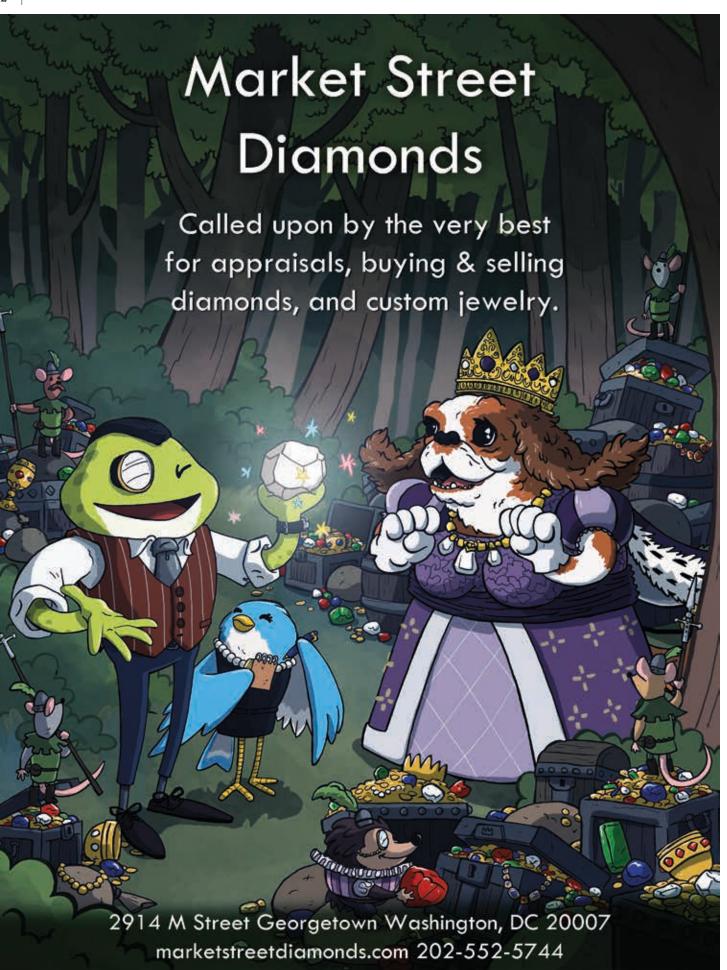


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ON THE COVER:

In this issue: events/activities/beauty/art in and around the Estates.

Coverage of new venue of choice: Pike and Rose's Slider Smackdown and Block Party, your monthly Letter from the President, Ted Garrett, Bernie shares Jack and Pauline Reeping Nadol's rancher transformation, and announcements of upcoming events including the 59th Annual Potomac Country House Tour Fundraiser Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4!

Upcoming in November: Coverage of the September 10 BCA meeting with Judith Welles, a local history author who shared her insights, photos and historical highlights regarding the C&O Canal.

Watch out for Ghosts and Goblins and take in the gorgeous fall colors in Bannockburn!

Please send in your fall pics and neighborhood or family gettogethers, Fall Fest, pumpkin patch/hay ride or Thanksgiving experiences, and don't forget to nominate your favorite homes and yards or share your familiy's back to school or off to college stories to feature in upcoming issues!



Fall-time Photos or stories to feature can be emailed to timothy.beam@n2pub.com or contact Timothy Beam, 301.222.7361, if you have questions

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I hope you are enjoying the beginning of fall.

Fall Festival. Our Fall Festival will be held in mid-October in Concord Park. It should be another festive event for all neighbors and I hope you will attend. More details will follow via e-mail to those who have registered on our website. If you have questions or (especially) if you would like to volunteer, contact Bonnie Garrett at bonniexgarrett@gmail.com.

Register. Please register in order to receive e-mail announcements about activities, meetings and other developments. Please go to the BCA website and register: http://bannockburncitizens.org/register/

Get Involved: We welcome volunteers who are interested in working on our BCA committees. We welcome suggestions for activities that you would like to see us undertake. Send your ideas to me: tgarrett@cov.com.

Other Events. We are open to having other events that will bring neighbors together and foster a sense of community. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

Construction. Our covenants committee, headed by Ben Schlesinger, continues to monitor construction and permit applications in the neighborhood and communicates with owners and builders about compliance with the BCA covenants. If you know of or have questions about a new construction, renovation or sale, contact Ben at bschles@bsaenergy.com.

Neighborhood Security. Neighborhood Security. The committee acts works with the block captains and is considering other ways to improve neighborhood security. If you have suggestions

or wish to volunteer to be a block captain, contact committee Chair John Hannula at john_hannula@yahoo.com. Remember: if you see something suspicious, call the police non-emergency number 301-279-8000 or 911 for a crime in progress.

Seniors. Edith Miles is Chair of our very active Good Neighbors committee. The committee organizes various activities and works to help BCA seniors who want to continue to live in their homes in their senior years. You can contact Edith for information or suggestions at ewmiles@comcast.net.

New Neighbors. Jane Pettit and Cecily Abrams visit and welcome new BCA neighbors. You will often know about new neighbors before we do. If you know of new arrivals to the neighborhood or would like to help on this committee, please email janepettit1@verizon.net or call: 301-229-5932.

Environment Committee. Our BCA environment committee is a resource to the neighborhood and to our covenants committee. Contact committee Chair Seth Goldstein sethrgoldstein@ verizon.net if you have suggestions or wish to volunteer.

Bannockburn Banner. The goal of this venture is to improve our communications and opportunities for neighbors to



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Best wishes, Ted Garrett | BCA President **Остовек** Bannockburn Banner

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WEEKEND AT BERNIE'S Before/After Landscaping & Remodel Shots

By Bernie

Bannockburn Alpha-Dog Bernie had his people (Pauline Reeping and Jack Nadol) tell the story of their rancher transformation and Bernie let me take a few pictures once I promised him a by-line and future features in the Bannockburn Banner about his pals in the neighborhood!

Here is an excerpt from their Meet your Neighbor feature in this edition of the Bannockburn Banner:

Jack and Pauline used a local design/build firm to help them convert their ranch-style ugly duckling house into the swan colonial home it is today. The home's location inside the beltway and its proximity to both D.C. and downtown Bethesda convinced Jack and Pauline that the ranch-style home



Ranch style: before—no curb appeal.



Backyard: before. Hughes, under Pauline and Jack's direction, made the lower patio into its own private, secluded escape through integrating verticality into selected plantings and delineating the space



they purchased back in 1982 was truly a "diamond in the rough" and, with the help of a local remodeler and landscaper their jewel took on quite a sheen!

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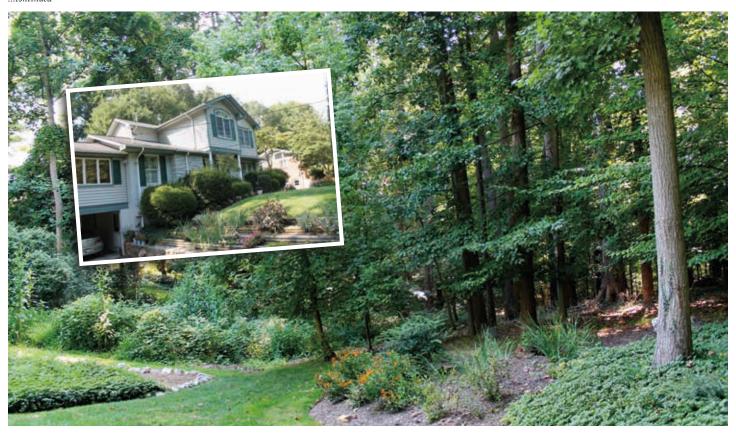
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Resident Recipe

COMFORT FOOD - MAC & CHEESE CUPCAKES

Excellent finger food for your own trick or treaters (held together by Ritz cracker crust and enhanced with Garlic-Herb Boursin cheese). Delicious!

This recipe has gone through several adaptations—and here is another variation garnered through experience – although the original recipes don't include this step, we strongly recommend baking these in a muffin tin with paper liners sprayed with nonstick cooking spray to prevent sticking. Makes for getting at "the golden prize" much easier!

INGREDIENTS

12 ounces, uncooked elbow pasta (equals 6 cups once cooked)

3 cups Ritz cracker crumbs (about 21/2 sleeves)

4 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided

8 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted (one stick)

1 5.2-ounce package Boursin garlic herb cheese

2 tablespoons cold unsalted butter

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2 large eggs

34 cup whole milk

1/4 cup sour cream

1/4 teaspoon salt

Pinch of red pepper flakes

INSTRUCTIONS

Bring a large pot of water to a boil and cook the elbow pasta according to package direction to slightly less than al dente. Drain the pasta well.

While the pasta is cooking, preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Combine the Ritz cracker crumbs, 34 cup of the shredded cheese and the melted butter. Mix until fully combined.

Line two standard size muffin tins with paper liners and spray each liner with non-stick cooking spray as well as over spray onto top of pan. Divide the cracker mixture into each muffin liner evenly between 24 cups. Using the flat bottom of a small glass, press the cracker mixture firmly into the bottom of the liners. In a large mixing bowl, add the drained pasta, the remaining shredded cheddar cheese, Boursin cheese and cold butter.

In a separate bowl, combine the eggs, milk, and sour cream. Whisk to combine. Pour the liquid mixture into the bowl with the pasta mixture. Add the salt and red pepper flakes and gently stir all of the ingredients together to combine - being careful not to break up the pasta.

Divide the pasta mixture between each muffin liner placing on top of the cracker mixer. Bake until light golden brown – about 25-30 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool slightly, then remove from the pan and serve warm.

Serves: 24 servings Prep time: 30 minutes Cook time: 25 minutes Total time: 55 minutes

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Bernie & His People

- Pauline Reeping & Jack Nadol

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Goldendoodle girlfriend jazz come to visit me but I get to take my people out to meet new friends, as well — it's all good as long as they understand Bannockburn Bernie is the alpha-dog in these parts!

Now let me share a little about my people.

Pauline served as president and co-founder of the Bannockburn Garden Club which had a very active membership. Bimonthly meetings were held in members' homes with featured speakers from the botanical world — it was an active, very cohesive group. Another thing I look forward to: Pauline regularly takes me to St. Bart's Victory House (a retirement community) where I serve as a therapy dog frequently visiting my senior pals.

Pauline, Jack and I are never lacking a sense of belonging here in the Bannockburn Estates!

Now it's time to let my people tell you a little more about themselves.

Jack Nadol, is a retired DOJ Attorney, and Pauline Reeping, a retired Lobblyist for New York Shipping Assn. (management group for the Port of New York/New Jersey).

Jack and Pauline purchased their home in 1982 — they noted the Bannockburn community was a desirable location just inside the D.C./Maryland border.

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After retiring from DOJ Jack was asked to head up the Juvenile Justice Dept. for the State of Maryland which was headquartered in Baltimore. After battling the hectic commute for several months they decided to rent their home and purchased condos on the Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Upon their return to Bethesda in 2000, after exploring a desire to move closer to downtown Bethesda, they decided that the land they owned on Wilson Lane was truly an oasis and hard to match for its natural beauty in all of Bethesda!

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Bannockburn has rewarded Jack and Pauline with other treasures, as well – a host of neighbors and friends!

And back to me - charming, playful yet definitely Wilson Lane's alpha dog they like to call me Bernie — I just like to get out to welcome the other dogs to the neighborhood (if I am not searching to find a "greenie" jazz has hidden from me)! Nevertheless me and my people – we intend to spend our remaining years fostering relationships in this pleasant environment - our Bannockburn home!

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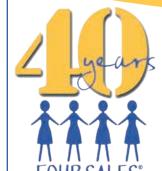
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59th Annual Potomac Country House Tour Fundraiser – October 3 & 4

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The second home, Villa dei Leoni, is set on a 10-acre property where the home underwent renovations spanning two and a half years, creating a dream home for the owners. It features a gorgeous backyard and pool house, pet room with dog shower, beautiful kitchen, Russian glass, one-of-a-kind furniture by Francesca Molon, and items from Regis Gallery in Vegas.



The third and fourth homes are the English Country Manor House, which presents a breathtaking exterior landscape, while the Holiday Carriage House is used as a guesthouse for children and grandchildren as well as a workshop for the owner's Custom Wreaths of Potomac boutique. Custom Wreaths is also the only offsite boutique, selling elegant arrangements of silk and dried flowers, wreaths, wall hangings, and table and mantel pieces.

Boutiques located at St. Francis offer the latest in gifts, accessories, home décor, jewelry and art, while a silent auction features gift certificates, local adventures, entertainment tickets, professional services, and more. The boutiques and silent auction are open to the public on October 3 and 4 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., where a midday luncheon is offered from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Tickets to the House Tour are \$30 in advance and sold online at www. potomaccountryhousetour.org or \$40 the day of the House Tour, with tickets sold at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac, Maryland, 20854 (and at each home). Admission to boutiques and silent auction is free. For more information, go to www.potomaccountryhousetour.org.



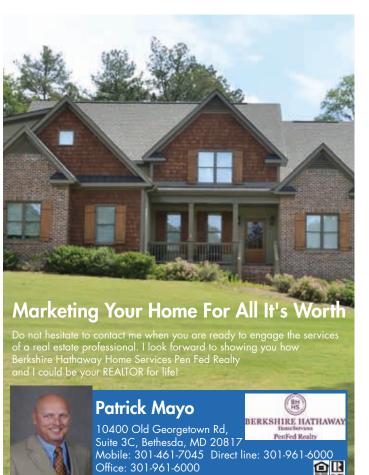




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SLIDER SMACKDOWN & BLOCK PARTY

Slider Smackdown and Block Party Grand Park Avenue at Pike and Rose drew a huge crowd from Bethesda, Chevy Chase, DC and Rockville to the new venue of choice in the area. This is the site of AMP by Strathmore concerts and this August 23 event featured Apple Core a very good Beatles Revival band, as well as a professional (and amateur) chalk art competition. School supply donations were taken in support of local schools (in exchange for free tastings).













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Apple Core draws huge crowd.



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PUMPKIN VARIETY

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PUMPKIN SELECTION

Fall farmers' markets are the perfect place to find pumpkins, but they are also easy to find at grocery and home improvement stores. Look for pumpkins without soft spots, mold, cuts or bruises. The flesh should be smooth and firm. If you plan on eating the pumpkin you'll want to make sure it's ripe. Ripe pumpkins are generally uniform in color and have a hard, brown stem and a dry vine. If a fingernail pressed into the skin makes a dent but does not puncture, the pumpkin is ripe. Another way to determine if a pumpkin is ripe is by knocking on the shell. If the pumpkin sounds hollow, it's usually ripe. If selecting a pumpkin for cooking purposes, a good rule of thumb is that one pound of raw, untrimmed pumpkin will generally produce one cup of cooked pumpkin puree.

PUMPKIN PICKING

Most markets have a bountiful supply of pumpkins ready for purchase, but there are also some places where you can go pick out a fresh pumpkin in the patches. If cutting a pumpkin off of the vine, use a sharp knife or pruners and leave 3-6 inches of the stem attached to the pumpkin. Leaving a few inches of stem intact helps the pumpkin last longer by preventing fruit rot pathogens from entering the pumpkin where the stem meets the flesh. Do not carry pumpkins by the stem because it is usually not sturdy enough to support the pumpkin's weight. Also, only pick pumpkins that are already their desired color; the color will not continue to develop once picked.

PUMPKIN STORAGE

Store harvested pumpkins in a cool spot out of direct sunlight. Wiping the pumpkin with a 10 percent bleach solution will kill organisms that could cause the pumpkin to rot prematurely. If you intend to eat the pumpkin wait several hours after wiping it to give the bleach solution time to evaporate. Once cut into, pumpkins immediately begin to rot, so carve your Jack-o-lantern right before displaying to enjoy your masterpiece for as long as possible!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Taste of Bethesda

Where: The event is held along Norfolk, St. Elmo, Cordell, Del Ray and Auburn Avenues in Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle

When: 11 a.m.

Bethesda's famous food and music festival brings 60 restaurants and five stages of entertainment to Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. Each year, more than 40,000 attendees sample the delicious restaurants, enjoy the live entertainment and visit the kid's corner for face painting and arts & crafts.

For more information: http://www.bethesda.org/sites/default/files/u14/volunteer_form.pdf

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Where: 7725 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD

When: See website for times

The annual Come Back to Bethesda event attracts over 40,000 people from the DC metro area—sponsors can take advantage of the additional visibility of booths, logo placement, signage, web and print ads and more.

For more information: http://childrensinn.org/news-and-events/back-to-bethesda-car-truck-motorcycle-show-and-family-day/

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Glen Echo Park Aquarium

Where: Former Living Classrooms Children's Museum, Glen Echo, MD **When:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Glen Echo Park Aquarium is a Chesapeake Bay discovery center based in Glen Echo Park. It will open with limited exhibits in August 2015 and will be fully operational by September 2015.

For more information: http://www.gepaquarium.org/

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 THROUGH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Aladdin

Where: The Puppet Co. Playhouse, Glen Echo, MD

When: See website for times

Back by popular demand! After all sold out houses and too many snow days, we had to bring back this incredible production. From ancient Persia comes this lavish and entrancing tale, true to the original "one thousand and one Arabian nights,".

For more information: http://www.thepuppetco.org/

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Fall Frolic 2015

Where: Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD

When: 1 - 4 p.m.

Join us for a day of fall fun! Daytime activities for families will include pumpkin decorating, trick-or-treating, and a costume parade around the Park.

For more information: 301-634-2222

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Swing Dance

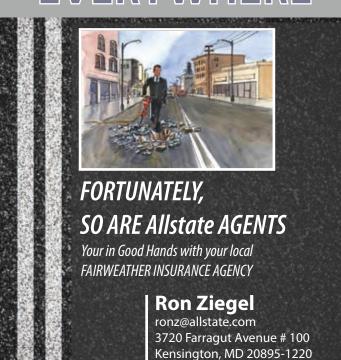
Where: Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD

When: 8 p.m.- 12 a.m.

This is going to be CRAZY; it's our big Halloween bash at the Spanish Ballroom! Costumes, contests, decorations, and no end of Halloween fun. Costumes encouraged! From the Honky-Tonkin' songs of Hank Williams, Web Pierce and Carl Smith to the Rock and Rollin' hits of Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley and Carl Perkins.

For more information: http://www.americanswing.org/





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KITCHEN RENOVATION basics

By N2 Staff Writer, Megan Weatherly

As one of the main selling features of a home, AN UPDATED KITCHEN CAN ADD VALUE THAT SURPASSES THE COST OF RENOVATION. IF YOU ARE PLANNING A MAJOR OVERHAUL OF YOUR KITCHEN, THERE ARE SOME FEATURES YOU'LL WANT TO BE EDUCATED ON.

FLOORING

Porcelain tile involves almost no maintenance, as it is a manmade, very dense material that is resistant to staining and cracking and it's available in a wide variety of sizes, styles and colors, with many options that mimic the appearance of natural stone and wood. Natural stone options such as marble, limestone, slate and travertine can provide a more traditional atmosphere, but require maintenance as they are porous and must be re-sealed every 3-5 years to prevent stains and mold. Hardwood flooring is a timeless, warm option and though there are



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finishes available for them that make them more resistant to spills, it is certainly susceptible to water damage and scratching, requiring eventual refinishing.

Kitchen cabinets are truly one of the most customizable features of your space. While stained wood and painted white cabinets remain the most traditional options, these days, anything goes. Open shelving and glass panes offer a unique way to display items, and soft close hinges contribute to a quieter and more efficient system

COUNTERTOPS

Many man-made solid surface products stand up to stains, but are not resistant to heat or scratches. Stone countertops are generally viewed as more desirable. Marble can be used, but is soft and tends to stain, scratch and crack easily. Granite, a much more common choice, is resistant to heat and cracking, though it does need to be sealed every few years. Quartz, an engineered stone, is perhaps the most efficient option as it is non-porous, therefore resistant to heat, staining and cracking, and the variety of colors available can mimic the appearance of marble or granite. Wood, recycled glass and concrete can all be used as countertops, though they may require additional care and maintenance.

BACKSPLASH

Installing a kitchen backsplash can instantly increase the value of your space, adding aesthetic appeal, as well as a functional barrier to splashes and stains. This is typically one of the last design elements you'll need to consider, as the backsplash should serve as a means to unify all the other parts and pieces of your kitchen. Some of the more current and available options include glass and blends of glass and natural stone, though generally any type of tile or sealed stone is acceptable for wall use.

LIGHTING, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES

Decorative lighting features over bars and dining areas are a great way to show off personal style, while remaining an easy swap for future buyers. Chrome and stainless steel are the most consistently in-style choices for your fixtures and faucets as they pair well with most design aesthetics. For the same reason, stainless steel appliances are still the way to go, as they coordinate with all types of cabinets, flooring and countertops. Stainless is also generally viewed by homebuyers as the most desirable choice, which will add to the resale value of your home.

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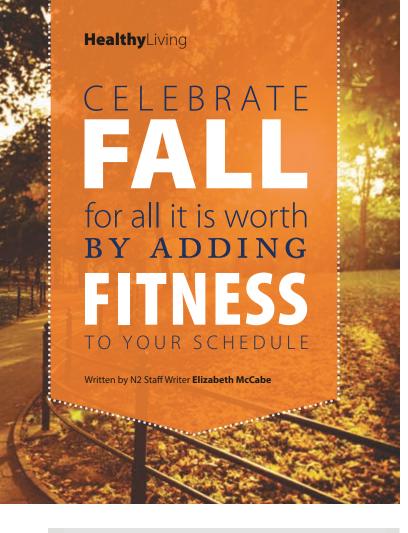
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Fall foliage in brilliant hues of crimson, orange and red. Fresh apples from the orchard. Pumpkins growing plump on the vine. Perhaps fitness is the last thing on your mind with the change in the seasons. But think again! The arrival of fall is the perfect time of year to add fitness to your schedule. By doing so, you will be able to survive the holiday season without the battle of the bulge. Get a jump start on your New Year's resolutions *before* the first of January.

EMBRACE FALL FUN

Make the most of the season with fall activities. Consider going on a bike ride through a park, taking in the crisp air and nature's surroundings – all without leaving your seat. Tone your quads and calves while boosting your energy level. According to one study, bike riding decreased fatigue by a whopping 65 percent due to the release of dopamine. If bike riding isn't your thing, perhaps walking is. Meander through a corn maze with your family or four-legged friend. Pick apples straight from the orchard or grab your own pumpkin from the field this year. Or take a stroll down a nature trail. With every step you take, you will impact your health. Think reducing your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, as well as heart disease. Not to mention lowering your blood pressure. No wonder the American Heart Association considers walking the "simplest positive change you can make to effectively improve your heart health."

TRY SOMETHING NEW

Fall is a season of change. Darker days and cooler temperatures can encourage all of us to change our fitness regime. Change can even come in small increments, which works best for long-lasting results. Lift weights to build your lean muscle mass, burning more calories at rest. Start small and increase your weight and reps to achieve the results you want. Or sign up for a group class. Challenge yourself by building your core strength in Pilates. Or take a Zumba class and improve your coordination and balance. Or attempt an indoor cycling class – you can always go at your own pace. You could even sign up for a running club. With the cooler weather, running will be easier than in the summer heat. Keep your motivation strong by registering for a fall race. Running will improve your mental health, as well as your lung capacity. Of course, expect to torch calories and increase the strength of your ligaments and tendons.

MAKE A CHANGE WITH THE SEASONS

If you make a change this fall, you will be ahead of the game. According to one study by Philippa Lally, a health psychology researcher, on average it takes 66 days before a new behavior becomes automatic. This is excellent news for those wanting to start January on the right foot. By incorporating fitness into your schedule now, you will be thanking yourself when the holidays roll around. Start today. You'll be glad that you did.



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