligo Middle, Julian West Middle, and Earle B. Wood Middle Schools received \$1,000 each for a project entitled "Trout in the Classroom." Alyna Raynovich, a teacher from Earle B. Wood Middle School introduced sixth grader Isaac Hil, who made a very impressive PowerPoint presentation on the school's project that will ultimately boost trout population in the rivers and streams leading to the Chesapeake Bay.

The keynote speaker for the event was State Senator Brian Feldman who provided his take on this year's legislative work in Annapolis. He recounted the unique challenge of having so many newly-elected officials (fifty-eight of the 141 members of the House of Delegates and thirteen of the forty-seven Senate seats); nevertheless, the turnover of legislators did not diminish the heavy onslaught of new legislation (1000 new bills in the Senate and 1,500 in the House of Delegates). The newly-elected representatives, coupled with a new governor, have resulted in a bit more sluggish pace as many are still learning the processes of their new position. The legislative priorities have been addressing changes in the tax code along with expanding and diversifying the state's economy.

Feldman pointed to his sponsorship of the Maryland Electricity Reliability Act as the kind of action resulting from his attendance at gatherings similar to the SCA meeting, from which he gains insight and ideas from residents.

The topic of an Upcounty bridge across the Potomac was raised, but he assured the crowd that while new studies are being called for outside of Maryland, he is certain the new governor would not prioritize any project that has no local support. Since the Montgomery County Council is solidly, 9-0, against the building of the bridge, Annapolis is extremely unlikely to pursue a bridge and will concentrate on other projects like improving and revitalizing College Park to bolster the appeal and efficacy of the University of Maryland.

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It's Not a Takeover

Personally, I am grateful for the experts who have dedicated their careers to building educational systems and standards that work and will help us to remain not just competitive

but dominant in the world economy. Each state can make its own decision on standards, and that's how it should be. I would also expect the federal government to encourage states to improve their educational systems and meet measurable benchmarks. I just want the ongoing debate to be worthy of the critical topic.

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 April 3, @ 8pm - Good Friday Mass
 April 4, @ 8pm - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
 April 5, @ 8am, 9:30am & 10:45am - Easter Sunday
 April 5, @ 12:15pm - Easter Egg hunt

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Things To Do

March 27

House of Poolesville Entertainment
Mindy Miller. 8:30 p.m.

April 1

PASC Special Event
Poolesville Area Senior Center. **Zumba Gold.** 17750 W. Willard Rd. 1:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Home Game
Softball. Rockville High School. 3:30 p.m.

Community Dinner
Ham, scalloped potatoes, mac and cheese, green beans, homemade desserts, and Starbucks coffee. All are welcome. Free. Memorial United Methodist Church. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

April 2

PASC Special Event
Indoor/outdoor games. 17750 W. Willard Road. 1:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Home Game
Boys' lacrosse. Damascus High School. 7:00 p.m.

April 4

House of Poolesville Entertainment
Crackinbush. Classic and modern rock. 8:30 p.m.

April 7

Technology Tuesday
Frustrated with your computer or smart device? Does it seem like nothing you do works? Come to the Poolesville Library and our Teen Tech Volunteer will help with any questions or problems you may have. Tuesdays. 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

April 8

PASC Special Event
Bingo. 17750 W. Willard Rd. Café. 1:00 p.m.

April 9

PASC Special Event
Facebook Seminar. 17750 W. Willard Rd. Café. 1:00 p.m.

Cugini's Special Event
Evening with Goose Island Brewery. \$3 per beer.

April 11

PHS Class Reunion: 1940 to 1989

Spring Fling Wing Ding at Cugini's. Noon.

April 11 to April 20

Donations Accepted to St. Peter's Spring Rummage Sale
Bring your rummage to St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 20100 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville. The sale begins on Thursday, April 23, at 5:00 p.m.

April 13

PHS Varsity Home Games
Softball. Watkins Mill High School. 3:30 p.m.

Girls' lacrosse. Watkins Mill High School. 7:00 p.m.

April 14

PHS Varsity Home Game
Baseball. Watkins Mill High School. 3:30 p.m.

April 15

PHS Varsity Home Games
Boys' lacrosse. Seneca Valley High School. 7:00 p.m.

Softball. Gaithersburg High School. 3:30 p.m.

April 15

PASC
Zumba Gold. 17750 W. Willard Rd. 1:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Home Games
Boys' tennis. Damascus High School. 3:30 p.m.

April 16

Twos Storytime
Listen to stories, sing songs, and share rhymes. Ages 18 to 36 months. Poolesville Library.

PASC Special Event
T'ai Chi. 17750 W. Willard Rd. Café. 1:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Home Games
Baseball. Rockville High School. 3:30 p.m.

April 17

UMCVFD Basket Bingo
Featuring Longaberger baskets and Vera Bradley bags. 20 games, specials, door prizes, and raffles. Cost \$20. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; games start at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments available. No outside food or beverage permitted. 19801 Beallsville Rd., Beallsville.



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APRIL MARKET WEEKEND
April 10, 11, and 12
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Entertainment Schedule

March 27: Mindy Miller at 8:30 p.m.
March 28: DJ Slim Pickens at 8:30 p.m.
April 3: DJ Slim Pickens at 8:30 p.m.
April 4: Crackinbush: Classic and Modern Rock at 8:30 p.m.

April 5: - Open Easter Day

April 10: DJ Slim Pickens at 8:30 p.m.
April 11: Karaoke at 8:30 p.m.
April 17: DJ Slim Pickens at 8:30 p.m.
April 18: Oasis Reggae Band at 8:30 p.m.

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Tidbits

2015 Maryland Dairy Shrine Inductees

Congratulations to Dickerson farmers Arthur and Peggy Johnson. The Maryland Dairy Shrine selection committee has chosen them as 2015 Guests of Honor to be inducted into the organization's prestigious Maryland Dairy Shrine. The couple was recognized at the Maryland Dairy Shrine awards dinner, Saturday, February 28, at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center at the FSK Mall in Frederick.

Arthur started doing farm work as a partner and owner in 1966. In 1971, he became a dairy farmer as partner and owner of Artie-Jay Farm. The Johnsons are active members and have been officers of numerous organizations, including: Maryland and National Holstein Association, Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Maryland Farm Bureau, Maryland and National Dairy Shrine, Capitol Milk Producers, MD-VA Milk Producers, and several other organizations in their local community. Encouraging and assisting youth develop in the dairy industry is a major focus for Arthur and Peggy. They also have spent their dairy career building a registered Holstein herd and breeding several excellent cows and grand champions of the Montgomery County Fair.

The Johnsons have one son, Bobby Johnson of Dickerson, and two daughters, Kathy Zimmerman of Littlestown, Pennsylvania, and Dr. Lisa Thrash of Beaumont, Texas. Arthur was a graduate of Damascus High School. Peggy attended Poolesville Junior-Senior High School and went on to obtain her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Frostburg State College. Peggy has been a teacher for Montgomery County Public Schools and also worked as a secretary for the Montgomery County Ag Center.

Fire Hydrant Flushing Days Scheduled

The flushing may cause discolored water from the loose sediment. Residents are advised to not wash white clothes for twenty-four hours following the flushing.

The following dates are scheduled for the listed streets:

- April 6:** Elizabeth's Delight, Tama, Woods of Tama, Brightwell Crossing;
- April 7:** Westerly, Meadowlark Manor, Hunter's Run;
- April 8:** Fisher Avenue, Meadow Valley, Wootton Heights;
- April 9:** Wesmond; and
- April 10:** Seneca Chase, Sumner Ridge, Stoney Springs.



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Pulse

Local Residents to Hold Stop Hunger Now Event

By Rande Davis

Residents in Poolesville have joined together in an initiative that will deliver thousands of meals to the hungry throughout the world. This special mission, which will culminate at a meal-packaging event on April 26 at the Poolesville Baptist Church, is part of an international program started in 1998 by the Stop Hunger Now organization.

Stop Hunger Now distributes food and other life-saving aid to vulnerable children and families around the world, working to ameliorate world hunger. Through individual and business donations, the food and supplies are paid for while volunteers come together to package and ship the meals to feed people.

The meal-packaging events are the heart of Stop Hunger Now. In just under two hours, a group of thirty to forty volunteers can package 10,000 nutrient-rich meals for the globally undernourished. This spring, diverse

sectors of the Poolesville community will work together through volunteers from businesses, faith congregations, schools, and civic groups. The food and related supplies will be delivered from the Stop Hunger Now warehouse to the Poolesville Baptist Church where the volunteers will work in teams at various packaging stations. Volunteers set up and take down the packaging stations and equipment, fill bins with raw ingredients, scoop ingredients into meal bags, weigh and seal the bags, box and stack them on pallets, and load the pallets and equipment onto a truck.

The goal this year is to package and ship over 28,000 meals. Many local businesses have already made donations, including: The Blue Hearth, the Corner Mexican Grill, Discovery Early Learning Center, Franklin Press, From the Earth Foods, Gail Lee of W.C. and A.N. Miller, Glad-I-Yoga, Kristopher's Pizza, Mixed Greens & Community, Moonflower Farm, Monocacy *Monocle*, Old Oaks Tea Parlor, Old Oaks Estate wedding venue, Pampered Chef: Zucker-Tiemann, Plow and Stars Farm, PASC Poolesville Area Senior Center, Poolesville Nail Spa, Poolesville Physical Therapy, Poolesville Vision, Rocklands Farm, and Siloam Eastern Clinic.

John Poole Middle School and Poolesville High School students have

jumped into the food drive by setting up a donation box during their lunch periods to collect donations at both schools.

Readers, either representing businesses or as individuals, wishing to

join this community charitable drive can learn how by visiting:

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PoolesvilleCommunity2015](http://events.stophungernow.org/PoolesvilleCommunity2015)

Planning

Twenty-Year-Old Error in Master Plan Corrected

By Kristen Milton

The request of a Boyds couple to use their barn for two personal-use horses recently reminded the planning board of a technical error in the decades-old Clarksburg Master Plan.

Planning coordinator Elsabett Tesfaye said the 1994 Master Plan process had recommended the reclassification of 103 acres, including the Black Hill Estates subdivision in Boyds, to a zoning that would lower potential development density; however, the change was not made. The planning board voted March 12 to request the County Council

correct the technical error, first noted in 2003, in a Corrective Map Amendment.

Meanwhile, Daniel and Kathleen Albert continued to pursue the special exception process that would allow them to have an equestrian facility for personal use at their home on Chisman Hill Drive, where a two-stall barn already stands. In supporting the request March 12, Tesfaye noted that the subdivision was connected to Black Hill Regional Park by equestrian trails intended for use by residents.

"It's a wonderful neighborhood with great neighbors and a massive park for horses," Daniel Albert told the board in his one-sentence testimony.

The board voted unanimously in support of Albert's request, which will be considered next by the Hearing Examiner.



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Grant Night at the Commission

and costumed tour guides. A more extensive event can and should be held, but the group proposed that not occur until the fall of 2016. Mr. Davis asked the commission, accordingly, for "up to \$2500" to defray possible costs including costumes and food.

Following Mr. Davis, a presentation was offered by a representative from the Post Prom Committee for the high school. The post prom program is intended as a way to help make prom night safer by limiting driving by teens after the prom dance (the group sponsors a bus to take kids to the post prom party) and by offering an event that is fun and alcohol-free for teens to attend with their friends. The group organizing the post prom event has received funding each year for many years from the commission and asked again for \$800 to help with the costs of the event.

Jeff Eck, representing the Upper Montgomery County Fire Department, asked the commissioners for funds to help support the annual fireworks display which the department has managed for many years. Mr. Eck remarked that last year's event was one of the most successful in history with nearly one thousand cars parking at the soccer fields on Hughes Road where the event is located. The fire department planned to try and expand the number of activities for younger children and to open the grounds up a bit earlier so families could come and socialize with each other and enjoy the summer air. In past years, the department had asked for \$10,000 which helped pay for the fireworks used in the display, but this year they asked for slightly more money: \$11,250. When pressed by the commissioners, however, Eck said that the department is grateful for the town's support and would be able to successfully run the event at the usual \$10,000 grant level.

The Poolesville Day Committee, represented by co-chairs Faith Etheridge and Gina Beck, and town events manager Cathy Bupp, appeared as the final group of the evening seeking a grant. Etheridge said that last year's Poolesville Day event had the largest estimated attendance level in history—possibly as many as 15,000 visitors. The Falcon Lane located in the parking area between the House of Poolesville restaurant and the dental offices of Drs. Pike and Valega, was very successful both in attracting visitors to the southeast end of Fisher Avenue and in providing a venue for teens and groups from the local schools to sell items and participate in events. The only significant problem in 2014 was parking which was extremely tight due to the number of attendees. One idea being considered for this coming year is to have shuttles transporting people from parking areas further outside of town. The committee asked the town to once again approve a grant of \$10,000 to help support Poolesville Day.

In an open discussion at the end of the meeting, town citizens Eric and Kristine Fessenden asked the commissioners to help with parking problems at the intersection of Westerly Avenue and Butler Road. Some cars park in ways that actually interfere with the intersection and cause potential safety problems as well, according to the Fessendens. They claimed that several accidents have already occurred due to the parking situation. This follows similar discussions about parking problems along Dowden Way where the commissioners approved the installation of no-parking signs at various points along that road. Commission president, Jim Brown, said the commissioners would refer the issue to the Parks Board, which has jurisdiction.



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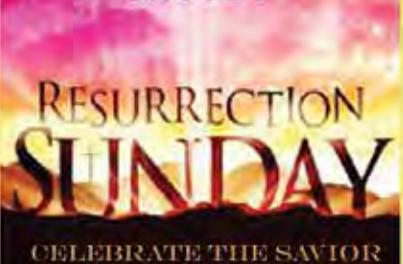
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School News

School News from the Poolesville Cluster

By Heidi Rosvold-Brenholtz

PHS Swim and Dive Teams, Coach Honored in U.S. Congress

Congressman John K. Delaney (MD-6) recognized the Poolesville High School girls and boys swim and dive teams in the Congressional Record, March 10, 2015, for their 2015 Class 3A/2A/1A State Championship. The title was the fourth consecutive win for the Falcon boys and the second in three years for the Falcon girls. Mike Knapp, a former Montgomery County Councilmember and parent of senior swimmer Lindsay Knapp, facilitated the recognition.

Perhaps no better words can describe the honor than the note that Coach Jon Leong wrote to his team about the Congressional Record announcement. Mr. Leong teaches the National, State, and Local (NSL) Government class at PHS:

For those of us that are unfamiliar, or never had the pleasure of having Mr. Leong in NSL, the Congressional Record is a daily account of what transpires in Congress on a day-to-day basis. You can track what each legislator says, what legislation is worked on, the voting records, and what different events each representative deems important. There is one section where the Representatives of Congress can bring attention to different members within their constituencies and honor their achievements.

Thanks to Mr. Knapp, we reached out to our representative, Rep. John Delaney, who placed a remark in the record on our behalf about our victory at States.

This record will collect dust over time, perhaps never be read by more than a few hundred people, but know that your achievements have been recorded and honored by the highest legislative body of our country. To a Government teacher/swim coach this is amazing. You have just been congratulated by the entire country. Feel proud of what you have done.

Glowingly, Mr. Leong

Read All about it: Poolesville Elementary Students Donate Thousands of Books

The Poolesville Elementary School (PES) Student Government Organization (SGA) couldn't have anticipated the depth of its student body's generosity when it organized its recent book drive. The effort benefitted the Maryland Book Bank,

an organization that collects books and distributes them to schools and child-care facilities in Maryland to benefit children from homes without books.

According to Melanie Kent, PES Resource teacher, the SGA set a goal of 1,000 books to be collected by the end of February. By the end of the first week, donations exceeded 1,300 books. "By the end of the month, our school more than tripled our initial goal and collected 3,513 books," says Kent. "We are so proud of this accomplishment and want to thank all PES students and families for their generosity."



PES SGA Officers Jonah Valmonte, Treasurer; Sam D'Amelio, President; Zach Schneider, Vice President; and Melissa Ohmen, Secretary.

"Once again, our students and families showed their care for others less fortunate by greatly surpassing the goals that the SGA had set," comments Douglas Robbins, PES principal. "I can't be prouder of our students and their display of empathy, which has been a focus of our teaching this school year. Poolesville Elementary is a special place."

PHS Students Named Finalists For MIT INSPIRE Competition

Sixteen PHS seniors from the Humanities House are finalists for INSPIRE, the first national high school research competition in the humanities, arts, and social sciences. Four other senior members of the Humanities House were named as alternates.

INSPIRE, Inspiring the Nation's Students to Pursue Innovative Research in the humanities, arts, and social sciences, is organized by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) INSPIRE student group, with support from MIT's School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences. Approximately a hundred students nationwide were selected as finalists and alternates.

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Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

Recent Crime

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Past Crime

March 27, 1906 The Montgomery County grand jury adjourned after returning thirty-nine indictments. The crimes included assault, larceny, placing objects on the railroad tracks, breaking and entering, cruelty to animals, and playing craps. In addition, a Glen Echo man was indicted for perjury for false testimony that he gave during a recent murder trial. While under oath, he testified that he saw the victim in a murder trial drinking whiskey at Sullivan's saloon in Washington.

March 29, 1915 Montgomery County authorities were making every effort to locate the party that was driving an automobile truck that ran down and killed H. A. Latimer on the Rockville Pike. It was said that Latimer was walking along the roadside when the truck ran over him, crushing his legs, his arms, and causing internal injuries. Latimer lay in the road for some time until a passing motorist picked him up and rushed him to the Emergency Hospital. Residents had complained to Sheriff Whalen about the number of pleasure automobiles and heavy trucks that drove recklessly on the Pike.

March 30, 1915 A stunning event happened on the courthouse steps in Rockville. Deputy Gray walked out onto the front steps with a group of friends and swallowed a small vial of

carbolic acid. He fell to the ground, and two physicians were summoned. He was then placed aboard a train and rushed to the Emergency Hospital in Washington where doctors said that he had a chance of recovery. The suicide attempt followed the incident where Sheriff Whalen shot himself in the head while sitting at his desk in the courthouse.

April 5, 1910 The trial of Elizabeth Young, 60, was underway in Rockville. Ms. Young, described as "fat and shabby," stood accused of separating several farmers from that district of sums of money. Young was known for being affectionate and flirtatious around widowed farmers and then asking for loans of money. When she did not pay back the money, several gentlemen compared notes and realized that a considerable amount of cash had been taken. They notified the sheriff who then arrested Young. She had been brought to the courthouse by Sheriff Viett. Observers described her as wearing "a worn dress and looking all of her sixty years".

April 15, 1912 W. A. Brooke, known as the "automobile sheriff," took six carloads of joy riders into custody after stationing himself at the Chevy Chase Circle. Deputy Brooke declared that he was looking for speeders, chauffeurs without licenses, and automobiles without Maryland tags. As fast as they were arrested, Brooke took them before Justice Edmonston who ordered that they post fifteen dollars' collateral. Some of those detained put up a vigorous defense claiming that they did not know that they were in Maryland.

Some of the material in this column was obtained from the archives of the Washington Post.

Youth Sports

Spring Training for PHS Sports Squads

By Jeff Stuart

Baseball

There was still snow in the far reaches of centerfield, but the Poolesville High School baseball team was practicing outside for just the second time this year on Monday, March 16. In a rare respite from the biting cold and wind, the temperature was actually quite mild; it felt like spring.

"Yeah, we have a lot of holes to fill," said Coach Steve Orsini, "but we have some good players back. They sat last year because the starters were a little bit better, so we will be competitive. We will be in the thick of things. We have good pitchers. Tony Parker is back. We were 7-0 when he pitched last year. Nic Fisher will be on the mound. Brady Pearre is a freshman who will start and play a lot for us—he can bring it, too." Returning players include, in the outfield, Steven Morningstar and Logan Rocco, who both saw a lot of playing time last year.

"I think we can do just as well as last year," said Morningstar. "We lost a lot of seniors, but we have a lot of confidence and expect to do really well."

"I expect us to be competitive," said Parker, who will also play shortstop. "I think we can win a lot of division games and compete with some of the other bigger schools, too. I think we can be as good as last year if we just work at it in practice."

"We want to continue the excellence and win some games," said right fielder Rocco.

"I expect us to win a lot of games this year," said senior first baseman Michael Vetter. "I think we have the potential to go really far in the playoffs."

"I am going to play third this year," said junior Justin Souder, a catcher last year. "I definitely think we are pretty good. We just all have to do a lot more... It will have to be more of a collective effort."

"We definitely want to win another 3A/2A Division Championship," said Fisher, who also plays shortstop. "Obviously we would like to win the 2AWest Region again and, hopefully, maybe win a state championship."

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PHS Students Named Finalists For MIT INSPIRE Competition

"I am so thrilled for our finalists and alternates," says Daniel J. McKenna, PHS Humanities Head of House. "This competition dovetails perfectly with our students' senior projects. One of my goals has been to expand the reach of what our students are doing by having them present their research outside the walls of PHS."

As juniors, PHS Humanities House members choose topics for their senior project. Once they select their topics, the students select a staff mentor/advisor. By the end of junior year, the students create a reading list and spend two months outlining their projects. The summer is spent fine-tuning their focus so work can continue in earnest senior year.

According to program materials, INSPIRE is designed to "draw out passion for original inquiry on a unique topic in one of thirteen disciplines... and to give students a unique opportunity to show off their research and get feedback from experts." Research topic categories for this year's competition are Anthropology, Comparative Media Studies, Art and Architecture, Cultural Studies, Economics, History, Linguistics, Literature, Philosophy, Political Studies, Music Research, Science, Technology and Society, and Women's and Gender Studies.

At the final round of the competition during spring break, April 7 to 9, students will present their research and participate in interviews with MIT professors who will evaluate their work. The top prize is \$8,000, with twelve category awards of \$1,500. "How exciting it will be for these students to talk about their work with MIT professors at MIT," says McKenna.

McKenna, media specialist Michelle Hunsicker-Blair, a go-to resource for students during their research, and one parent plan to drive the students to Boston.

PHS MIT INSPIRE finalists and alternates, listed with their staff mentors/advisors are:

Finalists: Jessie Amick (Leong), Clarissa Dzikunu (Matthews), Mona-Mae Juwillie (Kellert), Roja Kambhampati (Ayers), Jamie Koenig (Sohn), Hanna Kim (Gomer), Christy Ng (Hunsicker-Blair), Brianna Pierce (McKenna), Daren Small-Moyers (Leong), Adele Spinder (Wilder), Dorit Song (Kellert), Christina Tao (Hunsicker-Blair), Alexa Vergelli (Horan), Matt Wagner (Ward), Emily Yuen (Ward), and Sydney Yuen (Hegman).

Alternates are: Michael Bent (McKenna), Karina Culqui (Wilder), Poiret Coulibaly (Shannon), and Prit Patel (McKenna).

PHS Humanities Students Shine at Montgomery County History Day

Seven Poolesville High School (PHS) Humanities students made their mark at Montgomery County History Day, sponsored by the Montgomery County Historical Society, March 14, 2015, held at Richard Montgomery High School. The PHS submissions represented nearly half of the fifteen projects in the county contest moving on to the state competition at the University of Baltimore in May.

The event, designed for middle and high school students to learn about history while practicing research and critical thinking skills, is a perfect fit for PHS Humanities students. "The competition involves research, argumentation, and presentation, the three cornerstones of the humanities," says Daniel J. McKenna, PHS Humanities Head of House.

For the competition, students created a presentation in one of five formats (paper, exhibit, documentary, performance, or website) and received feedback. This year's theme for the presentations was "Leadership and Legacy."

"The judges were extremely impressed by the professionalism, poise, and scholarship of our students, especially because this was our first year participating. One judge, an expert in the Civil War, spent the better part of an hour simply chatting with sophomore Coleman Martinis, a Gettysburg enthusiast," reports McKenna.

Humanities House faculty provided coaching "every step of the way" for students who participated. Winning categories for PHS contestants are: Paper, freshman Iris Wu on Empress Wu Zeitsen; Individual Documentary, sophomore Anastasia Goldberg on Harvey Milk, sophomore Emma Bentz on George Patton; Group Documentary, juniors Faven Getahum and Erin Choi on Park Chung Hee; Group Exhibit, juniors Andrew Kocur and Patrick Walker on George Patton; Individual Performance, junior Ankit Sheth on Jawaharlal Nehru; Group Performance, juniors Julia Link, Mercedes Blankenship, and Hannah Lippsman on the Guerilla Girls. Junior Abigail Coakley also won an excellence in local history prize for her exhibit on Jonathan Letterman.

PHS Mock Trial Team Stops Short of County Title

The Poolesville High School (PHS) Mock Trial Team 2015, the "Mock Rocks," defeated five teams, including reigning state champion Richard Montgomery High School, to advance to the county championship competition where they lost by one point to the Hebrew Academy on March 12. Three PHS seniors, "Attorneys" Brooke Nesselt and Denise Larson, and "Witness" Belinda Azamati, led the intense and difficult challenge at the Montgomery County Courthouse Annex, according to Timothy Short, the team's faculty sponsor.

The PHS Mock Trial Team gives students an opportunity to participate in a mock court case setting and learn about civil and criminal court cases. Students study a case for the school year and prepare the prosecution and the defense to scrimmage against several other high schools.

The team was all smiles after the competition, despite their loss, knowing that they are well prepared for new trials ahead.



PHS 2015 Mock Trial Team.

Jessica Mense Wins State Writing Contest

Congratulations go to Jessica Mense, a sixth grader at John Poole Middle School, who won the State of Maryland International Reading Association's Young Authors Contest. Her selection, "And Down We All Fall," won first place in the short story category for sixth grade. Her winning article was printed in the February 13 of the *Monocle* and can be read online at monocacymonocle.com.

She will receive the award on April 15 at the Hunt Valley Inn during the 43rd Annual State of Maryland International Reading Association Council Conference. In recognition of her success, she will be presented with a 2015 Young Author's Anthology that will include all winning poetry and short story selections.

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Tidbits of The Past

By Jack Toomey

March 2, 1911 Delegate Cummings of Montgomery County introduced a bill before the legislature that would give the Washington Electric and Railway Company authority to increase the fare from the District to Rockville from fifteen cents to twenty cents.

March 10, 1911 Former sheriff William Vieth was appointed as the chief of police of the Washington Terminal Company in Washington, D.C.

March 11, 1911 The annual meeting of the Montgomery County Public Schools Teachers Association was held at Rockville. All 130 teachers of the county attended. Among the speakers were Dr. Claiborne Mannar, chief medical officer of the county, and Superintendent of Schools Earle B. Wood.

March 12, 1911 The B. H. Warner Oratorical Contest was scheduled to be held for male pupils of all one- and two-room schoolhouses. Among the schools that participated were Laytonsville, Darnestown, Poolesville, Barnesville, and Potomac. The winners would have then moved on to the final round to have been held at Rockville on May 20. That year girl students were allowed to participate but only in an essay contest.

March 13, 1911 A large contingent of farmers gathered at Rockville for

the purpose of asking the legislature for a \$35,000 bond issue. The group desired that a turnpike be constructed from Rockville to the Potomac district line, a distance of 2.5 miles. They also requested that the Rockville—Darnestown Road be improved from Watts Branch to Hunting Hill, as well as the road through Big Pines from Travilah to Hunting Hill.

March 17, 1911 At a meeting of the directors of the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, it was decided to add a horse show at the fair in August. In addition, committee members were appointed for the poultry, swine, machinery, and dairy and beef cattle contests.

March 19, 1911 A marriage of some interest to the residents of the Up-county took place on the previous Saturday. Miss Verlinda Allnut Jones of Dickerson and Arthur Hersperger of Milestone, Canada were joined in matrimony at the residence of Rev. Walter Griggs. The Herspergers planned to live in Canada where Mr. Hersperger is engaged in business after moving from Poolesville several years before.

J. Edwards Poole and family, former residents of Poolesville, removed to Front Royal, Virginia where they took up residence.

March 20, 1911 The stockholders of the Sligo (Silver Spring)—Ashton Turnpike met to decide whether to sell the road to Montgomery County for \$8000. The turnpike, twelve miles long, had been

profitable, and some thought that \$1000 per mile should be asked. In the end, it was decided that \$8000 would be asked. It was built in 1870 at a cost of \$360.

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APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday

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APRIL 3

Good Friday

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APRIL 4

Holy Saturday

7:30 pm

Easter Vigil Service

APRIL 5

Easter Sunday

6:30 am

Sunrise service
Rite I (no music)
Front Lawn

8 am, 9:30 am & 11 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

Easter egg hunt to follow the 9:30 am service (bring your baskets)



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PHS Squads: Baseball *continued*

Juniors Ryan D'Amelio and Ben Weishaar will see time at second base. Junior Matt Grimes will pitch and play the outfield. Junior Nate Onderko will play some at first base as will junior Joe Soltis.

lost in the first round in the playoffs," said Coach Laurie Wohnhas. "Our team consisted of mostly sophomores and two freshmen, but we are further along this year than last at this point in the season because many players have worked out over the winter and played club ball in the summer. That hard work and our experience will be our strengths this year."

Taylor Behrens, Katie Kavanagh, Brianna Roche, Lauren Lightcap, Alesya Sarahman, Ashley Hobbs, Kristen Darragh, Megan Wilson, and Liesl Green.

Sophomores Samantha Goldsborough and Lauryn Graham will play shortstop and centerfield, respectively. Freshman Kellie Dahlin will see playing time at both shortstop and third.

us." Players to watch include Joel Hessels, Reid Patton, and Jonathan Hetrick at midfield. Adam Branscome and Jake Armstrong return to the offense; and Justin Tabatabai and Sean Parker will play important roles on defense. At midfield, long pole Trey Willis will make an impact.

Boys' Tennis

For Coach Holly Dacek's boys' tennis team, players to watch include All-Gazette player Dennis Wang (undefeated last season) and Nick Kibbey, co-captains. "Final rosters have not been decided yet due to the weather," said Wang, the number one singles player, "but Kibbey, Coleman Martinis, and Chris Johnson will all most likely be playing singles. Kibbey played mostly doubles last season. The weather hasn't really affected my training since I have been playing indoors. I expect to win states this year. We have a new freshman named Arnav Dhingra who is also nationally ranked and is a five star on tennisrecruiting.com. He will help our team tremendously. I feel our team can compete with any other schools." Wang was not able to participate in the state tournament the past two seasons because of a conflict with U.S. Tennis Association competitions. The Yale University recruit says that will not happen this year.

Girls' Lacrosse

"We are very excited for the upcoming season," said girls' lacrosse coach Brittany Hilton. "We only lost two seniors from last year's squad and have gained new talent. The girls have only had one practice so far, but I was extremely excited with how hard they worked and challenged themselves." Players to watch include Casey Harkins, Amanda Chasin, Anna Murgia, and newcomer Sophia Mense.

Boys' Lacrosse

"Expectations are high," says boys' lacrosse coach Matthew Fields (PHS class of 2005). "We expect to do as well as we did last year (ten wins) if not better. We have a lot of returners coming back. We have great experience. We have a great coaching staff. Josh Funk is back, and we have Stuart Orns from Churchill. Tyler Bierly is also helping



PHS varsity baseball players Logan Rocco, Nic Fisher, Michael Vetter, Justin Souder, Tony Parker, and Steven Morningstar.

Softball

The softball team was also outdoors. "We were 7-9 last year and

Senior Alexa Vergelli will be at first base. Junior Jolee Raines will pitch and play third. Other juniors include

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 Presented by our Youth
 Service of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4
 Blessing of Easter Food at 1 pm
 Easter Vigil at 8 pm



Easter Sunday, April 5

Sunrise Outdoor Mass at 6:30 am
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8, 9:30, 11 am - Mass
10:30 am - Easter Egg Hunt

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Pulse

Community Garden Ready for Spring

You may have noticed a new sign in town on Elgin Road next to Poolesville Presbyterian Church, welcoming you to the Poolesville Community Garden; however, the

garden is not as new. The PCG had its first growing season in 2014.

The Poolesville Community Garden project is a community-wide collaborative effort hosted by the Poolesville Presbyterian Church and facilitated by Poolesville Green—an opportunity to use a vacant lot to build a place to strengthen community.

The garden was inspired by the local agricultural influence as well as the idea of food sustainability

and healthy eating. The community garden can serve as a microcosm of the larger farming community—a farm-to-table concept implemented on a smaller scale.

The garden also introduces and promotes conservation landscaping to Poolesville, as it uses in its perimeter plants and shrubs predominantly-native species from the Chesapeake watershed and locally-sourced materials. The large existing tree on the site was trimmed and provides a pleasant sitting area for passersby. Converting the vacant lot to a garden also reduces storm water run-off thereby reducing the flow of pollutants into the Chesapeake Bay.

The PCG promotes healthier living and eating, and provides residents, particularly those living in homes without yard space, with an alternative food source. It also provides the opportunity for learning and teaching, not only about gardening, but also about eco-friendly practices, healthy foods, and native trees, perennials, and shrubs.

The project provides a space for gathering and community-building, as well as opportunities for discussion on topics of food sustainability with the potential benefit of expanding into a much larger project to

provide produce to food pantries and to those in need in the local area. Montgomery County has instituted a Food Recovery Initiative, an additional inspiration for the group.

Finally, the Poolesville Community Garden provides an excellent opportunity to educate students involved in Poolesville High School's Global Ecology Studies Program about conservation landscaping, wildlife habitat, and food sustainability.

The Poolesville Community Garden is primarily cared for and maintained by the gardeners who seasonally rent the raised bed planters. Each gardener is responsible for watering and weeding his or her own raised bed as well as for sharing in the overall maintenance of the garden by weeding and watering a small area of the perimeter native plantings. Additional maintenance tasks, such as raking of clay chips, spring cleanup, and general repairs, are performed by teen and adult volunteers from across the community.

If you are interested in having a plot of your own this summer, visit the Poolesville Community Garden Facebook page and look for the posting on February 15 for the 2015 Growing Season Signup. The plot rental fee is \$50 for a 4'x4' bed and \$55 for a 4'x8' bed.

The Poolesville Community Garden committee is especially grateful to Denise Graybill-Donohoe of Dancing Grass Designs for designing the layout and donating many hours of her time as well as many of the perimeter plants, and to Matt Glover of Bloomstead Landscapes for working by her side throughout construction and opening. Additionally, they thank the Poolesville Commissioners and town manager Wade Yost for grant funds and site clearing and leveling assistance. Other major contributors include: the Jane Koeser Memorial Fund, Calleva, the National Capital Presbytery, Battlevue Turf Farm, Brice Halbbrook, Capital Fence, Kettler-Forlines Homes, Potomac Valley Surveys, Sugarloaf Citizens' Association, Joyce Breiner and David Yaney, Dave Ashley Signs, Donohoe Construction, and Irwin Stone.



Alli Ranson, Megan Dower, Trevor McFall, Colin Thomas, and Carolyn McFall volunteered to spruce up the community garden.

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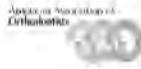
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Toxins for Dogs

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Dogs and cats are curious by nature, particularly when it comes to food. They're also very good at begging for a taste of whatever we may be eating or cooking. As cute as they may be, though, our pets can't always stomach the same foods that we can stomach — some food can be toxic and even deadly to their health.

Alcohol - Alcohol is rapidly absorbed into the bloodstream and affects pets quickly. Ingestion of alcohol can cause dangerous drops in blood sugar, blood pressure, and body temperature. Intoxicated animals can experience seizures and respiratory failure. Desserts containing alcohol or yeast-containing dough are often the unknown culprits.

Coffee/Caffeine - Coffee, tea, energy drinks, dietary pills, or anything containing caffeine should never be given to your pet, as they can affect the heart, stomach, intestines, and nervous system. Symptoms include restlessness, hyperactivity, muscle twitching, increased urination, excessive panting, increased heart rate and blood pressure levels, and seizures.

Chocolate - Different types of chocolate contain various levels of fat, caffeine, and the substances methylxanthines. In general, the darker and richer the chocolate (i.e., baker's chocolate), the higher the risk of toxicity. Depending on the type and amount of chocolate ingested, dogs may experience vomiting, diarrhea, urination, hyperactivity, heart arrhythmias, tremors, and seizures.

Fatty Foods - Foods that are high in fat can cause vomiting and diarrhea. Pancreatitis often follows the ingestion of a fatty meal in dogs. Certain breeds like miniature schnauzers, Shetland sheepdogs, and Yorkshire terriers appear to be more susceptible to a bout of pancreatitis than other breeds. Fight the temptation to share fast food leftovers, junk food, or foods cooked in grease with your dog.

Fat Trimmings and Bones - Table scraps often contain meat fat that a human didn't eat and bones. Both are dangerous for dogs. Fat trimmed from meat, both cooked and uncooked, may cause pancreatitis in dogs; and, although it seems natural to give a dog a bone, a dog can choke on it. Bones can also splinter and cause an obstruction or lacerations of your dog's digestive system.

Peaches, Raisins, Persimmons, Plums, and Grapes/Fruit Toxins - The specific problem with persimmons, peaches, and plums are the seeds or pits. The seeds from persimmons can cause inflammation of the small intestine in dogs. They can also cause intestinal obstruction, a good possibility if a dog eats the pit from a peach or plum. Plus, peach and plum pits contain cyanide, which is poisonous to both humans and dogs should the pit be broken open and consumed. Grapes and raisins have been known to cause acute renal (kidney) failure in dogs.

With kidney failure, a pet's ability to produce urine decreases, which means they are unable to filter toxins out of their system. Unfortunately, the reason for kidney failure and the amount of grapes/raisins necessary to be toxic to pets is unknown, so all cases of ingestion have the potential to be grave. Depending on the size of the dog, as little as four grapes/raisins can have an adverse effect on your fuzzy friend.

Milk and Dairy Products - It may be tempting on a hot day to share your ice cream cone with your dog; however, milk and milk-based products can cause diarrhea and other digestive issues because adult dogs are deficient in lactase necessary for digestion of milk. Ask your veterinarian for safe alternatives.

Mushrooms/Wild mushrooms - These may be found growing in your backyard or on the nature trail where you walk your dog. They contain toxins that will trigger numerous organ systems, including the kidneys, liver, and brain. Nervous system abnormalities, seizures, coma, vomiting, and death can all result when a dog consumes mushrooms.

Nutmeg - Nutmeg can also be stored in the pantry with other potentially-hazardous substances for pets. Often used as a spice for baking, nutmeg's rich, spicy scent is attractive to dogs. High levels can be fatal. Signs include tremors, seizures, and nervous system abnormalities.

Nuts - Abundant in many cookies and candies, certain nuts should not be given to pets. Almonds, non-moldy walnuts, and pistachios can cause an upset stomach or an obstruction of your dog's throat and/or intestinal tract; macadamia nuts and moldy walnuts can cause toxic poisonings. Moldy walnuts can contain toxic chemical products produced by fungi which cause seizures or neurological signs. Lethargy, vomiting, and loss of muscle control are among the effects of nut ingestion.

Onions and Garlic - Onions contain an ingredient called thiosulphate which is toxic to cats and dogs. The ingestion of onions, onion powder, or even cooked onion causes a condition called hemolytic anemia, which is characterized by damage to the red blood cells. In other words, onion toxicity can cause the red blood cells circulating through your pet's body to burst. A small amount can be toxic to your dog or cat. Garlic, chives, and leeks are also part of the Allium family, and are poisonous to both dogs and cats. Garlic is considered to be about five times as potent as onions, causing oxidative damage to the red blood cells as well as an upset stomach (e.g., nausea, oral irritation, drooling, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea). Other clinical signs of anemia may be seen and include lethargy, pale gums, an elevated heart rate, an increased respiratory rate, weakness, exercise intolerance, and collapse. Onion and garlic poisoning may have a delayed onset, and clinical signs may not be apparent for several days. Immediate veterinary care is recommended.

Raw Eggs - Have you ever accidentally dropped an egg on the kitchen floor while your dog is nearby? Be careful, there are two problems with allowing your dog to eat raw eggs: First, your dog could possibly get food poisoning from bacteria like *Salmonella* or *E. coli*; second, excessive consumption of raw eggs may result in biotin deficiency that can cause skin problems and affect your dog's coat. Feeding your dog cooked eggs is a safer bet.

Raw Meat and Fish - Raw meat and raw fish, like raw eggs, can contain bacteria that cause food poisoning. Certain kinds of fish such as salmon, trout, shad, or sturgeon can contain a parasite that causes "fish disease." If not treated, the disease can be fatal within 2 weeks. The first signs of illness are vomiting, fever, and big lymph nodes. Thoroughly cooking the fish will kill the parasite and protect your dog.

Rhubarb - Rhubarb, a vegetable, contains oxalates which trigger abnormalities within the nervous system, kidneys, and digestive tract.

Salt - Believe it or not, common table salt is poisonous to your pet—but it's not usually from table scraps. The source is often what surprises pet owners. Pets often experience salt toxicity as a result of eating household play dough, swallowing too much ocean salt water, or ingesting paint balls, which are loaded with salt. Salt toxicity can be very severe and results in neurologic signs such as poor coordination, seizures, and brain swelling, and needs to be treated carefully by a veterinarian.

Xylitol - Xylitol is a sugar substitute commonly used in toothpastes, mouthwash, sugarless gum, certain cough medicines, and children's chewable multi-vitamins. It also used in many baked goods and candies. This product is recommended for diabetics and those following a low-carbohydrate diet; however, xylitol is extremely dangerous to your dog. Ingestion of the product will cause the rapid release of insulin in dogs and results in hypoglycemia. Hypoglycemia results in vomiting, weakness, and sometimes seizures. In some cases, xylitol poisoning can result in liver failure. As little as one stick of xylitol gum could be toxic to a 20-pound dog.

Yeast Dough - Unbaked dough that contains yeast can expand in your pet's stomach or intestines. As the yeast ferments, it releases gases, resulting in nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and even life-threatening bloat and a twisted stomach. Some yeast dough also ferments into alcohol, which contributes to signs of lethargy and alcohol toxicity.

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