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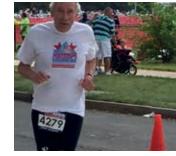
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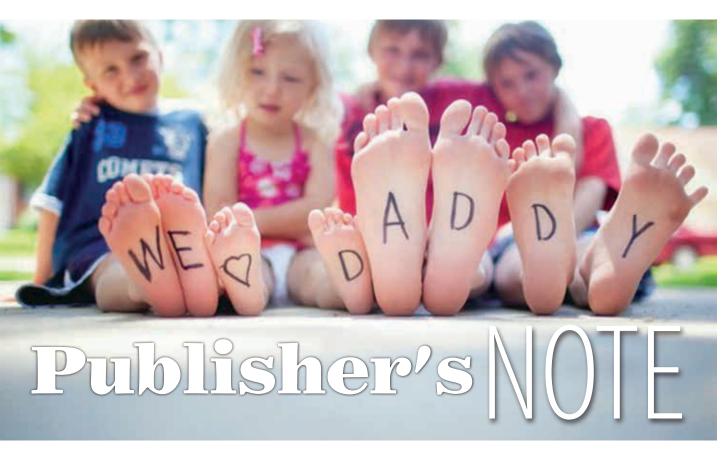
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#### Dear Bannockburn Estates Residents,

"Summertime and the livin' is easy"... at least I hope it is for all of you as school and activities wind down and the simplicity of summer begins.

June is the month to recognize both dads and grads. Happy Father's Day to all the extraordinary fathers and grandfathers in Bannockburn! I hope you have time to play a round of golf, relax and enjoy your day. A big congratulation to all Bannockburn Estates graduates. Bring on the caps & gowns, pomp & circumstance, presents & parties, and well-earned diplomas. Please send us your picture, so we can recognize you!

My ongoing thanks go out to all of you Bannockburn Estates residents who make the Bannockburn Banner possible through your wonderful stories and pictures. As we transition into summer, we welcome pictures of vacations, summer sports, beautiful gardens, beloved pets and anything else you would like to share.

I'm pleased to announce two wonderful additions to the Banner staff: Lauren Winkler, Content Coordinator and Jacki Lesser, Jr. Writer. Be sure to read more about them in this month's

Here's to warm weather and days off!

Very Best,

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER June 2016



## LETTER PRESIDENT } TED GARRETT

We are enjoying a wonderful spring and it is great to see neighbors walking about and enjoying the warm weather.

**Spring Festival.** We had another great spring festival on May 15 at Concord Park. We had fun activities, food, and a chance for neighbors to visit. Photos from the festival and kudos to those who made it happen will appear in the next issue.

May Meeting. Our next general meeting is scheduled for May 26. Our neighbor Dr. Richard Carlson, Carnegie Institute Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, will speak on "How To Build A Planet." Dr. Carlson has written widely on early solar system evolution, the early earth and moon, mantle geochemistry and evolution, and paleoecology.

If you have ideas for BCA speakers for future meetings, please contact me or any board member.

Register. Registering on the BCA website will enable you to receive occasional but significant e-mail announcements about activities, meetings, incidents such as burglaries, and other developments. Your e-mail will address will remain confidential. Please go to the BCA website and register: http://bannockburncitizens.org/register/

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 learn of, or have questions about, a new construction, renovation or sale, contact Ben at bschles@bsaenergy.com.

Neighborhood Security. The committee, headed by John Hannula, works with our block captains and the county to monitor incidents and make suggestions improve neighborhood

security. John also passes along information from the county police. If you have suggestions or wish to volunteer to be a block captain, contact 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.

Welcome Committee. 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 janepettitl@verizon.net or call: 301-229-5932.

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

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 Magazine. The goal of the magazine is to improve communications and convey information about

our neighborhood. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact BCA board member John Noble at johnanoble@mac.com or your Banner Publisher, Sarah Taylor, at sarah.taylor@n2pub.com.

Best wishes,
Ted Garrett
BCA President







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## **MEET** The Banner's New Content Coordinator: LAUREN WINKLER!



Lauren has lived in Bannockburn Estates for 15 years and resides with her husband, Dr. Thomas Winkler, and 15-year-old daughter, Julia Rose. Her son, Luke, is a junior in college and grown daughters, Caroline and Elizabeth, live in New York City and Washington, respectively. When Lauren first discovered Bannockburn she was enticed by the quiet and beauty of the neighborhood. Since moving here, she has appreciated the friendliness and sense of community among the residents. Lauren has a background in nutrition and teaching and she has been very involved with volunteer work at her children's schools. She enjoys meeting people and is looking forward to finding families, kids, athlete, pets, homes, gardens and anything else of interest to feature in the Banner. Please reach out to her at lauren. winkler@n2publishing.com with your stories and suggestions!

## **MEET** Our New Junior Writer: JACKIE LESSER!



Jackie Lesser

Hi my name is Jackie Lesser and I am 16 years old. I am the newest junior writer for the Bannockburn Banner, but I'm not new to the neighborhood. I have lived in Bannockburn Estates for my entire life. Currently, I am a sophomore at Walt Whitman High School. In the fall of this past year, I played on the school's JV field hockey team. Also in my free time, I play soccer in a recreational league. The team I currently play for began when I attended Bannockburn Elementary School

and it has managed to stay together up until high school. In addition to soccer and field hockey, I am a part of a Girl Scout troop. I discontinued Girl Scouts when I was in 4th grade, but rejoined in 2015 as a freshman, because I was able to take part in fun activities with friends, like camping, going to a chocolate factory, and visiting local farms.



From left are Jackie and friends Hannah Schacht & Emma Sorkin.

During the current school year, I took the journalism class and was moved up to yearbook this past semester. Through journalism, I have learned many tips that helped to improve my writing in both a journalistic sense and in a literary sense. When writing an English paper, I have learned to be concise in my writing so I can effectively express my point without boring readers. I would recommend the journalism class to anyone who considers joining one of Whitman's many publications: Black & White, Whitman Shorts, or Yearbook (SAGA). The course effectively prepares students for the transition to the publication of their choice. When I am older, I would love to write for a magazine. I believe it would be a great, fun experience and very beneficial to learn necessary life skills. I cannot wait to begin writing about the neighborhood for the Banner!





Tory Hampshire and Bob Balaban are longtime residents of Bannockburn Estates, where they raised their now grown children, Amanda and Robert (ages 26 and 24 respectively) and still reside in their suburban sanctuary on Nevis Road with pups, Gracie and Basil. This wonderful couple met at NIH where Bob still works as a Scientific Director and Lab Chief. They enjoy many hobbies together such as raising bees, throwing pots (not at each other but in the studio in their backyard which is really Bob's domain), as well as time spent in their home in Maine.

Tory, who has had a most interesting career, was interviewed recently by BCA President Ted Garrett.

She is a veterinarian and a retired Captain in the United States Public Health Service (PHS). She graduated from U. Penn and was commissioned into the USPHS in 1989, serving as a research support veterinarian at NIH for 10 years and then to FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine in 2001. In November 2003, Dr. Hampshire was promoted to Adverse Event Coordinator for FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine CVM. She then transferred to the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiologic Health Division of Cardiovascular Devices where she reviewed the preclinical safety of cardiovascular devices for first in man clinical trials. Dr. Hampshire retired from the USPHS veterinary corps in July 2015 and currently has her own FDA consulting practice and continues to provide relief veterinary office hours for small animals at Nebel Street Animal Hospital in Rockville, MD.

#### Growing up, were you always interested in pets and other animals?

It was hard not to be as my mother was the quintessential Beatrix Pot-

ter; fostering all things plants and animals on a small farm in Fairfax County. There were always orphaned animals around. She raised Bassett Hounds and we also had horses and were 4-H members.

#### What did you study in college?

I was a Biology major.

#### How did your job in the USPHS come about?

My college research project led me to a collaboration at the Medical College of Virginia. I was culturing a special kind of kidney cell for a senior project and when I graduated, an NIH scientist was looking for a technician that could work with that cell type and contacted my mentor. I was uncertain at the time

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about graduate school so it seemed a good way to earn some money and broaden my scope. While at NIH, I met my husband, Bob Balaban, who encouraged me to finish my education doing what I loved and not being intimidated about being a woman in what was then predominantly a man's profession. I transferred from the initial lab job to NIH's veterinary core and learned about the USPHS veterinary corps and its importance in the Department of Health and Human Services and its various agencies.

#### What was it like to transition from the veterinary work at NIH to the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiologic Health Division of Cardiovascular Devices?

The FDA work was the inside out of what I did at NIH. The NIH was principally a public research institution and the work I was doing was to support animal models for projects on the cutting edge of basic science while the FDA work was to reviewing the animal data for the same type of cardiovascular research but much further along in development on the last leg of development prior to marketing. Both agencies had important humane policies and this was also an interest so that I was able to make advances in humane care and use by getting involved in public policymaking as well.

#### You have a couple of great dogs. What do you look for when deciding on a pet?

If I'm adopting a dog, I try to find one that is most importantly friendly, calm and quiet. That's not easily done with one visit so I recommend volunteering for a shelter agency so you can see a dog in multiple settings as separation anxiety, dog aggression and in the case of cats, inter-cat aggression or redirected aggression in household soiling, etc. can be problems. If I'm getting a puppy, I look for a breed that is docile yet playful and easily socialized so they can go anywhere and be invited back! They should also fit in with a family's lifestyle so that they become part of the routine.

#### I understand that you also keep bees. Do you find that gratifying?

Honestly, it's been a bit frustrating to find the right balance of fostering bees but it gives one a sense of the importance of ecology and the environment to our planet. It was very exciting to finally have our own honey and it tasted so much better than what we could buy in the supermarket.

#### What do pet owners need to know but don't think to ask?

I think people are often unprepared for the time one needs to invest in attaining consistency

in animal care; not just in veterinary medicine but also in keeping pets clean and preserving their routine when you travel. If you want to live harmoniously with an animal, it requires an effort to cultivate a tolerable household conduct. If you invest that time, your animals become a pleasure to you and also to the people you hope will help look after then when you travel.

Most dogs and cats are relinquished because they missed this opportunity. Most of the medical and social issues I've seen in animals in general over the years result from inconsistency in feeding time, obesity from free choice feeding, lack of exercise, poor grooming, and hygiene. Dogs in particular, but to some extent cats, are like children. Everybody does better when there is a predictable routine, adequate outdoor activity, lots of rest, good nutrition, proper hygiene, and equal parts of love and discipline in consistent doses. The costs of veterinary care, pet boarding and grooming have also gone through the roof because veterinarians are more concerned about litigation, they order more tests now days because that technology is available and they don't want to be guilty of malpractice. Atop that, new graduates in particular have very high overhead and educational costs and these costs are passed along to the consumer. So when looking to get a pet, look at costs associated with routine care, breed-typical problems, grooming and boarding needs.

#### What do you like most about the Bannockburn neighborhood?

I love the combination of privacy and stewardship. People who live in this neighborhood embrace diversity and social and environmental conscience.

Thank you very much.



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## MEET Ashley West, Lacrosse Goalie x Three!

athlete of the month/ young achiever

Name: Ashley West

Age: 14

School: Holton-Arms (but I'm transferring to Alexandria's St. Stephens's & St. Agnes School this fall)

**Sport:** Lacrosse **Position:** Goalie

How long have you participated in this sport/activity? Since I was 9 (2011).

#### What is your favorite teacher/mentor's name?

It's a tie between my Holton-Arms chemistry and algebra teachers, Elizabeth Davis and Katharine Laco.

#### Who do you idolize in this sport/activity?

One of my goalie coaches, Gussie Johns, a 2014 St. Stephen's & St. Agnes graduate. She's now the starting goalie for the University of Southern California's women's lacrosse team (which is a perfect 17-0 in this year's regular season).

What teams are you on and where do you normally practice?

I practice at Holton-Arms with my Middle School "A" team, at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes in Alexandria with my STARS 2020 Blue club/travel team, and at the Academy of the Holy Cross in Kensington with my Potomac Power Black recreational team. I also practice individually with my other goalie coaches at fields and indoor facilities in Virginia, Cabin John, and Baltimore. It's too bad that my parents can't get "frequent driver" miles!

#### Have you met anyone famous in this sport/activity?

In addition to Gussie Johns, I've met the former coach of the German National Women's Lacrosse Team, who is another idol of mine (and who is now my STARS 2020 Blue coach!). I've also met and trained with several former collegiate All-Americans and U.S. national team lacrosse goalies.

#### Have you traveled anywhere related to this sport/activity?

This summer, my STARS 2020 team and I are traveling to the Vail Shootout Tournament in Colorado. I'm also participating this summer in various lax camps up and down the East Coast that are run by Stanford, Harvard, Penn, Duke, Yale, and UNC. STARS 2020 and I also travel every season to weekend lax tournaments near Baltimore, Annapolis, Princeton, NJ, Palmyra, PA, and elsewhere.

#### What events have you participated in?

Lax for the Cure; various "fall-ball" and other out-of-season, non-coached lax tournaments as a "guest" goalie for various local high school teams; and two winter indoor lax league teams (my STARS 2020 team was undefeated this past winter against all 2019 teams in a Virginia high school

#### What awards or honors have you won?

Only being an 8th grader, none yet! But I'm hoping to be selected as a goalie for the 2016 Under Armour Underclass Tournament in Baltimore this summer.

## What have you learned from participating in this sport/activity?

It's good to be a 5' 9" goalie who's left-handed! All kidding aside, in addition to my learning great time management, the value of hard work, and the importance of always having "perfect" technique in practice, I've learned to be a self-confident contributor who supports her teammates, win or lose; to always give 120% effort in everything that I do; to never dwell on the past (I never remember shots or goals against me); and to never, ever give up - each save I make can help my teammates win.

#### What do you like the most about the sport/activity?

It's a really fun, very team-oriented, fast sport and I love being our last line of defense who can change the whole momentum of a game by making crucial saves.

#### What is your favorite moment?

Every game that my teammates and I win! But if I had to pick just one, it was our STARS 2020 team's 5-4 victory over the TLC Lax team at a Nov. 2014 Baltimore-area tournament. My save ratio in my half of the game was 82% (14/17), with 5 consecutive saves against free position shots (an attacker's penalty shot from 8 or 12 meters that I try to stop with no defenders between her and me). We needed the win to have a chance at advancing into the finals. A close runner-up is my game winning stop of an 8 meter free shot in the last 9 seconds of our STARS 11-10 victory over Integrity on April 30th.

#### What do you plan on doing after graduating?

Study biology or chemistry in college (and play varsity lacrosse) and then become a doctor like my mom, Tina West, who's a dermatologist.

#### One tip for someone looking to get into this sport/activity:

First, discover if lacrosse is really your passion by playing on a recreational team at an early age and "trying out" each position one at a time! In 6th or 7th grade, you can then try out for the local club/travel teams. Although I'd started playing lacrosse in 4th grade as a middle/defender, I was also still playing other ball sports, all of

which emphasized scoring. It was only by a happy accident that I ever became a lax goalie - because no one else wanted to play goalie in our first lax game one season, I volunteered. If I hadn't given it a try, I'd have never discovered how much I love being a

goalie!

#### What other activities do you participate in?

I've played viola for my school orchestra since 3rd grade. I enjoy sailing, drawing, painting, reading, and playing tennis and swimming for my middle school teams. I used to also swim for the National Capital Swim Club (NCAP) but dropped out in early 2015 to make more time for my schoolwork.

How do you keep a balance between sports, school and other activities in your life?

I manage my time very, very carefully and always put academics first. Because I also want to be with my family and friends, I make sure that I don't waste time by watching too much TV or constantly being on social media.



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## Meet Little Wolf,

#### the Bannockburn Banner's New Pet Columnist!

Greetings neighbors and pets alike! My name is Little Wolf. The *Bannockburn Banner* publisher has asked me to contribute a monthly interview with the pets that live here. I hope to talk with dogs, cats, fish, birds, hamsters, turtles and any other creatures that live with families in our 'hood.

First you need to know a little about me and why I was selected for this assignment. I am a 6-year-old Pomeranian/Papillon mix. I live with an absolutely wonderful family off Loch Lomond Road, and I can be fierce! I'm friendly to humans and to my Cavalier King Charles Spaniel housemate named Fin, but I can get a little yappy with other dogs. I have lots of energy, almost always wag my tail and I have a rather intimidating, long, fringed mane around my ears (it's a typical Papillon trait). My family adores me. I am very smart and athletic. I love walks, but I just can't seem to loosen up around the dogs I see out on the streets. Could I have a bit of a Napoleon complex?

I was given this interview job to help me overcome my issues. I will have to force myself to listen intently to my interviewees and put them at ease while asking thought-provoking questions. I can't be aggressive or domineering, but instead I must be calm, conversational and likeable. Can I do it? The readers of the *Bannockburn Banner* will be the judge.

Oh, by the way, I was named Little Wolf because when my family first saw me as a little puppy they thought that is what I looked like. Names can be such a burden sometimes. Perhaps if I was named Lucky or Mr. McFluffy, things would be different.

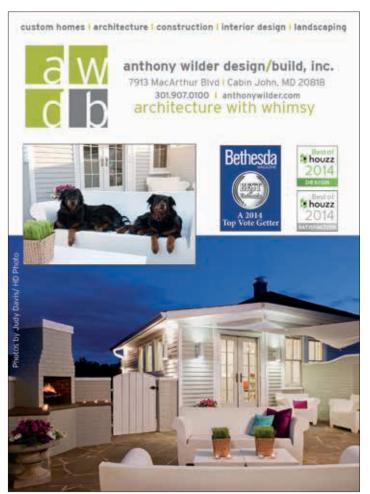
Anyway, look for my first interview next month and let me know how I'm doing.

Yap, yap!





If you have a precious pet you would like Little Wolf to interview, please email sarah.taylor@n2pub.com or lauren.winkler@n2publishing.com.





## LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES IN BANNOCKBURN



By **Libby Blazes**, Bannockburn Banner Jr. Writer.

#### kids 2 kids

Have you noticed any large mailboxes in the neighborhood that appear to be filled with books? They could have been Little Free Libraries! A Little Free Library is a box, container, or shelf that sits in a public place, and is full of books, magazines, and any other reading materials. There are over 36,000 registered Little Free Libraries across the world, and probably many more unregistered ones. All of the registered libraries are visible on the Little Free Library's World Map.

According to the website, the addition of each library helps "to promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide as we share skills, creativity, and wisdom across generations ... sharing millions of books annually." Little Free Libraries are built around the idea of trust, friendship, and care, since every person in the community can add to the collection. The libraries are stocked with the help of everyone, and therefore everyone can take whichever books they are interested in, for however long they want to keep them. For example, if someone took home three books, and decided that they really wanted to keep them, they could then bring back some different books, as an exchange. The shared responsibility of keeping the Little Free Libraries filled with new and interesting



Libby with a Little Free Library in Bannockburn.

materials creates a friendly environment between neighbors. It also allows people to meet new neighbors while selecting and returning books. Each library is also very unique, and can be painted and built in any way! To see some cool examples of Little Free Libraries across the world, visit their website.

There are many Little Free Libraries in the Bannockburn area, including one by the Bannockburn Nursery School, one right outside the Bannockburn Pool, and one on Pyle Road in Bethesda. There are many others as well, which can be seen on the World Map. Anyone from the neighborhood (or from outside the neighborhood) is welcome to check them out, and take any books that seem interesting! There is also always more space to create more Little Free Libraries in other places in the neighborhood, which could also help build the friendship of the community.

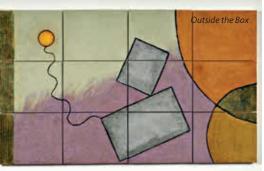
Thank you, Libby, for your very interesting story and good suggestion for more Little Free Libraries in the neighborhood.

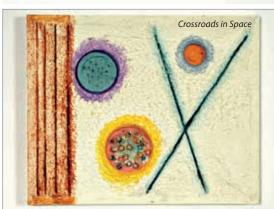


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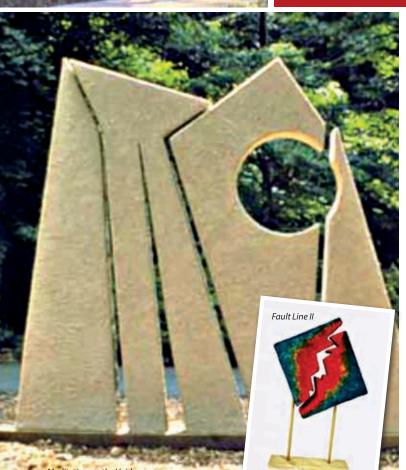








## **ART** in Our Community



## A Tribute to the Late Rima Schulkind:

Neighbor & Accomplished Artist/ Sculpture



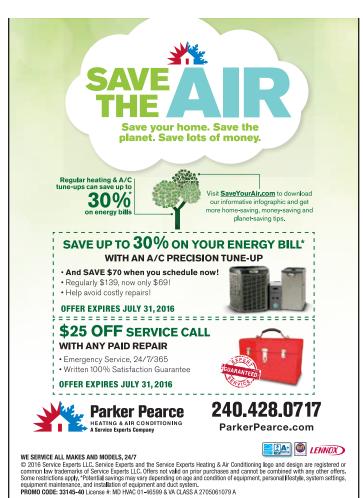


Do you know of a resident artist who should have their works featured in *Bannockburn Banner*? Please contact sarah.taylor@n2pub.com or lauren. winkler@n2publishing.com.



## 3rd Annual Race4Respect June 4th









The 2016 Race4Respect 5K and lK Kids Dash will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016 with Fox5 news anchor Allison Seymour leading the participants. The Master of Ceremonies will be joined by sibling sensations and Bannockburn Estates residents, Davison Duo, a brother and sister rock band. Davis and Madison Gestiehr will be singing the National Anthem.

The mission for the Race4Respect™ is to empower, support and enrich the lives of those with Down syndrome living, working and contributing in our communities.

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From left are Deanne Marein-Efron, Josephine Roberts, Margaret Pourhamidi, Abol Pourhamidi, Mrs. K, Edith Miles, Rubi Aridi and Thelma Deutsch.

## In & Around 岩**ESTATES**

The BCA Good Neighbors Committee Seniors' Lunch

The BCA Good Neighbors Committee, chaired by Edith Miles, is working to promote better relations between BCA neighbors. Many of our residents, especially our seniors, are interested in getting to know other neighbors through visits, activities, and lunches. The committee has focused on helping seniors who want to continue living in their homes as they age. A recently

held BCA seniors' luncheon at Hunters Inn in Potomac provided a nice venue for a group of residents to have the chance to get to know each other a little better.





Sahil Gogtay

Over this past spring break, I visited Cuba. My trip coincided with President Obama's historical visit, thus allowing us to witness the magnitude of a grand historical interaction. Georgetown Day School conducted the trip, meaning we were also able to interact with students from a performing arts high school in Havana. Overall, the serendipity of our particular trip granted us a unique glimpse into the changing island.

Senior, Sahil Gogtay

In 1962, John F. Kennedy embargoed all United States trade with Cuba. Hence, when we visited, we expected to arrive in a time capsule. We were sorely mistaken. Cuba is advancing at an unprecedented rate in terms of its access to popular culture, technology, and information. Don't get me wrong, Cuban infrastructure is crumbling (the elevator in our hotel was built in the 1950s!), yet Cubans, via indirect means, have access to more knowledge than ever before.

First off, the tourism industry in Cuba is well established. We met many young people in Cuba (primarily college students) who were on a culture visit with their school for educational purposes. Europeans frequent Cuba, and the tourism industry has created a well-oiled market. Unlike what we expected, tourists are not a sight at which Cubans marvel; they've grown accustomed to a booming industry filled with Americans and Europeans. All prices were converted into dollar and euro values. Moreover, Cuban students and adults were familiar with American music artists (Drake, Beyoncé) and movie stars. The "black market" in Cuba allows for normal Cubans to watch American TV shows, movies, and listen to American music.

View from the balcony at the hotel



Sahil on a hotel balcony

The main square in Old Town, Havana

Secondly, we were surprised to find the ways in which Cuban culture surpasses our own. Healthcare is covered in Cuba, and the doctors are incredibly well trained. I remember one of the girls in our group getting sick; a team of doctors immediately came to our hotel and addressed the issue in an efficient manner. While this may not resonate for all Cubans, it is well known that Cubans are treated incredibly well in hospitals and receive excellent medical care. Cuba also has a 100% literacy rate. That's right, 100%. We visited the Cuban national anti-illiteracy museum and found incredible ideas about the campaign to end illiteracy in Cuba. After the revolution, many young people in urban areas volunteered to teach rural citizens how to read and write. This program was strongly supported by the government and eventually eradicated illiteracy throughout the island. Cuba has a higher literacy rate than the U.S. That astounded me.

The final tidbit I'll leave you with is perhaps one of Cuba's greatest cultural achievements. We had no idea about the vibrant Jewish community in Cuba. Jews often move to Cuba because of its lack of anti-Semitism, and when we spoke to Jewish people in one of Havana's five synagogues, they agreed that Cuba surprisingly has very little anti-Semitism. The synagogue leaders said they had never felt threatened in Cuba and that no one ever

lodged any sort of violent attack against their community or synagogue. That a culture we proclaim is "stuck in the past" is in some ways more accepting than we are proves that we have a lot to learn from Cuba's socialist virtues.



Thank you, Sahil, for sharing your fascinating excursion with us. If you have some interesting travel tales that you would like to have featured, please email sarah.taylor@n2pub.com or lauren.winkler@n2publishing.com.



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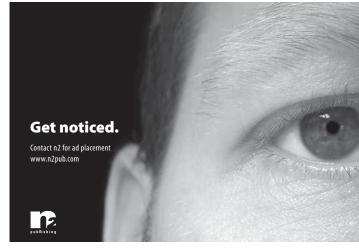




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By N2 Staff Writer, Amy Lynn Howlett

# Garden Party Crashers

Viewing wildlife in nature is serene and beautiful, but when uninvited animal guests enter your garden, it's a disheartening sight: crops ravished like an all-you-can-eat buffet and flowers reduced to nubs in the ground. Eradicating wildlife pests is generally unfeasible, so the more realistic - and humane - approach is to find ways to coexist with our animal neighbors. Don't wake up to find that hungry critters have devoured hours of your hard work; follow these tips to protect your turf!

#### Make your garden less enticing

Don't let your yard be a critter bed and breakfast; secure garbage can lids, cover compost piles, do not leave pet food outside, gather fruit that has fallen from trees and keep birdseed off the ground. It is also wise to eliminate prime burrowing or nesting spots such as brush piles and tall grass, and block any potential crawl spaces under decks and sheds. Keep the grub population in check since they are a favorite snack of moles and skunks.



Another way to make your garden less inviting is to create a barrier of plants that are unappetizing to critters, which include those with thorns, fuzzy leaves, milky sap, a bitter taste or a strong odor. A good rule of thumb is to plant two unappealing plants for every desirable plant.

#### Deter garden trespassers

A common garden deterrent is scent repellents: sprays with an odor or taste bothersome to pests, like hot pepper spray, or predator scents, such as coyote urine. Another option is interspersing small plastic bottles partially filled with ammonia among plants. While scent repellents are an easy, inexpensive option for deterring wildlife, they must be reapplied frequently and can be potentially harmful to children, pets and the environment.

Besides scent repellents, there are many visual and auditory scare devices available, including noisemakers, motion-activated lights and water sprayers, and even dummy predators, but their effectiveness decreases over time as pests become accustomed to their methods. Sometimes the best noise deterrent is the bark of a family dog!

#### Create a barricade

For low-growing plants, row covers used for frost protection also serve as a barrier to wildlife. And when the weather is too warm for row covers, use tulle, which does not retain heat. For larger crops, create plant "cages" using flexible wire fencing and zip ties.

Fencing is probably the best longterm solution for deterring garden interlopers. Mesh fencing is inexpensive, easy to install and almost invisible in wooded areas. Electric fencing, while very effective, is more expensive and not practical for homes with children or pets. Note: fences intended for deer must be at least 8 feet high.

After all the time and hard work you've invested into your garden, take measures to protect it before the fruits of your labor literally become a critter's midnight snack!



## A PLACE IN YOU history know?

The Ups and Downs of Glen Echo Park .....

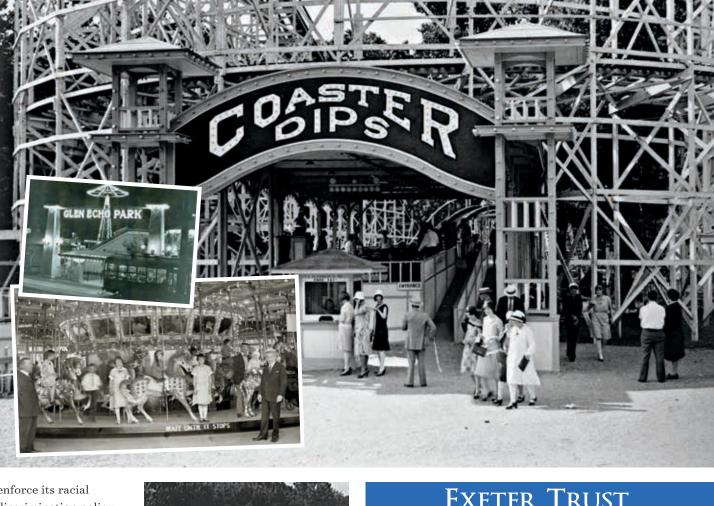
Imagine the year is 1954. It is a hot June weekend in Washington and you are looking forward to spending Saturday at Glen Echo Amusement Park, just a stone's throw from the neighborhood. First on the list of the day's activities is to ride the Coaster Dips, a huge wooden roller coaster with seven dips plus numerous curves and turns that was added to the park in 1921. Of course a ride on the Dentzel Carousel is a must and you choose to mount an ostrich, which is among the many different types of animals featured. After more rides and enjoying the games in the arcade, you cool off in the Crystal Pool built in 1931 and big enough for 3,000 swimmers with a real "Sand Beach." The day ends with dancing to a big band in the Spanish Ballroom, which includes 7,500 square feet of dance floor and is still considered one of the best dance halls on the east coast today.

But did you know that Glen Echo Park was originally developed in 1891 not as an amusement park but as a National Chautauqua Assembly, which taught the sciences, arts, languages and literature? The Chautauqua lasted for just one season and by the early 1900s, the site had become Glen Echo Amusement Park - the premier amusement park serving the Washington area until 1968. Throughout the park's 68-year existence, Glen Echo experienced dips and turns similar to those of the famous Coaster.

In the early years, due to competition from other amusement parks in the area, Glen Echo was not the success that General Manager Alonzo Shaw had envisioned. In 1911, the park changed management and under the direction of Leonard B. Schloss, a veteran of the amusement and entertainment field, it began to thrive. Schloss continued to improve Glen Echo by adding new rides each year. Even the years of the Great Depression were years of prosperity for Glen Echo and the worse the economy grew; the more people flocked to the park in an attempt to escape day-to-day worries. The 1940s were years of innovation at the park, which continued to be profitable.

In 1950, Gerald Price, the new manager, opened the season with more children's attractions, which depicted Glen Echo's future direction. According to Price's son, Patrick Price, President of Exeter Trust in Cabin John, "My Dad, as the new General Manager, encouraged more children to attend the park by opening children's rides and bringing in television personalities from shows such as The Howdy Doody Show. He wanted to develop a safe, friendly park for children. My sister and I have wonderful memories of the park, particularly the bumper cars and roller coaster," adds Patrick. But despite a record breaking opening day in 1955, the park once again changed hands and began to see problems that would eventually cause its demise in 1968.

Like many public facilities in and around the Washington area, Glen Echo was restricted to whites for the majority of its history. However, on June 30, 1960, a group of college students staged a sit-in protest on the carousel. Five African-American students were subsequently arrested for trespassing. The arrests were appealed to the Supreme Court four years later, and the convictions were reversed on the grounds that the state had unconstitutionally used its police power to help a private business



enforce its racial discrimination policy. As a result, an 11-week civil rights campaign began; students and residents of the nearby Bannockburn community alike came out in force. The park opened the doors to all races in the 1961 season. Attendance shrank in the late 1960s however and the amusement park closed in 1968.



Today The Glen Echo

Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Inc. manages Glen Echo Park, one of the liveliest visual and performing arts sites in the Washington area. Each year, more than 400,000 people come to the Park to renew their creative spirit through arts classes, festivals, exhibitions, dances, children's theater, music performances, nature programs, and more. It still remains a great place to spend a Saturday in June.



If you are a history buff, have any fun historical facts about the neighborhood and the surrounding area and would like to write or suggest an article, please email sarah.taylor@n2pub.com or lauren. winkler@n2publishing.com.

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# CHEFS in the ESTATES

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 4 pints cherry tomatoes, halved
- ½ cup of extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic (6 cloves)
- 16 large basil leaves, cut in thin strips, plus extra for serving
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 pound angel hair pasta
- 11/2 cups freshly grated Parmesan cheese, plus extra for serving

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

Combine the cherry tomatoes, 1/2 cup olive oil, garlic, basil leaves, red pepper flakes, 1 teaspoon salt, and the pepper in a large bowl. Cover with plastic wrap, and set aside at room temperature for 3-4 hours.

Just before you're ready to serve, bring a large pot of water with a splash of olive oil and 2 tablespoons salt to a boil and add the pasta. Cook al dente, (2 to 3 minutes). Drain the pasta, place in the bowl, top with the cherry tomato mixture. Add the cheese and some extra fresh basil leaves. Toss well.

Serve in big bowls with extra cheese on each serving.



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#### **WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL**

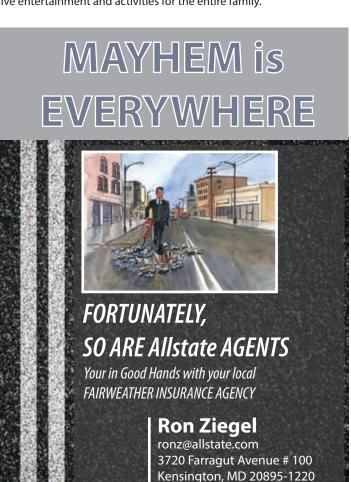
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#### **ANNAPOLIS ARTS, CRAFTS & WINE FESTIVAL**

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#### **DC JAZZ FESTIVAL**

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June 14, Jackson Browne

June 15, Barenaked Ladies, OMD, Howard Jones

June 23-26. Riverdance. Filene Center

**June 23**, 10:30am, *Up in Arms: Monster Intelligence*, Children's Theatre-in-The-Woods, ages 4-9

June 27 and 28, Paul Simon

**June 28, 10:30am**, *Sole Defined*, Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, ages 4 and up

**June 30, 8:30pm**, Dreamworks Animation in Concert: National Symphony Orchestra, Filene Center

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By N2 Staff Writer, Megan Weatherly Lynn



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ecarroll@allstate.com http://agents.allstate.com/elizabeth-carroll-bethesda-md.html Summertime is perfect for spending warm nights grilling out by the pool with family and friends. Need to get your outdoor spaces ready for entertaining? These are a few summertime projects to make your home the hot spot for backyard barbecues.

#### 1. build a deck

Nowhere to set up your grill? Build a simple platform-style deck on-grade. You'll only need basic tools, lumber and a few concrete piers, plus whatever stain or paint you choose.

#### 2. create an outdoor kitchen

Speaking of that grill, consider bringing in a designer to help plan out the perfect outdoor kitchen. Many home improvement stores also offer pre-designed outdoor kitchen sets. With a sink, refrigerator and bar top, you'll be ready to host your first summer party in no time.

#### 3. buy new patio furniture

With all of the time you'll be spending outside, be sure to invest in some high-quality patio furniture. Consider a dining set with an anti-corrosive finish and weather-proof fabric to ensure that it will withstand the elements and changing seasons.

#### 4. build a raised garden

Warm weather is perfect for growing your favorite fruits and vegetables right in your own backyard. Build a raised garden bed with stones or simple 2x4s purchased from your local home improvement store. Fill with soil and start planting your tomatoes, lettuce and peppers.

#### 5. add landscape lighting

Nothing adds evening ambiance like accent lighting. Complement the fireflies in your backyard by installing some exterior lighting to pathways, decks and pools. Your family and friends will thank you for making your outdoor spaces easy to navigate once the sun goes down.

#### 6. install a fire pit

While some summer nights may be too warm for sitting around a fire, this is the perfect time to install a brand new fire pit.

Whether you choose to build a custom structure or purchase a pre-assembled one, a fire pit will make your outdoor space livable well into the autumn months.

#### 7. add a screen

Are pesky mosquitoes keeping you from enjoying your back porch to its full potential? Add new posts and screening to create a barrier. This will allow you to enjoy the sunsets and breezes while minimizing the uncomfortable bug bites. healthy living
SUMMER SMART SUN SAFETY

Break Out The Sunscreen, Sunglasses And Sun Hat!

Written by N2 Staff Writer, Elizabeth McCabe

To tan or not to tan? That is the tantalizing question that sun worshipers face. It is hard to resist basking in the sun to achieve that bronze, sun-kissed glow. But what else is the sun doing to your skin in the process?

Unfortunately, the harmful rays of the sun can result in wrinkles, premature aging and even skin cancer. Instead of turning to Botox and anti-aging remedies, all you really need is a bottle of sunscreen. According to the Skin Care Foundation, a staggering 90 percent of visible aging comes from the hours you spend in the sun (not your age) -- shocking, but true.

Another misconception is that sunscreen is only necessary when the sun is shining. Unfortunately, ultraviolet rays come with cloud cover too. Protection is needed on all days; the sun's rays know no mercy. If you think you are safe because you have a dark skin tone, think again. Those with darker skin are more likely to get more serious kinds of skin cancer when diagnosed; all the more reason to lather up when going outside. Fair-skinned people aren't immune from the UV rays of the sun either. They are more likely to develop skin cancer when exposed to the sun's damaging rays.

Summer smart sun safety is paramount for children and adults alike. According to the American Academy of Dermatology, everyone should wear sunscreen daily, regardless of skin tone. Apply sunscreen at least 30 minutes prior to sun exposure for the best results to allow the product to be fully absorbed into the skin.

While you're at it, don't forget to break out the sunglasses and the hat. Protect your eyes from sun damage by purchasing sunglasses that shield against UVA and UVB rays. Wearing sunglasses without UV protection is a no-no. Darkened lenses cause the pupil to let in more light, allowing more UV light into

the back of the eye. Sun hats are another form of protection from skin cancer. With every extra inch of hat brim, reduce your risk of skin cancer by 10%. It's worth it!

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Address	Neighborhood	List Price	Sale Price	DOM	Beds	Baths	Parking	<b>Half Baths</b>
7008 Carmichael Ave	Bannockburn Estates	\$1,399,000	\$1,325,000	90	6	4		
7009 Arandale Rd	Bannockburn	\$2,349,000		37	5	5		1
6207 Bannockburn Dr	Bannockburn Coop	\$1,899,000		52	5	4		
7125 Helmsdale Rd	Bannockburn Estates	\$1,695,000		41	5	4		1
6524 E Halbert Rd	Bannockburn	\$875,000		26	5	3		
7200 Crail Drive	Bannockburn Estates	\$1,030,000	\$985,000	40	4	3		
7101 Loch Lomond Dr	Bannockburn Estates	\$1,050,000		22	6	4		1
7000 Heatherhill Rd	Bannockburn Estates	\$965,000		40	5	5		
7301 Nevis Rd	Bannockburn	\$2,250,000		10	5	4		1
7306 Broxburn Ct	Bannockburn Estates	\$2,445,000		384	6	5		1
7001 Orkney Pkwy	Bannockburn Heights	\$2,595,000		14	6	6		2
7205 Loch Lomond Dr	Bannockburn Estates	\$1,230,000		20	6	4		
6629 Elgin Ln	Bannockburn Heights	\$3,395,000		14	4	4		2
6804 Broxburn Dr	Bannockburn Estates	\$1,599,000	\$1,400,000	40	5	3		
7110 Laverock Ln	Bannockburn	\$1,069,000		9	5	3		



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