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## National Night Out Gets Neighbors To See Beyond The Badge



Left: On August 6, National Night Out helped residents like Pierce Rosencranz understand the positive role of police in the community. Right: Attendees were in awe of the K-9 demo.

By Zach Sparks  
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During National Night Out on August 6, 7-year-old Pierce Rosencranz had the same initial reaction to police that many

people have. "My boy, Pierce, was hiding behind me until the officers (photographed) loosened his nerves up by telling him his cool hair was the first thing he needed to join the police force," said Pierce's mom,



Vicky Rosencranz. That moment exemplified the reason National Night Out was brought to the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company in the Eastern District five years ago. Law  
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## Severna Park Heroes And Goldstar Families To Be Honored

By Sharon Mager

Local businessmen, neighbors, friends and politicians are working together to install a new gazebo on the B&A Trail that will be dedicated to Goldstar families and will include memorials to Severna Park heroes Eric Kavanagh, Taylor Wild, Eric Herzberg and Nathaniel McDavitt. The effort began with a discussion among friends. Severna Park resident Tom Lindsay had the idea for a memorial, and he shared his thoughts with friends and family. Lindsay reached out to Kevin Kavanagh and William Wild, both of whom lost sons in Middle Eastern conflicts — Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. They and their families were grateful



Fundraising for the memorial gazebo kicked off on the Fourth of July with family members marching in the parade.

for the proposed project and enthusiastically supported the idea. Other businessmen, American Legion members and local political leaders joined in the effort. After choosing the location and gaining the approval from the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and

Parks, the group is planning to build the new gazebo along the B&A Trail near Hatton Register Green. The current gazebo will be torn down, and a new, weather-resistant, maintenance-free, wheelchair-accessible gazebo will be installed. The group will place  
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## "Partisan" Decision Revives Workforce Housing In Anne Arundel County

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Almost five years later, Severna Park residents have not forgotten a proposal to build 84 apartment units at 134 Ritchie Highway to accommodate workforce housing. That project was again on their minds as the county council voted along party lines this July to pass new affordable workforce housing incentives.

"It [was] calling for four multistory apartment buildings, which would have abutted directly on single-family homes on two sides," Severna Park resident Chris Ronk told the county council on July 1. "On the third side,



Planning and Zoning officials compared the architecture of Park View at Severna Park to the layout of possible affordable housing sites that could be built anywhere in the county.

it was across the narrow local street from single-family local homes. But the fact that

it was on Ritchie Highway on one side made the planners and advocates think it was

perfect. It was not." A 2011 Anne Arundel County bill allowed workforce housing as a special exception, granting developers in some cases to build up to 22 units per acre on land designated for low-density single-family homes. Following the Earleigh Station proposal, the county council voted to remove special exceptions from R2 and R5 residential districts. This July, the council debated County Executive Steuart Pittman's proposal, Bill 54-19, to allow developers to build 22 units of housing per acre in R5, R10 and R15 residential zones, and in commercial and industrial zones, under cer-  
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## Meet The New Planning And Zoning Director

By Darrell Mak

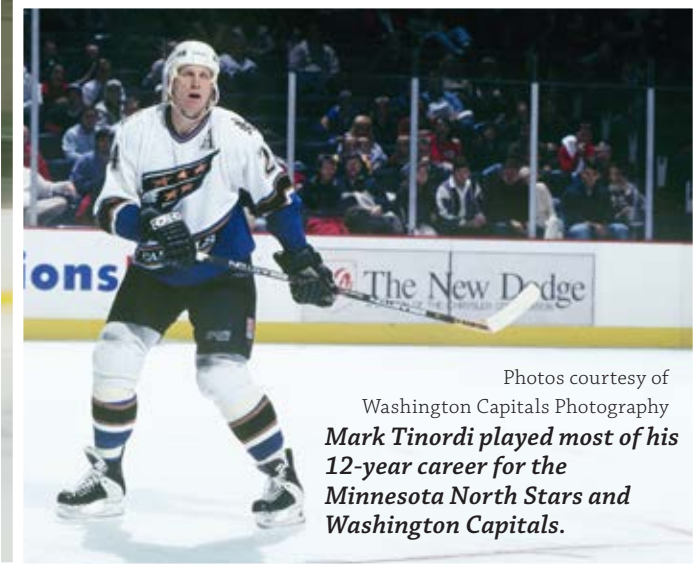
Longtime Annapolis resident Steve Kaii-Ziegler started his new position as the county's director of the Office of Planning and Zoning on July 31 and immediately got acquainted with Severna Park residents during a special town hall meeting held the next day at Severna Park High School. Kaii-Ziegler took over



Steve Kaii-Ziegler

from former Planning and Zoning Director Phil Hager, who was appointed in July 2017, after succeeding Larry Tom, who retired after serving nearly a decade in the position. "I am absolutely thrilled to be here and to bring my experience home to Anne Arundel County," said Kaii-Ziegler, who has worked in this field for four other Maryland counties, but never in Anne Arundel County before now. Kaii-Ziegler brings nearly three decades of experience leading planning efforts in Charles, Frederick, Harford and Queen Anne's counties. He has also held positions  
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## Golden Achievers: Mark And Jarred Tinordi



Photos courtesy of Washington Capitals Photography  
Mark Tinordi played most of his 12-year career for the Minnesota North Stars and Washington Capitals.



By Zach Sparks  
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This is the fourth installment in a series of local celebrity success stories about people who were either raised in Severna Park or Arnold, or people who moved to the area and continued to achieve lofty goals.

The life of a professional hockey player can be unforgiving at times. Just ask Mark Tinordi, who broke his femur and his talus and had nerve damage to his left leg. Mark's son, Jarred Tinordi, considers himself luckier, having only suffered a torn ligament in his thumb, an orbital fracture and surgery on

his wrist. But both of the scrappy players, who have roots in Severna Park, are proud of their work on the ice. Mark played in 663 games during a 12-year career in the National Hockey League. His skills were honed in Red Deer, a city in Alberta, Canada, that had a population of roughly 30,000 people during Mark's adolescence in the 1970s. "Either you were a farmer or you worked in the oil business, but hockey ran that town at the time," Mark said. "In my neighborhood, we had a big grassy area and my brother, he's a fireman and he would make ice in the middle, and we played hockey 24/7. You'd get up on a Saturday

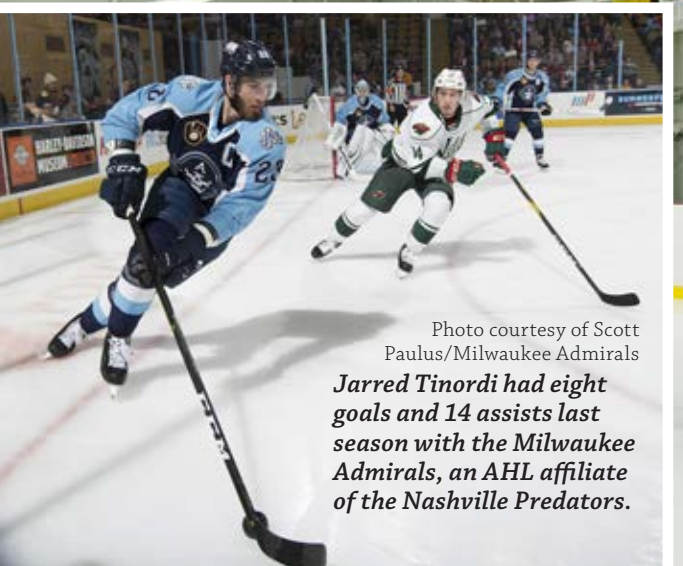


Photo courtesy of Scott Paulus/Milwaukee Admirals  
Jarred Tinordi had eight goals and 14 assists last season with the Milwaukee Admirals, an AHL affiliate of the Nashville Predators.

and you'd play until dark. The winters were seven or eight months there, so we played hockey for eight months." Mark was signed as an undrafted free agent by the New York Rangers prior to the 1987-1988 season, and after being traded to the Minnesota

North Stars in October 1988, he cemented his place in the National Hockey League. A 6-foot-4-inch defenseman, Mark was known as a punishing hitter. His tenacious style helped the North Stars to a Stanley Cup finals appear-  
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Linda Curry Fights For A  
Quieter Severna Park



Linda Curry received her Volunteer of the Month award from Voice staff reporter Maya Pottiger.

**By Maya Pottiger**

For the last two and a half years, Linda Curry has been fighting to reduce the noise pollution in Severna Park — and the overall county — caused by planes arriving at BWI.

“What you heard, no matter what part of the country you were reading about, was the same thing: I can’t talk in my backyard; the planes are one minute apart; I can’t sleep; the noise is incredible,” Curry said.

After attending a Greater Severna Park Council meeting around early 2016, Curry volunteered to be the chairperson of the airport noise committee. She was responsible for recruiting and organizing volunteers, which wasn’t a difficult task.

“We had a lot of volunteers,” Curry said. “We all did a lot of leg work to find out what the problem was

and then try to come up with some solutions.”

Through her research, Curry learned this issue wasn’t just impacting Severna Park. There were communities all over the country battling with the airports and the Federal Aviation Administration over noise pollution.

“It’s not going to go away unless everybody gets involved with this, all the people who are suffering get involved in this.”

— LINDA CURRY

“My focus then was how do we get the people in Severna Park involved in this,” Curry said.

It wasn’t easy to come up with solutions, Curry

learned. She started collaborating with other counties, even taking a trip to Washington, D.C. to see what that working group was doing.

Watching how badly the noise was impacting people, Curry felt someone needed to stand up and do something. She decided to be that person.

“When you find something that’s important to you, you can make it fit,” Curry said. Over the course of her life, Curry has always found the main part of her job has been coordinating people to get together and do what they need to do.

“It’s not going to go away unless everybody gets involved with this, all the people who are suffering get involved in this,” Curry said. “Knowledge is power. If you tell people this is what the problem is and this is what we can do to fix it, they’re going to want to do that. It gets to be a pretty big force to reckon with.”

Unfortunately, there is not much left for the group to do together and the committee’s meetings have cut back. Curry puts out a monthly newsletter through the airport noise committee to provide updates. Now, Curry urges concerned community members to reach out to state and federal legislators to express the need for a change.

For more information on how to get involved, email [bwinoise@gmail.com](mailto:bwinoise@gmail.com).

Editor’s Voice



Dylan Roche  
Editor

It feels very strange to sit down and write this column for the last time. Some of you who know me personally may have already heard that after this issue of the paper, I’m stepping down from my role as editor of the *Severna Park Voice* to pursue other endeavors. It’s a bittersweet feeling for me — as excited as I am for the future, and as grateful as I am for my years here, I am sad to leave.

I want to say thanks to our devoted readers who have been in touch throughout the years, sending in story ideas and providing feedback on the news we provide. You are the ones who truly make a small local newspaper what it is: an embodiment of the community it represents. You are the ones who make the news, who give us stories to tell, who create change where life is static and who provide healing where there is hurting. Having a supportive following like you makes the hard work worth it.

I promise that I won’t disappear completely and hope to stay an active community member. If our paths cross out in public, please don’t hesitate to say hello.

I’m also happy that

the paper is being left in good hands. My longtime teammate Zach Sparks is stepping up as editor, and I know he is going to do an excellent job. Many of you are already familiar with him, so he doesn’t need much of an introduction from me. For those of you who aren’t, trust me when I say this guy has talent and a work ethic unlike anyone else I know. You can expect great things from him.

It seems appropriate to write about endings and new beginnings this time of year, as summer draws to a close and everyone anticipates the beginning of a new school year. Fall sports and other activities are about to start back up, everyone is resolving to get back into a structured routine, and so many new opportunities are available for each of us as we head into a new season.

So, my question to you: What will you do with those new opportunities? Where is life going to lead you, and what stories will you have to tell about yourself?

And if you have a story that’s worthy of being told, don’t hesitate to reach out to Zach and let him know. Send him an email at [zach@pasadenavoice.com](mailto:zach@pasadenavoice.com). Who knows ... you might end up on the cover of next month’s paper.

Thanks for everything, Severna Park. Stay in touch.

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# Antique Boat Wins Awards In Local Show

**By Laura McElwain Colquhoun**

Severna Park resident and longtime Magothy River Association president Paul Spadaro owns what is likely the oldest working boat in the area. For the last four years, Spadaro has been restoring his 90-year-old Richardson cruiseabout boat, affectionately called “Patches,” and his efforts were recently recognized at an antique boat show.

The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michael’s, Maryland, held its annual Antique Boat and Classic Boat Festival on June 14 and 15. Spadaro entered Patches into the competition and received three prizes from three organizations: Best Preserved presented by



Paul Spadaro embarked on a four-year restoration process for his boat, Patches.

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, Most Original Boat presented by the Antique and Classic Boat Society, and Competitor’s Choice, given by the Chesapeake Bay Festival.

Spadaro said he was honored to receive all three

awards, though the “most meaningful and satisfying” recognition was the Competitor’s Choice because the award was voted on by other antique boat owners. It was the first time Spadaro had entered Patches in a boat show. Knowing the competition was approaching, Spadaro knew he had a deadline to reach as he spent hundreds of hours restoring Patches.

Spadaro has owned the boat since 1978. While living in Syracuse, New York as a graduate student, he originally bought the boat to serve as a quiet place to study. After purchasing the watercraft for \$450, Spadaro did not plan to put it in the water, and he instead used it as a shed. However, there was a hole that needed patching right away, and thus the boat’s name of Patches was born.

At the time he purchased the boat, it had not been in the water for seven years. Encouraged by the previous owner, he decided to do repairs so it could return to the water. Spadaro’s father and brother worked on the engine, and a month later, Spadaro launched Patches back in the water. He drove Patches around the Finger Lakes and Great Lakes.

In 1986, Spadaro moved to a home on Cattail Creek in Severna Park. Since then, Patches has been a fixture in the area. Spadaro continued

to use Patches as a family boat over the years, and has taken it around the Chesapeake Bay to Annapolis, Baltimore and St. Michael’s.

As the boat approached its 90th birthday, Patches began to show its age and it became apparent major repairs were needed to continue to operate. Though Spadaro had maintenance work done on Patches every two years since he became its owner, the boat was leaking and the wood was rotting.

Spadaro then embarked on a four-year restoration process, though he originally did not anticipate the work would take that long. Spadaro did most of the work himself. The only way to save it, he said, was to replace the entire hull, the body of the boat. “Progress was made in inches per day,” he said, explaining that he installed new cedar wood planks. The finished product has fiberglass covering the hull. The original cabin on top remains.

“I recognize that it was old and always knew it was a classic. I always tried to maintain and not change what was there,” Spadaro said of the restoration process. “It is rewarding to know it looks again like it did when it left the factory in 1929 and to be able to preserve what was there.”

Spadaro takes the boat for short travels to ensure its operation. He said he enjoys when “people give me thumbs-up when out on the river.”

Spadaro does not plan to enter Patches into boat shows again in the near future, though he expects to enter antique boat shows again when Patches is 100 years old.

# Planning And Zoning

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with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and with the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

So far, he has been busy getting accustomed to his new position. In addition to meeting with the public, he is still getting to know the Planning and Zoning team. “I love meeting people, and I’ve been impressed with the staff,” he said. “It’s a very dedicated staff, and I am very pleased with that.”

Kaii-Ziegler said that his department is now in the unusual position of hiring more employees after years of reductions. “We’re ramping staff up and looking for office space,” he said.

The new director was pleased to say that he and County Executive Stuart Pitman share many of the same passions regarding land preservation, environmental protection and sustainable growth. “Many of my goals align with the county executive’s,” noted Kaii-Ziegler. “I met him for the first time a couple of months ago, and we had a fabulous conversation.”

The county is currently updating its General Development Plan while holding meetings with the Citizen Advisory Committee, a 13-member commission responsible for providing input to the Office of Planning Zoning. Kaii-Ziegler’s priority initiatives will be to orient the county to future small-area processes, comprehensive rezoning, and rewriting the zoning code. “It’s a lot of work to do over the next eight to 10 years,” he admitted.

From his extensive

experience, Kaii-Ziegler knows that each jurisdiction is unique, but he hopes to identify inefficiencies and make adjustments. “We’re at the very early stages to how to do things better,” he acknowledged.

Kaii-Ziegler explained that his new framework of thinking is balancing the interests of all parties. His aim is to take a closer look at adopted policies, including the GDP, codes and ordinances. “Our elected officials adopted them, so it is important to carry them out,” he said. “We shouldn’t ignore any policies but make adjustments if needed.”

Kaii-Ziegler discussed his ideas on sustainable growth, including where and how to grow. His preference is to concentrate on redevelopment of underutilized sites as opposed to developing green fields. He also noted climate change is becoming a more prominent issue. Kaii-Ziegler enrolled in the climate education academy at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. “It’s a phenomenal educational program,” he touted. “Climate change will affect future plans and regulations. I want to orient staff to this area and adapt as best as we can.”

As for environmental protection, Kaii-Ziegler plans to evaluate environmental issues from a modification perspective. “A major goal of mine is to determine what we protect versus what we allow and be respectful of the laws to achieve the best balanced position for county land use.”

# Fight For Phoebe Run/Walk Set For Sept. 29

Fight For Phoebe will hold the fourth annual Fight For Phoebe Memorial Fun Run/Walk on Sunday, September 29, to raise money and awareness for histiocytic diseases, such as hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH). The 5K fun run/walk will start from Severna Park Elementary School (6 Riggs Avenue) and continue on the B&A Trail. Registration will begin at 7:00am with the run starting by 8:30am.

More than just a fun run or walk, the event brings together people from the Severna Park community and beyond. A showcase

of the run is the African penguin brought every year by the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore.

Registration can be done online by searching “Fight For Phoebe” at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or on Facebook. In addition, registration can be done in person on the day of the race.

Ages 6 and under participate for free; ages 7 to 17 are \$15, and participants over 18 are \$30. In addition, there is a family rate for \$50. T-shirts are included in the price for both the 7 to 17 and over 18 groups. Additional T-shirts can also be purchased.

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# Mark And Jarred Tinordi

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ance in 1991. Mark was named team captain in 1991-1992, and he enjoyed his best offensive season in 1992-1993, notching 15 goals and 27 assists. The team was later relocated to Dallas, where Mark played for one season before being traded to the Washington Capitals. He made one more Stanley Cup finals appearance, this time with the Washington Capitals in 1998.

Injuries forced Mark to retire in 1999. "For a guy that went through four years of draft eligibility and never getting drafted and then playing as long as I did, that's probably the thing I'm most happy with," he said.

One of Mark's sons, Jarred Tinordi, had a different experience, getting drafted in the first round of the 2010 NHL draft by the Montreal Canadiens.

Before that, Jarred was shuffling to tournaments as a youth hockey player from Severna Park, which he called "a great area and place to grow up in." After two years at Severna Park High School, he moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to play for the USA Hockey National Team Development Program.

That opportunity prepared him for professional hockey. Having bounced between the major leagues and minors, Jarred is now signed to a two-way contract with the Nashville Predators. While he just enjoyed a fine season with the Predators' American Hockey League affiliate, the Milwaukee Admirals, his goal is to make the NHL squad. Much of his training this offseason has focused on his footwork.

"I always try to put a lot of emphasis on my footwork," he said. "As I taller guy, I never

want to lose a step out there."

Twenty years removed from the league, Mark still enjoys watching hockey but his mood differs whether he's watching the Capitals or watching Jarred.

"If you're a forward, sometimes nobody notices your mistakes," Mark said, "but as a defenseman, everybody notices your mistakes, so it's a little nerve-wracking."

Another nerve-wracking experience for Mark came in 2012, when he made the unexpected transition to restaurant and bar owner. He entered the industry to help a friend, he said, but after the friend left, Mark decided to stay onboard and try to change people's perception of the place, which has become Severna Park Taphouse.

"There's been a lot of hiccups," Mark said. "When it was Rods and Rides, it wasn't doing very good, and when we took over, we changed it from that scene to a craft beer scene and made it for a Severna Park crowd to come in."

Severna Park Taphouse has enjoyed success with its craft beer selection and scheduled charity events in support of Polar Bear Plunge, Burgers & Bands for Suicide Prevention, and Fight NET Cancer With Katherine, which will be held August 24 from 11:00am to 8:00pm.

Injuries aside, Mark and Jarred Tinordi feel fortunate for their hockey success. Jarred said aspiring athletes can anticipate similar success if they put forth the effort.

"I was never forced into hockey. I was never pressured into it," Jarred said. "If that's the sport you want to play, things usually work out for you if you apply yourself and work hard."



Severna Park's Carleen Birnes and Nicky Stimpson were among the hundreds of international racers hoping to stay buoyant for 25 miles, or about five hours, during SEA Paddle NYC on August 3.

By Judy Tacyn

SEA Paddle NYC is a Manhattan marathon like no other. On August 3, participants bladed through the starting line under the Brooklyn Bridge, paddleboarded their way north up the East River and into the Harlem River, then headed south down the Hudson River before finally finding the finish line at Chelsea Piers Marina.

Severna Park's Carleen Birnes and Nicky Stimpson were among the hundreds of international racers hoping to stay buoyant for 25 miles, or about five hours.

Stimpson, director of rowing and head coach at The Gunston School, and Birnes, health coach and Mantra Fit owner, are regulars on the stand-up paddleboarding (SUP)

circuit. In 2014, Birnes saw SUP gaining momentum in other parts of the country. She hopped on her board and started paddling anywhere she could find public water from which to launch. People noticed, and soon Birnes was leading groups and teaching SUP all over the county. In 2015, she created a race league, where she met Stimpson.

Since then, SUP has taken Anne Arundel County by storm as a great way for water lovers to work their core and improve their balance while experiencing the beauty, serenity and sometimes challenges of Maryland's waterscape. Ample water supplies from shallow creeks to the Chesapeake Bay provide SUP enthusiasts with varying degrees of wake to match their SUP skills and goals.

In 2018, Stimpson learned about SEA Paddle NYC and was intrigued. According to the SEA Paddle website, the marathon raises money for environmental preservation and nonprofit autism organizations. Stimpson's oldest child was diagnosed on the autism spectrum at age 2.

"Once I found out SEA Paddle raises money for autism awareness and research, I knew I had to do it," said Stimpson. "Early intervention, therapy and tutoring have been critical for my son. It's been a family journey for sure."

She pitched the idea to Birnes, who accepted the challenge despite considering herself more of a sprinter than an endurance athlete.

The paddling duo worked together for several weeks for strength, anaerobic

and endurance training, as well as discussing and practicing race strategy such as drafting and passing.

As they approached New York's financial district on August 3, the finish line isn't what Birnes and Stimpson, both mothers of two children, were be looking for.

"Knowing we had the endurance to paddle for 25 miles will give me a great sense of accomplishment and purpose," Birnes said before the race, "but seeing our kids at the finish line is really going to mean a lot."

To donate, visit [www.seapaddlenyc.dojiggy.com](http://www.seapaddlenyc.dojiggy.com), click on the "participants" header, and search for Birnes or Stimpson by name. Learn more about SUP classes and races in and around Severna Park by going to [www.mantrafit.com](http://www.mantrafit.com).

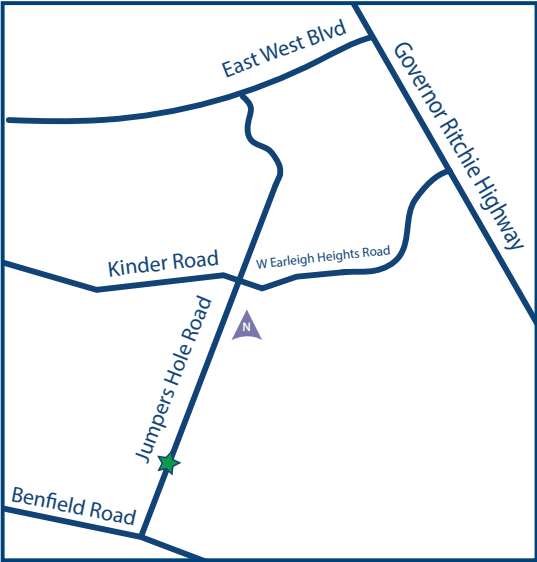


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# On The Green Volunteers At Arlington Cemetery



On The Green Inc., a member of the National Association of Landscape Professionals (NALP), joined forces with hundreds of other lawn and landscape professionals from across the country in July to volunteer at Renewal & Remembrance, an annual day of service at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. The event, organized by NALP, marks the 23rd year that industry professionals have come together to help enhance the grounds of the national burial site, which serves as the final resting spot for more than 400,000 military service men and women and their spouses.

This year, more than 400 professionals – including several employees from On The Green Inc. – volunteered their time mulching, upgrading sprinklers, cabling and installing lightning protection for the trees, pruning, planting, liming and aerating the soil, as well as installing and maintaining pavers throughout the grounds. In

total, NALP members helped to enhance more than 200 acres of the vast grounds at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as parts of Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Home National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

“Our industry is proud and humbled to volunteer our services at Arlington National Cemetery every year,” said Carol Keeling, interim CEO for NALP. “While the cemetery is beautifully maintained all year long, it is an honor for our industry professionals to lend their expertise and skills to enhancing the grounds. This service event allows the lawn and landscape industry to honor our nation’s heroes and put our professional knowledge and skills to work for good.”

NALP members were also joined by members of the National Hispanic Landscape Alliance and the Professional Grounds Management Society.

For more information, visit [www.landscapeprofessionals.org](http://www.landscapeprofessionals.org).

# Severna Park Heroes And Goldstar Families Honored

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plaques for each fallen hero around the gazebo.

Kavanagh said it’s a great location. “It’s right across from Woods Memorial Church on the bike trail and a lot of kids use it,” he explained. “It will be an escape from the sun and rain, and as people take shelter, they’ll see the plaques of all these Severna Park kids.”

In addition to honoring his son, Kavanagh hopes the memorial will open the eyes of local citizens, reminding

them that there are many people, including Severna Park residents, serving their country away from their families, and many who have paid the ultimate price.

“The hope is that it will make people aware of the local soldiers who have sacrificed for their country,” Kavanagh said.

The boys grew up in Severna Park and knew one another. Kavanagh’s son knew Herzberg. They were the same age and died within a month of each other. Wil-

liam Wild’s son and McDavitt were also close in age and knew each other. They were local kids who enjoyed fishing, swimming and sports, and their deaths, though honorable, broke their families’ hearts and left a void in the community.

New plaques will be added as needed for men and women who died in the military in harm’s way while performing a service for the nation, and who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom.

The group is accepting donations through the American Legion Post 175. No government funds are being provided, according to Kavanagh.

They kicked off the project and the fundraising appropriately on July 4 with several of the families and supporters who were marching in the Severna Park parade.

The group hopes to raise enough funds to break ground by Veterans Day. Visit [www.legionpost175.org](http://www.legionpost175.org) for more information.

# The Fallen Heroes Of Severna Park

## ERIC MATTHEW KAVANAGH

- PFC, United States Army
- Purple Heart/Bronze Star
- Operation Iraqi Freedom
- June 1, 1986–September 20, 2006

Eric Kavanagh died in Bagdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee during combat operations. He was 20 years old. Eric loved Severna Park and especially loved fishing, swimming and boating in Old Man Creek and the Magothy River. He enjoyed music and playing guitar, and he especially loved his younger brother and sister, Patrick and Alanna, also of Severna Park, as well as his mother, Rhonda, and father, Kevin.



Eric Kavanagh



Eric Herzberg



William Taylor Wild



Nathaniel H. McDavitt

## ERIC WILLIAM HERZBERG

- Lance Corporal, United States Marine Corps
- Purple Heart
- Operation Iraqi Freedom
- June 7, 1986–October 21, 2006

Eric Herzberg died in Al Anbar Province, Iraq, while conducting combat operations. He was 20 years old. Eric was an athlete, a fan of Irish and patriotic country music, and a wicked video gamer and rugby player who loved his country and his Catholic faith. Eric loved his older sister and younger brother, Katie and Matthew, also of Severna Park as well as his mother,

Gina, and father, Eric.

## WILLIAM TAYLOR WILD IV

- Lance Corporal, United States Marine Corps
- Operation Enduring Freedom
- December 17, 1991–March 18, 2013

Taylor Wild died during a training exercise at Hawthorne Army Depot in Nevada. He was 21 years old. Previously, Taylor served in Afghanistan in 2011. In addition to being an athlete, Taylor was an avid Ravens and Orioles fan. He enjoyed spending time boating with friends on the Severn and Magothy rivers

and enjoyed skeet shooting. He loved his brother and sister, Griffin and Libby, also of Severna Park, as well as his mother, Elizabeth, and father, William.

## NATHANIEL H. McDAVITT

- Airman First Class, United States Air Force
- Operation Enduring Freedom
- June 23, 1993–April 15, 2016

Nathaniel McDavitt died in Afghanistan when a severe wind storm collapsed the building he was working in; he was 22 years old. He played sports for Severna Park High School, served with the Boy Scouts, with which he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, and was a community volunteer. Nathan loved his siblings Harrison, Olivia, Bruce III, Tatum and Danielle of Severna Park; his wife, Alexis; and his mother, Jeanette, and father, Philip.

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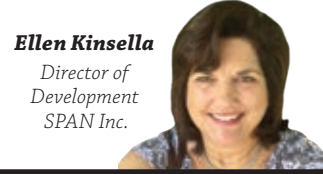
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A Summer Slump



For most kids, summer means Popsicles, swimming and staying up late. However, for some children in Anne Arundel County, hunger prevents them from doing much else besides wondering when they will get their next meal. “Sandra” recently left her abusive husband and took her two kids with her. The husband has not been making child support payments, and her minimum-wage job doesn’t pay enough to make ends meet. With SPAN’s help, we ensured her children had food and toiletry essentials, and have provided Sandra with several job leads so that she can hopefully become self-sufficient. SPAN provides generous amounts of food to residents of Severna Park, Millersville, Broadneck and Arnold. We are able to do this because of generous donations from our community. However, we get into a “slump” at this time of year, and while the need is up, donations are down. Donations of unopened, unexpired food, toiletries and baby items may be brought to SPAN 2%, and placed in the donation bin behind our building at 400 Benfield Road, behind Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. Perishables may be dropped off during our office hours Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. If you don’t have time to shop, but want to help, SPAN also welcomes financial contributions, which can be mailed or made online

securely though our website at [www.spanhelps.org](http://www.spanhelps.org). Monetary donations help provide financial assistance for evictions, utility shutoffs and medical/prescription copays for residents of our food areas, plus 10 other Anne Arundel County zip codes. Thanks to Severna Park’s newest eatery that everyone’s talking about, **Craft American Eatery**, for hosting a give-back event for SPAN called Craft for a Cause on August 13. Craft donated 10% of all sales to SPAN. Keep your eyes open for details about the next **Shop Local Fun Festival**, hosted by the **Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce**. SPAN will have a booth there, and will give away some freebies! Save the date: SPAN’s annual fundraiser, the **Turkey Trot 5K/1M** race at Kinder Park, will be held on Saturday, November 16. Registration is now open on [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). Sponsorships are available – email [strideforspan@gmail.com](mailto:strideforspan@gmail.com) for more information. Follow us on Facebook, and visit our website at [www.spanhelps.org](http://www.spanhelps.org). *SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods) is a faith-based nonprofit food pantry and emergency services provider that has been helping local families with eviction prevention, utility turn-offs, prescription needs and food since 1990. SPAN serves Severna Park, Millersville, Arnold, Broadneck and other surrounding areas. SPAN is located behind Our Shepherd Lutheran Church at 400 Benfield Road. Hours are Monday through Thursday 10:00am-1:30pm. Call 410-647-0889, email [spanhelps@yahoo.com](mailto:spanhelps@yahoo.com) or visit [www.spanhelps.org](http://www.spanhelps.org).*

Interspousal Torts: They’re Not For Dessert



The practice of divorce law in Maryland underwent a radical transformation with the abolition of interspousal immunity for intentional torts approximately 16 years ago. According to Black’s Law Dictionary, the initial text purchased by every first-year law student, a tort is a “private or civil wrong or injury, other than breach of contract, for which the court will provide a remedy in the form of an action for damages.” Writing for the Court of Appeals, Maryland’s highest court, then Chief Judge Robert Bell pronounced that “the interspousal immunity doctrine is an antiquated rule of law which ... runs counter to prevailing societal norms and, therefore, has lived out its usefulness.” (Bozman v. Bozman.) With that, the court reversed centuries of precedent that prohibited spouses from suing one another for civil wrongs and injuries. The Bozmans, more so than most divorcing couples, were not getting along. William Bozman was arrested and charged with stalking, harassment and violations of a protective order. Feeling he had been wronged during his several stints in lock-up, he filed a complaint for malicious prosecution against his wife, Nancie, shortly before the couple’s divorce was finalized. Nancie moved

to dismiss the complaint on the grounds that it was barred by interspousal tort immunity, and the Circuit Court for Baltimore County granted her motion. William sought review and found the Court of Special Appeals, Maryland’s intermediate appellate court, somewhat sympathetic, as it “questioned the continued viability of the doctrine of interspousal immunity.” The intermediate appellate court nevertheless harkened to the holding in *Lusby v. Lusby*, which had only partially abrogated interspousal tort immunity in instances where tortious conduct was “outrageous [and] intentional.” In affirming the trial court’s dismissal of the malicious prosecution count, the Court of Special Appeals determined that Nancie Bozman’s conduct “did not involve extreme violence of the most personal and invasive sort, the threat of death and a display of the means by which to carry out that threat, or the physical and psychic trauma that the victim in *Lusby* endured.” The Court of Appeals granted both parties’ petitions for Certiorari and, in an expansive opinion tracing the historical origins of interspousal tort immunity through a misogynistic past, the court fittingly brought Maryland into the 21st century and in line with the vast majority of

states. In its Appendix A, the court provides a thorough summary of the status of interspousal immunity throughout the nation. Forty-six states had eliminated the doctrine, either fully or partially, while only four states had retained it, as of 2003. Dismissing paternalistic notions that the happiness of the home and hearth depended upon the continuation of the discredited doctrine, the court concluded that the interspousal immunity rule was “a vestige of the past, whose time has come and gone.” Accordingly, spouses are free to sue one another for any and all intentional torts. (Interspousal immunity for negligence actions was abolished in *Boblitz v. Boblitz*, and a wife was permitted to sue for the carelessness operation of a vehicle by her husband.) The effects of Bozman upon the practice of divorce law in Maryland are still unraveling. Perhaps more questions have been raised than have been answered. Will a spouse filing a multi-count complaint

for divorce, battery and defamation have the right to a jury trial on tort issues? Would the tort actions to be tried before a jury simultaneous with the divorce action before a family law judge? Might the mere threat of a damage award for tortious conduct result in property concessions in the divorce? Divorce lawyers know that theirs is an arena where malice is provable and punitive damages, therefore, are attainable. These are but a few of the myriad areas where the interplay between domestic and tort issues must be carefully considered. Whether a divorcing spouse should also pursue a tort case against her partner presents a complicated question. If you have questions about divorce and civil wrongs committed by your spouse, you should consult an attorney who is familiar with this area of the law and who will assist you in making informed decisions. *David Diggs is experienced in family law and tort actions. If you need further information regarding this subject, contact The Law Office of David V. Diggs LLC, located at 8684 Veterans Highway, Suite 204, in Millersville, by phone at 410-244-1189 or email at [david@diggsllaw.com](mailto:david@diggsllaw.com).*

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## Dog Bite Claims Increase During August And September

**Lee Talbot**  
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Last year, August and September were the leading months for dog bite claims in Maryland. With an estimated 89.7 million dogs living in U.S. households, dog bites are bound to happen. Most dogs will never bite, but it is important to remember that any dog can bite regardless of breed or type.

To show you how widespread the problem is, consider this: In 2018, State Farm paid \$123 million as a result of 3,280 dog bite and injury claims. Over the past 10 years, State Farm paid more than \$1.1 billion for dog bite claims.

Maryland was one of the top 25 states in 2018 in number of State Farm dog bite claims, with an average payout of \$20,880 per claim. The top three states for 2018 dog bite claims are California, Illinois and Ohio, respectively.

Children make up more than 50% of all dog bite victims, and the highest risk group among children is ages 5 to 9 years old. The elderly and home service people, like mail carriers, are also high on the list of frequent dog bite victims. Being bitten or attacked by a dog can leave physical and emotional scars. For the dog, it can be a death sentence.

Here are some other tips from Norman to help prevent dog bites:

Never leave a baby or small

child alone with a dog, even if it is a family pet. Children are often bitten by dogs in their own household.

Make sure your pet is socialized so it feels at ease around people and other animals.

Walk and exercise your dog on a leash to keep it healthy and provide mental stimulation.

Regular veterinary visits are essential to regulating the health of your dog. A sick or injured dog is more likely to bite.

Be alert. If someone approaches you and your dog, caution them to wait before petting the dog. Give your pet time to be comfortable with the stranger.

Understand and respond to changes in your dog's body

language. Look at the eyes, ears, tail, and posture to know when your dog may be happy, fearful or angry.

Spay or neuter. This procedure can help reduce your dog's aggressive behaviors.

Homeowners should talk to their insurance agents about coverage under a standard homeowner policy. Pet owners should consider a personal liability umbrella policy (PLUP) to provide extra coverage in case their dog bites someone. Renters should consider getting renters insurance because most landlords do not provide coverage should there be a dog bite incident.

For more information, contact Lee Talbot at 410-647-5900. Talbot's State Farm office is located at 170 Ritchie Highway in Severna Park.

## National Night Out



» **Continued from A1** enforcement officials want the community to see them as a resource, not as an enemy.

With giveaways, games for kids, music, and police and fire vehicles on display, National Night Out again created a welcoming atmosphere where families mingled with first responders.

Sergeant Erin Brandt was one of those officers in attendance. "It's wonderful to have the opportunity to interact with the community members in a non-stressful environment, and just enjoy everyone together," Brandt said.

Another sergeant, Bryan Isaac, enjoyed educating people about police work. "The smiles on the kids' and parents' faces when they pose with our police helmet and shield is priceless," he said. "It's such an honor to work for this great county and state."

The Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office brought two trucks and partnered with the Anne Arundel County Police Department to offer K-9 demonstrations.

Sheriff Jim Fredericks said National Night Out is just one way his office is expanding its presence in the community.

"People need to be able to approach us in a good fashion

and that doesn't happen every day," Fredericks said. "National Night Out is just one more tool for us. Everybody knows the police come when you call 911, but it's great for them to get to know us as well."

While hundreds of visitors packed the outdoor parking lot at Earleigh Heights, other attendees went inside to pose for pictures with costumed heroes, to grab food from local restaurants and to find more activities provided by vendors.

Severna Park Kiwanis had a craft station specially geared toward the event. "The kids are making cards and thank you notes and taking them to the police officers," explained Rachel Jacobs, past president of Severna Park Kiwanis, which aspires to improve the area's quality of life through activities promoting health and education.

Event organizer Sam Tanner was pleased with the turnout, as was Captain Jeff Adams, the new commander of Eastern District.

"A great time was had by all," Adams said. "I want to thank the community for their support by attending, in addition to the organizers and vendors who help make the evening a success."

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tain conditions. The property must be located on a collector or higher classification road served by both public water and sewer. At least 40% of the homeownership units must be occupied by a household with an income that does not exceed 100% of the area median income. At least 60% of the rental units must be occupied by a household with an income that does not exceed 60% of the median income. All adequate public facilities tests must be met — school capacity, road and utility tests. All environmental rules must be obeyed, including critical area.

Pete Baron, government affairs officer for Pittman's administration, said that over the next four years, an estimated 1,174 households will not be able to find housing they can afford in Anne Arundel County.

"It frustrates me that we're building all of this stuff and the average price of a new unit, single family, is \$600,000 and the average price of a townhome or even a condo is \$400,000 and it's out of the price range for so

many people and that just, to me, feels wrong and we have to fix that," Pittman said. "I'm not saying it has to be in Severna Park. It has to be in the county."

Barbara Daniels, fair housing attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland, said the state pegs the deficit of affordable housing in the county at 21,517 units. "We've got a mismatch between the county's growth as a major regional job center and one of the fastest-growing residential areas in the region and the zoning," she said.

Republicans on the county council were critical of Pittman's administration for sharing information with only the Democrats before the bill was introduced. Several Republican amendments were shot down before the final vote was tallied.

"Outside of the [General Development Plan] and comprehensive zoning, one of the criteria to have a parcel rezoned is that the characteristics of the surrounding parcels no longer are consistent," said District 5 Councilwoman Amanda

Fiedler. "By increasing the density in R5 specifically, I feel that we are opening ourselves up to a domino effect of requests for increased zoning either residentially or commercially."

Pittman said he felt uncomfortable with the "way it went down," so he attended the Greater Severna Park Council meeting in July to answer questions from his constituents.

"To be honest, on this one it became very partisan and I think the wrong assumption got made that only the four Democrats were going to support it and the three Republicans weren't," Pittman said. "Land use issues aren't partisan issues ... The agenda moving forward — we've committed to both sides that we'll be talking to them and we're going to try to use a system where we reach out in advance."

Greater Severna Park Council President Maureen Carr-York and other meeting attendees told Pittman their frustrations with the bill were related to the character of the neighborhood, not the income level of new residents.

"We have folks living in town on vouchers in almost every community. We are not afraid of diversity," Carr-York said. "That's not the issue. The issue is that when you start putting big buildings in these little communities, that's the damage."

The Department of Planning and Zoning estimated that the new bill might lead to only one new development, but that didn't allay the fears of people worried about overcrowding and traffic. Pittman sees workforce housing as a potential remedy to the traffic problem.

"We reduce traffic by making it possible for people to live, work and play in one area so they don't have to drive as much," Pittman said.

Pittman said just because a bill has passed doesn't mean the discussion is over.

"We're not going to go back and then try to overturn this bill," he said. "We're going to try to fix the whole system and make it so it works and do the form-based code where we don't do these projects that are big multi-family stuff next to single-family stuff."

## Participating Neighborhood Organizations

- Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Severna Park Council
- Cape St. Claire Improvement Association
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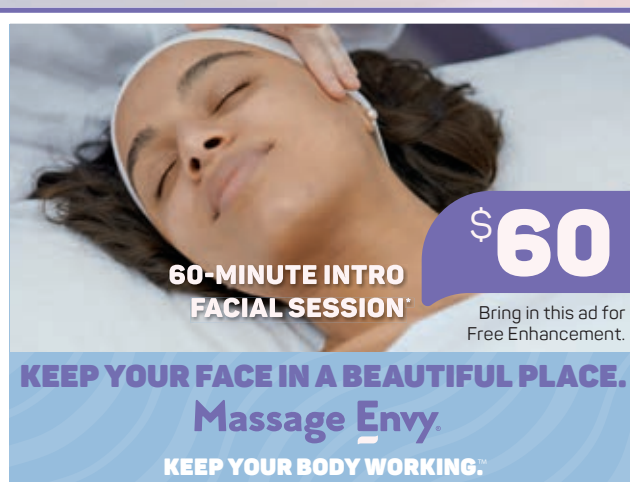
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In fact, the earlier you enlist a builder, the more cost-efficient your project will be. Because they are so dialed into the industry, they understand the costs, potential issues, and possibilities of your design. Bringing a professional builder into the design process in the early stage can help ensure your budget is preserved, while still delivering on your dreams. This is key because homeowners often don't understand why one home's cost per square foot may be greater than another's, despite the homes being similar. A professional builder can explain your home's costs, as well as offer seasoned suggestions as to how to get more of your wants fulfilled within your budget.

Once the design is complete, it's time to secure the proper permits. This requires experience in coordinating with a civil engineer to prepare the necessary documentation to obtain approvals from the local authorities. Working with a builder who



has extensive knowledge of the engineering and approval processes will result in plans that are efficient to build.

Professional builders also have close and longstanding relationships with high-quality subcontractors. Because they are a source of ongoing work for those contractors, the builders often secure the work at lower prices, enabling you to get more for your money.

Once the project is underway, your builder should:

- Keep the job on schedule, ensuring the subcontractors and materials show up at the right times. Anything from weather events to late deliveries can impact schedules, so the builders readjust accordingly to keep the project moving forward.
- Inspect and oversee the work performed by the tradespeople. Because professional builders have insight into each trade, they can ensure things get done properly and meet high standards.
- Solve and prevent issues. There are so many moving parts involved in the construction of a custom home. An experienced builder can anticipate issues before they arise and effectively address other issues in a

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- Deliver a beautifully finished home. In the end stages of construction, scores of finishing touches need to be done before the home is truly complete. Builders walk the house with homeowners to prepare a punch list at the end of the project. This allows them to hand over the keys to the home of your dreams.
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Building a custom home is a huge undertaking for a homeowner. There are numerous decisions to make throughout the process. However, when you work with a reputable professional builder who has navigated that process countless times, you can rest easy knowing you're in good hands.

Dave Lunden is the president of Timberlake Design/Build. If you have any questions about the custom homebuilding process, you can reach him at 443-837-3105 or [dlunden@timberlakehomes.com](mailto:dlunden@timberlakehomes.com).

# News From UM Baltimore Washington Medical Center



Senator Ben Cardin recently visited the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center (UM BWMC) to meet with hospital leadership and discuss the effects of federal health care policy at the local level. Participants also discussed the specific public health challenges in Anne Arundel County, which has a growing and aging population.



UM BWMC's stroke program recently received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite Plus Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award, which recognizes the hospital's commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence. Dr. Christopher Stack, medical director of the stroke program, accepted the award on behalf of UM BWMC.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE MONTH

## Colchester On The Severn



Neighborhood of the Month takes an in-depth look at the unique communities that make up Severna Park as a whole. Each has its own history, its own special amenities and its own people who are happy to call that place home. Want to share with our readers all about your neighborhood and what sets it apart from others? Email [spvnews@severnaparkvoice.com](mailto:spvnews@severnaparkvoice.com) and let us know!



Photos by Judy Tacyn

**Top right: (L-R) Susan Luck, Nichole Clark and Chris Melendez love their tight-knit community of Colchester.**

**Right: Colchester has stately traditional homes, colonials and a few contemporary structures nestled under towering trees.**



## Colchester On The Severn, A Hidden “Gem” On The River

By Judy Tacyn

Tewkesbury. It sounds familiar. Was that the author of the last book I read? Or wait, was he the last Orioles pitcher to toss a no-hitter? Actually, Tewkesbury is a town in England, coincidentally along a river named Severn. But closer to home, it's the name of a little-traveled street off of Benfield and next to St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church and school that leads into Colchester on the Severn.

The tucked-away community consists of approximately 42 homes primarily built between 1968 and 1973. There are stately traditional homes, impressive colonials, and a few contemporary structures nestled under towering trees.

Many homes are inhabited by the original owners or their children. Despite the limited turnover, the neighborhood is currently experiencing a relative baby boom with most homes having a few children. Public school students attend Oak Hill Elementary, and Severna Park middle and high schools.

Residents have use of a boat ramp, beach pavilion, a stunning community beach, fire pit, horse-shoe pit, a pier and boat slips.

The neighborhood has numerous traditions including TGIFs at the

pier on Fridays in the summer, a neighborhood potluck on July 3 to watch the Sherwood Forest fireworks, an Easter egg hunt at the beach, and a Halloween get-together where residents bring a chili or dessert to share at the beach, after which the kids have a costume parade before heading into the neighborhood to collect candy.

The active social committee also plans parties for Labor Day, Fourth of July, Memorial Day, Friday night happy hours at the beach in the summer, Christmas cookie exchange parties, and progressive dinners in the winter.

**CHRIS MELENDEZ**  
RESIDENT FOR 47 YEARS

Chris Melendez's family moved to Colchester in 1972 when her father's work brought them to Maryland from Massachusetts. She moved out after college but quickly returned to the neighborhood after purchasing her parents' home 20 years ago.

"My parents were ready to downsize and the timing was right for us to buy a bigger house," Melendez said. "We have four active kids who loved growing up in Colchester."

Melendez likes to think of her neighborhood as a secret community gem.

"No one knows its back here! It's a small, tight-knit community with

water privileges and centrally located in Severna Park," she added. "It makes navigating Benfield Road easier."

Melendez and her family love how Severna Park is so active, and there are activities for everyone.

"Many communities [in Severna Park have] water privileges, a great school system, and the Green Hornets athletic association has something for every level and is competitive," said Melendez, rattling off just a few of her favorite things about Severna Park. "Rock 'N' Roll Revival at SPSHS is one of my favorite things to attend. Kinder Farm Park is a great place to walk and play and attend sporting events, and the Severna Park Community Center has great events, too."

**NICOLE CLARK**  
RESIDENT FOR TWO AND A HALF YEARS

The search for the perfect nursery and preschool brought Nicole Clark's family to Severna Park, and ultimately Colchester. After visiting St. Martin's-in-the-Field, it was clear to the couple that their youngest son would attend St. Martin's. "We love this school, the nurturing environment and phenomenal teachers, as well," Clark said.

Living within walking distance

to the children's school is wonderful, but Clark also loves the small, quaint community with its wonderful beach.

Clark's two older sons attend Oak Hill Elementary School and she's pleased with their experience thus far. "We are very happy with the school, teachers, administrators and school community," she added.

When asked what makes Severna Park special, Clark is hard-pressed to narrow her answer to just one or two aspects. "Everything! There's such a sense of community in Severna Park," she exclaimed. "It is a beautiful place to live for people and families of all ages. My hope is families of young children work together to make this the best possible place for a child to grow and that one day, when the child is an adult, they choose to raise their family here too."

As for Colchester, Clark loves the random acts of kindness that take place every day in the community.

"It may be something like helping a neighbor take trash cans from the street to their house, making dinners for a family who just had a baby, helping someone get their boat out of the water," she continued, "or simply doing a kind deed for one another."

**SUSAN LUCK**  
RESIDENT FOR 48 YEARS

Susan and Jim Luck came to Severna Park in 1964 after his career in the United States Air Force. In 1971, they "accidentally" found an open house in Colchester and fell in love with the home and the community. At the time, the neighborhood had only 12 homes.

Colchester is "a little-known gem," said Susan. "It's private and small enough to foster the small-town closeness not possible in larger communities," she continued. "We have a great location on the Severn, a beach area, pavilion, and a huge pier with many reasonable available slips. We have the best of all worlds in this neighborhood."

Susan said since the 1960s, she and her husband have seen a lot of growth in Severna Park, but she still wouldn't hesitate to recommend Colchester to anyone moving to the area.

"It is unique as it is so small and with a wonderful, close and welcoming spirit," Susan said. "It is a bit hard to buy a home here! Houses are barely on the market. Turnover is slow. I think we went 20 years without a house for sale once. Now we have several of our children, who grew up here, and have come back to raise their families. I think that speaks volumes about the type of community we have."



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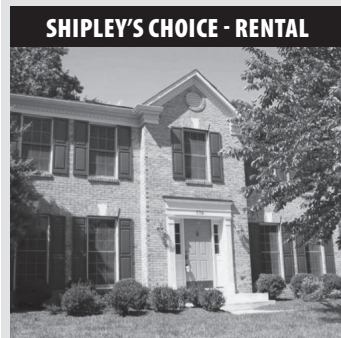
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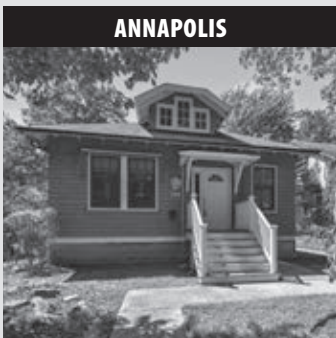
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Let's End  
Gerrymandering



Michael Malone  
Delegate  
District 33

When asked about my favorite president, I usually choose George Washington. Not just because he crossed the freezing Delaware River, not because he cunningly defeated the British at Yorktown, not only because he set a precedent of dignity and class as our first president. I admire him most for what he did not do: keep power for himself. Time after time, he walked away from the power our fledgling country was so willing to give him, by resigning his military commission at the State House here in Annapolis in 1783, by refusing to be king or emperor, and by declining to run for a third term in 1796. He was a Republican in the original meaning of the word, believing in the power of the people as the source of government and in putting the country well ahead of partisan politics.

Fast forward 223 years. On June 27, the U.S. Supreme Court, presented with what is universally recognized as extreme partisan gerrymandering, in a 5-4 decision in companion cases *Rucho v. Common Cause* from North Carolina and *Maryland's Lamone v. Benisek*, not only refused to take any action in gerrymandering cases, but closed the door left open in last year's *Gill v. Whitford*. Chief Justice Roberts, writing for the majority, ruled that partisan gerrymandering presents a political question beyond the power of federal courts. The court further held that the courts lack the authority to apportion political power, which redrawing maps might require, and that there was no manageable test for determining when partisan gerrymandering violates the Constitution.

Justice Elena Kagan penned a fiery dissent. In a series of staccato bursts, she lambasted the majority for its failure to recognize the dilution of voters' rights as violating constitutional rights, to check politicians' ability to cherry-pick voters to ensure their re-election, and to try hard enough to articulate a standard to prevent the worst of gerrymandering abuses. Quoting a brief filed by a bipartisan group of current and former congresspersons, Kagan captured the evil of partisan gerrymandering, that "artificially drawn districts shift influence from swing voters to party-base voters who participate in primaries; make bipartisanship and pragmatic compromise politically difficult or impossible; and drive voters away from an ever more dysfunctional political process ... creating a legislative environment that is both 'toxic' and 'tribal' ... Gerrymandering in short helps create the polarized political system that so many Americans loathe."

Gerrymandering doesn't just affect America and Maryland; it affects you. Close to the geographic center of Anne Arundel County, Severna Park is a discrete community with its own high school, Independence Day parade, library and newspaper, but gerrymandering divides and contains it politically. As Greater Severna Park Council President Maureen

Carr-York said, "[We have] no representation in Congress because we are not treated as an important enough part of anyone's district."

Before the advent of gerrymandering software, in the 1970s and 1980s, Severna Park was part of a congressional district that encompassed Anne Arundel and southern Prince George's counties, and in the 1990s, it was expanded to include southern Maryland. Beginning in the early 2000s, Anne Arundel County was chopped up into four congressional districts, with Severna Park divided in two, part in the 1st district with much of the Eastern Shore represented initially by moderate Republican Wayne Gilchrest, and part in the 3rd district, with pieces of Baltimore City and Baltimore and Howard counties, and represented by Democrat Ben Cardin from Baltimore. The 2012 map brought more abuses. While Severna Park now is mostly within a congressional district, it was moved into District 4, which is comprised largely of Prince Georges County and has been represented by Prince Georges' County Democrats Donna Edwards and Anthony Brown.

Anne Arundel County itself is again drawn into four congressional districts, but not the same four, and all of which have consistently elected Democrat congresspersons when our county has often voted Republican overall. At the very least, the jockeying around causes confusion.

Given the decades that it usually takes to turn the judicial tide in the Supreme Court (think the 58 years between *Plessy v. Ferguson* and *Brown v. Board of Education* regarding public education for African Americans), I have little reason to hope for Supreme Court intervention on political gerrymandering in my lifetime. One glimmer of hope remaining is Chief Justice Roberts' reminder that states can act to limit partisan gerrymandering. Several states have enacted legislation or amended their state constitutions with a purpose to limit partisan gerrymandering. Kagan pointed out the limits of this approach, saying, "Politicians who benefit from partisan gerrymandering are unlikely to change partisan gerrymandering. And because those politicians maintain themselves in office through partisan gerrymandering, the chances of legislative reform are slight."

OK, Justice Kagan: challenge accepted. Governor Larry Hogan has introduced anti-gerrymandering legislation for the past four years, to set up a nonpartisan commission to draw lines. I have introduced legislation for the past two years for Maryland congressional district lines to be formed like our state legislative lines - compactly and with regard for natural and political boundaries. All this legislation has been killed in committee, victims of partisan politics.

Let's be George Washingtons. I call on all Maryland legislators to put partisan politics aside, look past personal ambition and fulfill the promise of the Declaration of Independence, that "governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."



Amanda Fiedler  
Councilwoman  
District 5

August for the Anne Arundel County Council is the one month out of the year that legislation takes a pause and the council goes on recess. Recess does not mean vacation by any means. As summer enters its final weeks before the official end, my office continues to work on constituent matters, as I identify potential future legislation.

Constituent services is one of the most important aspects of my job as your county councilwoman. Since taking office in December, my office has received more than 100 constituent cases a month. Each case is an exercise in due diligence, patience and communication.

A wide variety of topics have crossed my desk: individual matters, community concerns, stormwater and flooding, line of sight at intersections, pedestrian crosswalks, Bay Bridge traffic, local corridor traffic, bike trail traffic, and potholes just to name a few. My office then works diligently to contact the appropriate department or department head to resolve the case in the timeliest manner. Traffic cases often involve traffic studies, safety trials and final construction. Storm-

water and flooding issues often involve a visit from the Department of Public Works, topographic maps and engineering. Local traffic matters often involve community leaders and our county police department.

It goes without saying that no two constituent cases are the same. Some cases involve multiple departments. Some cases involve not only the county but also state agencies. With increased complexity comes increased time and that is where patience and communication is key. As an example, I recently attended a public meeting in our district for safety improvements on a county road that intersects with a state road but also has line-of-sight challenges with utility boxes and poles. This project will require the collaboration of the State Highway Administration, private utility companies, county traffic engineers, the Department of Public Works, your state and county elected officials, and funding. This will not be a swift and easy fix, but the process has begun.

The county council serves as the legislative branch for Anne Arundel County. In matters of constituent services, I am not permitted to direct departments, but I can and do ask for their assistance where applicable. My office can provide the county resources available under our county code. When I have exhausted all

possible solutions without a remedy, I then request the office of the county executive's constituent services to review the case for a final opinion.

My office often receives communication from parents of children in our public schools. As a parent to three young school children, I understand how time-sensitive these matters can be. The county council however, is only responsible for funding education in our county. The Board of Education is the policy maker for our public schools, with the superintendent overseeing daily operations. When concerns in schools come to my office, I often reach out to the elected board member for our district as I would a county department, in order to address the matter appropriately and through the proper avenue.

Legislation is my primary responsibility in serving the 5th district. The county council is quickly approaching what I have often

described as "the single most important piece of legislation we work on." The General Development Plan (GDP) is to be done every eight years and will direct our growth for the next 20 years. This will be followed by comprehensive zoning, where we review the zoning of residential, commercial, agricultural and industrial zones. The results of the GDP and comprehensive zoning will be seen for years after this council serves our respective terms, just as we see the results of previous GDPs and comprehensive zoning now.

Constituent services and legislation — each has a process my office must follow. Each can vary in time and scope. Each requires my careful attention. As we prepare to return for our legislative session in September, I encourage you follow county legislation and weigh in. The bills that we review will have the most immediate impact on your life in Anne Arundel County.

School Start Times



Dana Schallheim  
Board of  
Education  
District 5

Let's have an honest conversation about school start times. Whether you love our current start times or not, the subject of safe and healthy school hours is picking up steam globally and school systems across the country have made the switch. Anne Arundel County Public Schools, through the work of a new, temporary transportation consultant, will soon be looking into school start times within the context of evaluating its transportation department's operations.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), not getting enough sleep is common among high school students and is associated with several health risks including being overweight, drinking alcohol, smoking tobacco and using drugs, as well as poor academic performance. One common reason our adolescent children do not get enough sleep is early school start times. School start times are both a health and safety issue.

Like many American school systems, AACPS starts its high schools well before the 8:30am or later time recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. There are also many late-starting elementary schools, including my daughter's, which doesn't start until 9:35am each morning. I feel both extremes are damaging. Not only do our current start times force our children to walk to or from school or a bus stop in the dark but our teens are also not getting the sleep their developing brains and bodies require. Our late-starting elementary schools also leave little daylight during the winter months for students to play outside after school.

For those school systems that have made the choice to implement safe, healthy and age-appropriate start times, the benefits have been undeniable. According to a recent study from Colorado, by implementing later middle and high school start times, students experienced upward of an hour in longer sleep time, fewer students reported feeling too sleepy to complete school work, there were minimal changes to extracurricular participation, and academic engage-

ment was significantly higher for both middle and high school students.

*Economics of Education Review* recently published a study by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, using a nationally representative sample of students, examining the effects of start times on student learning and time allocation. The results showed that later high school start times lead to higher reading test scores, greater academic achievement, and did not reduce time on after-school jobs or sports.

Another study published in *EducationNext*, conducted by the Naval Postgraduate School and the University of Chicago, found that adolescents' math scores and reading scores increased when school started an hour later.

Lastly, the University of Minnesota's Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement put out a study that shows a positive correlation between later school start times and better academic performance amongst high school students. Researchers analyzed data from nearly 10,000 students at eight high schools in three states and found that later school start times resulted in improved attendance, test scores and grades in math, English, science and social studies. The study also showed a decrease in tardiness, substance abuse and symptoms of depression as well as a significant drop in teen car crashes.

Recent news reports cite the hassle of reconfiguring bus schedules and fear of change as reasons some school systems haven't adjusted school start times. Bus driver shortages and costs are also on everyone's mind. While these are all valid concerns, the societal cost of raising another generation of sleep-deprived teens or elementary students who might have achieved more had school started at an age-appropriate hour outweighs any fear I have of fully researching and evaluating alternative start times. I believe that we can make fiscally responsible choices while improving student health, safety and academic achievement. Rest assured that as these conversations continue in the coming months, I will include the community in these discussions. I look forward to learning your perspective. You can reach me at [dschallheim@aacps.org](mailto:dschallheim@aacps.org).

Serving The  
Community



Anne Colt Leitess  
State's Attorney

Each year, Anne Arundel County gathers to celebrate National Night Out, an annual event that promotes camaraderie between public safety agencies and the community. The festive occasion was held at five locations across our county. The events included fun games and activities for adults and children, law enforcement K-9 demonstrations, and lots of free food and treats for everyone. The event is a reminder of the importance of an engaged public safety-community partnership built upon the common goal of creating a safe place to live and work. During the festivities, the sense of community is palpable.

As we build beyond the energy of the event, the Office of the State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County remains committed to diligently serving the citizens of our community and engaging in conversations about crime and the justice system regardless of how challenging they may be. Unfortunately, there have been countless discussions lately about the rise in gun violence and the accessibility of criminals obtaining guns in our community.

Recently, the Office of the State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County won a \$100,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention. Our office will use those funds to redirect the path of youths caught with guns while also aggressively prosecuting defendants who reoffend or perpetuate gun violence. We will partner with local agencies and nonprofits to create ways to engage young people who are pursuing a dangerous course of criminal activity.

In addition, the Office of the State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County continues to provide our community with interactive programs on numerous quality-of-life topics. We are committed to helping citizens avoid becoming victims of crime and improving public confidence in the justice system.

Our community outreach programs include:

**Online Safety: Keeping Children Safe In A High-Tech World** — Learn about the dangers that lurk online and receive real-life tips on how to effectively navigate online issues like bullying, predatory activity, sexting and grooming.

**Forensic Evidence In The 21st Century** — This interactive presentation explores the importance of forensic evidence in solving crimes and prosecuting cases today.

**Dating Violence: Awareness And Prevention** — Learn about the warning signs of toxic relationships, discuss ways to effectively communicate, and identify the tools to sustain healthy dating relationships and break the cycle of domestic violence.

**Avoiding Identity Theft: How To Deter, Detect And Defend Against It** — This presentation will offer tools to empower citizens against identification theft, fraud, scams and exploitation.

**Distracted Driving** — Learn ways to avoid distracted driving and safety tips for staying safe on the road.

If you are interested in having a representative from the Office of the State's Attorney speak at your event on one of these topics or another topic of your choosing, contact our public information officer at 410-222-7686 or [tialewis@aacounty.org](mailto:tialewis@aacounty.org).

As your state's attorney, I will continue to pursue justice, safeguard our community and, always, stand for the people.



Chamber Update

Liz League  
CEO  
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I am excited to announce our newest members of the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce: **The Big Bean** (under new ownership); **Zeskind's Door, Window & Millwork Showroom**; **Bayside Marketing and Design**; **The Blended Essentials**; **ATG Title**; **the Bowie Baysox**; **Bernward Mechanical and Construction Solutions**; and **Sharknet Solutions**.

Wow, what a parade! It was a record-breaking crowd on July 4 for the 46th year of our annual parade. Our theme was "Let Freedom (B)Ring — Celebrating Our Country's and Community's Generosity." Our grand marshals were **Dianna** and **Lonnie Lancione**, owners of **The Voice Media Inc**.

We wish to recognize and thank our sponsors: **School of Rock Annapolis** for a judges table sponsorship, **Kogen Dojo** for a mascot-level sponsorship, and event sponsors **Kris Leigh Assisted Living**, **Delegate Heather Bagnall**, **Wright Orthodontics**,

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We had more than 85 entries this year. Thank you to all the volunteers, participants, **St. Martin's in-the-Field** and **Our Shepherd Lutheran** churches, and our wonderful community members.

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•Nathanial McDavitt Memorial Flag

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Learn To Drive Education Program Turns 25



By Alyson Kay

The Severna Park educational program Learn to Drive is celebrating its 25th year of service this summer.

The program was started by Joe Campbell, a retired police sergeant. Among his many roles, Campbell served as a traffic cop and an instructor at the police academy, teaching emergency driving and traffic law.

He was inspired to retire early from police work and become a driving instructor when his son started driving.

"When my son was getting ready to get his license, I was a police officer at the time and I was well into my career," Campbell said. "I sent him to what I thought was a good driving school and he learned absolutely nothing."

Campbell thought he could use his background as a cop to help new drivers.

"As a traffic officer, I spent time enforcing and teaching, and I thought that this would be a natural transition for me because I could teach people the laws," Campbell said.

He also realized that there weren't many programs available in the area.

"There was a driving school in Severna Park at the time, but it was the only one in town and it was very busy, so I had to send my son to Pasadena, and the next closest one was in Annapolis at the time," Campbell said. "So it was kind of an underserved market."

Starting a new driver's education program wasn't easy. "Getting started was a difficult process because I was the new guy in town," Campbell said. "I was breaking into a field that was kind of controlled by the industry, and if you weren't part of the industry already, it was hard to break into."

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Dr. Brian Valle Marks 30 Years Of Creating Custom Smiles For Patients

By Dylan Roche

Thirty years ago, when he was only a year out of the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, Dr. Brian Valle opened his practice in Millersville with a vision that still holds today — as Valle himself put it, "to improve the quality of life of patients by improving their dental health with the highest standards of care."

Valle partnered with his twin brother, Kevin, when the practice first opened, but Kevin left in 2008 to relocate to Maine, where he currently has a successful practice in South Portland. Among the other changes the practice has seen over the years is technology.

"Technology is ever-



Photo by Dylan Roche

*Dr. Brian Valle opened his practice in Millersville 30 years ago, and he sees his greatest accomplishment as being able to satisfy the needs of so many people in the community over the years.*

advancing, which includes Digital Smile Design and 3-D imaging that allows patients to see their potential and

make dentistry even more precise," Valle said. "What has stayed consistent over the years is our commitment

to serve every patient with the integrity, honesty and genuine care they deserve."

Valle grew up in Arnold and now lives in Severna Park with his wife, three children and their Bernese mountain dog. The values he adheres to both personally and professionally are to strive to do his very best, to be honest, to make no assumptions and to not take anything personally.

These values have helped him achieve his greatest accomplishment from his 30 years in practice. "My biggest accomplishment is being able to satisfy the needs of so many people in the community to make their lives better," he explained.

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Is It OK To Have A Mortgage When You Retire?

Jason LaBarge  
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Group



I am frequently asked whether a mortgage should be paid off before retirement or if it's OK to have a mortgage into retirement. If you read the headline of this article, you will assume that my answer is to always have a mortgage, but as you might imagine, life isn't that cut and dry.

Most of my clients come from the generation when

their parents told them to be debt-free as soon as possible and to never have a mortgage in retirement. They come from the "greatest generation," when mortgage-burning parties were common. Obviously, not having any debt in retirement is an advantage and you should strive to be debt-free if possible. But if the question is whether to take money that might be invested in other places like a 401(k) or IRA, or to pay off a mortgage, that is another question.

No one said financial

decisions have to be logical. I frequently have clients who tell me they are paying off their mortgage no matter what and there is nothing I can say to change their minds. To those people, I say, "Congratulations! Welcome to the wonderful world of being debt-free!" It is never a bad decision to pay off your mortgage; however, it may not be the best idea if you plan on taking withdrawals from your retirement or other investment accounts to pay off that mortgage. Sometimes, you have to think about it economically

and not emotionally. If your interest rate is 4% and you are getting a return on investment of 7%, is it prudent to take the money that is earning 7% and pay off the mortgage you are paying 4% on? You can think of this as a simple leverage play. You are earning a net 3% in that scenario. To take it further, let's say you have a guaranteed investment paying 7% from an investment, such as an annuity. I would much rather have that money earning 7% then take the money out and pay off a mortgage where I

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Right On Cue: John Sparkman Revamps Shooters Bar & Grill

By Zach Sparks

The move to acquire Shooters Bar & Grill was 10 years in the making for new owner John Sparkman. Over the years, he kept inquiring about the business while operating his sandwich shop, Simple Sands, off of Ritchie Highway in Pasadena.

Finally he got the answer he wanted, and he officially took over Shooters on May 1.

"To get back into the bar business was always my focus," said Sparkman, who was a part owner at Cheeseburger in Paradise before opening Simple Sands. "Being a bar owner means working late nights, and I wanted to have more time with my kids.



*John Sparkman took over Shooters Bar & Grill on May 1. So far, he has upgraded the interior and altered the menu, but he has even bigger changes in mind long-term.*

After eight and a half years at the sandwich shop, this opportunity presented itself."

Patrons have noticed changes to both the interior

and the menu at Shooters. In what he described as a complete overhaul, Spark-

man removed a few pool tables to make room for eight

more dining tables, and he's bringing a cleaner look to the floors and bathrooms.

Shooters is also now open during lunch hours. As for the menu, Sparkman brought with him some of his signature items from Simple Sands: the Cuban sand and the turkey Brazilian. Those options complement an array of items including burgers, subs, wings and salads.

"For now, we're going light with the menu changes," said Sparkman, who is excited to have a full kitchen, an amenity he didn't have at Simple Sands. "We now sell crabs every day. I want to add some seafood flare to the menu."

To make Shooters more female friendly, the staff is

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Take Stock: Brian Conrad With Edward Jones Provides Sound Financial Advice

By Zach Sparks

Before he joined Edward Jones as a financial adviser in 2002, Brian Conrad served as a military policeman for the U.S. Army, as a state trooper for the state of Washington, and as K9 search and rescue handler.

What do all those careers have in common? Each job allowed Conrad to help other people, and that's what he has enjoyed most about being a financial adviser since 1996, with 17 of those years at Edward Jones.

"The most rewarding



*Nicci DeAngelo, Brian Conrad and Jenny Voelker give personalized advice to clients who come to their Edward Jones branch in Severna Park.*

part of this is seeing the clients reach their goals," Conrad said. "Everybody has something different

they are trying to accomplish. Some people want to buy a house in five years. Some people want

to take a trip to Alaska that they never took. For some people, it's leaving a legacy for grandkids or great-grandkids or whatever is down the road. And we have the ability to do all that stuff, so it's wonderful."

The process is simple. Conrad meets prospective clients to plan a personal strategy in tune with their goals. He then follows up with each client every four to six weeks — by phone call, newsletter or quarterly review — to ensure the client is still on track to meet those goals.

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Ribbon Cuttings



Landmark Roofing  
Has Been Going Strong  
For Four Years



Photo by Dylan Roche

Owners Artie Hendricks and Rob Calhan of Landmark Roofing were assisted by a group of youngsters in cutting the ribbon to mark their fourth year in business during a recent celebration held in conjunction with the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce. Landmark Roofing is located at 540 Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard, Suite 3, in Severna Park.

Waypoint Wellness  
Opens New Location  
In Severna Park



Photo by Dylan Roche

The team of doctors behind Waypoint Wellness Center got assistance from a group of youth in cutting the ribbon on their newly opened Severna Park location during a ceremony held with the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce. Waypoint Wellness Center is located at 877 Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard, Suite 202, in Severna Park.

Bernward Construction  
And Mechanical Services  
Celebrates Three Years



Photo by Dylan Roche

At a recent ribbon cutting with the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce, owner Carl Neimeyer of Bernward Construction and Mechanical Services did the honors to mark his business' third anniversary. Bernward Construction and Mechanical Services is located at 836 Ritchie Highway, Suite 1, in Severna Park.

Take Stock: Brian Conrad Provides Sound Financial Advice

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“When a client comes in for an annual review, we might introduce an annuity, we might introduce insurance, we might introduce a stock or bond or mutual fund — it could be anything — but I really have no dog in the hunt to point me in the direction of which thing I want to sell,” Conrad said. “It’s whatever solves the client’s problem.”

Sometimes his job is providing objective advice when clients hear embellished reports of tariffs or trade wars. Edward Jones also has another safeguard to prevent people from making impulsive decisions when they watch the news or hear bad soundbites about the economy: It has no online trading.

“Edward Jones has inserted the adviser as a circuit breaker, if you will, in between the client and a decision to maybe sell,” Conrad said. “Now, at the end of the conversation,

it’s always the client’s money. We are going to do what the client asks us to do, but they hire us for that impartial advice, so we are going to give them that information from an unemotional perspective.”

Conrad keeps clients calm by reminding them that every downturn is usually followed by a four-year upturn. He also tries to get clients to adopt a long-term vision instead of reacting to ups and downs in the markets.

“You’re driving from here to Chicago, you’re on the turnpike through Pennsylvania and you see flashing lights,” Conrad said, using an analogy. “You see flares and eventually you will come across two or three cars on the side of the road. People are exchanging information, a trooper is there, and these people have just participated, truly, in a crash. But you have a choice: you can either crank your car to the right and drive into their car and also

participate in their crash or you can keep driving to your long-term destination of Chicago aka retirement. The media would like everyone to think, OK, the market went down, that affects absolutely everybody and you’re participating in this, and the reality is, this isn’t your exit. Your exit is another 5,000 miles down the road.”

A ways down the road from his office in Severna Park, Conrad is active in the community as vice president of the Pasadena Business Association, and he volunteered seven times for AngelRide in Connecticut, an event that raised money that brought camps to kids in hospitals.

For more information about investment opportunities, schedule an appointment by calling 410-544-8970 or visit [www.edwardjones.com/brian-conrad](http://www.edwardjones.com/brian-conrad). Located at 479 Jumpers Hole Road, Suite 202, in Severna Park, the branch tends to book

appointments two weeks in advance.

“It doesn’t take a whole bunch of money to get started,” Conrad said. “We can do an IRA (individual retirement account) for as little as \$5,000 to actually open the account and be up and running. We can do individual investments. Most mutual fund companies want either \$1,000 or \$1,500 to get started, but once you put that initial amount in, you can save as little as \$25 a month or not at all and just occasionally drop in birthday and holiday money if that’s what you want to do.”

Learn To Drive Turns 25

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Since classes started in August 1994, the program has had to adapt to many challenges, including competition from other driving schools.

“We’ve seen competitors come and go,” Campbell said. “We had one guy that said that he was going to put me out of business and now he’s out of business and I’m still here.”

Campbell’s favorite part about being a driving instructor is the impact that he has on the kids.

“I get compliments all the time from parents that their one kid went to a different

driving school and this kid that’s in my class now is telling the other one things that they never learned and correcting the parents for things that they’re doing wrong,” Campbell said.

In recent years, Campbell has seen the kids of former students taking classes at his program.

Summer has been busy for Campbell but he might celebrate the milestone later in the year. His ideas include a car show or, he said, “maybe have some special day at the shopping center where we have a cookout and bring back former students.”

Top 5 Apps for Seniors

By Tara Frame, Esq.

For over 65 years, we have been serving the needs of the families in our community. We work with families and seniors on a daily basis to help prepare for important decisions and life events. Below is a list of some of the Apps we found most helpful in making your lives, and the seniors you love, easier and more enjoyable.

- 1 Life360** - This is a great all-in-one app that helps families stay connected and locate a family member too! It provides location sharing, notifications when your family comes and goes from frequented places, alerts you when someone’s phone is low on battery and even has automatic crash detection feature that alerts emergency contacts and sends an ambulance to your location immediately.
- 2 EyeReader** —EyeReader is a useful app for those times when your magnifying glass gets left behind. Hold your iPhone over a book or magazine and the text is magnified on your phone’s screen.
- 3 Pillboxie** —Remembering to take pills can be a challenge. Recalling the dosages of a dozen or more pills at different times throughout the day can be daunting. This may be why the World Health Organization has found that only half of patients in developed countries adhere to their treatment regimens, according to imedicalapps. Here is an app that provides a visual reminder of which pills to take and when.

- 4 Tile** —The average American spends 60 full hours each year searching for lost items, according to PR News Wire. Seniors are likely to spend even more days per year searching for misplaced keys, wallets, and other items. Tile is an app and tag that can help you keep track of small or large objects.
- 5 Red Panic Button** —This app sends an emergency message to your contacts when you push the button on your phone. It is a great safety measure for seniors who have health complications, poor balance or forgetful.

Apps are just one way to simplify your life, family, and the seniors you love. Don’t wait for a crisis to happen. Planning is an important part of ensuring that you, your family, and the seniors in your life have the most rewarding and stress-free experience possible. The attorneys at Frame & Frame focus on estate planning, probate, elder law and guardianship and have recently been recognized by the SBA as the **2019 Maryland Attorney Advocate of the Year!** Reach out today to schedule a consultation!


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# SERVPRO Brings In A New Commercial Sales And Marketing Representative

SERVPRO of Annapolis/Severna Park has welcomed commercial sales and marketing representative Dan Paulsen. Paulsen joins the team from Interworld Cleaning in Linthicum Heights. Prior to joining SERVPRO, he was a business development coordinator. In his new role at SERVPRO, he will work as a commercial sales and marketing representative for



Dan Paulsen

He provides knowledge and experience of managing

an area encompassing Severna Park, Arnold, Pasadena, Gibson Island and Lake Shore.

projects, from selling to billing, with superior customer service, as well as expertise in a wide range of communication solutions to effectively coordinate projects. Paulsen brings a wealth of knowledge to the SERVPRO team. "I am excited about his skillsets, enthusiasm and sincere passion to help others," said Phil Dumenil, sales and marketing manager.

» **Continued from A12** serving \$6 crushes and more cocktails. Anyone can enjoy the power hour special: \$1 Bud Light and Budweiser bottles from 3:00pm-4:00pm and 11:00pm-midnight.

Shooters was known as a Steelers bar before he took over, but Sparkman said fans of all teams will be welcome during game days.

While Sparkman is looking forward to the next chapter for Shooters, former owner Scott Marx is looking back fondly at his 13 years of ownership. Marx said he decided to sell the bar because the

grueling schedule was taking away time he could spend with his family.

"I love Shooters: the regulars, the happy hour Keno players, the pool leagues, dart teams, poker players, the Steeler Fan Club and the employees," Marx said. "Saying goodbye was the hard part. Shooters is going in the right direction with John!"

Sparkman eventually plans to change the name of the establishment, and he believes the new direction will be refreshing to customers.

"My focus has been changing the image from a

pool hall to a sports bar and restaurant that is family friendly," he said. "Older kids can come in and play the arcade games or shoot pool with their parents. We want to offer good food, great hospitality, and people don't have to spend a fortune."

Shooters has trivia on Sunday from 7:00pm-9:00pm and poker on Monday and Friday at 7:00pm. Hours of operation are 11:00am-2:00am seven days a week. To learn more about Shooters, swing by 904 Ritchie Highway in Severna Park or call 410-544-4669.

# Dr. Brian Valle Marks 30 Years Of Creating Custom Smiles For Patients

» **Continued from A12** he facilitates colleagues in learning advanced dental techniques at the prestigious Kois Center in Seattle, Washington. His practice sets itself apart from others by providing leading-edge care and tailoring every procedure to the individual patient. Valle and his experienced team aim to keep their patients relaxed and comfortable, and, of course, to keep them smiling. Being in business has come with its share of challenges and rewards over the years, as

Valle explained. "The greatest challenge is not being able to serve all those patients that require dental care," he said. "One of the greatest rewards has been volunteering at the Stanton Clinic through Anne Arundel Medical Center and through University of Maryland outreach programs. It feels great improving one's oral health and not expecting anything in return."

And with three decades behind him, Valle has no plans of slowing down. "In the future, I see myself con-

tinuing to serve the needs of the community as long as I am capable physically and mentally," he said. Dr. Brian Valle Functional & Cosmetic Dentistry is located at 251 Najoles Road, Suite J, in Millersville and is open 7:00am-4:00pm Monday and Tuesday, 7:00am-3:00pm Wednesday and 7:00am-2:00pm Thursday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 410-987-9100 or visit them online at [www.drbbrianvalle.com](http://www.drbbrianvalle.com).

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— Toast of Severna Park  
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Congratulations and thank you for participating in this year's parade! Following the parade was Star-Spangled Restaurant Week. Featured restaurants included **Adam's Taphouse and Grille, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Cakes and Confections Bakery Cafe, Garry's Grill, Ledo Pizza, Hellas Restaurant and Lounge, Park Tavern, East West Bistro, Romilo's Restaurant and Bar, Café Bretton, Park Deli, Café Mezzanotte, Founder's Tavern and La Posta Pizzeria and Italian Kitchen.** It is so exciting that our community has grown to support these great establishments. This will now be an annual event. We had three ribbon

cutting celebrations in July. **Kogen Dojo** celebrated its two-year anniversary with an open house and pizza party. In just two years, Kogen Dojo has donated thousands of dollars to support local causes, especially **Burgers & Bands for Suicide Prevention. Bernward Mechanical and Construction Solutions** celebrated three years of business success at its expanded office complex in Arnold, with catering from the newly renovated **Shooters Sports Bar & Grill.** And the **Waypoint Wellness Center** held a ribbon cutting at the new Severna Park location with its impressive team of psychologists and therapists. We would love to have you as a member of our chamber. To learn more, call 410-647-3900, email [info@gspacc.com](mailto:info@gspacc.com) or visit [www.gspacc.com](http://www.gspacc.com).

Is It OK To Have A Mortgage When You Retire?

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am only paying 4%. To make these decisions, there are important factors to consider. When planning for retirement, the factors you need to consider are your interest rate, the investment's rate of return, and your income sources. If your retirement income is enough for you to live on, including your mortgage payment, and if your income comes from guaranteed sources like a pension, Social Security or guaranteed annuity where you can pay your mortgage as well as the rest of your monthly expenses, then it's much easier and prudent to keep the money invested instead of withdrawing it and paying off the mortgage. If you're struggling to pay your monthly bills, it may be in your best interest to pay off your mortgage as soon as you are able and before you retire. We've been hearing a lot about interest rates and the

Federal Reserve in the news lately, but most of the chatter has concerned interest rate decreases. It's unthinkable nowadays that a 30-year fixed mortgage would be 18%, but that was reality for those in 1981. The average 30-year fixed mortgage in 2010 was 4.750%; that's a significant difference. The approach one takes to deciding whether to pay off a mortgage or continue one into retirement is different for these two situations, right? The bottom line here is that in today's environment, with low interest rates, it's OK to have a mortgage. This is especially true for those who have significant pensions and Social Security payments in retirement where it's providing enough income to make the monthly mortgage payments. It's important to note that being debt-free should be the goal for everyone in retirement, but for some, it's just not a possibility and shouldn't prevent you

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## Green Hornets Lads Top Broadneck, Earn Soccer Crown



The Green Hornets 2010 Lads boys soccer team went undefeated at 9-0 in Anne Arundel Youth Soccer Association play in the spring and will aim for continued success in the Central Maryland Short-Sided League this fall.

By Colin Murphy  
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The next wave of soccer talent in Severna Park is off to a winning start.

The Green Hornets Lads 2010 soccer team will enter play this fall fresh off a league championship in the Anne Arundel Youth Soccer Association U9 2nd Division.

The team of **Ben Baxter, Brady Smith, Carter Browning, Cole Shinaberry, Heath Gardner, Henry Singer, Hudson Grow, Landon Clewley, Luke Raino, Miles McGuinness, Nicholas Wintermyer** and **Owen DiMauro** finished undefeated at 9-0 in the six-team AAYSA U9 second tier.

In doing so, Severna Park's U9's produced their second consecutive championship season, having gone 7-2 to finish in first place in AAYSA 3rd Division in the fall of 2018.

Despite expecting some growing pains against stiffer competition in the higher division, the Lads instead ran the table, scoring a whopping 69 goals and allowing only six goals in nine wins.

Head coach **Ian Grow** said the Lads were able to grasp and employ advanced concepts in continuing their success from the fall.

"We've been teaching defense and passing," said Grow, who coaches the Lads with assistant coach **Mark Gardner**. "At their age, a lot of the other teams are just kicking and chasing. We put a philosophy in place last fall, and the kids carried over into the spring from the very first practice. They understood their roles and what we were teaching them, which is to move to space, and defense wins. I'm more proud of giving up only six goals all season than scoring almost 70."

A critical juncture came » Continued on B4

## Green Hornets Rugby Shines As Host Of Maryland Championships

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Kinder Park was the site of the Maryland Youth Rugby Festival over the weekend of July 27-28 as Green Hornets Rugby entertained 55 teams from all over Maryland for the sport's youth state championships.

Severna Park played proud rugby and defended its home fields admirably with strong season-ending performances at the U7, U9, U11 and U13 levels in the tournament, which pitted teams against one another in 20-minute, seven-on-seven games known as rugby sevens, a faster and typically more high-scoring version of traditional 11-versus-11 rugby.

The U11's highlighted the weekend for Severna Park as the Green Hornets capped an exceptional season by going 4-0-1 in the Championship Division to



The Green Hornets U11 rugby team went 4-0-1 and defeated the Lutherville-Timonium Vipers in the tournament final of the Maryland Youth Rugby Festival on July 27.

win the state championship. The Green Hornets U11 team of **Calhan Cassidy, Noah Croghan, Lucy Davis, Coleman Eaton, Jackson Eaton, Alexander Endres, Dash Havens,**

**Zach Hedges, Shamaree Johnson, Felicity Lyng, Thomas Lynn, Skylar Marshall, Ares Mason, Sam Matthews, Brooke Nagle, Grayson Robinson, Kaden Schurr, Rickai Torrence,**

**Moe Utz, Zach Willard** and **Jeremy Zotterand** played the Lutherville-Timonium Vipers to a 17-17 tie in the tournament's opening game, then rattled off three » Continued on B2

## 12U Hornets Baseball Excels In Cooperstown



The 12U Green Hornets select baseball team went 36-21-1 overall in 2019. In July, the team reached the round of 16 during the 104-team Cooperstown Dreams Park Tournament (above) held at the site of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

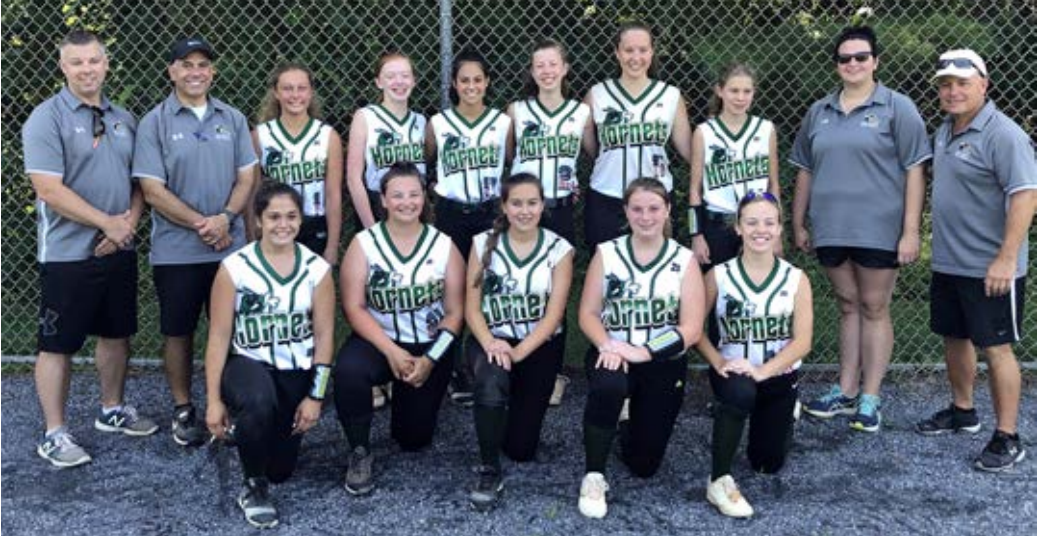
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The Green Hornets 12U select baseball team wrapped up an excellent all-around season with a strong performance at the esteemed Cooperstown Dreams Park Tournament at the site of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Severna Park's 12U ball players went 36-21-1 overall across both league and tournament play with successes dotting the spring and summer season.

The team, » Continued on B3

## Successful First Year For 14U Green Hornets Select Softball



It was a successful first season of select softball for the newly formed 14U Green Hornets, who comprised players from multiple Anne Arundel County schools and finished in the top five of their biggest tournament of the summer.

By Colin Murphy  
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It was a successful first season for a local group of select softball neophytes.

The Green Hornets 14U select softball team, which comprised first-year select players from the North County, Broadneck, Old

Mill and Severna Park feeder systems, went 19-17 overall against top teams from Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

The team of **Abby Fontz, Alexa Jimeno, Ally Weaver, Christina Ballagh, Elisabeth Krupinsky, Jordan Bodziak, Lily Gleisner,**

**Madison Sayre, Miranda Dameron, Ryleigh Smith** and **Sydney Wiseman** formed with the goal of providing girls in or entering high school with a higher level of competition and the opportunity to improve as serious softball players.

"Our team was » Continued on B4

## Hornet U9's Win AACo Lax Title



The Green Hornets third-grade select boys lacrosse players were undefeated champs of the Anne Arundel County Clinic U9 A Division and finished with a 17-5 overall record.

By Colin Murphy  
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Summer is a time for rest and reflection, and the Green Hornets third-grade select lacrosse team has been able to enjoy the season by looking back on a league championship.

Severna Park went 6-0 with wins over Arden, South River and Kent

Island to finish atop the Anne Arundel County U9 Clinic A Division.

Coached by **Ryan Miller, Andy Snow, Randy Hoffmaster, Jim Lighthizer** and **Dave McGuinness**, the team also performed well in the competitive Howard County League, going 4-3 overall.

The team punctuated

its regular season with a run to the championship at the Lax Splash Aloha Tournament in Baltimore on June 1 and 2. Severna Park won three of its four games to make the final. Two weeks later, the team went 4-1 at the Hogan Lax Summer Exposure tournament in Davidsonville to finish 17-5 overall.



## GH Pirates Are 12U Champs



The Pirates shut out the Orioles 5-0 for the Majors crown.

The Pirates became Green Hornets baseball 12U champions with a 5-0 win over the Orioles in the Majors championship game.

The team of **Aiden Holly, Andrew Kokoski, Stephen Nunn, Dominic Medile, Nick Lose, Harrison Sudano, Cooper Alverdian, Brady Talbot,**

**Andrew Webster, Jackson Eaton, Connor Woodward, Gavin Fraley, Josiah Dial and Jack Golden** received strong pitching, solid defense and timely offense to come away victorious over the O's.

Medile started and delivered three shutout innings. Eaton scored on a

grounder by Alverdian to stake the Pirates to a 1-0 lead. Kokoski pitched two shutout innings and snared a line drive come-backer that resulted in a double play to preserve the Pirates' lead. Medile, Fraley, Sudano and Talbot contributed hitting and base running to plate four runs in the fifth inning. Talbot closed the game and induced two groundouts before striking out the final batter to finalize the outcome.

Coached by **Richard Kokoski, Analisa Webster, Chris Kokoski and Sam Medile**, the Pirates finished 11-3 on the season.

"This season, like in years past, was about 'play hard but most importantly we are here to have fun,'" said coach Kokoski. "The smiles were evidenced all season long."

## Green Hornets Rugby Shines At States

» Continued from B1 victories to set up a rematch with Lutherville-Timonium in the final, which Severna Park won, 24-15.

U11 coach **Brendan Nagle**, who coached the team with **Thomas Mason**, said the Green Hornets excelled throughout the season, dropping only two games all summer and surging into the tournament before coming away with the state championship trophy.

"Every year they've been learning," said Nagle. "They took a lot of new rules this year and learned them quickly. We had a lot of new players come in this year as well. Next year, most of this championship team will be promoting to the U13 level, so this year was a good year to win it with them. Great bunch of kids, enjoy the sport, they've really enjoyed the game and being together as a group."

The U9 Green Hornets — **Callum Aird, Abi Almodovar-Vives, Rodney Anderson, Mikey Bodine, Cade Cobb, Jayden Cobbs, Lila Couslin, Elly Davis, McKayla Dewald, Heath Gardner, Will Gibson, Oliver Hines, Madeline Holquist, Isabelle Lynn, Ava Mastrodomenico, MJ Matthews, Thomas Matthews, Mason Rose, Kyle Schuller and Stuart Werner** — likewise produced a stellar season, going undefeated all summer. With several families on summer vacation at the time of the Maryland Youth Rugby Festival, the U9's joined forces with many of the U7's for the tournament, as the U7 Green Hornets group of **Henry Bailey, Landin Dewald, Brigid Endres, Charlotte**

**Gibson, Kieran Gibson, Henry Hines, Noah Mack, Tighe O'Brien, Jackson Rausch and Elliott Wells** also did not lose a game all season long, and the U7's fortified the U9 roster to help the Green Hornets to a 4-0 championship run in the Festival Division.

Green Hornets Rugby commissioner Ryan O'Kane said the progress of the U7's and U9's over the course of the season was dramatic, a credit to the kids and their coaches.

"Teaching that age group is difficult, but [coaches] **Kevin Gibson, James Mastrodomenico and Fitz Curran**, what they did with the U7's and U9's, the other teams around the league didn't know how to scrum, didn't know how to do line-outs, they don't do drop-kicks — our U7's are doing these things. If these kids stick with it, this program is going to get stronger and better. These coaches just have done a great job."

The Green Hornets U13's — **Finn Ackerman, Bennan Aird, Brayden Albrecht, Alejandro Almodovar-Vives, Evan Campbell, Luke Cobb, Ryan Crowley, Zoey Evora, Gabbi Jurado, Sawyer Knapp, Chase Martin, Anna Mastrodomenico, Sahara Morano, Josh O'Donnell, Riordan O'Kane, Ryan O'Kane, Payton Ralston, Caleb Rassofsky, Avery Rose, Lily Schurr, Lincoln Scott, Michael Stone, Jake Towner and Kelley Utz** — were the top U13 team in the state throughout the regular season. Severna Park suffered an upset loss to Ellicott City in the festival and ended up finishing in second in pool play of the U13 Championship Division.

Commissioner O'Kane said the 80 kids who played Green Hornets Rugby this summer — practicing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and playing weekend games — further strengthened the growing program and enjoyed the myriad benefits of playing the sport. Many of them are fall sports athletes who will enter their football, soccer and field hockey seasons this August with superior

conditioning and sharpness.

"These kids are beyond fit," said O'Kane. "I had one girl who is like a superstar in lacrosse, and the first couple of weeks, she had just finished lacrosse season, and she was gasping for air. She was like, 'I thought I was in shape!' The kind of condition these kids are in at the end of the season, it's amazing how far they transform over those two months. They're running hard and fast, playing full-speed for an hour and half, two hours in the summer heat, and it's a lot of running in rugby sevens, far more running than lacrosse or football."

In addition to praising the efforts of Green Hornets President **Josh Banks** and the GSPAAA for having the fields and facility in tip-top shape to host the championship event, O'Kane said the support of volunteers, coaches and parents continues to provide the kids with a wonderful experience each summer playing Green Hornets Rugby. Though summer rugby is played as two-hand touch, players benefitted this season from a clinic to learn proper tackling form with the goal of introducing spring tackle rugby for middle schoolers and preparing the kids for high school rugby.

"We've got volunteers, coaches, kids and parents who want to [have the opportunity to play tackle rugby]," O'Kane said. The aforementioned coaches as well as Matt Ramirez and Sean Martin have filled out the program with devoted and knowledgeable coaches. "The whole progression is to take them to tackle rugby by high school, so we're starting to take it there. We want to grow the program."

Above all, O'Kane said the kids are enjoying the ride rugby affords them and he sees many of them remaining lifelong ruggers.

"The big thing is I'm proud of the kids," O'Kane said.

"The kids have done so well and love the sport, and they want to continue growing with it. The entry level is 5 years old for us, and it's a sport that these kids can play their whole lives."

## Super Gators Rep At 8U Softball All-Star Tournament

The Green Hornets 8U All-Star softball team, self-dubbed the Super Gators, went 4-1 and finished in third place at the 8U Central Maryland All-Star Championship weekend in late June. The team of **Natalie Wolf, Abby Lawson, Jodi Deaton, Natalie Lawson, McKenna Bary, Sophie Terra, Alexis Beil, Sydney Beil, Ryleigh Ridpath, Abby Trust, Addy Carlson** and **Allie Moran** defeated GORC and Lake Shore in pool play before falling to Havenwood in the



semifinals, but they came back to defeat GORC and Lake Shore again on Day 2 of the tournament to

finish third. The team was coached by **Phil Wolf, Matthew Trust** and **Andrew Carlson**.

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12U Hornets Excel In Cooperstown

» Continued from B1 comprising **Nick Nobleza, Riley Handwerger, Lawson Fenn, Benji Beisler, Andrew Kummer, Nick Hulme, Cade Schuetter, Ryder Halloran, Jayden Dennis, Charlie Hartman, Tavion Griffin** and **Jacob Williams**, began stacking up victories from the spring’s first pitch. The Green Hornets went 5-0 to win the Ripken Opening Day Tournament in Aberdeen in the final weekend of March, beating the OC Raptors of New York by a final score of 16-7 in the tournament’s championship game.

Playing their regular season in the Chesapeake Regional Amateur Baseball League, known as the CRAB League and widely considered the region’s most competitive league at the 12U level, the Green Hornets produced a solid 12-11 record.

Throughout the season, the team was led offensively by Schuetter (.540 average, 22 home runs, 68 RBIs) and Handwerger (.423 average, 79 runs, 43 stolen bases) and received excellent pitching from Hulme (54 innings pitched, 53 strikeouts, 3.44 ERA) and Kummer (52.2 innings pitched, 30 strikeouts, 4.57 ERA).

The Green Hornets went a combined 11-2 in three Ripken Tournaments (Opening Day, Memorial Day Classic and Turn Two) in Aberdeen and were runners-up in the Armed Forces Classic in

Frederick in June. In July, the Green Hornets took part in one of the country’s great baseball traditions and traveled to Cooperstown along with 12U teams from all over the country for a mega-tournament of 104 teams. The tournament is a rite-of-passage for 12U baseball players, who transition to full-sized diamonds as 13-year-olds and play their final 12U ball at the hallowed ground of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The Green Hornets represented Severna Park proudly in their trek to Cooperstown, going 7-3 while playing against the sixth-, eighth-, ninth-, 21st-, 25th and 30th-seeded teams in the 104-team field. As a team, the Green Hornets hit 27 home runs at the tournament and scored 123 runs in 10 games against teams from Florida, Georgia, Ohio, Michigan, Utah, Virginia and Maryland.

Severna Park won three elimination games on July 10 by a combined score of 41-10 to advance to the round of 16 out of 104 teams; the team became the first Green Hornets team to get to the round of 16 at Cooperstown since the 2013 squad.

The team is coached by head coach **Chad Hartman** and assistant coaches **James Williams, Scott Handwerger, Michael Kummer** and **Anthony Dennis**.

Hartman said the trip to Cooperstown was something the boys had anticipated eagerly as they’ve grown up

playing together. “We have been looking forward to Cooperstown since our 8U season, and the actual experience far exceeded our expectations as coaches,” said Hartman. “The boys created memories and bonds, both on and off the field, that will last a lifetime.”

Hartman said the extended support network for the players and the surrounding Severna Park community played a role in its success and memorable summer.

“I want to thank the assistant coaches who devoted countless hours to the boys throughout the year so that they could grow and develop as baseball players and young men,” said Hartman. “We are also very fortunate to have a great group of parents that continuously supported the team and coaching staff. Lastly, I want to thank our local sponsors who played a big role in our fundraising efforts that helped send the boys to Cooperstown.”

Hartman said the team’s success on the field was the perfect ending to their time as little league baseball players.

“For them to play at such a high level and have so much success up there was really just icing on the cake,” he said. “Each player had a moment/moments up in Cooperstown that led to us winning a baseball game, whether it be at the plate, on the mound or defensively. It was truly a team effort the entire week.”

SP 15U Navy Baseball Wins Co-Op

By Colin Murphy  
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The Severna Park Navy 15U baseball team came away as champions of the Anne Arundel County Baseball Cooperative League Pony Division following a three-game win streak in the playoffs and a 15-4 win over Broadneck in the postseason championship.

The team of **Aaron Bramble, Kiefer Chandler, John Choi, Eric Chu, Jasur Cosby, Ryan Crowley, Jonathan Heward, Tucker Legnon, Matthew Marshiano, Christopher Nunn, Ezra Payne, Kaden Spiegl, Luke Whitlock** and **Julian Zelaya** went 4-6-1 in regular-season play but gained confidence in an 8-8



The Severna Park Navy 15U baseball team got hot for the playoffs of the Anne Arundel County Baseball Cooperative League, winning three straight games, including a 15-4 victory over Broadneck in the tournament championship.

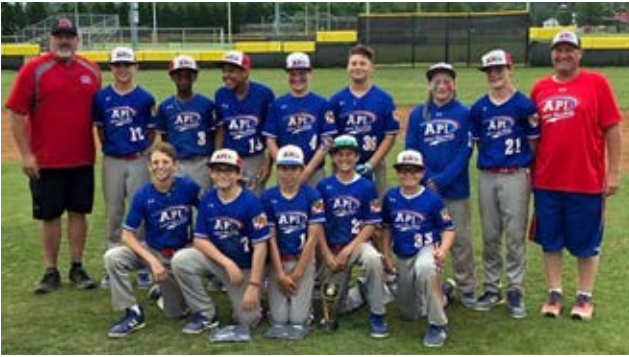
tie against Lake Shore (13-1-1 record) and a 5-4 loss to Severna Park Green (11-1-1 record), learning they could compete with the top teams.

In the playoffs they reeled off three straight wins, culminating with a sterling pitching performance by Nunn and a strong defensive game in the 15-4 championship victory at Broadneck Park.

“I was super proud of the team in a million ways,” said head coach **Albert Whitlock**, who coached the team with assistant coaches **Jim Marshiano, Kerry Cosby** and **Paul Heward**.

“Just seeing them progress throughout the season and really starting to do what the coaches were instructing them to do was great to see. Sometimes it was them doing the right thing on the field and sometimes it was kids who were sitting out that inning talking it up from the dugout. It seemed like the excitement level in each kid just kept rising all season. I think part of it was they were getting more and more used to each other, more used to the coaches, and I think they could all tell that we had a pretty talented team that could do well in the playoffs.”

API 12U Blue Goes Unbeaten In Cooperstown



The API 12U Blue select baseball team had an outstanding 2019 summer season, going 33-11 overall and winning two regional tournaments. The API 12U's were champions of the Sports at the Beach Colossal Clash in Delaware and the Chesapeake Baseball Association Father's Day Tournament. API traveled to Cooperstown, New York, in July for the prestigious Cooperstown Dreams Park Tournament and played exceptionally well, going undefeated (6-0) against top teams from all over the country. API finished eighth in the 104-team field.



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## AACo Girls 'Crosse Over' In UK Lax Tour



*The Anne Arundel County U15 girls lacrosse team that toured England this summer was made up of student-athletes from Severna Park, Broadneck, Indian Creek, Spalding, Northeast, Chesapeake, Old Mill, South River, Annapolis and Garrison Forest.*

For the 24th consecutive year the Anne Arundel Crosse Over Tour sent a team of Anne Arundel County-based girls lacrosse players to England for a two-week tour of the country and a slate of lacrosse games.

The local contingent represented strongly against many of the best teams in the Cheshire region of Northern England, going 6-0 overall, including a 15-7 win against the host Stockport MetroGirls Lacrosse Club.

The U15 Anne Arundel County team included Severna Park's **Morgan Scott** and **Macey Scott**; Broadneck's **Samantha Lavorini**, **Mary Moore** and **Alexis Dupcak**; Spalding's **Lucy Beardmore** and **Annika Standish**;

and Indian Creek's **Avery Barnhill** and **Molly Bunker**. The team of defeated the MetroGirls 15-7 in the final game of the trip, with Moore recording four goals and two assists and Lavorini scoring three goals and adding an assist. Dupcak had two goals and dominated in the draw circle.

Indian Creek's Bunker received the prestigious Lyn Jones Award, voted on by the host MetroGirls, for the athlete who best displays the "Friendship Through Lacrosse" ideals of the Tour.

Next summer the Stockport MetroGirls will make the trans-Atlantic trip to stay with host families in Anne Arundel County and play against local teams while experiencing the United States.

## Select 14U's Have Success

» **Continued from B1**

formed thanks to the efforts of [Severna Park varsity coach] Meredith McAlister and the Green Hornets organization, who wanted to give girls the opportunity to play softball at a more advanced level,” said head coach **Greg Jimeno**, who coached the team with assistant coaches **Butch Fontz**, **Brittany Hammack** and **Keith Gleisner**. “Playing select softball was an adjustment for the team, but they worked hard, put in a lot of time and effort, and, as a result, became much better softball players.”

A notable

accomplishment came when the team posted a top-five finish at the United States Specialty Sports Association C Division State Championship tournament in Laurel in July.

Coach Jimeno said the season was a positive step by a group that showed a great approach to the game.

"I could not have asked for a better group of kids who were fun to be around and who supported each other through the ups and downs of a season," said Jimeno. "I was very happy to see them have so much success on the field as the season progressed."

## ***GH Lads Win Soccer Title***

» **Continued from B1**  
in the sixth week of the season when Severna Park faced Broadneck and both teams entered the match undefeated at 5-0, the driver's seat for the league title at stake.

Seyerna Park went down to Broadneck 1-0, but the Lads roared back for an emphatic 5-1 victory against the rivals they will continue to compete against in the years to come.

Gardner was named the team's Most Valuable Player, while Wintermyer earned the title of Most Improved Player Award and DiMauro received the Team

Dedication Award.

The Lads will play the upcoming fall season in the even more competitive Central Maryland Short-Sided League.

Coach Grow believes the precocious team-centric character the Green Hornets displayed in the spring will continue to serve them well this fall and beyond.

"They all adopted that team mentality," said Grow. "There was no question on the field as to what their roles and responsibilities were. They really just got it. For kids that young, it was really amazing to watch."

# SPY Hosts 28th Annual County Swim Meet

**By Camryn Levin**  
**Student Intern**

Thirteen teams comprising 300 athletes ages 6 to 18 convened for the Anne Arundel County Swim Meet from July 9-10. Hosted by SPY Swimming, the competition was held at the Severna Park Community Center.

"All these kids in the county swim in different leagues — the Gassel league, the Central Maryland League

— and they never get to swim against each other,” said **Crystee Ballard**, the head coach of SPY and organizer of the meet. “That was the original thought behind it: to bring everyone together.”

All around the pool were groups of kids laughing and having fun regardless of the names on their swim caps. And it wasn't just around the pool; tailgates for each team could be seen outside the doors of the community

center, where vendors sold Chick-fil-A sandwiches and snoballs.

"I like the county meet more because at the county meet, you swim against multiple teams, while a regular meet, you swim against one team," said 12-year-old **Addy Smith**, who swims for Evergreen.

"The county meet is more fun because I get to compete against my friends from different swim clubs," said

**Tyler Moran**, who swims for Severn River Swim Club. "It definitely makes it more competitive than any of the dual meets."

At the meet, Moran broke a team record and also helped coach some of the younger kids on the second day of the event.

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# Green Hornets Show Out In 12U All-Star Baseball Game



The best of the best made their final season appearance in the 2019 Severna Park Green Hornets Major League All-Star game in June, with the Green team defeating the Gold team 17-8. The 12U All-Stars were **Chris Bartlett, Andrew Kokoski, Dhru Naran, Donovan Booker, Tony Macleay, Nathan Broadwater, Brady Talbot, Sam Herman, Leo Havens, Trip Kennedy, Ty Gaiser, Josh Taylor, Braxton Bar, Dominic Medile, Stephen Nunn, Jacob Mason, Andrew Kelly, Stevie Degnan, Matthew Zimmerman, Harrison Sudano, Ethan Dillon, Mason Keegan, Luke DeBaugh and Jacob Barlock.**

# STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



## Katrina Schultz, Severna Park Golf

By Colin Murphy  
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Like many student-athletes seeking to get the most out of their opportunities playing sports, Severna Park rising senior **Katrina Schultz** has taken lessons learned playing for the Falcons' county-championship golf team and applied them to other areas of her life.

"Being on the Severna Park golf team for the past three years has allowed me to grow immensely because even though our scores count individually, they also count for the team," said Schultz. "This means that no matter what, you have to be a team player and cheer on your teammates."

It's a sentiment Schultz has applied to her role in the school community as one of a handful of student leaders of the Our Minds Matter movement that seeks to de-stigmatize mental health issues and promote mental wellness initiatives among teens in the community.

"I helped start Our Minds Matter because I became aware of the genuine need for more mental health resources in public schools," said Schultz. "And the more I started to talk about mental health with my classmates, the more I realized that the stigma isolates people in their own struggles instead of [them] being able to share what they're going through with others, which creates a supportive and understanding environment. High schools should be that kind of environment because as teenagers, we already face so many pressures and challenges, and figuring how to mask how we really feel should not be one of those challenges. We started OMM with the goal that we want more resources to help students realize that they're not alone in their struggles and that it's OK not to be OK."

Severna Park golf coach Pete Buck has seen Schultz take the lead on a cause she feels passionate about, saying she's driven not by her own success but by the success of the group.

"She's always been a hard worker and a leader," said Buck. "She's done well in the classroom and has been a great teammate. She's been very proactive about Our Minds Matter."

Helping others is not new for Schultz.

Through her church, St. Martin's-in-the-Field, she has gone on three mission trips to Kentucky and North Carolina over the past two summers to repair homes for local residents as part of the Appalachia Service Project. The experiences have helped her realize how fortunate she is to live in a community like Severna Park, reaffirming her drive to help those in need.

"I'm really passionate about going on mission trips like ASP because it puts into perspective not only how lucky I am to live in a community like Severna Park, but also that you don't need money, or a degree from a top 10 college, or lots of friends to be happy," Schultz said. "I would recommend that everybody go on at least one mission trip in their life."

Maintaining perspective is something Schultz strives to do in her personal life. While she is a good student, she said she learned last school year that her efforts must serve her internal drive, not external motivations.

"My junior year, I really challenged myself and took four AP classes and almost all the rest honors, which I quickly learned was too much for me," she said. "It's hard in school, especially at Severna Park, to not compare yourself to your classmates when it comes to test scores and grades, but I worked really hard on my schoolwork and I was proud of myself, which is all that really matters."

She plans to continue to raise awareness of the need for mental health resources with the aim to let anyone who is struggling know that there are people all around them willing to help.

"If I could say one thing to everybody struggling with mental illness, it would be that your mental illness is not a personal failure and in no way affects who you are as a person," Schultz said. "I would definitely emphasize that they are not alone in their struggles — there are so many people around us who are fighting similar battles, and there are even more who will be there to support them."

Want to get involved with the Our Minds Matter movement? Follow on Instagram at @ourmindsmattermvmt for updates.

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## Former Falcon Fields Opportunity As Orioles Ball Girl

By Zach Sparks

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As a catcher for the 2018 Severna Park High School 4A state championship team, Abby Becker always had her eye on the ball. When she saw her chance to work for the Baltimore Orioles as a ball girl during the 2019 season, she had no trouble keeping her eye on her new target.

"For my dad and I, it was a dream for a while, but you have to be 18,"

said Becker, a rising sophomore at the University of Maryland. "Once I turned 18, I was ready to give it a shot."

During tryouts on March 9, more than 30 challengers convened at Camden Yards for ball boy and ball girl tryouts. Team officials sought candidates who were outgoing and athletic, two traits Becker got to show off as she fielded ground balls and answered two questions on camera: why do you want to be an

Orioles ball girl and who is your favorite player?

For the first response, she cited her passion for the sport and for meeting people. Her reply to the second question focused on a former fan favorite in Baltimore who made his first All-Star game as an Atlanta Brave last season.

"Nick Markakis is my favorite player because when I played softball, I was never the best or the loudest," Becker said. » Continued on B8

Photo courtesy of Joe Becker

As a ball girl for the Baltimore Orioles, Abby Becker retrieves foul balls, runs scripts with the MASN crew before broadcasts, helps with the ceremonial first pitch, and interacts with the crowd.



## Teen To Raise Money For JM Cure After Diagnosis

By Judy Tacyn

Bumps, bruises and an occasional sunburn are not usually cause for concern for an athletic track and soccer star. Seventeen-year-old **Madison Davis'** weekend in April 2017 started with a Saturday morning track meet where she suffered severe sunburn. The next day, she played in a soccer tournament and was twice kicked in the shin, leaving a mark that developed into a huge bruise on her lower leg. Surely neither the sunburn nor the bruise would slow down the Archbishop Spalding junior and Millersville resident for long.

"She took a few days off from soccer after that, hoping to rest and recover. What it did, though, was set off a chain reaction," recalled Maddie's mother, **Christine Davis.** "By the next Saturday, she had huge, painful mouth blis-



Photo by Judy Tacyn

Madison Davis has juvenile myositis, a rare autoimmune disease affecting just two to four U.S. children out of every million.

ters and a rash that covered her face and hands. A few days later, she developed flu-like symptoms and started becoming really weak."

Maddie was so weak she would crawl from her bed to the bathroom, and any

exertion would cause her to vomit and struggle to breathe. Over the course of just a few weeks, her parents twice took Maddie to her pediatrician, twice raced to a local hospital emergency room, and always heard the same thing: "it's a virus."

By May 23, 2017, Maddie had not been well enough to attend school for an entire month. "I forced her to get out of bed and go back to school, telling her, 'They say it's just a virus and the only way you can get stronger is to push through,'" said Christine. By 9:30am, the Spalding school nurse called to say Maddie was in the stairwell and couldn't

get up the steps. By the afternoon, Maddie was seen by her pediatrician, had extensive bloodwork and underwent an ultrasound of her now highly swollen arm.

"My husband and I were » Continued on B10

## Former Jones Elementary Principal Is Just Getting Started

By Dave Topp

After 39 years in the field of education, including the last six as the principal of Jones Elementary School, Pat Keffer is retiring. But don't be fooled; she's not slowing down anytime soon.

"I think most of the people that know me know that I'm not done," Keffer said. "It's time for [something] new."

A graduate of Penn State, Keffer has immersed herself in education, teaching elementary through high school students over the course of her career. She's worked in special education, as a resource teacher for the Gifted and Talented program, and held the role of assistant principal prior to her most recent position at Jones.

Keffer spent 30 years classroom teaching and nine years as an administrator. "Teach-

ing is the best profession ever," she said.

Now begins a new chapter in her life. She's already lined up volunteer positions with the Anne Arundel County Literacy Council and the Blue Ribbon Project, which provides support for survivors of child abuse, foster care and child sexual assault.

"Pat has a true passion for teaching and learning," said Karen Simpson, who worked with Keffer for six years as a literacy teacher at Jones. "She passed onto

me to never stop learning and continue to find our passion to pass onto the children."

Pat Keffer (pictured back left below and pictured right), who has spent 30 years classroom teaching and nine years as an administrator, is retiring after enjoying the last six years as the principal at Jones Elementary.



New Jones Elementary School Principal Jim Whisman shared a similar sentiment about Keffer's devotion to the children.

"On the personal level,

her passion was for kids. Her passion was for student learning," said Whisman, who most recently served as assistant principal at Southgate Elementary School. "I could



see that in just the couple times we met."

Keffer spoke with gratitude and admiration as she reflected on her time at Jones Elementary.

"Every morning, I was out there greeting the students with a 'good morning, I'm so glad you're here,' and having them say that back to me," » Continued on B10

## Local 9-Year-Old Shoots For The Stars



Amelia Gillespie attended a Senate subcommittee meeting in July, when she met Eugene Kranz, a former NASA flight director who led the Apollo 11 and 13 missions.

By Ava Stanski

Student Intern

Ask a room of children what they want to be when they grow up and you'll likely get a variety of answers. Doctor, actor, president or even a prince or princess could be popular choices. For

9-year-old Amelia Gillespie of Arnold, however, these aspirations are more than just a far-off fantasy.

After going to Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, in February, Amelia's already-present interest in the cosmos was sparked » Continued on B8

## Area Youth Participate In Mission Trips

By Laura McElwain

Colquhoun

Several youth from Severna Park have spent part of their summers in the service of others. The teens, along with adult advisers from Severna Park churches, participated in mission trips to different areas on the East Coast.

As part of the WoodsWork outreach program, 120 youth and 40 adults from Woods Presbyterian Church traveled to Salem County, New Jersey, from June 20 to 28 to participate in Habitat for Humanity projects. Eligible participants ranged from rising sophomores in high school to recent graduates. Volunteers built three ranch-style homes next to each other for local families in need. Habitat for Humanity built the foundations, and the WoodsWork group built the wood framing and installed doors and windows.

Aaron Kent, a recent Severna Park High School graduate, was the youth chairman for the mission trip. It was his fourth year



A group of 30 youth and adults from St. Martin's Episcopal Church caravanned to Lawrence County, Kentucky, to serve the Appalachia Service Project.

participating in a Habitat for Humanity project, and he described the heartwarming feeling he had when meeting the recipients of the new homes. During this year's trip, Kent met a baby from a family whose home the volunteers helped to build. "He just got a home," Kent said with a glint in his eyes. "Knowing we could help these families start over in a good environment is rewarding."

WoodsWork volunteers

"Knowing we could help these families start over in a good environment is rewarding."

— AARON KENT  
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were housed in the gymnasium of a local high school, where they had access to the cafeteria to prepare meals. The group also gathered

nightly at two nearby churches where they ended the day with evening programs that included music and faith building.

A group of 30 youth and adults from St. Martin's Episcopal Church caravanned to Lawrence County, Kentucky, to participate in an Appalachia Service Project from June 23 to 29. The Appalachia Service Project is a nonprofit organization with offices throughout the Appalachian » Continued on B11

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“Music For The Soul”

How A Small Service Project Grew Into An Impressive Research Study



By Camryn Levin Student Intern

In December 2016, Aarushi Negi was a Severn School sophomore participating in a small service project at Sunrise of Severna Park’s assisted living facility. Back then, she and a few volunteers would head to Sunrise with donated iPods to play music for the residents with Alzheimer’s. “Through this project, I could interact with these people and see how their quality of life improves,” Negi explained.

Over the course of her high school career, her project has grown immensely. In February 2019, she had 30 to 40 volunteers join her at Sunrise every week. She has expanded in the nursing home to patients with minor cognitive impairment and early-onset Alzheimer’s, not just patients in the dementia unit.

Negi’s project originally involved just community service, but in her senior year, it began becoming more research-based. “In the beginning, it was more of a service project; me and some volunteers would go and give the residents music on iPods,” she explained. “When I got to senior year, I noticed some patterns in the residents’ responses to the music.”

These patterns include an increase in mood and behavior, clearer speech and an increase in complacency with the caregivers.

These patterns encouraged Negi to continue her research and answer a specific question: Does personalized music played to patients with Alzheimer’s increase their life quality over an extended period of time?

So, she began her research. Everyday Negi would go into Sunrise of Severna Park with personalized music for each of the participating residents.

She would track the results using three assessment scales: the life satisfaction scale, the brief anxiety and depression scale, and the brief cognitive assessment scale. All three scales were used to measure life satisfaction, mood and cognition, the main Alzheimer’s components that Negi was researching.

Changing from a service project to a research project brought obstacles. She had to get approval from an institutional review board, which would decide whether her project was ethically appropriate. After a few months, she received approval from the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutional Review Board.

Despite the challenges of getting the project started, Negi finds the research process gratifying and eye-opening. “Residents began opening up more and more to me,” she said. “One patient, 102 years old, began bringing up past memories of dancing with her brothers and sisters to jazz music, which was super moving. Also, a lot of residents would cry of happiness during the sessions.”

Negi is a recent graduate of Severn School and will attend Vanderbilt University in the fall. When asked about the future of her project, she didn’t miss a beat. “I’m planning on passing on the project to my sister,” he said. “But on breaks, I plan on continuing the research with her at Sunrise.”

Negi’s sister is Ayanna Negi, an upcoming sophomore at Severn School who has been at Aarushi’s side since the beginning.

She also plans on studying neuroscience at Vanderbilt and hopes to continue her research of Alzheimer’s and dementia while in Nashville. “I’m thinking about pursuing a music and memory club at Vanderbilt and continuing my research of music and the brain,” she added. “I also hope to continue the service aspect and reach out to nursing homes in Nashville.”

For more information on the project, visit [www.severn-fellow19anegi.weebly.com](http://www.severn-fellow19anegi.weebly.com).

Crossing Cultures: Severna Park Scouts Attend World Jamboree

By Zach Sparks zach@pasadenavoice.com

With bands, drones and lasers, the West Virginia site of the 24th World Scout Jamboree was a welcome attraction to roughly 50,000 visitors from July 22 to August 2, but the main focus for Severna Park High students Ben Van Brunt and Ryan Burgett, along with the other guests, was learning about peace, leadership and life skills.

The World Scout Jamboree is held in different countries once every four years for ages 14 to 17, so teens have only one chance to attend as a scout during their lifetimes.

Despite attending the same high school and living in the same community, Chartridge, the boys did not know each other until the event was approaching. Ben is a member of Troop 993, which meets at Severna Park United Methodist Church, and Ryan is with Troop 339, based at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Upon arriving at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, it was clear the two scouts were going to meet many more new people. “The most important skill was just going up to people and starting a conversation,” Ryan said.

Ben added, “We definitely had to be more open to understanding other people’s cultures.”

Opening and closing ceremonies focused on global peace. Whitewater rafting and motocross were just two of the many activities offered in addition to the opportunity to compare cultures. Ben and



Top: Chartridge neighbors Ryan Burgett (left) and Ben Van Brunt learned about peace, leadership and other cultures during the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia from July 22 to August 2. Middle: Van Brunt (middle) and Burgett (second from right) got to ask other teens about their hometowns and lifestyles. Bottom: During the Jamboree, German pretzels were one of many foods Van Brunt and Burgett sampled.

Ryan asked other scouts about their countries and they compared favorite foods with kids from England.

“The British have this candy bar called Maryland, but it’s not anywhere in Maryland,” Ben said.

Both Ben and Ryan have had a lifelong interest in scouting. Ben lived in Denmark for three years and Italy for two years, working his way from a Tiger to a soon-to-be Eagle Scout. He finished his Eagle project in July, working with a team to build two benches and install a sign at Severna Park United Methodist Church, and he expects to have his Court of Honor ceremony in November. Ryan is currently searching for a worthy Eagle project.

While Ben enjoys fire-making and tools, Ryan loves camping. “I wanted to go out and stay in the wilderness for a week, which I’ve done,” Ryan said.

“You could pursue woodcarving, but another person could pursue space exploration,” Ben said of the various merit badges. “There is something for everyone.”

While the World Scout Jamboree, too, had something for everyone, Ben and Ryan are tracking their new friends through the app Snapchat, which has a map and identifying markers for each person’s location. Ben, a rising junior, and Ryan, a rising sophomore, are also excited to stay involved with their respective troops.

“I plan on helping my troop more and inspiring the next generation of scouts,” Ben said.



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## North Severna Park Holds First-Ever Kid Olympics



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The inaugural North Severna Park Kid Olympics went off without a hitch in late June. Community youth participated in a series of competitive yard games as a way of fundraising for neighborhood pool improvements.

## Board Of Education Approves \$9.7 Million In Construction Contracts For Work At 30 Schools

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County recently approved more than \$9.7 million in contracts for work at 30 schools across the county.

Among the contracts approved by the board were those to design and construct security vestibules at 24 schools in-

cluding Oak Hill Elementary in Severna Park and Broadneck Elementary in Arnold. The vestibules will create double entryways designed to prevent visitors from having a direct path of access to classrooms or hallways.

"We are able to tackle these projects at a quicker pace thanks to

the funding provided by the county executive and county council in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget," Superintendent George Arlotto said. "That funding is being put to use right away to create safer and more up-to-date facilities in which our children can learn and our employees can work."

## Former Falcon Fields Opportunity

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"We're both quiet players, so we're similar."

That assessment was shared by her father, Joe, who coached her from ages 6 through 18 in travel ball. "She's not the boisterous type to stand up and get attention, but she's going to do her job well," he said.

Becker also did well during her tryout. She was called back for a follow-up interview and a tour of the warehouse at Camden Yards.

"They asked basic questions to make sure I knew about baseball," she said. "They wanted to feel out my intentions and my spirit."

Although she "felt like I really had no shot," Becker was selected as one of six new ball girls for 2019 home games. The Orioles brought back two ball girls for a total of eight. Two girls work each home game, so Becker gets to attend three to four games each month.

"We were looking for candidates with softball or baseball experience who were personable, customer service oriented, and available throughout the Orioles

2019 season," said Heather Turnour, coordinator for game entertainment.

"Abby's affable personality and varsity softball experience with Severna Park High School make her a great fit for the position."

Becker retrieves foul balls, runs scripts with the MASN television crew before broadcasts, helps special guests prepare for the ceremonial first pitch, and pumps up the crowd for the "charge" rally.

"I get to meet people from all over the country, so that's my favorite part," Becker said. "I met some people from Toronto when the Blue Jays were in town, and there are some great fans in Baltimore. One man has been a season ticket holder for 40 years."

Becker has met former Orioles like Jim Palmer and has spoken to a few current players when they initiated conversation.

She enjoyed the father-daughter catch on Father's Day and watching Mike Mussina hurl the first pitch June 30 in advance of his Hall of Fame induction on

July 21. Other highlights came courtesy of 10-year-old Sara Hinesley, who won the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest, and Addam Bostick, who returned from his station in Afghanistan to catch the ceremonial first pitch from his father, former Marine Stephen Bostick.

"One day, [June 28], the first pitch was thrown by a girl without hands," said Becker, explaining how Sara tossed the ball. "For another one, a son surprised his dad. He was deployed and he caught the first pitch."

As for Becker's own dad, he is proud of her. "You wish any kid could have the same experience," Joe said, "whether it's playing softball or being second chair for oboe."

Becker is likely limited to this one year as an Orioles ball girl, but she is enjoying every minute of the experience.

"I feel like softball gave me a great experience of making a lot of friends and having fun, so I wanted to spread that joy of softball," she said.

## Local 9-Year-Old Shoots For The Stars

» **Continued from B6**  
into a great passion. At the Senate aviation and space subcommittee meeting on July 9, Amelia met some of her heroes and let them know her plans to be the first woman on Mars. "It was really cool," Amelia reflected. "I got to meet Eugene Kranz and Senator [Ted] Cruz and listen to them talk about the new Orion missions. They want to get people on Mars by 2024."

Kranz is a former NASA flight director most famous for his oversight of the Apollo 11 moon landing and the Apollo 13 mission, and Cruz chairs the Senate aviation and space subcommittee.

Amelia also met Dr. Christine Darden, one of the first African-American women to work for NASA. "It was really cool because she likes math, like me," Amelia said. "She doesn't like it when people call her a

human computer, though."

While attending Space Camp, Amelia experienced what her life would be like as an astronaut. "We got to do a simulated mission," she explained. "I was ECOM, which is like mission control, so my job was to make sure everything went OK. All of the exercises we did were really cool, and I think being an astronaut would be really fun." While at camp, she also experienced a multi axis trainer, where an astronaut is strapped in and spun to simulate the disorientation of a tumble spin in space. "I didn't get dizzy, though," Amelia assured. "Because the center of gravity stays the same, you don't get dizzy."

Amelia has not only learned about many astronauts but also met many of them. "I got to meet Ken Reightler, Don Thomas, Michael Collins and even Buzz Aldrin. I also met Charles

Bolden, who was the head of NASA when [Barack] Obama was president."

Space flight isn't the only reason that Amelia admires NASA, however. "They do a lot of research to help people," she explained. "There was a doctor there that had a bone condition and NASA worked on technologies and surgeries to make her life easier. They could help so many more people in the future, like people that have celiac disease, like me."

Celiac disease could prevent Amelia from going into space, but she hopes that NASA finds a cure. To pursue her dream of reaching space, Amelia plans to major in aerospace engineering. "I also want to be a paleontologist," she added, "because I like dinosaurs, but also because NASA would be trying to find things like fossilized flowers to prove that there was life there, so I think that would be useful."



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# AACPS Taps Multitalented Parents For Citizen Advisory Committee

A former science teacher, a university professor and an assistant superintendent of school operations will represent Severna Park and Broadneck the next two years on the executive panel of the 30-member Citizen Advisory Committee. The panel has two members from each high school cluster — one representing elementary schools and one representing secondary schools — and several at-large members who work together to advise the Board of Education on issues affecting the school system.

We asked the incoming CAC members from this area about their backgrounds and goals.

**MICHELLE COMER**  
SEVERNA PARK  
ELEMENTARY  
REPRESENTATIVE

**Q: Why did you think you would be an ideal candidate for the CAC?**



**Michele Comer**  
County Public Schools my entire life.

**A:** I feel I am an ideal candidate for the Citizens Advisory Committee executive committee because I have been involved with Anne Arundel County Public Schools my entire life.

I am a product of the Severna Park school system. I grew up in Arnold and attended Belvedere Elementary School, Magothy River Middle School, Severn River Junior High, and then Severna Park High School. I was part of a very small contingent of students required to awkwardly navigate this middle/junior high to high school path in the late '80s/early '90s, before Broadneck High School had expanded to include ninth grade.

After graduate school, but before my husband and I started a family, I taught science for Anne Arundel County Public Schools at Southern High School. I had the pleasure of teaching both general and honors chemistry as well as co-teaching, with a special education teacher, several sections of Matter & Energy. This work exposed me to a wide range of students, all with different learning styles, abilities, strengths and weaknesses. It also gave me a real understanding of a teacher's responsibilities, requirements and workload.

I am a parent of children who attend an Anne Arundel County public school. My twin sons were identified as developmentally delayed at age 3. They attended the early childhood intervention program at Georgetown East

Elementary School in Annapolis for two years. Now they attend Severna Park Elementary School.

I just finished a four-year teaching position as an adjunct physics faculty member at the United States Naval Academy. While teaching at USNA, I interacted with midshipmen who had attended schools all over the country. I saw firsthand how AACPS graduates measured up against graduates from Alaska, Florida, and even Guam.

**Q: What educational issues are you eager to explore?**

**A:** While I don't have a specific agenda planned as I begin this appointment, I always have my children's education in mind. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law that makes available a free appropriate public education to eligible children with disabilities throughout the nation and ensures special education and related services to those children (sites.ed.gov/idea/about-idea). Because of IDEA, my sons are in a mainstream classroom and are given the appropriate accommodations to allow them to be as successful as possible. This process of identifying students with special needs and getting them the help they need is not

straightforward.

**DONNA DAY**  
SEVERNA PARK  
SECONDARY  
REPRESENTATIVE

**Q: Why did you think you would be an ideal candidate for the CAC?**



**Donna Day**  
way for her and other students through advisory, discussion and communication across our county leaders, executives and scholars. My experience as a federal government employee, manager and leader for over 35 years, and a university professor for the last four years, has armed me with the knowledge, skills and abilities to communicate, mentor, coach and strategize effectively.

Exchanging information, opening lines of communica-

**A:** As an Anne Arundel County resident for many years, and a parent of an elementary school child, I would be an ideal candidate to help pave the

tion and promoting cooperation are my key strengths; in addition, my unique educational background in information assurance, marketing, management, business, customer engagement and cybersecurity provide a foundation and framework that can easily support and tackle a variety of challenges in many areas concerning our citizens, our children, their future, and educational goals and objectives. I am hardworking, well-organized, dedicated, dependable, committed, and ready to devote my time and energy to making sure our county schools and educational programs are the best they can be.

**Q: What goals do you have as a CAC member?**

**A:** The primary reason for volunteering for the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Executive Panel is that I have a passion for all issues impacting educational policy, activities and programs in this county. Being able to respond on behalf of the citizens as well as service the board with requests sur-

rounding critical and specific educational issues impacting our children is a wonderful opportunity and my main goal as a new CAC member. Given the diversity of our parents and students across the county, representation on a myriad of issues of interest to them is key; each concern or query must be given careful consideration and analysis as part of a holistic and fair decision for all.

**Q: Do you have kids in the Severna Park cluster? If so, how many?**

**A:** Yes, one daughter entering fifth grade at Oak Hill Elementary School.

**Chris Buchleitner** will serve as a secondary representative for the Broadneck cluster. "I am an Anne Arundel County citizen and have a student in one of our local schools, so naturally I'm interested participating in school improvement ideas," Buchleitner said. "I was a former teacher and principal and am currently an assistant superintendent of school operations in the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic schools."

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## Former Jones Elementary Principal

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Keffer said. “The connections I made with the kids were invaluable.”

During Keffer’s tenure at Jones, the school successfully participated in numerous fundraisers, including Harvest for the Hungry and Pennies for Patients.

“Every year, we’ve been one of the top schools, of the small schools, for donations,” Keffer said. “Getting kids to see the importance of helping others and being kind has been a big focus.”

During Keffer’s time as principal, Jones raised funds to build a new playground, celebrated its 60th anniversary and became a Wellness School of Distinction.

Eloise Patton, PTA president at Jones for the last two years, said Keffer’s support was visible in tangible ways, like supporting the PTA with the new playground and helping to boost PARCC scores, but also in smaller ways.

“She also showed her dedication in less measurable ways, attending every event and never missing a chance to cheer her students on at the talent show or color run,” Patton said. “She was committed to fostering an environment of kindness and community amongst the students, and it was very important to her that Jones was a caring and friendly school where all of the kids felt welcomed and included. She loved sharing

the kids’ accomplishments, from small acts of kindness to putting on a successful play to working hard during tests. She was truly invested in all of the children and their experiences at Jones and will be missed.”

While each of those memories holds a special significance to Keffer and the rest of the Jones Elementary community, it’s a different set of moments that she treasures most.

“It was more the day-to-day joys of being with the kids and being with the teachers,” she said. “It’s the moments that you create with the kids: leaving little sticky notes on their desk when they’ve answered a question well when I’m in there.”

At an end-of-the-year ceremony, staff and students presented Keffer with a large multicolored picture of a heart that was filled with fingerprints of students and staff at school. The picture read “You’ve Touched Our Hearts.”

Jones Elementary has a tradition of clapping for the fifth-graders as they walk down the hallway on their last day in elementary school. This year, Keffer joined the fifth-graders as she was acknowledged for her last day in elementary school.

“One of the greatest things about teaching is opening those doors for kids and letting them see what is out there,” Keffer said. “Now it’s my turn.”

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scared at that point and made the decision to take her to Johns Hopkins [Hospital],” Christine said. “Based on the bloodwork done earlier in the day, she was quickly admitted to the pediatric ward, where a team immediately worked to protect her organs.”

Christine said doctors had an idea what was wrong based certain indicators in Maddie’s bloodwork, but it would require surgery to obtain a muscle biopsy to confirm, a full body MRI, and a muscle electroencephalogram (EEG test). The diagnosis was swift and crushing.

Juvenile myositis (JM) is a rare autoimmune disease affecting just two to four children in a million annually in the United States. The immune systems of children with JM attack healthy tissues and cause inflammation in blood vessels under the skin or in the muscles; the inflammation causes muscle weakness, skin rashes and extreme pain. If the inflammation is in other parts of the body, other systems can be affected, such as the digestive, circulatory and respiratory systems. There is no cure.

Maddie was aggressively treated for two weeks with high-dose steroids and intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy. She was then transferred to the Kennedy Krieger

Institute in Baltimore for rehabilitation.

Today, Maddie is 19-years-old and entering her sophomore year at York College of Pennsylvania. After two years of regular treatments, she tries to remain positive and live life to the fullest, even if her life isn’t what she planned.

“Getting diagnosed at 17 allowed me to grow up and mature exceptionally quick,” Maddie said. “I faced more mental problems than physical ones within the past two years when my life got turned upside down.”

The former member of the Annapolis division of Naval Sea Cadet Corps was a top athlete and preparing to apply for admission into the United States Coast Guard Academy before her diagnosis.

“We were devastated that I wouldn’t be able to go into the military anymore or play soccer, but I knew that everything happens for a reason,” Maddie said. “I quickly began to explore new options for college. I noticed myself becoming a lot more self-aware and constantly finding ways to make the best out of everything.”

For the first 18 months after her diagnosis, Maddie traveled to Johns Hopkins for two days every three weeks for an eight-hour IVIG infusion. Once she went to col-

lege, her patient advocate, infusion nurse and immunoglobulin supply company worked hard to get Maddie approved for an experimental treatment she could administer herself at school. She now receives immunoglobulin (other people’s plasma) subcutaneously weekly. Maddie had to learn how to place the small needles in her thighs where the immunoglobulin goes into fatty tissue via a pump. The constant stream of the immunoglobulin in her system has been successful in helping Maddie gain back muscle strength while producing normal bloodwork.

“As long as her labs remain stable, IVIG will be her only means of treatment for the foreseeable future,” Christine said. “She also receives counseling and is now on antidepressants for the mental health side of this disease. Devastating life changes, along with side effects of the medicines, wreak havoc on all kids with this disease.”

Maddie said, “Being on steroids forced me to deal with a wide range of unpredictable emotions each day. It was a really confusing and hard time, but dealing with it made me the person who I am today, which is a completely different person from two years ago.”

Maddie is studying edu-

cation and administration and has a goal to publish a book sharing her experience with JM in the hopes of bringing awareness to medical professionals and parents, and support for children.

“Not all illnesses are noticeable,” Maddie said. “I’ve learned it’s important to be compassionate and empathetic in all circumstances. You truly do not know what is going on in someone’s life.”

It’s simple things like smiling at strangers or holding that door for the person behind you that can truly make a difference in someone’s day. It creates a chain reaction of positivity, especially since you never know who might need that little extra push in someone’s day,” she continued. “This is important to remember because you also never know who just came from an eight-hour infusion.”

### How You Can Help

Donate plasma. There is a serious IVIG shortage and children are missing their monthly treatments.

Donate or join Team Maddie in the third annual D.C. Walk Strong to Cure JM event September 21 in Gaithersburg. Visit [www.curejm.org](http://www.curejm.org) for more information.

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Area Youth Participate  
In Mission Trips



As part of the WoodsWork outreach program, 120 youth and 40 adults from Woods Presbyterian Church traveled to Salem County, New Jersey, from June 20 to 28 to participate in Habitat for Humanity projects.

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region that coordinate home repairs and replacements for residents in need.

The team from Severna Park completed seven projects that were geared toward youth participation; for example, they installed an entryway deck for a family whose previous entry was only cinder blocks, replaced flooring in a home and replaced a roof for a Vietnam veteran who did not have the funds or ability to do the work himself.

Darin Parkison, parent volunteer on the trip, shared that while it was gratifying to help those who cannot help themselves, one purpose of the trip was to build relationships with people from different backgrounds. Volunteers

became well acquainted with the homeowners and even ate lunch with them each day. Parkison also noted it was rewarding to see the youth take pride in their accomplishments. “It was exciting to see the kids pick up on things and build confidence in themselves,” he said. “They started the week not knowing how to do something and by the end of the week became skillful.” St. Martin’s volunteers were lodged at a local middle school, while local families provided some meals. Parkison commented the residents of Lawrence County were the “warmest, kindest most gracious people” he has met, observing they were “generous where there is not a lot of abundance.”

Orphan Grain Train’s International Fest 2019  
Has Special Focus On Severna Park Family

On September 21, Orphan Grain Train will hold its annual International Fest fundraiser at its warehouse at 621 East-West Boulevard in Millersville. In addition to raising funds for OGT’s worldwide humanitarian shipments for those who are less fortunate, OGT will collect for much-needed medical equipment for the Janeski family. Ava Janeski, now 4 years old, was diagnosed last October with a rare disease known as acute flaccid myelitis (AFM). Within 24 hours, she went from a happy-go-lucky child with the sniffles to a child who is paralyzed from the neck down. Ava calls herself Baby Bird

and misses playing with her twin brother, who was diagnosed with autism just a few months before Ava’s diagnosis of AMF. Any donations will go toward an adjustable bed and a van equipped with a wheelchair lift. Donations can be made to Orphan Grain Train with “Baby Bird Ava” on the memo line and mailed to OGT, 621 East-West Boulevard, Millersville, Maryland 21108. Tickets for the OGT International Fest are available from Angel Brant, who can be reached at 301-873-1446 or [abrandt1446@gmail.com](mailto:abrandt1446@gmail.com). For more information on how to help Ava, contact Bonnie Jordan at 443-324-1171.



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Round Bay Campers Assemble Blessing Bags For The Homeless



As part of their camp activities on July 17, children at Round Bay Beach got to learn about ways they can help the less fortunate. Students heard from Khristine Smith, a social worker with Anne Arundel County Public Schools who works with families going through difficult times, and from Sophia Barron, a Severna Park graduate who goes on WoodsWork to build homes for families in need. Afterward, campers assembled Blessing Bags with toiletries and snacks to be delivered to people experiencing homelessness.

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## Carol Duncan: The Woman Behind The Map



Carol Duncan, a Shipley's Choice resident, has painted landscapes all over the world.

By Maya Pottiger

Most people living in Severna Park have seen the Bird's-Eye View of Severna Park painting. Carol Duncan, the artist behind the map, came up with the idea when she was invited to a Christmas show at a friend's house. "I'd already decided this was one of the best places in the world to live," Duncan said. "What could I do to honor where we are? I drew up a map." Duncan became familiar with Bird's-Eye View maps when living in England. She researched the history of the map and found that

it had been around since the 1400s when people could climb to the top of cathedrals and look down at the layout of the roads. When she first started selling the map, Duncan would visit each person's house and customize the map with his or her favorite landmarks: a house, church, school or favorite restaurant. The map became a popular gift for those moving to or from the area. Realtors started giving it as a housewarming present when their clients bought a home. The Bird's-Eye View of Severna Park is available at Side » **Continued on B15**

## Arnold Couple Brings History Alive

By Maya Pottiger

Both Mary Ann Jung and Tom Plott are drawn to the art of bringing history alive. The Arnold couple met at the Maryland Renaissance Festival when they were cast as each other's love interest, and they have now been married for more than 20 years. "We are actors. We're not just reenactors," Jung said. "We both use a fair amount of improv in what we do because that's what we learned at the Renaissance Festival. Play with your audience. Let them have input. Roll with whatever they give you." Jung and Plott are long-time veterans of Renn Fest. Jung is entering her 40th season, and Plott is entering his 33rd. Over the years, the two have served in a variety of roles in the festival and worked their way up in the ranks. Now, Jung is the Royal Court director and the director of Shakespearean language and history. Plott is the performance director and the director of the fight corps.



Mary Ann Jung is the director of the Royal Court and of Shakespearean language and history for the Maryland Renaissance Festival. Tom Plott is the performance director and the director of the fight corps.

Some of the women Jung portrays are Amelia Earhart, Clara Barton and Captain Grace O'Malley, the Pirate Queen of Ireland who commanded a fleet of ships

and hundreds of men to fight off the English conquest of Ireland. "The fact is, a lot of people, especially when I was growing up, didn't have any

female role models," Jung said. "When I do these great women in history, I do them in a very fun, interactive way. It gives the little girls role models. It also inspires the older women." Similarly, Plott's full-time job is the manager of character interpretation at George Washington's Mount Vernon. Plott also portrays George Washington's doctor and farm manager. Plott's fascination with history goes back to his childhood. Growing up with dyslexia, Plott hated reading, and often felt that words on a page clouded the personality and actions of historic figures. "History becomes visual in TV and movies, but it actually comes alive in person at the Renaissance Festival," Plott said. "When you can see that personality and actually witness the action, it makes it a lot different." This year, the Maryland Renaissance Festival opens for the season on August 24 and runs through October 20. Mount Vernon is open year-round, and Jung has all upcoming show dates posted to her website, [www.historyaliveshows.com](http://www.historyaliveshows.com).

## "The Lion King" Is A Rehash With Only Varying Degrees Of Success



Photo courtesy of Walt Disney Pictures

"The Lion King" brings together a lot of talent, but certain problems — such as the difficulty creating realistic animals that convey human emotions — hinder it from being a true masterpiece.

By Audrey Ruppert

"The Lion King" immediately reminded me of 2009's "Avatar." The latter featured a story we'd heard many times before but was captivating because of the groundbreaking animation and CGI used to create an alien world. "The Lion King" also boasts truly remarkable visuals, with animals that look like something out of a David Attenborough documen-

tary. Even the unique tics of each animal have been captured, from a meerkat's tendency to scratch itself to a bird's tendency to flick its tail. My primary gripe with "The Lion King" is that it's a musical epic, which isn't particularly suited for a live-action adaptation. It's an intensely emotional story, and some animals' faces cannot convey human emotion well. While the animated expressions of the original Zazu channelled Rowan Atkinson

and his energy, the new Zazu feels disconnected from his equally talented and vivacious voice actor, John Oliver. This disconnect makes some of the most famous scenes, including Mufasa's death and Simba and Nala's reunion, far less emotionally impactful. When the characters start to sing, the disconnect gets even worse. The cast is packed with incredible people, and I sadly feel this talent has » **Continued on B15**

## "Mamma Mia!" Is Back By Popular Demand At Toby's



Photo courtesy of Jeri Tidwell Photography

The cast for "Mamma Mia!" will feature some new faces and many of the Toby's "stars" audiences have come to love over the years.

By Judy Tacyn

You likely already know "Mamma Mia!" as a worldwide phenomenon. Whether you've seen a live performance or the movies, or you've been meaning to check out the show, "Mamma Mia!" in the round at Toby's Dinner Theater in Columbia promises to be unlike anything you've seen before. Audiences around the globe love this musical for its high energy, fast-paced love story, and music. It was a smash hit on Broadway, running for more than 14 years and 6,000 performances. On film, it has grossed more than \$615 million, (the sequel, "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again" grossed nearly \$400 million) and attracted a superstar cast led by Meryl Streep and Cher. And, you don't have to be a child of the '70s to know most of ABBA's "Dancing Queen" lyrics. The Toby's cast for "Mamma Mia!" is extraordinary. Audiences familiar with the venue will

see some new faces and many of the "stars" they have come to love over the years. "As the director, I did my best to present the story with heart, honesty and

a lot of fun," said **Mark Minnick**, director and choreographer. "Mamma Mia!" is a wonderful story about family, and it is accompanied by outstanding music that works so well within the story. We just brought out the truth of the moments. Our show will bring great joy, laughter and some tears." Toby's has been producing quality musical productions for more than 40 years. Dinner is served before the show. "Diners will enjoy a wonderful summertime menu, and we name the items after songs or characters from the show," Minnick said. "The audiences chuckle at the names and it just brings a sense of fun while in the buffet line." » **Continued on B14**

## Book Recommendations From The Public Library

Are you looking for a good beach read as summer winds down? Perhaps you're seeking a story to capture your son or daughter's interest as they enjoy the last few weeks before school starts. Librarians from the Severna Park and Broadneck branches of Anne Arundel County Public Library shared their recommendations for a range of audiences.

### TEENS AND KIDS BOOKS

**"I AM A CAT" BY GALIA BERNSTEIN**  
Simon is like all the other big cats although the big cats disagree. The

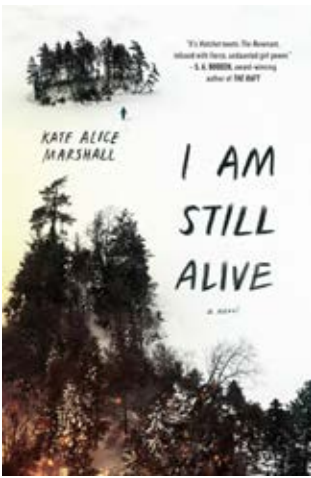
illustrations are beautiful and it's fun to act like a cat with your little one. **Gabi Gardiner, Broadneck Library**  
**"B IS FOR BABY" BY ATINUKE AND ILLUSTRATED BY ANGELA BROOKSBANK**  
This story is illustrated with bright, cheerful color. Baby travels with big brother to Baba's house in Bougainvillea. If you love this book, you will love "Baby Goes to Market" as well. **Gabi Gardiner, Broadneck Library**  
**"RUN WILD" BY DAVID COVELL**  
Fun read for those active toddlers! Ditch the tab-



let and run wild through the wilderness. This is a great summer read for children to get outdoors and explore. **Gabi Gardiner, Broadneck Library**  
**"I AM STILL ALIVE" BY KATE ALICE MARSHALL**  
Jess' survivalist dad has

been out of her life since she was a baby. But after a car crash killed her mother, Jess is forced to move in with him in a cabin hundreds of miles from everyone. From everyone, that is, except from the guys who come to kill him and torch his cabin. How can Jess survive with no shelter, no food and no skills? And with knowing that his

killers are coming back? Think "Hatchet" (by Gary Paulsen) with murder thrown in. (Recommended for teens) **Nisa Popper, Severna Park Library**  
**"HARBOR ME" BY JACQUELINE WOODSON**  
It starts when six kids must spend time talking every week — by themselves, with no teachers listening in. At first, they wonder what they have to talk » **Continued on B13**





Book Recommendations From AACPL

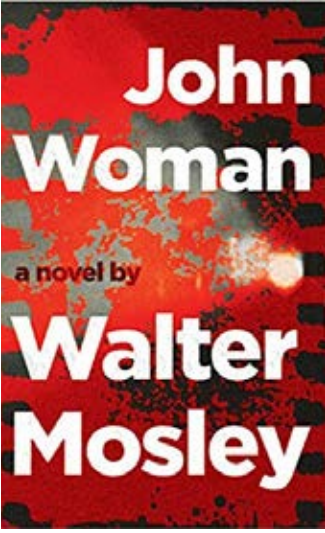
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about. But after a couple of weeks in the ARTT room (A Room To Talk), they find that they can tell each other about the things in their lives that really matter: a dead mother, a father who was deported, being the target of racism. They find that when they're together, they're stronger and braver than they are when they're apart. And they find that they can be a harbor — a safe place — for one another. If you liked "Brown Girl Dreaming," which is also by Jacqueline Woodson, you'll like this. (Recommended for ages 9 and up)  
*Nisa Popper, Severna Park Library*

**"MAX AND THE MIDKNIGHTS" BY LINCOLN PEIRCE**  
Max wants to be a knight but instead he has been made an apprentice to his Uncle Budrick, a traveling bard. Things go downhill fast for Max. Highwaymen attack them and steal everything they own. By the time they get to town, Max looks so awful that the guards assume he's a homeless vagrant and arrest him for loitering. Uncle Budrick manages to get Max set free after agreeing to be the king's fool. And this isn't the pleasant, nice King Conrad, the previous ruler of Byjovia (who died under mysterious circumstances). No, this is King Ghastley, who has no sense of humor and has a witch who rules

by his side. The king doesn't find Budrick's shtick to be that funny and soon throws him in the dungeon! If you like "Big Nate," "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" and "Dog Man," you'll laugh out loud reading this medieval adventure. (Recommended for ages 7 and up)  
*Nisa Popper, Severna Park Library*

**"THEORY OF BASTARDS" BY AUDREY SCHULMAN**  
While it contains elements of science fiction and dystopian novels, "Theory of Bastards" is actually neither, but is instead a journey into what makes us human. Francine is a biologist studying the behavior of bonobos at a research facility when an ecological disaster strikes. While Francine is studying the behavior patterns of bonobos, Schulman is actually studying the behavior of humanity. This book was the winner of the 2019 Philip K. Dick Award.  
*Andy Wolverton, Severna Park Library*

**"JOHN WOMAN" BY WALTER MOSLEY**  
Cornelius, the son of an Italian-American mother and an older African-American father from Mississippi, is determined to follow his father's wisdom and teachings from history. Cornelius succeeds magnificently, earning a prestigious teaching position at a major university until an event from his past comes back to



haunt him. Walter Mosley has written many fine mysteries, but this standalone novel may be his finest. An original, captivating read.  
*Andy Wolverton, Severna Park Library*

**"WHY WE SLEEP: UNLOCKING THE POWER OF SLEEP AND DREAMS" BY MATTHEW WALKER**  
Think you can get by on less than eight hours of sleep a night? Think you'll have a late afternoon cup of coffee? How about pulling an all-nighter every now and then? Matthew Walker, director of UC Berkeley's Sleep and Neuroimaging Lab, explains why these are all bad ideas and can have a lasting, damaging effect on your health. "Why We Sleep" is not only a fascinating, engaging book; it may actually change your life.  
*Andy Wolverton, Severna Park Library*

Talent Machine Opens Summer Production Of "Newsies"



It's time to seize the day and catch Talent Machine Company's summer production of Disney's "Newsies," which opened the weekend of August 9-11 and runs August 15-18 in Annapolis. Inspired by the real-life newsboys' strike of 1899, "Newsies" combines an inspiring storyline with unforgettable song-and-dance numbers. Talent Machine's cast brings together teenagers ages 14-18 from all over the region, including Severna Park actors Gianna Dicks,

Anthony Dicks, Caroline Patterson, Abby Schemmel and Deepak Thumma. "I'm so impressed with these kids," said director Christine Martini. "They've exceeded my expectations and I couldn't be prouder of the work they've done. The dancing and singing

in this show are at a level that you see in professional theater. These kids will blow you away." Performances of "Newsies" are at 7:30pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 2:00pm on Sunday. To order tickets, visit [www.talent-machine.com](http://www.talent-machine.com).

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<b>August 25, 2019:</b>	Open for tours of the historic house and grounds.
<b>September 1, 2019:</b>	Labor Day - Open for tours of the historic house and grounds.
<b>September 8, 2019:</b>	Forgotten Farm Tasks - Fence mending; crosscut sawing; spinning; basket making; musket firing; and Butter Churning. Honeybees—Up Close 1:30pm to 3:30pm
<b>September 15, 2019:</b>	Extended Hancock Family and Friends Day - Preserving Hancock's Resolution.
<b>September 22, 2019:</b>	"Surveying Then and Now" with Bill Bower, Chairman, Chesapeake Chapter, MD Society of Surveyors.
<b>September 29, 2019:</b>	"Introducing the Trees in the Forest", a walkabout with Park Ranger Chris Winton
<b>October 6, 2019:</b>	1st Tom Sawyer Day (whitewashing the frame buildings) 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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## Annapolis Art Walk Set For August 15



*The annual Annapolis Art Walk is a great chance to peek over an artist's shoulder and watch them at work.*

The Annapolis Gallery Association will hold its 29th annual Annapolis Art Walk on Thursday, August 15, from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

The public is invited to join the association for a festive evening celebrating the visual arts. Fifteen galleries in historic downtown Annapolis are participating in this annual event, hosting new art exhibits and featuring artists demonstrating their skills in various media. Musicians will perform around town and galleries will serve light refreshments. Look for participating galleries by spotting the yellow balloons and yellow banners. Maps will be available at each art gallery, and attendees can catch a free ride from the Annapolis blue Circulator trolley.

Peek over an artist's shoulder and watch them at work. Artists working in oil, watercolor, ceramics, woodturning, sculpture, jewelry, handcrafts and more will demonstrate their skills at the Annapolis Art Walk.

Annapolis is one of the top 25 arts destinations as designated by *American Style Magazine*. The Annapolis

Gallery Association hopes to make the public aware of the diversity and quality of art in this growing center for the arts. Over recent years, the artist community in Annapolis has expanded rapidly, spurred by the number of visitors to the city and by the increased number of art galleries. While traditional water and boating scenes are still big favorites, area artists in growing numbers are expressing their creativity through a wide variety of subject matter, styles and art media.

Parking is located at the Hillman Garage off Main Street, the Gotts Court Garage off Calvert Street or Northwest Street (behind the visitors center), the Knighton Garage at Colonial Drive and West Street and at the Bladen Street Garage on St. John's Street. The Annapolis City parking map is helpful for visitors unfamiliar with garage locations. The garage at 19 Bladen Street is free after 6:00pm and on weekends; however, for the Art Walk evening, attendees can enter the garage at 6:00pm.

## "Mamma Mia!" Is Back By Popular Demand At Toby's

» Continued from B12  
**Maggie Dransfield**, a Columbia native, plays Sophie, a young woman in search of her heritage. "[Toby's] is very different than traditional theater because [actors] meet the audience before performing for them [by waiting tables]. I'm able to connect and create a small relationship with my guests during the dinner hour. That is so fulfilling for me. I work the hardest I ever have at Toby's and I'm proud of my work."

After dinner, the special experience continues. Unlike a traditional theater, Toby's is round rather than a proscenium (stage) theater, which means the audience is seated 360 degrees around the stage. Every seat in the theater is between 1 and 25 feet from the stage, creating an intimate experience between the audience and the cast.

Minnick promises the audience will be treated to "top-notch talent, pouring their heart and soul into the production. [It's] an intimate in-the-round production that will draw you in from start to finish. It really is beautiful," he said. "Our musical director has created a sound that is true to ABBA and gloriously fills the theater. This is a perfect date night!"

**Heather Beck** plays Donna, the lead. "I think the most interesting thing about the role of Donna is that it can be played differently depending on the vision of the director and the cast of people," Beck said. "Every performer will bring unique nuances to the role. I play her, well, a little like me. I try to keep her as real as possible, a hardworking mom who has done the best she can and continues to do the best she can while having to unexpectedly relive some of her past. I like the strength in Donna."



Photos courtesy of Jeri Tidwell Photography

*"Mamma Mia!," now playing at Toby's Dinner Theatre, revives the greatest hits of ABBA and incorporates them into a story about family, romance and finding oneself.*

Beck is a lifelong performer originally from the Lone Star State. She said of all venues, Toby's is her favorite to perform.

"I prefer theater in the round rather than a proscenium stage. I love meeting the people who come to the shows and I love all the energy they bring," Beck added. "This production of 'Mamma Mia!' is so much crazy fun and also a bit of an emotional roller coaster ride. Then we throw in a rock concert at the end!"

Dransfield, too, loves the unique atmosphere. "Theater in the round is intimate on so many levels," Dransfield said. "Although the audience never partici-



pates on the physical stage, they are close enough to see more expressivity than almost anywhere. During each performance, I could reach out and touch the audience. I don't, but that's how intimate the space is. They are right there on the island with us every night."

Beck could not say enough about her colleagues. "Our cast and crew, music director, and Toby herself, are amazing. Each and every one of them," Beck said. "It's like being surrounded by this amazing buoy of talent and energy. They keep me afloat. I'm pretty lucky."

Minnick promises the spectacular will sell out, so

people should get tickets now. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.tobysdinnertheatre.com](http://www.tobysdinnertheatre.com).

"Expect to see light, love and real emotional connection," Dransfield said. "Our production is rooted in the heart. We wanted to create something really special and honest that radiates to our audience members. I believe we have done that. Escape with us for a few hours. We laugh, cry, and dance our hearts out. Our cast would love to share this experience with you!"

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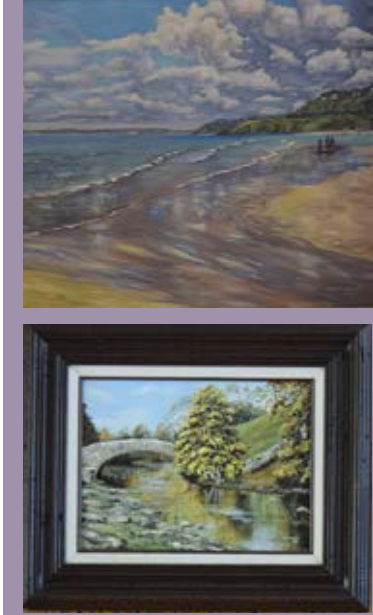
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Carol Duncan: The Woman Behind The Map

» Continued from B12 Street Framers. Growing up, Duncan was in a family of artists. Her father was a pen and ink artist, and Bill Clinton had one of his drawings of the Little Rock Statehouse in the West Wing. “If you grow up in a house with art supplies easily available, it’s just there for you,” Duncan said.

Of the 49 years that Duncan has been married, her husband was active in the Air Force for 20. Through this, Duncan has lived all over the world, including California, Florida and England. During their travels, Duncan would paint landscapes of where they lived as a souvenir. “I enjoy capturing that moment, whether you’re in Norway or South



Carol Duncan always paints a landscape of the places she travels as a kind of souvenir. “I enjoy capturing that moment, whether you’re in Norway or South America or Millersville,” she said.

America or Millersville,” said Duncan, a Shipley’s Choice resident. “You capture that moment with

that sunlight.” Duncan still paints commemorative landscapes during their

travels. One of her most memorable artistic experiences was in the fall of 2017 when she was invited

to paint in Monet’s garden for a week. “That was a life-changing event. It took

me a year and a half to get ready for it,” Duncan said. “I’d take my easel out around the neighborhood or wherever we were going and try to paint faster. It was fun to have that mission.” Previously, Duncan taught art at Severn School. What started as a volunteer position turned into a full-time teaching position when the school was short an art teacher. “I absolutely love the idea that you could teach teenagers to do something they thought they couldn’t do,” Duncan said. “There’s that amazing energy of a teenager where they will eventually believe anything.”

After teaching for 16 years, Duncan retired from the school. She took an 11-year break and is now back as a volunteer working in the alumni house. Duncan is designing a timeline that will be a visual of the school’s history. Though she no longer paints for commission, Duncan now enjoys supporting her former students in their art pursuits. “Within the last four years, we’ve done two art shows at Severn where the alums have sent their work back in,” Duncan said. “That was a great 16 years teaching young people to do something they thought they couldn’t do.”

“The Lion King” Is A Rehash With Only Varying Degrees Of Success

» Continued from B12 been somewhat wasted. Most characters do not get enough new lines to truly have their personalities shine through, and many of the characters originally channeled other icons - making the end result rather confused. Keegan Michael Key and Eric Andre play characters initially portrayed by Whoopi Goldberg and Cheech, but they aren’t given enough space to make the characters their own, resulting in a bit of a muddled mess. The few exceptions were Seth Rogen and Billy Eichner as Pumbaa and Timon; Rogen channels the original energy

of Pumbaa excellently, and Eichner gives us a new, campy and hilarious Timon. Florence Kasumba is also terrifying as the head hyena, Shenzi. Of course, the moment we were all waiting for was the appearance of Beyoncé as Nala. While she delivered an incredible rendition of “Can You Feel the Love Tonight,” which has completely transformed the song, Beyoncé was notably absent from almost every press appearance and behind-the-scenes clip regarding the project. She was infamously Photoshopped in with the cast photo, as she couldn’t

make it in person when it was taken. This absence bleeds into the film, with her addition feeling like an afterthought rather than the work of someone emotionally invested in a project that took tremendous effort from everyone else involved. It’s true that Beyoncé is the queen and her mere presence often speaks for itself, but the reverence we feel toward her appearance might have taken away from the story. I wonder if casting such a powerhouse as a supporting role made much sense; the end result seems to be an overshadowing of the invested Donald Glover,

who does play the main character after all. I was encouraged that a story that is distinctly African was played by an all-black cast (with the exception of the comic relief) and Beyoncé herself said she hoped the new album released for the film would be considered an “ode to blackness.” The music has been given a modern update by Pharrell Williams, but in the end, the music is still

distinctly the product of Tim Rice, Elton John and Hans Zimmer. Ultimately, I wish this incredible group of comedians, animators, composers, musicians and actors had been brought together to produce something original, which allowed them to shine as their own distinctive characters rather than rehashing a timeless classic with varying degrees of success.

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