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The pool opened for the season on Saturday, May 25th. The annual Pool Opening Party was a huge success. See more photos on page 23.

Get Ready for an Unforgettable Summer in Lakelands

By Adam Lucas
Chairperson, LCA Social Committee

As the days get longer, it's time to gear up for a summer packed with fun-filled events, courtesy of the Lakelands Social Committee. From toe-tapping concerts to relaxed happy hours and refreshing poolside gatherings, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Happy Hour at the Gaithersburg Arts Barn: Indulge in a dose of cultural

delight at the Lakelands Happy Hour at the Gaithersburg Arts Barn on Friday, June 7th from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Sip on refreshing beverages and nibble on delectable treats as you enjoy the vibrant arts scene of Gaithersburg. Whether you're an art aficionado or simply seeking a relaxed evening out, this event is sure to tantalize your senses and ignite your creativity. This event is generously sponsored by Dr. Gerald Chan, Gaithersburg Dental Care.

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Monthly Concerts on the Lawn 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Bring a blanket or low chairs, pack a picnic or grab dinner from the Food Truck. Play yard games. Relax and enjoy!

Friday, June 14

Rock Creek Revival - Acoustic Bluegrass
Grubbing Hard BBQ Food Truck

Friday, July 12

Funky Junction - Pop, Classic Rock, Country & Blues
Trippy Tacos Food Truck

Friday, August 9

Driven to Clarity - Funk, Folk, Rock & Pop
Steezes Burgers Food Truck

The Summer Concert Series
is Generously Sponsored
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Community News

June Board Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the LCA Board of Directors will take place virtually on Monday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting begins with an Open Forum during which residents can address issues of concern.

From the DRC

The Design Review Committee reviewed the following Architectural Change Application at their May meeting:

Gerald Chan & Sherrie Tsen

310 Chestnut Hill Street

Remove tree near garage. *Approved with conditions.*

Maritsa Nicholas

554 Helene Street

Replace deck fascia, flooring and railings. *Approved.*

Ari Scott

739 Gatestone Street

Replace windows. *Approved.*

Amy Hardin

423 Leaning Oak Street

Replace deck. Install storm door. Paint trim and front door.

Replace exterior lights. *Approved.*

Rebecca Prigal

437 Lakelands Drive

Replace railings along front stairs. Replace stairs, landing and railings with composite at back door. *Approved.*

Hollie Sacks

535 Sheila Mews

Replace front & rear deck boards with trex. *Approved.*

Making an Exterior Change?

Prior to starting any exterior modification, Lakelands homeowners are required to submit an Architectural Change Application, which is available on the LCA website, to be approved by the Design Review Committee (DRC). Applications can be emailed to admin@lakelands.org or dropped in the secure mailbox located to the right of the front door of the Clubhouse. Please include designs, sketches,

Enjoy Free Sno-Cones & Music at the Pool

Last Day of School
Thursday, June 13,
beginning at 1:00 p.m.
(weather-permitting)



photographs, color samples, and your adjacent neighbors' signatures, etc. This will help the committee gain a better picture of the changes that you intend to make to your home. The DRC meets on the first Monday of each month. Applications must be submitted by noon on the Thursday prior to the meeting, as committee members need a few days to review them before meeting.

Don't Block Sidewalks

For everyone's safety, residents are reminded to trim bushes and trees on their properties when the branches extend to the sidewalk.

Reminder: Residents Must be 16 to Use Fitness Center

The Fitness Center, located on the lower level of the Lakelands Clubhouse, is accessible to all residents, age 16 and over, with their Lakelands Facilities Access Card. When a resident turns 16, please notify the management office so that we can update their card to allow them access. Access cards can only be used by the person whose name is on the card. Please do not allow your children, under the age 16, to use your card to enter the Fitness Center. The Fitness Center is open daily from 5:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Refinancing?

Banks often require an HOA statement. This can be obtained by contacting Comsource at 301-924-7355.

Annual 4th of July Pool Party!

**DJ Blake will return to entertain residents
on Independence Day from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

This event is generously
sponsored by
the Taylor Group.



Downtown News

Kentlands Art Walk

Kentlands Market Square is hosting an Art Walk on Saturday, June 1, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Shop local artisan’s work while enjoying live entertainment, crafts for the kiddos, raffles, food and drinks and more.

Calling All Cookie Lovers

Potomac Cookie Company is now open in Market Square, offering indulgent and elevated flavors that will delight cookie lovers. Their 4 oz. cookies include classic flavors such as chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin, to new flavors such as da fudge, s’mores and rocky road. Located at 109A Market Street, Potomac Cookie Company is open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Missing Artists on Market?

Although Artists on Market moved out of their storefront at 113 Market Street they continue to remain active as they search for their next gallery space. They regularly participate in the Kentlands Farmer’s Market. Look for them under the Kentlands Community Foundation tent on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. You can also find them at the Art Walk in Market Square on June 1 and Kentlands Under the Lights on June 22. Additionally, they are hosting a Bingo Night fundraiser on June 6 at the Progress Club (1610 E Jefferson Street, Rockville). Doors open at 4:30 p.m.; dinner starts at 5:30 p.m.; and Early Bird starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each and include dinner and bingo cards. Proceeds will help them with funding their long-term gallery. Email artistsonmarket@gmail.com with Bingo in the subject line for more information, or to participate. To stay informed on their current activities and news follow them on social media, or visit kentlands.org/kentlands-artist-on-market/.

Live Music in Kentlands Downtown

Enjoy music several nights a week throughout Kentlands Downtown. Grape Escape, located at 223 Kentlands Boulevard,

offers live music every Friday at 7:00 p.m.; an open mic night on Tuesdays, and acoustic afternoons on most Saturdays. Brews & Barrels, located at 625 Center Point Way, has live music Thursday through Saturday nights and open mic night every second Wednesday of the month. Vine Alley, located at 114 Market Street, offers live music by local musicians weekly and an open mic on alternating Tuesdays. Brew House Coffee, located at 325 Main Street, has live music every Friday night.

Fresh Foods, Artists, Crafters, Live Music and More at the Farmer’s Market

Visit the Kentland’s Main Street Farmers Market in the Main Street Pavilion (301 Main Street) and enjoy fresh locally grown fruits, vegetables and more. Spruce up the house with some fresh plants or flowers. Take home savory homemade breads or artisan sweets. Get fresh ground coffee, locally brewed beer, wine and spirts, homemade juice, treats for your pets and check out the works of local artists and crafters. The Market is open year around every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Comings and Goings

Dollar Tree will be opening in the space previously home to various spas at 62 Market Street and a sign has gone up for KOR Artisanal Bistro at 216 Main, which was previously occupied by Kathy’s Gallery & Frames. Stay tuned for more information in upcoming issues. Meanwhile, Mod Pizza and Sports Clips have both permanently closed their Kentlands locations.

Trivia, Trivia & More Trivia

Brews & Barrels hosts Trivia Night on Tuesdays, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. On Wednesdays, Trivia can be played at Brew House Coffee, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.; Cinépolis from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., and Grape Escape beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Handpicked at Cinépolis

Cinépolis Luxury Cinemas offers Cinépolis Handpicked, a carefully-curated weekly alternative programming series that features a wide variety of specialty content, including your favorite classic films, special concert events, documentaries, seasonal favorites, and more. This month enjoy *The Fifth Element* on June 5; *The Goonies* on June 12; *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* on June 19; and *Legend* on June 26. Cinépolis is located at 629 Center Point Way. Tickets can be purchased through the Cinépolis app or online at cinepoliusa.com.

Weekly Walks & Pub Runs at Charm City

Charm City Run Gaithersburg holds a Pub Run every Thursday. All runners and walkers are welcome to meet at the store at 6:00 p.m., head out for a three- to five-mile run or walk through the community, and finish at Grape Escape, where you will receive \$2 off draft and wine pours. They also host free weekly walks beginning at Kentlands Manor Senior Apartments on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. Charm City is located at 255 Kentlands Boulevard, in the Kentlands Square Shopping Center.

If you are a downtown business and you have news to share send it to leader @lakelands.org.

Community Calendar

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| JUNE 3 | DRC, Virtual, 7:30 p.m. |
| JUNE 5 | Social Committee, Red Room, 7:30 p.m. |
| JUNE 7 | Lakelands Happy Hour at the Arts Barn, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. |
| JUNE 10 | Board Meeting, Virtual, 7:00 p.m. |
| JUNE 14 | Concert on the Lawn, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. |
| JUNE 26 | Budget & Finance Committee, 2nd floor, 7:00 p.m. |
| JUNE 27 | Environmental & Beautification Committee, 2nd floor, 7:00 p.m. |

Tennis and Pickleball Court Reservation System

Lakelands residents are able to check on tennis/pickleball court availability and make reservations via Skedda.com. To use the service simply request a Skedda invitation by emailing michele@lakelands.org. You will be verified as a Lakelands resident and receive confirmation by email. Visit [Skedda.com](https://skedda.com) or download the Skedda App, create a log in, and start making court reservations! The following rules apply.



- Reservations can only be made for one (1) hour interval per unit per day.
- Reservations can only be made one day in advance.
- Reservations are on a first come-first served basis. Unreserved courts may also be used without a reservation on a first come-first serve basis.
- Only resident owners and tenants are allowed to reserve courts and must do so with their own name and Lakelands address. Reservations are not transferable. The guest(s) of a resident owner or tenant may only use a tennis court when their host is present on the court.
- Reserved courts on which play has not started within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled reservation time are released for use by others on a first come-first serve basis.
- Reservations may be canceled through the reservation system.
- Failure by a resident owner or tenant to use a current reservation, except if due to weather, shall result in the following enforcement actions:

- First Time – Warning
- Second Time – No reservation(s) will be allowed for a period of twenty (20) days.
- Third Time – No reservation(s) will be allowed for an additional period of (30) days.
- All court users shall promptly vacate a court when the reserved time expires, if the court is reserved for the next hour and players who booked the court are waiting.

Please Be Courteous to Your Neighbors and Follow These Simple Rules When Using the Courts

- Neither court may be used for any purpose other than tennis or pickleball.
- No bicycles, roller blades or skateboards.
- No pets.
- No food, glass or alcoholic beverages.
- Proper shoes, designed specifically for tennis or pickleball, must be worn at all times.
- Play is limited to one hour when others are waiting. Those having played for more than one hour must give way to new arrivals.
- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Courts are for Lakelands residents, tenants and their guests only.
- Conduct appropriate for tennis and pickleball is required at all times.

Pool Parties

Pool parties may be arranged through the LCA Management office. The reservation form and answers to frequently asked questions can be downloaded from the Lakelands website, under the 2024 Pool Season tab.

Completed forms and payment must be dropped off in the mailbox at the front of the Clubhouse or at the management office, no later than two weeks prior to the event.

LCA Management handles reservations and payment. For all other questions please call Continental Pools at 301-498-1000.



FOOD TRUCKS IN JUNE



THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Bistro

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Silver & Sons

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Grubbing Hard

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Salat (Middle Eastern)

Trucks will be parked near the front of the Lakelands Lawn, which is the large grassy area next to the basketball courts, from approximately 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Some trucks will accept pre-orders.
Check the LCA website and community emails.

Weekly Raft Night



Thursdays,

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bring your Favorite Raft and Enjoy
an Evening of Fun in the Main Pool

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Summer Concert Series: Let the music sweep you away on warm evenings as Lakelands hosts its much-anticipated Summer Concert Series. Grab a blanket or chairs and join your friends and neighbors, as talented musicians serenade you under the open sky. We have local bluegrass favorites Rock Creek Revival playing on June 14th. Funky Junction returns to Lakelands on July 12th with their mix of classic rock, country, and blues. Finally, Driven to Clarity, a Baltimore-based band whose diverse palette draws from such genres as funk, folk, rock, and pop closes out the concert series on August 9th. These concerts promise to be the soundtrack to your summer memories. Bring your own food and beverages or pick up dinner from the food truck. The summer concert series is generously sponsored by Jeremy Rosenthal, Long & Foster Real Estate.

Raft Nights at the Pool: Beat the summer heat with a splash at Raft Nights at the Pool, a beloved tradition that brings the community together every Thursday evening, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Grab your favorite inflatable raft, float effortlessly on the shimmering waters, and unwind in the

company of neighbors and friends. With laughter echoing and the smell of sunscreen in the air, these poolside gatherings are the epitome of summer bliss.

Independence Day Pool Party: Join your friends and neighbors to celebrate Independence Day at the pool on July 4th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. DJ Blake will return to provide music and games and there will be expanded concessions.

Food Trucks: Take a break from cooking dinner. The Social Committee has scheduled weekly food trucks throughout the summer. From BBQ and Mediterranean, to tacos and Asian street food, there is something for everyone. Trucks are parked near the front of the Lakelands Lawn, which is the large grassy area next to the basketball courts, from approximately 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Many trucks even accept pre-orders. Check the LCA website and be sure to read your community emails for details and reminders.

Join us as we embark on a journey of laughter, music, and camaraderie this summer courtesy of the Lakelands Social Committee. Mark your calendars, gather your loved ones, and let's make this summer one to remember!

Stay tuned for more details and updates on these exciting events. See you there!

Lakelands Happy Hour at the Arts Barn



*Friday,
June 7
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.*

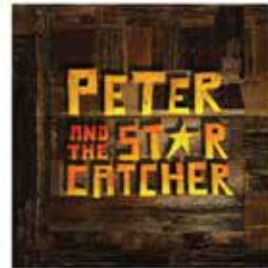


Lakelands residents are invited to enjoy food and drinks, explore the galleries and studios, browse artisan-made gifts, and meet local artists.

No Fee. No registration required.

Following Happy Hour, stay for Opening Night of Peter & the Starcatcher

Discover how Peter Pan became the boy who wouldn't grow up in this inventive tale of romance and adventure. Reflecting the sharp, clever wit of Dave Barry and an award-winning instrumental score by Wayne Barker, this prequel to the story of Peter Pan has been winning the hearts of both adults and kids since it first appeared on Broadway in 2012. Based on the novel by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson; adapted by Rick Elice; instrumental score by Wayne Barker. Presented in Partnership with The Montgomery Playhouse; Recommended for ages 8+.



Happy Hour guests can use Promo code **HAPPY5** and get \$5 off the regular \$22 ticket. Tickets are available by scanning the QR code or by calling the Arts Barn at 301-258-6394. This Promo code is good only for the June 7th, 7:30 p.m. show. The Arts Barn is located at 311 Kent Square Road in Kentlands.

*This Event is Very Generously Sponsored by
Dr. Gerald Chan, Gaithersburg Dental Care*

Gaithersburg Dental Care Continues to Show Community Support Through Event Sponsorship

By Gina Dropik

Special thanks to Dr. Gerald Chan and the entire staff at Gaithersburg Dental Care for sponsoring the upcoming Lakelands Happy Hour at the Arts Barn on Friday, June 7. Dr. Chan has sponsored many Lakelands events over the years including various happy hours, pool parties, and movie nights. Dr. Chan and his wife Sherrie have been residents of Lakelands since 2018. “Even though my practice has been in the Kentlands area since 2007, I never felt connected to the community until I moved to Lakelands. I was able to meet incredible people and started sponsoring events. Now, I feel part of the community in a way I never did before,” he said.

Dr. Chan is a distinguished graduate of the University of California at Berkley. He received his dental education from the University Of Pennsylvania School Of Dental Medicine where he graduated in the top 20 percent of his class. He continues his education and has completed many advanced cosmetic dentistry programs, as well as a year-long program in implant dentistry. He is also an Invisalign Preferred Provider. Dr. Chan has practiced dentistry in the Gaithersburg area since 1984 and is committed to promoting oral health and



well-being through personalized care and cutting-edge dental solutions.

Conveniently located at 8 Granite Place, Suite 22, Gaithersburg Dental Care offers a multitude of services ranging from preventative and restorative care to advanced cosmetic dentistry and emergency dental services. Dr. Chan is supported by a staff of four, comprised of two Dental Hygienists, Jennifer and Pedro; a Dental Assistant, Cindy; and the welcoming Front Desk and Business Assistant, Katerin. Together they ensure that each patient enjoys a pleasant and stress-free dental experience.

Lakelands resident Carol Lake has been a patient at Gaithersburg Dental Care for five years. She praised Dr. Chan for showing exemplary service right in our neighborhood. “I have truly enjoyed being a patient of Gaithersburg Dental Care. Dr Chan has personalized my visits and made me feel at ease with my dental and Invisalign care,” Carol said. “I find myself looking forward to my dental appointment and encountering his friendly and professional staff.”

Office hours are Monday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; and Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. For more information call 301-977-7777 or visit gaithersburgdentalcare.com. Dr. Chan believes that everyone deserves a great smile! Be sure to stop by and meet him at the Arts Barn on June 7, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Dan Shaivitz: The Inspiration Behind the Fitness Center Renovation

By Gina Dropik

As a busy professional, dad and coach, Dan Shaivitz works out at the Fitness Center in the Lakelands Clubhouse at least four to five days a week and was instrumental in the purchase of the new equipment which was installed last month. “It was a fun project,” Dan said. “I approached the Board of Directors during the winter to tell them that some of the equipment was broken and that other pieces were old and outdated. When I offered my assistance they were very gracious and eager to take on the project.”

Teaming up with Community Manager Michele Fuenzalida, Dan researched new equipment options and presented a recommendation to the Board, which was approved in March. On May 15 the new equipment was installed. Michele praised Dan’s hands-on approach, “He was incredible. He was here to help out with the removal of the old equipment and the installation of the new equipment.”

Perhaps the hardest part of the project was fitting all of the equipment into the space. “It was like a life size game of Tetris,” Dan laughed. “Having never designed a fitness center before, he did an incredible job of fitting it all in,” Michele said. “Residents are really pleased with the new equipment.”

Dan says the project was a good distraction from his demanding career as a partner at the Bethesda law firm, Bulman Dunie Burke and Feld, where he practices plaintiff side personal injury cases. Additionally, he and his wife, Heather, have two sons; Colin is a rising 10th grader at Good Counsel High School, and Zach, is a rising 7th grader at Lakelands Park Middle School; and a dog, Ellie.

Life is busy for the Shaivitz family. Heather works full time, as Associate Director of the University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security. Both boys play lacrosse for multiple teams and Dan coaches both of Zach’s teams, which he says brings him tremendous joy. In their free time they enjoy hiking on local trails, such as Sugarloaf Mountain and the Billy Goat Trail. “I also love exploring the Muddy Branch Trail,”



The Shaivitz family

said Dan. Summer vacations for the Shaivitz’s usually involve mountains and hiking. They have travelled to locations such as Whistler in British Columbia and Park City, Utah. This summer they are taking a trip to Hawaii.

Also this summer, Dan and Heather will celebrate their 17th wedding anniversary. They met when they were both first year law students at the University of Maryland. Dan says that after their first date he never looked back. After graduation they started their careers in Baltimore and got married.

In 2006 Dan took a job in Rockville and they moved to Montgomery County. After a year in an apartment they bought a condo in Kentlands. “At first I wasn’t sure about

Kentlands. It seemed too perfect,” Dan laughed. “But we were talking about starting a family and decided this was the perfect place to raise children.”

The family of four quickly outgrew the condo. Wanting to stay in the community, they purchased a home on Chestnut Hill Street in 2016. “It was mid-October and we were eager to get in before Halloween, because we had heard how great Halloween is here,” he said. After eight years in the community, they have deepened their roots in the community and many residents are enjoying the new Fitness Center, thanks to Dan.

Work out at the Lakelands Fitness Center

Located on the basement level of the Clubhouse the Fitness Center is accessible to residents age 16 and over 5:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. daily. It is equipped with a new Nautilus Freedom Rack, dual adjustable pulley system, dual chest press machine, dual lat pull down/vertical row machine, dual leg press/calf raise machine, and dual leg extension/leg curl machine, as well as a full complement of free weights, bench press, and a variety of cardio equipment, and more.

Lionfish 2024 Season Updates

Practice Schedule (Monday - Friday)

May 28 - June 14	3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
June 17 - July 19	8:00 - 10:00 a.m. 3:00 - 6:30 p.m.
July 22 - July 26	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Home Meet Schedule

Time Trials	Sat. June 8	7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
A Meet vs James Creek	Sat. June 22	7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
B Meet vs Woodcliffe	Wed. June 26	4:00 - 9:30 p.m.
A Meet vs Hillandale	Sat. July 6	7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
B Meet vs Cloppers Mill	Wed. July 10	4:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Superstars B Meet	Wed. July 17	4:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Registration is open for the Lakelands Lionfish 2024 swim season. Lakelands residents ages 4 to 18 are eligible to join the team. For our youngest residents we offer a Preteam for children who are water safe. That means if your child can swim unassisted from the end of the pool to the backstroke flags (15 feet), they can join in the swim team fun! Not sure if they're ready? Come to a tryout, and we can help you get on the right path and answer any questions.

This summer is sure to be filled with loads of Lionfish fun. From shaving cream battles and 4th of July relays to a team trip to Hersheypark, the Lionfish will be having a blast and making memories all summer long.

Visit the Lionfish website at swimlionfish.com for more information or contact Erin Beck, erin.kelsey@gmail.com with any questions.

Please Note:

The team will hold Independence Day Games on the 4th of July from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in place of their regular practices. The pool will close at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17 in order to accommodate the Superstars B Meet.



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The Laudable Life

Advice for Life's Relationships from Kentlands Psychotherapy

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Q: My rising third grader enthusiastically joined the Lakelands Lionfish, but is now refusing to go to swim practices. How can I encourage them to stick with it?

A: It's challenging when a child backs away from commitments, especially when they initially showed excitement. Dr. Jessica Stutzman, our Psychological Associate and child CBT therapist, suggests the following strategies you can use at home to help address this concern:

- *Explore Feelings and Thoughts:* Start by helping your child express their feelings about the swim team. You can do this through conversation, or for younger children, drawing might help them articulate their emotions better. Once their feelings are out in the open, gently explore the thoughts behind these. For example, if they say they're afraid, probe a bit: "What are you afraid might happen at practice?" This opens up a dialogue about their fears or possible misconceptions, which can be addressed more directly once understood.
- *Cognitive Reframing:* Help your child replace negative thoughts with more positive ones. If they say, "I'm the worst on the team," you can help them see a different perspective: "Everyone starts somewhere, and every time you practice, you're getting better!" This reframing can help reduce the anxiety or embarrassment they might be feeling.
- *Set Small, Achievable Goals:* Breaking down the overwhelming task of "going to swim practice" into smaller, more manageable goals can make it seem less daunting. Encourage your child to set a small goal for the next practice, like "Let's just stay in the water for the first part of practice and see how it feels." Celebrate these small victories extensively to build their confidence and commitment.

Using these strategies, you can help your child navigate their reluctance and reinforce a positive mindset towards their activities and commitments. Consistency and patience are vital in helping your child grow and learn from these experiences.

If you have a question you'd like to pose to our therapists to address in the Laudable Life column, email us at info@KentlandsPsychotherapy.com.

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VIEWS FROM THE VILLAGE

Navigating Crisis: Key Takeaways from an Emergency Preparedness Discussion

By Fran Randolph

Residents of Kentlands and Lakelands gathered in April for a presentation on emergency preparedness sponsored by the Village at Kentlands and Lakelands (VKL). The event provided helpful information about protecting oneself and loved ones during various emergencies, including hurricanes, storms, tornadoes, and other natural disasters.

In an era where extreme weather events are becoming more widespread, understanding how to protect oneself and one's family is critical. Attendees received important instructions, such as seeking indoor shelter during lightning storms rather than taking refuge under trees which can pose significant risks. They also learned to avoid walking through floodwaters, as they may contain harmful contaminants like sewage.

Participants discovered the importance of dropping to the ground and covering their heads and necks if caught outdoors during an earthquake. Similarly, in the event of tornadoes, seeking refuge in an interior room devoid of windows emerged as a crucial safety measure.

The presentation served to enhance knowledge and readiness in the face of unforeseen disasters. Given the frequency of these weather-related events, having the right

information can make a significant difference in minimizing risks and ensuring the well-being of oneself and family members.

One attendee summarized the presentation as follows: "I thought it was very good and informative. I even learned that I could get someone from the County to check my smoke alarms by calling 311. Thank you for making this event happen!"

The Village is committed to hosting further events in the near future, centering on topics that empower all residents to prioritize safety and wellness in their lives.

The VKL is a dynamic, volunteer driven, non-profit organization created to enhance the quality of life for residents of Kentlands and Lakelands, 55 and older. VKL assists them to live safely and independently in their homes and enriches their lives through social connectedness and cultural enrichment. To learn more, go to villagekentlandslakelands.org.

If you want to learn more about the Village, please join us for lunch on Monday, June 29th at noon at Burtons Grill and Bar, 109 Commerce Square Place in Kentlands. Bring your friends and neighbors too! Please RSVP to Jean Mocarski at 240-449-9002 or jeanmocarski@gmail.com

Members and volunteers will be there who can answer your questions and tell you about all the benefits of joining.

Fellow Village at Kentlands and Lakelands members and volunteers

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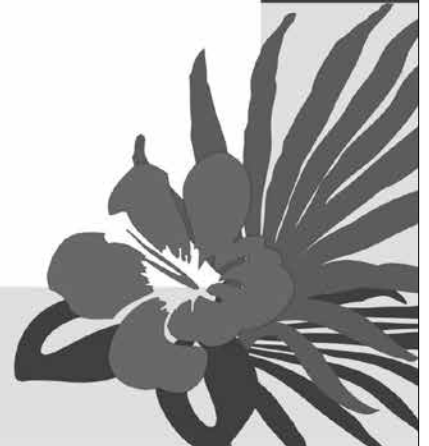
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TEENS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Checkmate

By Sophie Moyal

Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Class of 2026

While he may appear to be just like any other 17-year-old, there is one thing that sets Anish Mariappan apart from his peers. He is a nationally renowned chess champion. A junior at Quince Orchard High School (QO), Anish has lived in Lakelands for 14 years with his parents and 16-year-old brother, Arun.

Anish remembers watching his brother and father play chess when he was in third grade and recalls that he quickly became interested in the game. He joined a chess club and devoted himself to regular practice sessions. With unwavering dedication, Anish honed his skills over time, steadily improving his gameplay and started to play competitively. He currently practices for an hour a day, online or with his dad.

He plays in the DC Chess League and tournaments such as the Maryland Sweet 16, an invitation-only tournament held every March, in which the top 16 chess players in the state compete. After placing 10th in 2020, 7th in 2021, and 5th in 2022, Anish placed 2nd in both 2023 and 2024. Among his many other accomplishments, Anish has been in the top 100 of US U17 chess players since 2019; he tied for 10th in the 10th grade National Chess Championship and tied for 16th in the National High School Chess Championship. In 2023, he tied for 12th at the North American U20 Chess Championships. Additionally, Anish is a Tournament Director, certified by the US Chess Federation and teaches chess online to kids in his free time.

A testament to his love of the game, Anish is currently founding a nonprofit organization to teach chess to kids. He says he enjoys the thought process that chess provides and wants to pass on this knowledge to other kids. His goal is to teach young chess players to understand that the game is like life; there are many ups and downs, and it is important to learn from those difficulties. He said he believes that just as it is possible to bounce back from a loss and win in chess,



Anish Mariappan

it is also possible to do so in life. This is a lesson Anish feels is worth passing on.

When he is not playing chess, Anish enjoys reading fantasy books, hanging out with friends and going on vacations with his family. At QO he takes part in the Chess Club, is a Science Olympian, and enjoys his computer science and micro-macroeconomics classes.

Anish wants to attend the University of Maryland, University of Maryland Baltimore County, or New York University, and major in finance or computer science. He plans to continue playing chess competitively after college.



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June 17 – August 23

Labor Day (Closing Day)

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

Meredith Abramson

Meredith is graduating from Poolesville High School's Humanities Magnet Program and will head to Bryn Mawr College this fall, where she will major in the Growth and Structure of Cities and minor in Art History. While at Poolesville, Meredith played field hockey all four years and was a captain of the team this past year. She also had starring roles in three of the school's musicals and earned multiple honors for her writing, including awards from Bethesda Magazine and the Montgomery County Arts and Humanities Council.

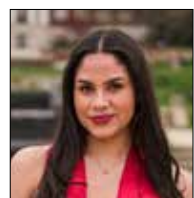


Michaela Belkin

Michaela graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and a minor in Business. She is already busy interning with the MLB team, the Cleveland Guardians where she is beginning her sports journalism career.

Jordan Bernstein

Jake is a member of the Quince Orchard High School Class of 2024. At QO he was Captain of the varsity lacrosse team and a member of the varsity golf team. Jordan will be attending University of Tennessee Haslam School of Business in the fall, where he will major in Business Analytics.



Claudia S. Bosques

Claudia graduated Summa Cum Laude from UMD with a degree in Public Health Science. Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Claudia came to the U.S. in 10th grade and graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel.

She is returning to her beloved Lakelands. In her words, walking by the iconic streets makes her happy. Claudia will travel to Europe with her roommates this summer, take a gap year working in a pediatrician's office, and prepare for med school in the fall of 2025.

Connor Bossard

Connor graduated from Georgia Tech with highest honors. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Computer Science. He was active in campus life including club baseball. Connor will remain at Georgia Tech for a two-year Master's program in Robotics, where he will be researching autonomous flight.



Jessica Lauren Brandsdorfer

Jessica graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with highest honors. While at Georgia Tech, she successfully completed her Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering while completing internships at the Office of Naval Research in Quantico and the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. Jessica is also a member of the Alpha Phi Women's Fraternity. After taking a short break over the summer, Jessica will be working at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. where she will participate in development of various cutting-edge technologies. She hopes to pursue further educational opportunities in the future.



Rachel Carreras

Rachel is a lifelong resident of the Lakelands and a 2024 graduate of the Global Ecology magnet program at Poolesville High School. She was a 4-year varsity field hockey player and manager of the wrestling team her junior and senior years. Rachel worked at the National Aquarium as a Youth Exhibit

Guide. She is excited to be joining her older brother at the University of Maryland, where she will be majoring in Social Data Science.

Kyle Chieh

Kyle graduated with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Hampton University and will be joining Optimal Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation in Silver Spring in August.



Alexis Fiallo

Lexi has been a resident of the Lakelands for most of her life. She graduated from Quince Orchard High School and will attend the University of Michigan in the fall, where she plans to major in Psychology and Business.

Ben Fleischer

Ben graduated from the University of Maryland with dual Bachelor's Degrees in Information Systems and Operations Management, and Business Analytics; and commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Ben was recognized as a Distinguished Military Graduate for his ranking in the top six percent of U.S. Army ROTC cadets and received the UMD Army ROTC Alumni Association award as the top cadet

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in the Terrapin Battalion. During his time at UMD, he served as the battalion commander, was a member of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, and worked as a referee for the UMD intramural sports program. After completion of the Field Artillery Basic Officers Leaders Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Ben will be stationed as a second lieutenant with the U.S. Army 1st Multi-Domain Task Force based out of Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington.

**Tyler Friedman**

Tyler recently graduated from the University of Maryland's Honors College and Smith School of Business with a degree in Finance and Supply Chain Management. While at UMD, Tyler participated in Greek life, and very much enjoyed his semester studying in Rome and a summer internship at a venture capital firm in Tel Aviv. Tyler is excited to start his career in Wealth Management in New York at Strategies For Wealth in July.

Bennett Goldblatt

Bennett graduated from Quince Orchard High School where he was a member of the National Honors Society and the Technical Honors Society. He dedicated his time volunteering at RCES in Mrs. Dembrow's 4th grade classes and working at the Lakelands Clubhouse. Bennett will be attending the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina in the fall.

**Quinn Kessler**

Quinn graduated from Quince Orchard High School. He is in the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, an AP Scholar, Student Athlete Scholar and recipient of the Superintendent Award for accomplishment in art, which includes winning the Best in Show award for AP Art students at the QO spring art show. He also played baseball at QO all four years. Quinn will be attending Drexel University to study User Experience & Interaction Design in the Westphal College of Media Arts and Design. He was selected to participate in Drexel's highly competitive STAR Scholars Program, where he will engage in a mentored research program in the summer following his first year.

Samantha Kotok

Samantha is graduating from Bullis School and heading to New York University. While at NYU, she will study drama at The Tisch School of the Arts. She has been in many theatre productions throughout high school such as *Sweeney Todd*, *Clue* and *Little Shop of Horrors*. At Bullis, Samantha was also

a member of National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, and High Honor Roll, as well as holding a leadership role in Bullis Student Tutors. She is excited to continue her theatre studies in New York City this fall!

**Sam Neal**

Sam graduated from the University of Tampa with an Entrepreneurship degree. He will be starting his own business, a subscription box for fitness enthusiasts. Follow him on social media @ThePumpPackage. He plans to reside in Tampa, Florida for as long as he can.

Owen Patt

Owen Patt is a proud member of the Class of 2024 at Quince Orchard High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society and spent his time in high school playing baseball and golf, working part-time, and taking classes at Montgomery College. In the fall, Owen will be attending the University of Colorado Boulder where he will be studying business and skiing. He plans to study finance and entrepreneurship.

**Jack Rosenberg**

Jack graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture and a Bachelor of Arts in Art History. While at Michigan, Jack founded a theater company, In the Round Productions, as "a safe space for queer stories and storytellers." In the fall, Jack will begin working towards their Master's degree in Architecture at Columbia University.

Dylan Smith

Dylan is a member of the Quince Orchard High School Class of 2024. He is an avid hockey player; a defenseman who started playing at four years old. He is excited to be attending The Ohio State University where he will be studying Political Science.

**Jake Tseronis**

Jake is a member of the Quince Orchard High School Class of 2024. A lifelong resident of Lakelands he was a member of the Lionfish and played soccer at QO. He will be attending Elon University where he plans to study media and work towards a career in broadcasting. Jake was selected as a Sports Vision Scholar, a small group of students who will be live broadcasting sports and creating new on air content and programming.



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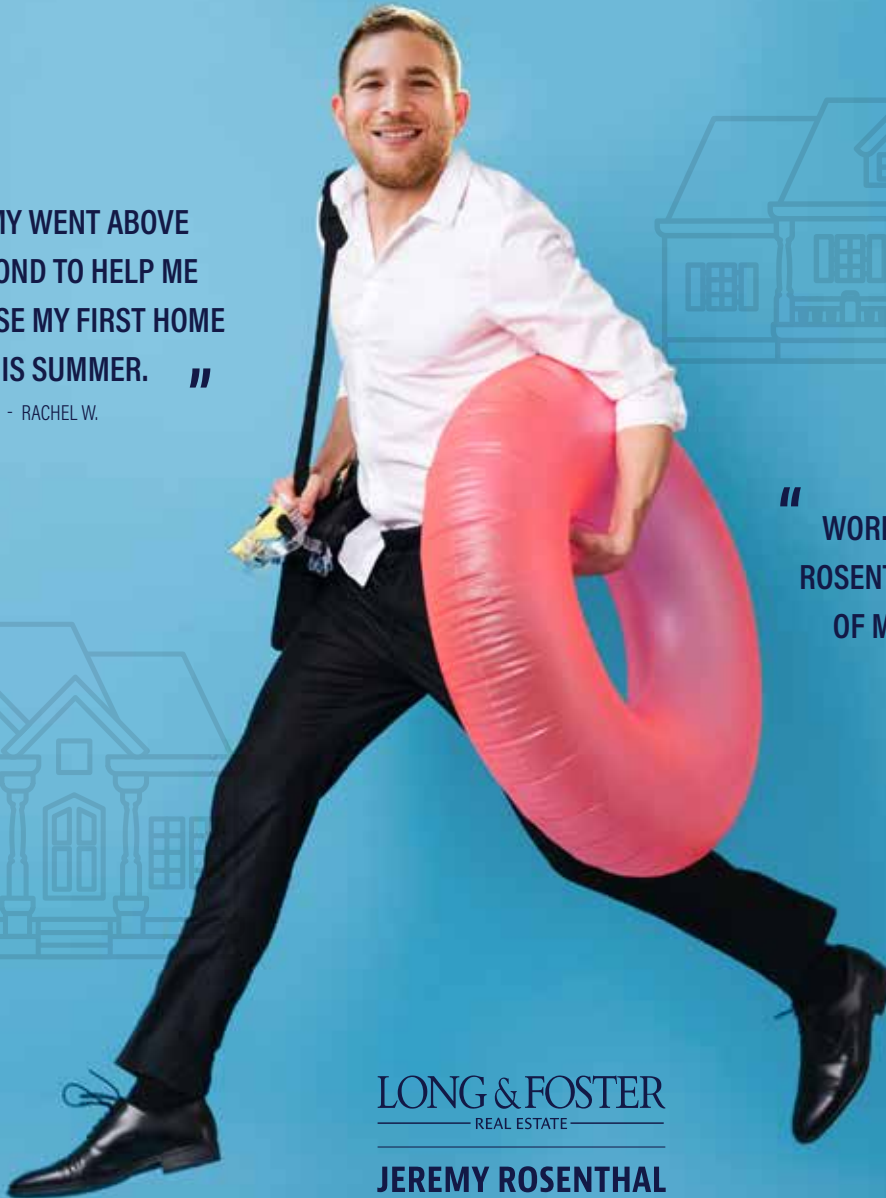
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DiVerse@Casey

Thursday, June 6, 7:00 p.m.

Casey Community Center

Free

DiVerse Gaithersburg presents poets with a wide range of experience and background from the metro area. This month join us as we celebrate Pride Month with featured poet Kim Roberts, the author of six books of poems; the popular guidebook, *A Literary Guide to Washington, DC: Walking in the Footsteps of American Writers from Francis Scott Key to Zora Neale Hurston*; and a 2023 Pride Writer-in-Residence at the Arts Club of Washington. Kim co-curates DC Pride Poem-a-Day each June with filmmaker Jon Gann. DiVerse includes poetry readings and an open mic where members of the community can share an original poem.

Family Pajama Party: Colors of the Rainbow

Friday, June 7, 5:30 p.m.

Casey Community Center

\$20

This month we are celebrating the rainbow and all of its wonder and beauty. Explore all the vibrant colors of the rainbow while making fun crafts, enjoying free play, and showing off your dance moves to some favorite songs about colors. After pizza we will also read a bedtime story sure to have you dreaming of all the radiant colors of the rainbow. This program is geared toward children 4-8 years, but siblings are always welcome. Admission is per family and includes a large cheese pizza and juice.

Zumba in the Park

Fridays, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

City Hall Concert Pavilion

Shake it to the Latin rhythms of Zumba, which features interval dance sessions that combine fast and slow rhythms to maximize fat burning. Learn the tango, salsa, cumbia, and reggaeton while experiencing an hour of body-energizing, stress-relieving fun. All ages and levels are encouraged to attend. Zumba in the Park could be cancelled if weather conditions are not conducive to the event. Call the inclement weather line at 240-805-1148, for the latest updates.

Coffee Klatch and Crafts - Mesh Fabric Rose Wreath

Saturday, June 8, 10:00 a.m.

Casey Community Center

\$10

We are thrilled to offer you the opportunity to craft a stunning wreath made with mesh to look like a beautiful rose, making any occasion special. Depending on the fabrics you choose, this wreath could be a perfect addition to wedding décor, an ideal way to show your support during Pride month, or simply a lovely way to welcome summer guests to your home. Get creative and choose from a variety of our fabulous mesh fabrics to design a wreath that is truly one-of-a-kind. Let's have some fun together and bring the vibrant spirit of summer into our homes with this beautiful project!

Tasty Books: We are the Rainbow! - The Colors of Pride

Saturday, June 8, 10:30 a.m.

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Did you know that each color of the LGBTQIA+ Pride Flag has a very special meaning? *We Are the Rainbow! – The Colors of Pride* by Claire Winslow and illustrated by Riley Samels explores the colors of the flag and what each color represents. This beautiful book is uplifting and inclusive, and talks about how we should all feel important, special, unique, and loved. Stories come to life as you search the room in a fun scavenger hunt, create a hands-on craft, make a themed snack, do a little dance to shake out the wiggles, before sitting down for story time.

Gaithersburg Black History Fair

Saturday, June 8, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Gaithersburg Community Museum

The history of Gaithersburg's Black community is as old as Gaithersburg itself. The Gaithersburg History Project is working to better document this history. Please join us for a day celebrating and exploring Gaithersburg's Black community's past and present at this special event, including a keynote presentation from scholar Anthony Cohen and a Q&A with Community Museum staff about the project.

Jubilation Day Gospel Concert

Saturday, June 8, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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Enjoy gospel and Christian music, a uniquely American art form of inspiring and uplifting music. We will celebrate with all styles of music by local and regional artists. Featured this year are The Sons of God, a soulful traditional gospel group with a twist of contemporary flavor. The outdoor venue features lawn seating with limited chairs. Feel free to bring your own low chair or blanket. The celebration will also feature crafts for purchase and giveaway drawings for fun prizes.

Museum on Tap Lecture Series - Latinos of the Washington Metropolitan Area

Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 p.m.

Saints Row Brewing

The Latino presence in the Washington, D.C. area has diverse roots and deep history. Dr. Maria Sprehn-Malagón will discuss her research on this cultural group which has become central to the DMV.

Let's Cook@Casey, Jr. - A Taste of Italy

Thursday, June 13, 5:00 p.m.

Casey Community Center

\$55

Children ages 10- 13 are invited to join Chef Mai and celebrate the last day of school as they learn how to make mouthwatering spaghetti, meatballs, and tomato sauce. In this hands-on class, participants will master the art of making tender and flavorful meatballs, cook up a rich and savory tomato sauce, and perfectly cook spaghetti to "al dente" perfection. Along the way, students will learn essential cooking techniques, knife skills, and kitchen safety tips.

Rainbow Families Weekend

Saturday, June 15 & Sunday, June 16, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Gaithersburg Community Museum

The Gaithersburg Community Museum welcomes LGBTQ+ families to our kid-friendly museum for special PRIDE crafts and stories and a chance to learn about famous LGBTQ+ Marylanders. PFLAG will be joining us for this special weekend.

Father's Day at the Miniature Golf Course

Sunday, June 16, 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Miniature Golf at Bohrer Park

Fathers play free with a paid customer.

Casey's Princess Party: Moana

Saturday, June 22, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Casey Community Center

\$20

Join us for an exciting adventure with Moana, the beloved island princess! Enjoy crafts, games, tropical fashion, and an exciting ocean wave performance from everyone's favorite wayfarer. Bring your little voyagers to meet Moana and listen to her exciting ocean stories. Dress up in your best tropical

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outfits and come explore how the ocean connects us all. Your young adventurers will make crafts, play games, take photos, and hear Moana's thrilling tales of the sea during a lively performance. Registration is per family.

Story Time Station - Free to Be Me

Tuesday, June 25, 11:00 a.m.

Gaithersburg Community Museum

Children, ages 2 to 6, accompanied by a parent or guardian are invited to enjoy a delightful morning filled with books, songs, and movement. Participants receive follow-up activities to do at home. This month we'll read books on celebrating PRIDE and being true to yourself. Reservations are required. Please call 301-258-6180 or email museum@gaithersburgmd.gov to reserve a spot.

Let's Cook@Casey - Parisian Steak Frites a la Francaise

Wednesday, June 26, 6:00 p.m.

Casey Community Center

\$55

Chef Gregory Webb, chef and owner of award-winning Laperaux, The Journeyman chef's French Bistro, will guide you in preparing a classic and delicious Steak Frites French dinner. Recipes will include pan-seared steak, string fry potatoes and a delightful spring salad.

Let's Cook@Casey - Burgers and Smashed Potatoes

Thursday, June 27, 4:00 p.m.

Casey Community Center

\$55

Chef Mai will guide aspiring chefs ages 10-13 in crafting the perfect burger and crispy smashed potatoes. In this hands-on session, young chefs will discover the secrets to making flavorful burgers and golden, crunchy smashed potatoes. Learn essential cooking techniques and flavor combinations while having fun.

Let's Cook@Casey - Sweet, Savory, Seasonal Empanadas

Friday, June 28, 6:00 p.m.

Casey Community Center

\$55

Learn from Chef Jennifer Dominguez, a holistic and culinary nutritionist, the secret to making mouthwatering empanadas. These handheld Latin American pastries, filled with either savory or sweet ingredients are a great addition to your summer table. The class will cover the preparation of both savory turnovers filled with corn and beans, as well as sweet empanadas with cherry filling. All the recipes are designed to be gluten-free, dairy-free, and free of refined sugar.

Montgomery County Heritage Days

Saturday, June 29, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Gaithersburg Community Museum

Stop by the museum during Montgomery County Heritage Days. Pick up a brochure, explore the exhibits and hands-on learning centers and enjoy railroad and Americana music with Charles Lowery. For more information on all the participating sites go to heritagemontgomery.org/things.../heritage-days.

Summerfest

Saturday, June 29, 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm

Celebrate America's independence with friends and family at SummerFest, Gaithersburg's illuminating summer festival featuring live music, food trucks, local breweries, family-friendly activities, all leading up to a spectacular fireworks display and SummerGlo After Party.

History Book Club

The History Book Club will meet on June 6, beginning at 7:30 p.m. They will be discussing *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. For more information contact Mark Ezrin at mark@ezrinfamily.com.



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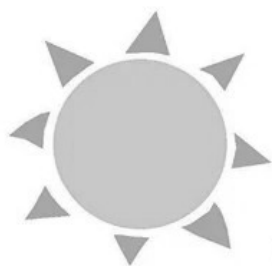


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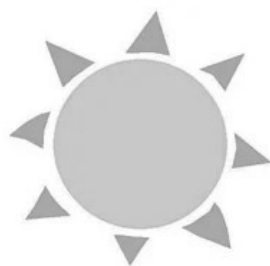


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Pool Party

It was a beautiful day for a pool party! Residents enjoyed music and entertainment by DJ Blake, free sno-cones and pizza for sale by the slice.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the fundraiser for Children's National Hospital. Lakelands residents donated \$346, which DJ Blake matched for a total donation of \$692! The donation was made in Blake's son Landon's name. Landon beat non-Hodgkins lymphoma and has been in remission for two months. Blake said, "He received incredible care and we plan on giving back as much as we possibly can."



SPRUCING UP

Beautifying a Challenging Hillside

By Lisa Whitehead

Chair, LCA Environmental and Beautification Committee

Many thanks to owners who overseed grassy areas in front of their homes, between the sidewalk and the road. We appreciate homeowners who choose to go over and above. Grass is challenging to grow in these spaces because of our tree-lined streets, numerous dogs, and changing rain patterns. In some spaces, we have planted native sedges as we try to figure out how to best 'green' these areas. Please let us know if you are open to experimentation with your area!

One of Lakelands newest public plantings is on both sides of the steps between Gatestone Street and Lake Veruna Mews. These narrow strips of land between the steps and neighbors' fences are prone to erosion because they are on a steep hill. The top of the steps is mostly in sun, the bottom mostly in shade, so different plants are needed in each area. After removing the existing grass, we planted perennials thickly to inhibit erosion—instant garden! In the sunny top two thirds, we intermixed:

- *Sisyrinchium angustifolium* (commonly called Blue-eyed Grass).

This native member of the iris family pops in May and June with violet-blue blooms with yellow centers. Its narrow grass-like foliage, growing 12-18" tall, makes a nice edging.



- *Rudbeckia fulgida* (Orange Coneflower). This native perennial in the daisy family is festooned with golden blooms from June to October. A rosette of leaves at the base remains after the growing season, creating an attractive winter groundcover.



Each plant can reach 36" tall by 24" wide. Birds love the seed heads, so look for goldfinches feasting in the fall. Orange Coneflower hosts the caterpillars of *Synchlora aerata* (Wavy-lined Emerald Moth) and *Chlosyne nycteis* (Silvery Checkerspot

Butterfly). The moth caterpillar eats at night, decorating itself with pieces of its host plant to camouflage itself. The butterfly caterpillar is black and bristly, emitting a foul odor when disturbed.

- *Penstemon x mexicali* 'Red Rocks'.

A hybrid perennial created by crossing native California and Mexican Penstemons to combine cold-hardiness with abundant blooms. Red Rocks Penstemon is a hummingbird magnet! Deep cherry-pink tubular flowers bloom heavily in May with repeat



blooms through October. Growing up to 3' tall, Red Rocks dark green foliage can persist through winter.

We planted this vivid trio in groupings of odd numbers, creating larger and smaller masses of color beside the steps. Additional Red Rocks Penstemon were planted beside the sunny sidewalk across Lake Varuna Mews to echo color and texture.



Beside the shady lower third of the steps, we planted *Pachysandra terminalis* (Pachysandra), a hardy groundcover in the boxwood family originally from Japan and China. Tiny white spring flowers have a lovely fragrance that attracts pollinators.

Attractive whorls of leaves are evergreen. Pachysandra requires shade yet thrives in many soils. It can be invasive and should be planted where hardscaping like concrete steps will contain it. One neighbor already had Pachysandra along their fence, so we expanded on that.

Mulch keeps this new garden cool and looking tidy while it fills in. Eventually the area will be covered with perennials, and bark mulch will no longer be needed. The only maintenance required will be weeding.

Special thanks to Bettina Thompson, the EBC's liaison to Lakelands Board of Directors, for seeking and receiving a grant which paid half the cost of this improvement, which stops erosion, eliminates challenging mowing and adds beauty to everyone's day as they pass by.

Trimming Trees in Public Spaces

Please do not prune or trim trees other than those on your property. Trees between the sidewalk and road and in the medians are the responsibility of the City of Gaithersburg. Please contact the Gaithersburg Public Works Department at 301-258-6370 or publicworks@gaithersburgmd.gov if you see trees that require trimming or pruning. Trees on common areas are the responsibility of the Lakelands Community Association; please contact Community Manager Michele Fuenzalida at 240-631-8338 or michele@lakelands.org for those.

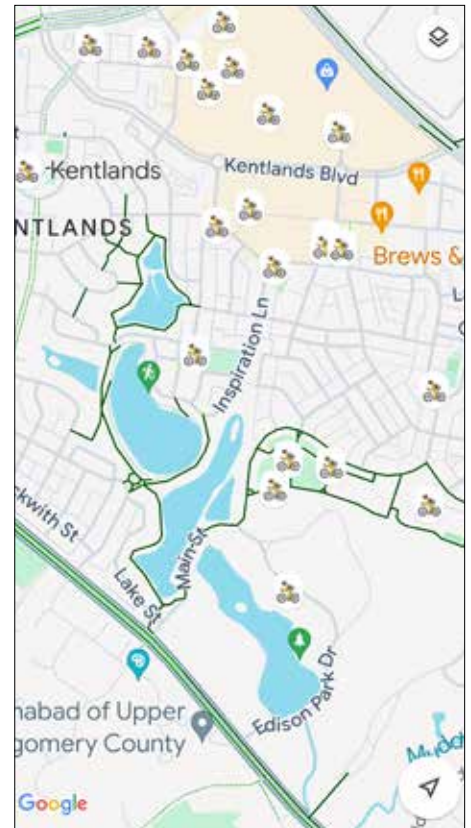
Attention Dog Owners

Please note that dogs are not permitted on the basketball court, tennis courts or any of the community playgrounds. Also, please remember that as a pet owner, you are required by law to clean up after your dog. Plus it's simply part of being a good neighbor!



Bike to Work Day

The New Urbanism and Go Green Groups of the Kentlands Community Foundation participated in Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 17. This annual event promotes bicycling as an option for commuting to work. The Pit Stop located at The Main Street Pavilion in Kentlands, was one of more 100 pit stops in DC, Maryland and Virginia, where cyclists stopped for a free refreshments and give-aways on their way to and from work.



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ARTS ON THE GREEN

Fun in the Sun at Arts on the Green

By Laura Andruski
Theater Coordinator

June Jazz, Pirates and Pride kick off summer fun at Arts on the Green/Arts Barn and Kentlands Mansion in the City of Gaithersburg! From gallery exhibitions to theatre, classes and workshops, to professional music concerts, and more, AOTG has something for everyone this June.

TERRA-MAR DUO: Latin Jazz Project, Irene Jalenti and Cristian Perez

Saturday, June 1, 8:00 p.m.

Arts Barn

Adult: \$30 · Youth: \$20 (18 and under)

Irene Jalenti, a native Italian, and Cristian Perez, an Argentinian-American, unite as the Terra-Mar Duo to present a captivating performance centered on the heart of Latin American music. Each note resonates with the fusion of Italian heritage and Latin American influences, creating a unique and unforgettable musical experience. Sponsored by Hampton Inn and Suites.

Peter and the Starcatcher

June 7-23, Friday & Saturday at 7:30 p.m.;
Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Arts Barn

Adult: \$22 · Students: \$20

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Youth: \$15 (14 and under)

Discover how Peter became the boy who wouldn't grow up in this inventive tale of romance and adventure. Reflecting the sharp, clever wit of Dave Barry and an award-winning instrumental score by Wayne Barker, this prequel to the story of Peter Pan has been winning the hearts of both adults and kids since it first appeared on Broadway in 2012. Based on the novel by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson; adapted by Rick Elice; instrumental score by Wayne Barker. Presented in Partnership with The Montgomery Playhouse; Recommended for ages 8+.



See ARTS on page 27

Interested in Renting One of the Gathering Rooms in the Clubhouse?

The Red & Green Rooms are available for residents to rent for birthday parties, showers, and other gatherings. Each room accommodates up to 100 people comfortably. A kitchen is adjacent to the Green Room and is available to both rooms. It features a double sink, full size refrigerator and microwave.

To check availability and initiate the process of reserving a room, check the calendar page on the Lakelands website

(lakelands.org). All events scheduled for the rooms are listed there. Then, proceed to download the Clubhouse Use and Rental Agreement from the Documents tab on the website. This comprehensive document outlines all details including fees, rules, regulations, and procedures.

Contact Gina at 240-631-8338 x102 or gina@lakelands.org for additional questions.



From **ARTS** on page 26

Bollywood Bliss & Mehndi Magic Workshop

Thursday, June 13, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Kentlands Mansion

Residents - \$42 • Non-Residents - \$45

Enjoy authentic Indian snacks and each person will receive a henna pattern, complemented by an interactive presentation on mehndi's history. Try on traditional Indian sarees, soak in Indian music, and take home a pouch of henna powder. Age 10+.



Adult & Me Summer Sewing

Wednesday, June 26 & Thursday, June 27, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Residents - \$175 • Non-Residents - \$180

Create your own beach bag guided by instructor Mary Ann Glassic. All materials provided. Learn sewing fundamentals together. Price includes one adult and one child.

Love is Love is Love

Saturday, June 29 at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 30 at 2:00 p.m.

Arts Barn

General Admission: \$40

Celebrate 2024 Pride Month with Broadway songs! A musical revue with a twist, *Love is Love is Love* travels across many moments in relationships. From young love-at-first-glance, to dating, first kiss, rejection, envy, starting over and letting go. Proceeds will support MoCo Pride and the Arts Barn Theatre Seat Fund. Presented in partnership with TAPP Consortium, which includes Kentlands Community Players, Rockville Little Theatre, Rockville Musical Theatre and Victorian Lyric Opera Company Recommended for ages 15+.



In The Galleries

Art Glass Center of Glen Echo's Membership Exhibition

Through June 9

Arts Barn

Fine art glass on exhibit from the members of the Art Glass Center of Glen Echo.

Arts Barn Student Exhibits

June 24 – August 16

Arts Barn

The summer camp students of the Arts Barn will be sharing their artwork created during the week. Student Artists Reception for family and friends will be held every Friday.

The Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association's 38th Annual Membership Juried Exhibition

Through July 14

Kentlands Mansion

Members of the Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association join us for their annual juried exhibition of fine artwork.

The Harmonious Art Group's Annual Membership Exhibition

Through June 16

Activity Center at Bohrer Park

The Harmonious Art Group are exhibiting their membership's Asian-influenced artwork.

Maryland Photography Association Bi-Annual Juried Exhibition

Activity Center at Bohrer Park

June 21 – September 8

The Maryland Photography Association shares the best-of-the-best photography from their member camera clubs located all over Maryland.

Art is Ageless Juried Exhibition

Through June 30

Benjamin Gaither Center

A special exhibit on positive aging in partnership with the Benjamin Gaither Center, Asbury Methodist Village Senior Living Community and Art Against Ageism.

Events are free unless otherwise noted. For registration, tickets and more information, visit the Arts Barn at gaithersburgmd.gov/AOTG or call 301-258-6394. Follow us on Facebook at [The Arts Barn](https://www.facebook.com/TheArtsBarn) is open to the public Tuesday – Saturday, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and one hour prior to performances.

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FROM THE FOUNDATION

Mark Your Calendar for These Great Events

By Paul Finver

Associate Director, Kentlands Community Foundation

Musica Viva Kentlands

Only a few seats left for the Cocktails, Appetizers and Music event to be held on June 15 at 7:00 p.m. Hosted by Lisa and Mike Pickett at their Kentlands home where they have the original bar they saved from the Kentlands Mansion, the highlight of the evening will be an intimate performance by Maestro Simeone Tartaglione and his talented wife, Alessandra Cuffaro. Alessandra is a world-renowned masterful violinist as well as a professor and instructor at Catholic University. The event is \$60 per person. You can pay by credit card by scanning the QR code.



Kentlands Under the Lights

The Kentlands Community Foundation, in collaboration with the City of Gaithersburg, is thrilled to invite you to the 9th annual Kentlands Under the Lights. This year's event is set to illuminate our beloved neighborhood on Saturday, June 22, from 6:00 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is free, with a variety of food and drink options available for purchase. To streamline your experience and wait times, we recommend purchasing drink tickets in advance at our website. We are grateful to the Kentlands business community, whose unwavering support and participation make this event possible. We are very excited that the following sponsors and vendors are already lined up for this year!!



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For more information and to stay updated on event details, please visit Kentlands Under the Lights (kentlands.org/)



kentlands-under-the-lights/). We look forward to seeing you there and creating another memorable night under the lights!

Save the Date

Musica Viva's annual classical music concert, held on the Kentlands Clubhouse Lawn, takes place this year on Saturday, September 21. The concert will start at 5:30 p.m. and will feature a performance of Beethoven's well-loved Pastoral Symphony. As always, our concert is open to everyone and it is brought to you completely free of charge. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks and join us for another wonderful evening on the lawn.

Kentlands Film Society

Kentlands Film Society is selling tickets for its 2024-25 season of entertaining and thought-provoking movies. Season tickets for the five-film series cost \$50 per person. To purchase tickets online visit kentlands.org/kentlandsfilmsociety. The website also has information about the 2024-25 films. For questions, contact kentlandsfilmsociety@gmail.com.

Kentlands Photography Society

Some members of the Kentlands Photography Society photographed the eclipse that occurred on April 8. Some folks drive to the total eclipse zone to grab a good photo. Check out the cool photos on our website.

New Urbanism

The New Urbanist group invites you to share your love for our community and it's Foundation by joining us as we begin to plan for the 2025 Kentlands/Lakelands Home and Garden tour that will showcase something for everyone. All are welcome. Please contact associatedirector@kentlands.org for information.

Kentlands/Lakelands 5K

Save the Date! Registration is open for the 31st Anniversary of the Race, Walk and Fun Run on Saturday August 31. Visit kentlands.org/kentlands-5k/.

Kentlands/Lakelands Pool Reciprocity & Guest Passes

Lakelands residents may bring Kentlands residents as their guests to the Lakelands Pool without using their guest pass, under the condition that the Kentlands resident shows their valid Kentlands Facilities Pass. Likewise, Kentlands residents may bring Lakelands residents to their pool, with the condition that they present their current Lakelands Facilities Access Card and are accompanied by a Kentlands resident at all times.



Each household is given ten guest passes per season, which are linked to each card in the household. The computer system will track the number of guests when a card is swiped. Each household may bring up to five guests at a time. However, residents age 12-17 may bring no more than two at a time. Additional guest passes may be purchased at the Pool Desk at a cost of \$2 per guest. All guests must be accompanied by a Lakelands resident at all times.



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913 Gentlewood Street	Detached	Michael Harris	\$1,075,000	5
695 Market Street E	Detached	Ryan	\$1,099,999	0
28 Golden Ash Way	Townhouse	Miller & Smith	\$640,000	3

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Address	Housing Type	Builder	List Price	Sold Price	DOM
633 Lake Varuna Dr	Detached	NVR	\$1,149,900	\$1,149,900	4
810 Still Creek Ln	Detached	NV Homes	\$1,324,900	\$1,350,000	5
631A Main Street	Condo/Townhouse	Ryland	\$500,000	\$553,000	8
633 Lake Varuna Dr	Detached	NVR	\$1,149,900	\$1,149,000	4
433 Phelps St	Townhouse	Classic community	\$719,900	\$732,000	6
607 Gatestone St	Townhouse	Miller & Smith	\$785,000	\$815,000	4
655 Gatestone Square St	Townhouse	Miller & Smith	\$795,000	\$785,000	20
530 Market Street E	Townhouse	Ryan	\$819,900	\$841,000	1
610B Main Street	Condo/ Townhouse	Ryland	\$560,000	\$560,000	46
535 Sheila Mews	Detached	Main Street Homes	\$759,900	\$759,900	6
538 Market Street E	Townhouse	Ryan	\$744,888	\$744,888	6
801 Linslade Street	Detached	Ryan	\$1,040,000	\$1,060,000	2
420 Danbridge Street	Detached	NV	\$1,198,000	\$1,250,000	4
204A Heathwalk St	Condo/Townhouse	Ryland	\$495,000	\$519,000	3
610A Main St	Condo/Townhouse	Ryland	\$529,900	\$555,000	5
1324 Main Mews	Townhouse	Miller & Smith	\$749,000	\$749,000	38
1371 Main Street	Detached	NV	\$1,199,900	\$1,150,000	15
623 Gatestone St	Townhouse	Classic	\$734,900	\$735,000	11
407 Danbridge Street	Detached	NVR	\$1,050,000	\$1,111,033	7
656A Main Street	Condo/Townhouse	Ryland	\$449,500	\$465,000	3
415 Leaning Oak Street	Detached	Main Street	\$730,000	\$730,000	6
202A Heathwalk Street	Condo/Townhouse	Ryland	\$450,000	\$454,750	6
583 Market Street E	Detached	Classic	\$730,000	\$715,000	33
803 Main Street	Townhouse	Miller & Smith	\$775,000	\$825,000	6
627A Main Street	Condo/Townhouse	Ryland	\$485,000	\$495,000	7
607 Gatestone Street	Townhouse	Miller & Smith	\$749,999	\$785,000	1

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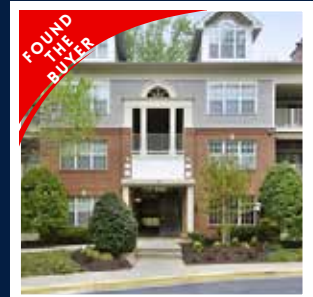
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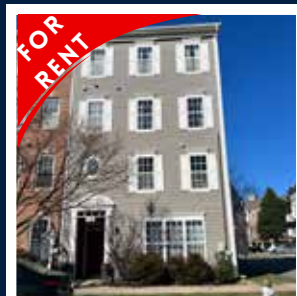
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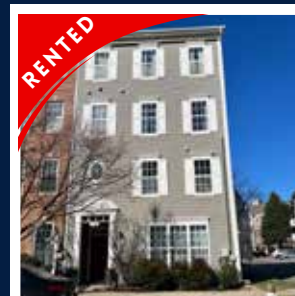
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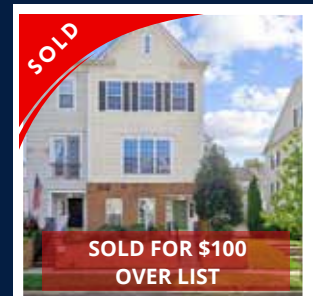
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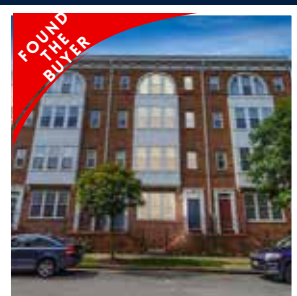
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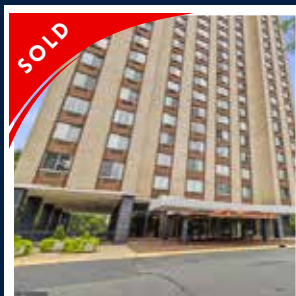
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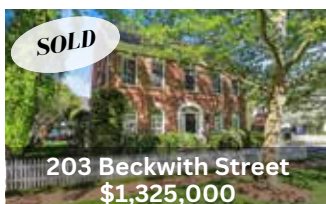
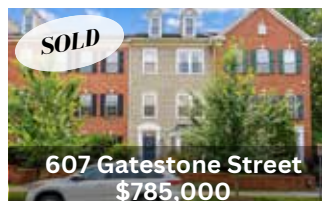
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