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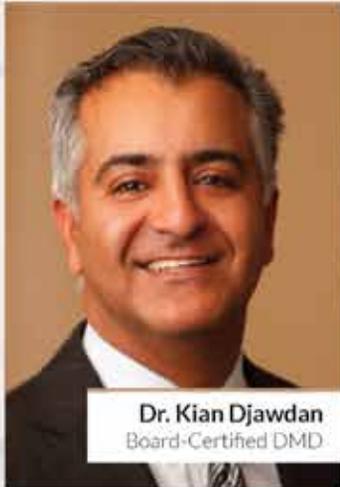
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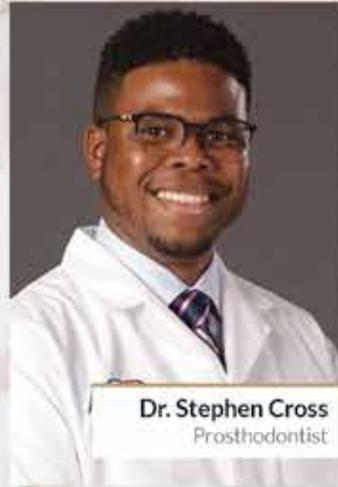
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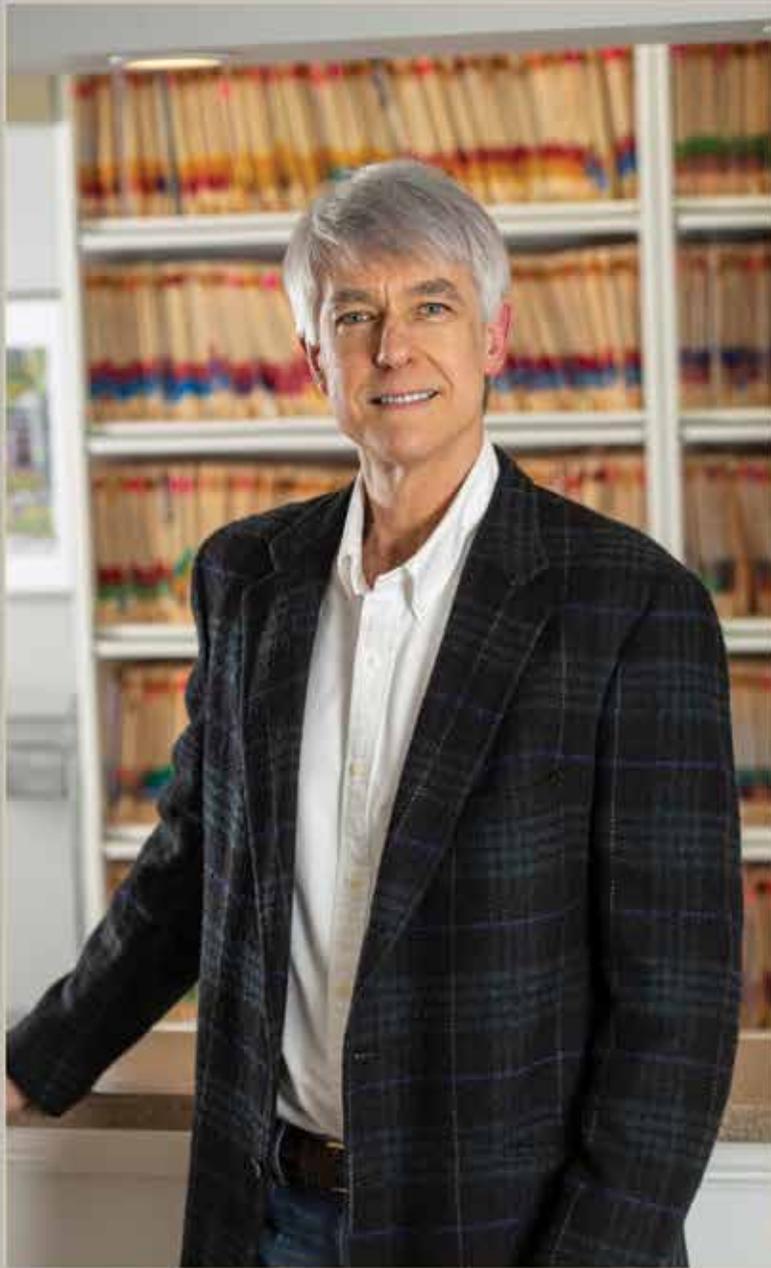
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Jen: I find Susan's experience reassuring. So much can go wrong in real estate negotiation and our entire team and clients will benefit from Susan's experience and discipline. Brant and I are ever mindful of the fact that we don't know everything. And we make a point of surrounding ourselves with professionals like Susan. I am confident that our partnership is going to take NDG Home Team to new heights.

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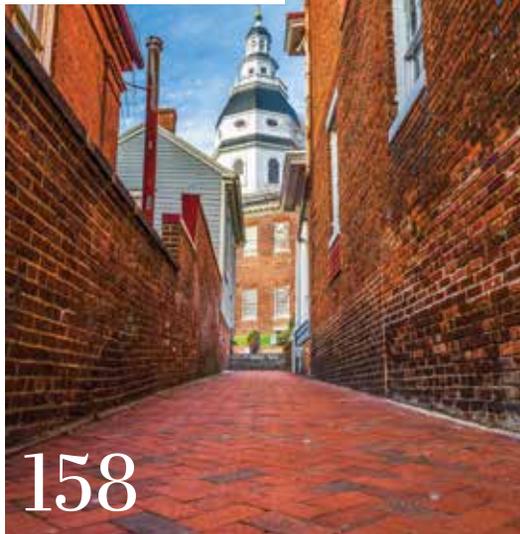
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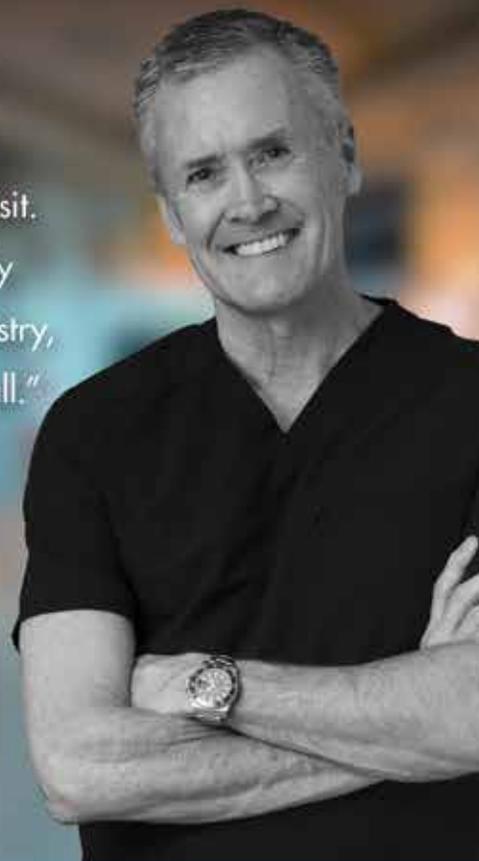
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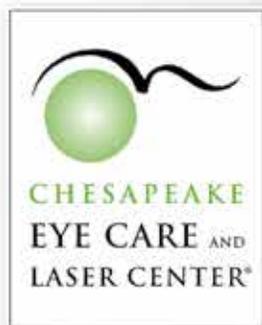
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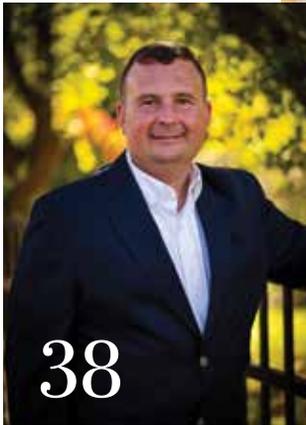
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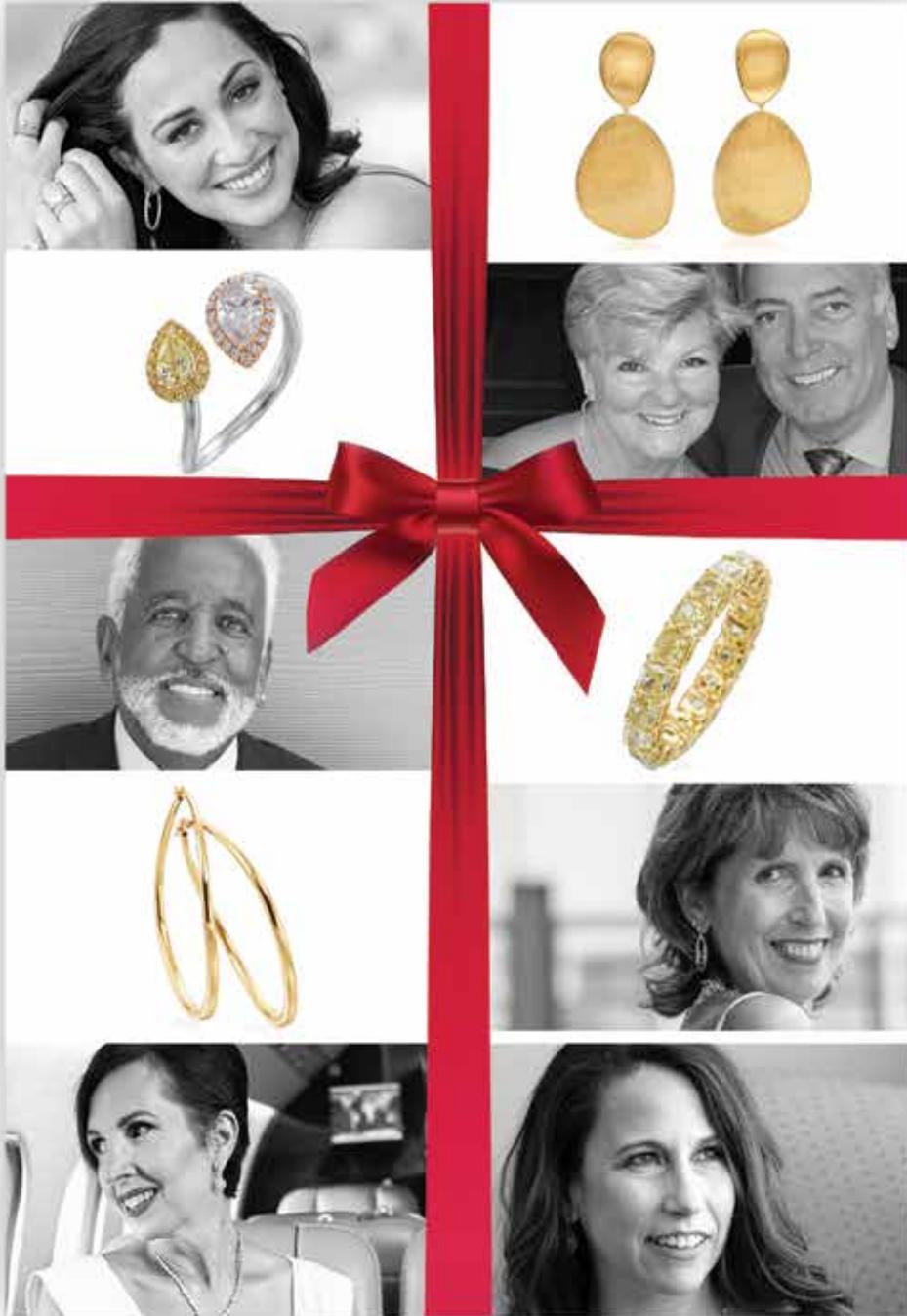
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Leadership guides our mission to foster community through our products. Working hands-on to make this magazine possible—and all our media production, which now includes events, digital content, and ancillary publications—is our staff. Ashley Lyons, Kathy Sauve, and August Schwartz have been with our company for more than a decade (almost two actually) and have developed as leaders themselves, guiding their departments as Chief Operating Officer, Senior Account Executive, and Art Director. Ambitious, passionate, and creative are a few superlatives that come to mind. (And I'd be remiss to not mention our longtime and former Special Events Director Melanie Quinn, who took our events production to new heights, while laying a great foundation to build upon.) Thanks to each of you for your dedication!

Our full-time and contracted staff whose hard work is within this very magazine and everything that our company creates has got to be one of the best versions of itself in many years. We've weathered the pandemic together; worried together; adapted and thrived together; and continue to grow together. Matt D'Adamo and Lauren Ropel's creativity is on full display on each page of this magazine; their graphic design skills rock. Ditto for Arden Haley's digital, web, and social media prowess (she's also a dynamite photographer) and Megan Kotelchuck's knack for always doing such a darn-good job on her editorial projects (which includes the endless pursuit of all things fun as Entertainment Editor). Thank you.

Debbie Carta, Beth Kuhl, Nina Peake, and Michelle Roe foster the relationships with our clients—the advertisers you see on these colorful pages—often guiding them through the wondrous possibilities and even uncertainties of the complex arena we call marketing. And Production Manager Nicholas Gullotti streamlines it all, ensuring a smooth production cycle every month. Thank you. To Dennie Mercer, Kristen Awad, and Heather Teat, thank you for keeping our books, records, and everyday responsibilities in tip-top shape—they're the gears of financial and administrative machination so essential to the company running smoothly.

The photography (thank you to Staff Photographer Steve Buchanan, as well as Larry French, Tony Lewis, Jr., and Wil Scott, among many talented others) and written words (thank you Ines Alicea, Janice Booth, Rita Calvert, Kelsey Casselbury, Mark Croatti, Kathi Ferguson, Lisa Gotto, Lisa Hillman, Jeff Holland, Gary Jobson, Lisa Lewis, Anne McNulty, Ellen Moyer, Dylan Roche, Frederick Schultz, Kat Spitzer, Tom Worgo, and many excellent writers) are my bread and butter as the editor. And it's been a hoot putting together this December issue...and this year's magazines (and this century's, so far, for that matter!). But, as you can see, there are oh-so-many individuals and personalities that contribute to our success. It truly takes a village to raise this publication.

James Houck,
Editorial Director

Thank you, happy holidays, and may the best cliches be with you this season!

As 2021 comes to a close and this issue comes to full fruition—it's in your hands now, the articles and photography are live, marketing engaged, and the bills paid to make it all happen—I'd like to take this space to thank the many individuals and groups that have made this year a very good one for our publication and company. You can cue the cliches because I might use a few.

First and foremost, the support of you, our readers, continues to inspire us—even push us—to be better with each issue. It's not easy. It can be downright difficult to develop fresh ideas year over year (I've been doing this for 20), but our communities, our people, the voices we hear, and the conversations that I, and each What's Up? Media employee, have day in and day out are what keep the turbines running in our heads and generate the magazines we love to produce. So, thank you!

Equally important and another driving force that energizes our company—keeps it running really—are the many dedicated clients that you see and learn about on these very pages. Without advertiser support (and you supporting them), our publication may not have made it to year 25 (big celebration coming in 2022!). But here we are, and many of our clients have been with us for the full ride. In fact, in this issue, we dedicate a very special section “Faces of the Chesapeake” to the companies and leaders that devote themselves to their communities as much as they have in supporting What's Up? Media. A huge shout out to them; Thank you!

Of course, 25 years doesn't happen without steadfast, creative, and caring leadership. Veronica Tovey founded this publication in 1997 and despite the challenges of two national recessions, this recent pandemic, and the myriad complexities of developing and maintaining a thriving publishing company, our Publisher and President never wavered from a mindset of success. At least, not that I've seen firsthand. Whenever we face a challenge, she always says she thinks of us as “the little engine that could” and that “somehow we'll find a way to make it work.” And in all the years, I can't say she's ever been wrong on those points. Thank you, Veronica, for steering our ship through ebb tides and flood.

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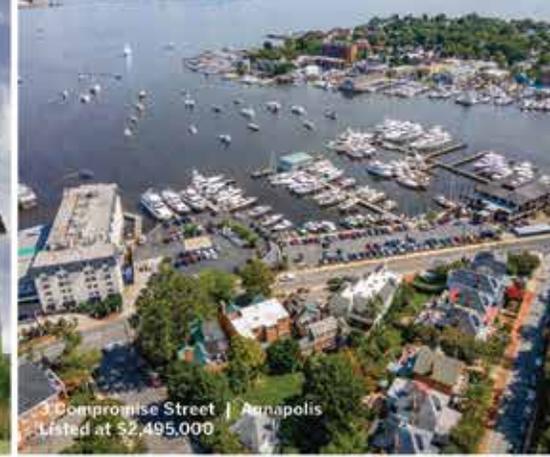
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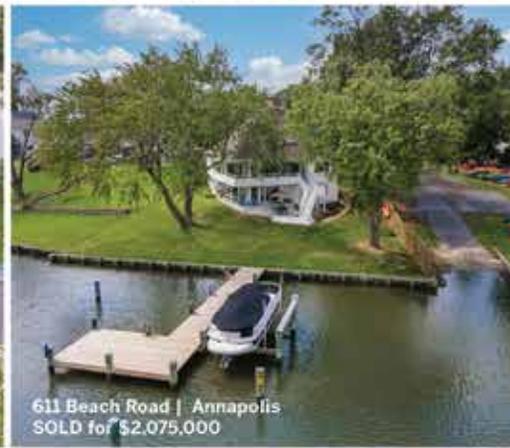
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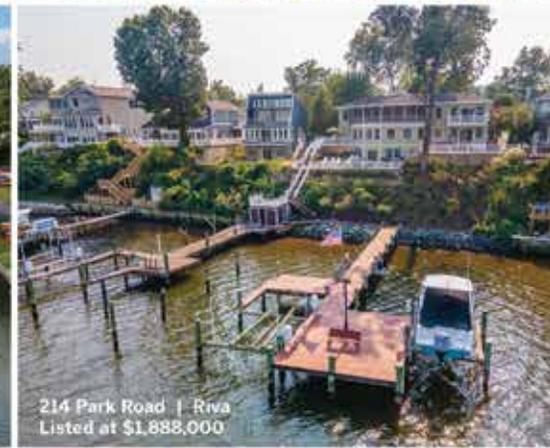
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↓ MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Shop local from 4 p.m. to midnight on December 2nd and 9th and then again until the Eleventh hour on December 16th at 90 stores and 80 restaurants in Downtown Annapolis. West Street, Maryland Avenue, Main Street, and the City Dock area will be filled with traditional holiday decorations including beautiful storefront windows, garland, wreaths, holiday lights, a snowflake alley, and so much more. This year, the event will start two hours earlier (4 p.m.) so that people are able to spread out arrival times and reduce crowding. Find more information at midnightmadnessannapolis.com.



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↑ The Nutcracker

The Ballet Theatre of Maryland is performing *The Nutcracker* for two weeks in December. Follow Clara in this perfect holiday tradition as she breaks the Rat Queen's evil spell. The performances will take place on December 11th and December 18th at 7 p.m. and on December 12th and December 19th at 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. All performances will take place at Maryland Hall in Annapolis and tickets are available at balletmaryland.org.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

The Jaycees are ready to decorate Downtown Annapolis for the Holiday season. It is an annual tradition for them to decorate storefronts of local downtown businesses with lighted garland and wreaths. They plan to meet at Market House in Downtown Annapolis on December 4th at 7:30 a.m. and divide into teams to work together and conquer the city, hanging greens that will light up Annapolis at night. For more information, or to join in the celebration, visit the Hanging of the Greens Facebook page.

Annapolis Chocolate Binge Festival

Chocolate Lovers are coming together on December 5th to enjoy a day of celebrating the Art of Chocolate. There is something for everyone including about 35 Chocolate vendors, shopping from dozens of local artists, drinks, food, and live music, and plenty of chocolate. There will be live music and entertainment for everyone in Annapolis. Get your camera ready for 5 p.m. as the Holiday Light Canopy over West Street in the Annapolis Arts District is illuminated. Find more information at annapolischocolatebingefestival.com.



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The Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade is back for 2021! This is one of Annapolis' signature events for nearly 40 years and is back to celebrate another holiday season with us. The parade is on Annapolis' waterfront featuring 40 boats of all shapes and sizes, power, and sail, which are brightly decorated with thousands of lights and crewed by jolly revelers. Skippers who are participating circle the waterfront in two fleets: one circling in front of Eastport, Ego Alley/City Dock, and the Naval Academy Seawall, while the other fleet circles the length of Spa Creek inside the bridge. The parade will be held on December 11th from 6 to 8 p.m. Find more information at eastportyc.org.



HOLIDAY POPS: SULTANS OF STRING

The sounds of Annapolis Symphony Orchestra will fill Maryland Hall on December 17th at 8 p.m. The Holiday Pops with the Sultans of String are finally coming, after their original performance was cancelled before the pandemic. Join a joyful and joyous world tour through music in a delightful Christmas Caravan. Find more information about the show at annapolissymphony.org.

A Celebration of Christmas

For one night only, on December 10th from 8 to 10 p.m., Live Arts Maryland will be performing A Celebration of Christmas. Everyone needs a little extra Christmas cheer this year, so join the Annapolis Chorale, Chamber Orchestra, Artistic Director J. Ernest Green, and other special musical guests at Maryland Hall in Annapolis to enjoy the annual holiday concert. This community favorite tradition will kick off the holiday season for Annapolitans. Find more information at Marylandhall.org.

↑ **WINTER JAM**

The fifth annual high school basketball tournament hosted by Severna Park High School will take place on Wednesday, December 29th and Thursday, December 30th. Come see favorite local teams all in one place. This family-friendly event includes JV and Varsity high school athletes from Annapolis Area Christian School, Old Mill, South River, Glen Burnie, Chesapeake, Wilde Lake, St. Mary's, Northeast, Atholton, and Severna Park. Game times are between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more information visit: severnaparkathletics.org.

Across the Bridge

↓ CHRISTMAS IN ST. MICHAELS

Come for a day or stay for the weekend to celebrate the season in historic St. Michaels. December 10th through 12th, children can enjoy breakfast with Santa, the family can tour charming and historic houses, shop collectable ornaments and unique gifts, and enjoy a street parade with a one-mile Santa dash and evening lights boat parade. For more information or to book your stay, visit christmasstmichaels.org.



Photo by Mary Simmons



↑ A Dickens of a Christmas

This year is Chestertown's 4th Annual Victorian holiday extravaganza: A Dickens of a Christmas. December 3rd through 4th, stroll through downtown Chestertown for a lively London themed weekend with entertainment, food, shopping, children's activities, and more. A full schedule of all events, 5K information, petting zoos, and carriage rides can all be found at mainstreetchestertown.org/dickens.

EASTON CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY: A MERRY RUTTER CHRISTMAS

Composer and Arranger John Rutter and the Easton Choral Arts Society are returning to the stage at Christ Church in Easton on December 2nd and 5th for *A Merry Rutter Christmas*. The show will feature classic Christmas songs and more. In addition to the live performances, the show will also be live streamed on YouTube. December 2nd's show will be at 7:30 p.m. and December 5th's show will begin at 4 p.m. Buy tickets today at eastonchoralarts.com.



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FIRING OF THE GUNS

Kick off the Christmas season with the St. Michaels tradition: the Firing of the Guns. The event will take place at noon on December 11th at Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Between noon and 12:30 p.m., interpretive volunteers from the Chesapeake Independent Blues and the NPS Fort McHenry Guard will demonstrate the loading and firing of reproduction artillery and muskets used during the War of 1812, recalling the early 19th century traditions of the Christmas season. Find more information at cbmm.org.



↑ SKATE WITH SANTA

Santa is taking a couple days off from his busy schedule on December 8th and 9th to visit Talbot County Community Center, ice skate, and make holiday memories with the whole family. Parents will be able to bring their own cameras to take pictures of their kids sitting on Santa's lap and there will be complimentary hot cocoa and cookies. The event will take place 6 to 8 p.m. Be sure to pre-register at discovereaston.com.

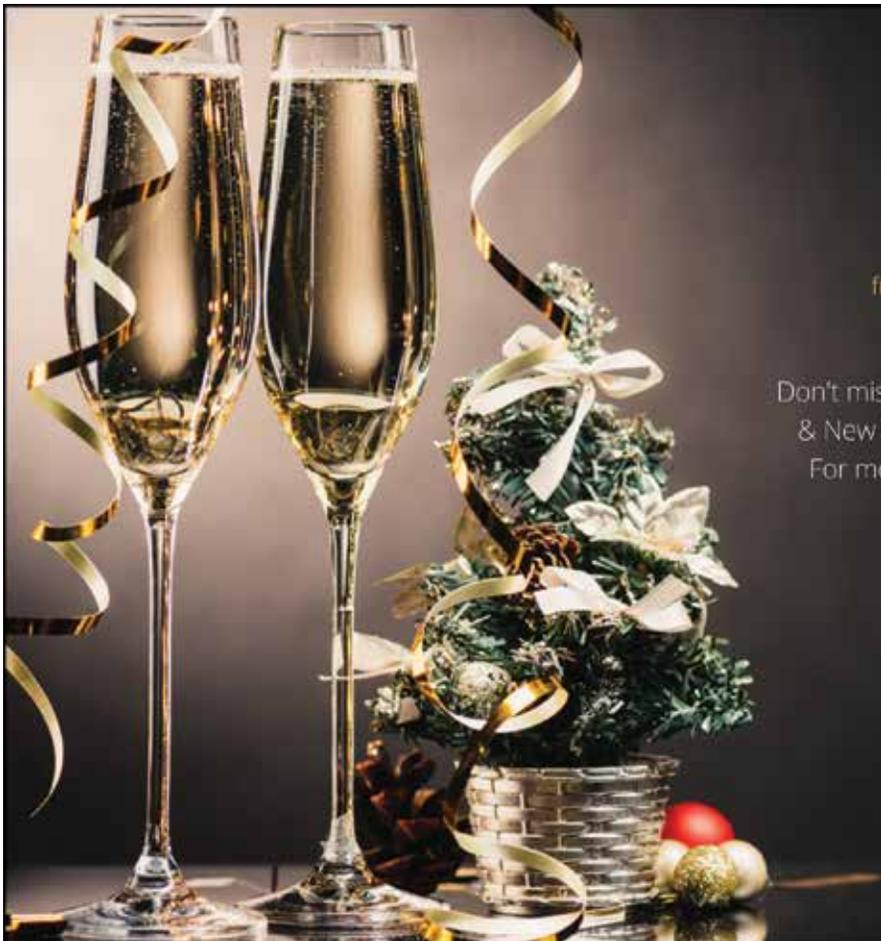


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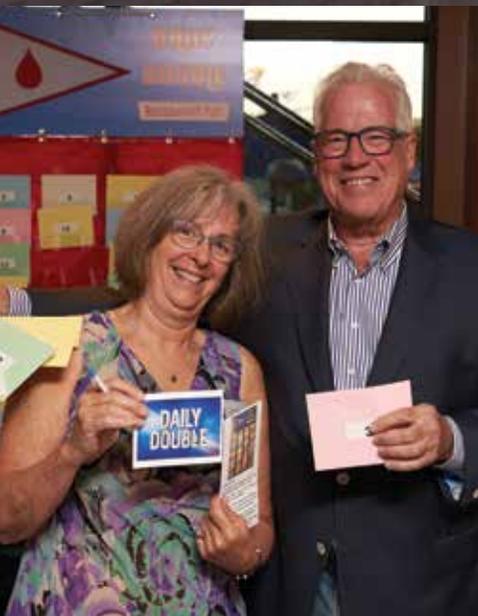
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2021 Leukemia Cup Charity Gala & Auction

On Saturday, September 11th, the 2021 Leukemia Cup Charity Gala & Auction took place at the Annapolis Yacht Club. At one of the club's most popular social events of the year, guests enjoyed cocktails, delicious food, a live and silent auction, inspiring speakers, and live entertainment overlooking Spa Creek. For more information, visit leukemicup.org.

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TOWNE SALUTE

Andrew Pruski

Community Volunteer & County Council Member

By Tom Worgo

Once an Eagle Scout, always an Eagle Scout. During a seven-year stint in the Boy Scouts, which ended at age 19, Andrew Pruski discovered the gratification that comes with helping people. His motivation to serve was strengthened when he attended New York’s Niagara University. The school’s motto is still to serve.



THEY ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE IN NEED,. IF YOU HAVE THE TIME AND ABILITY TO HELP SOMEONE REGARDLESS OF WHAT IT IS, I WOULD DO IT. I WOULD DO SOMETHING FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND NOT EXPECT SOMETHING IN RETURN."

“Since being an Eagle Scout and all the way through college, I have done community service,” Pruski says. “In college, I spent a lot of time doing bingos at senior living facilities. We also did a lot of work in low-income communities.”

Pruski, a two-term Anne Arundel County Council Member, got even more involved with community service after college. He has helped veterans, students, and women in need of housing and financial assistance. He has also organized neighborhood cleanups.

On top of that, the 44-year-old Pruski assisted first responders—fire fighters and policemen—and personnel in the ICU units at Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center and the Greater Baltimore Medical Center. He cites the tough times they faced during the pandemic.

“They are always people in need,” says Pruski, who may run for the House of Delegates in 2022. “If you have the time and ability to help someone regardless of what it is, I would do it. I would do something for other people and not expect something in return.”

Pruski, a Gambrills resident, somehow manages to balance all his community service with a full-time job and busy family life. He’s married with three kids, and works as a supervisor of internal as-

essment for Prince George’s County Public Schools. That’s not to mention his duties as a councilman that he considers another full-time job.

“I go from nine a.m. to nine p.m. every day,” Pruski says.

If all that is not enough, Pruski coaches basketball, soccer, baseball, and flag football in the Gambrills Odenton Recreation Council (GORC).

GORC President Mike Pozdol admires Pruski for his incredible drive to support his community. “I am impressed by him every day,” Pozdol says. “He volunteers at everything. I ask him if he has time to sleep or breathe with all he does. He amazes me at how he does all this. I feel like I do a good amount of volunteering. But next to him, I feel like a slacker.”

The volunteerism that meant as much as any to Pruski involved helping first responders and hospital staff last year. He used money out of his own pocket in addition to partnering with local restaurants to buy lunches for three different groups: firefighters, police, and hospital staff working in ICU units taking care of Covid patients.

He believes his effort had a lot to do with him receiving the Central Maryland Chamber of Commerce’s 2021 Government Advocate of the Year award.

“One of the things I noticed with Covid is how stressed people are, particularly first responders and hospital staff,” Pruski says. “We can donate money to a charity, but when you are talking about people on the frontlines dealing with a healthcare crisis, I felt I had to do something more. It was meaningful and I think people appreciated it. I got a couple of thank you notes.”

Another charitable fundraiser he helped organize seven years ago is one of the closest to his heart. It’s the Thanksgiving Day game of flag football in Gambrills/Odenton Recreation Park, where families throw a football around. It started with two families and has grown up to 50. The effort will resume this fall after a two-year hiatus because of Covid.

Participants have raised money for charities such as Sarah’s House, Anne Arundel County Food Bank, other local food pantries, and families of fallen county police officers.

Pruski also assisted with a sports card show in May for another organization he supported, Hope for All in Glen Burnie. He helped set up the card show and cleaned up after it was over. The money raised went to the nonprofit that helps the needy with furniture, clothing, and housing.

“They provide a lot of great services and I was so glad I could help,” Pruski says. “I highlighted their group on my website, since a lot of people didn’t know they existed.”

Pozdol doesn’t see Pruski slowing down anytime soon when it comes to charity work. “His thing is always, ‘How can I help you?’” Pozdol says. “He really enjoys helping out the community.”

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↑ Rockbridge Academy Celebrates Unified Campus

After renting space for 26 years, Rockbridge Academy finally has a home of its own as Indian Creek School lower school moved completely out of their former Crownsville location this past summer. Rockbridge Academy immediately set to work with painting, updating, adding a new roof, and undertaking a huge move-in that resulted in the entire Rockbridge K-12 student body consolidating onto a campus of their own. The school celebrated the consolidation of campuses on Friday, October 8th, with homecoming, a grand opening, and a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new outdoor basketball court made possible through the donations of a couple families. Established in 1995 as one of the first classical Christian schools in the country, Rockbridge Academy is a K-12 school serving the Annapolis, Baltimore, and DC areas that has graduated students to service academies, ivy leagues schools, trade schools, and all manner of public and private schools in between.



THE ARC CENTRAL CHESAPEAKE REGION’S CEO HONORED

The Daily Record has named Jonathon Rondeau, President & CEO of The Arc Central Chesapeake Region (The Arc), one of Maryland’s 2021 Most Admired CEOs. *The Daily Record* created the Most Admired CEOs awards program to recognize talented business CEOs and non-profit executive directors throughout Maryland whose leadership and vision are admired by those around them. The winners were selected by an outside panel of judges based on professional accomplishments, community service and letters of reference submitted by co-workers, board members and community leaders showcasing the CEO’s leadership and vision. Rondeau joined The Arc in 2017 and has overseen the expansion of its mission, creating greater access and opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across Anne Arundel County and Maryland’s Eastern Shore.



St. Mary's Schools Names New President

St. Mary's Schools recently announced that Dr. Andrew Moore has been named President. In this role, Dr. Moore will oversee all aspects of the Elementary and High School. Effective January 31, 2022, Dr. Moore will take over from Deacon Leroy Moore, who has graciously served St. Mary's for more than 30 years and has been the Acting President for the last 18 months. "I am very excited to get started as the leader of St. Mary's schools," Dr. Moore says. "St. Mary's has a long-standing reputation of excellence in both its elementary and high school, and I look forward to building on that tradition and advancing the unity and purpose of this outstanding community."

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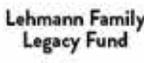
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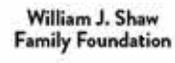
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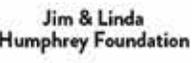
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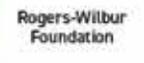
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TOWNE ATHLETE

Peyton Mason

St. Mary's High School Basketball

By Tom Worgo

If high schools gave out grades for leadership, Peyton Mason would get an A-plus. He thrives when he is in charge of things. Mason, a senior, is a three-year captain of the St. Mary's boys varsity basketball team as well as the point guard. He led the Saints to one of their best seasons in school history last year after consecutive losing seasons.

One of the things that makes Mason stand out as a leader is his boundless energy. "I really do like being a leader," says Mason, who will play basketball at Division III Case Western Reserve University in Ohio next year. "I would say because I am so passionate about basketball, and I bring that passion onto the floor and pass it to other people."

Mason, an Edgewater resident, takes the initiative in every situation through encouragement and being tough on teammates. "You have to create a positive environment," he says. "I give my teammates high fives. When I do that, I am encouraging them and teaching them. But you also have to hold people accountable. If they are not giving an effort on a certain play and not locked in, I will talk to them."

In recognition of his leadership, he was one of six captains to speak to classmates during meetings of the school's SAIL Club. It's a leadership club where students from each sport discuss ways to improve their skills.

"It gives me confidence and makes me feel like I am doing a good job," explains Mason, who also leads his class academically (4.45 weighted grade point average) and participates in numerous activities inside and outside of school. He is taking five advanced-placement classes this school year.

"I have taken the most rigorous courses offered," says Mason, noting calculus, chemistry, and biology. If he sees an opportunity to help younger students with schoolwork or



PEYTON WAS MONUMENTAL FOR US IN TURNING THE PROGRAM AROUND. HE IS LIKE A SECOND COACH ON THE FLOOR."

basketball, he does it. He referees games and teaches the sport at summer camps.

Outside of St. Mary's, Mason has volunteered at an Annapolis Lighthouse shelter event, attended Special Olympics events, and helped underprivileged elementary school students create art projects and improve their reading. "I think it's important to give back to the community and support the needy," Mason says. "Not everybody is as fortunate to have the things I have."

Of course, Mason puts more time into basketball than anything else. He led the Saints to a 13-2 record last season, including a 9-0 mark in the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association B Conference. He had some standout games, scoring a season-high 18 points in a win over Archbishop Curley and finished with 14 points in a triumph against St. Paul's.

St. Mary's Boys Basketball Coach Trey Quinn says the 5-foot-10, 155-pound Mason gets as much credit as anyone for the Saints' breakthrough season in which he averaged 13 points, five assists, and three steals per game.

“Peyton was monumental for us in turning the program around,” Quinn explains. “He is like a second coach on the floor. For us to be the best version of St. Mary’s basketball, we have harped on being in the gym all the time. Peyton lives in the gym.”

Mason, a four-year varsity starter, makes good decisions with the ball, directs the team well, and breaks down opposing defenses. He’s also an excellent three-point shooter. Mason sank six against Broadneck during his freshman year.

“His ability to shoot the three has been a game-changer since his freshman year,” Quinn says. “He always puts in the extra with it.”

St. Mary’s Athletic Director Allison Fondale considers Mason to be a rare student-athlete, citing his work ethic and dedication. He’s playing basketball before and after school and studying relentlessly. “He is getting to school at 6 a.m. and not leaving until 9:30 p.m.,” Fondale says. “He has established a culture of hard work.”

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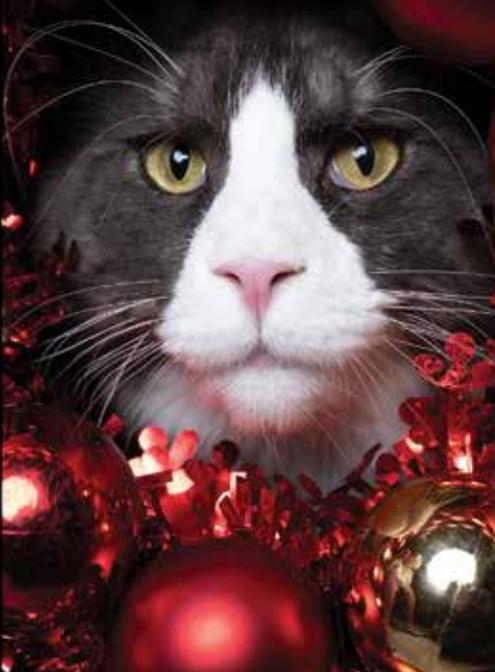
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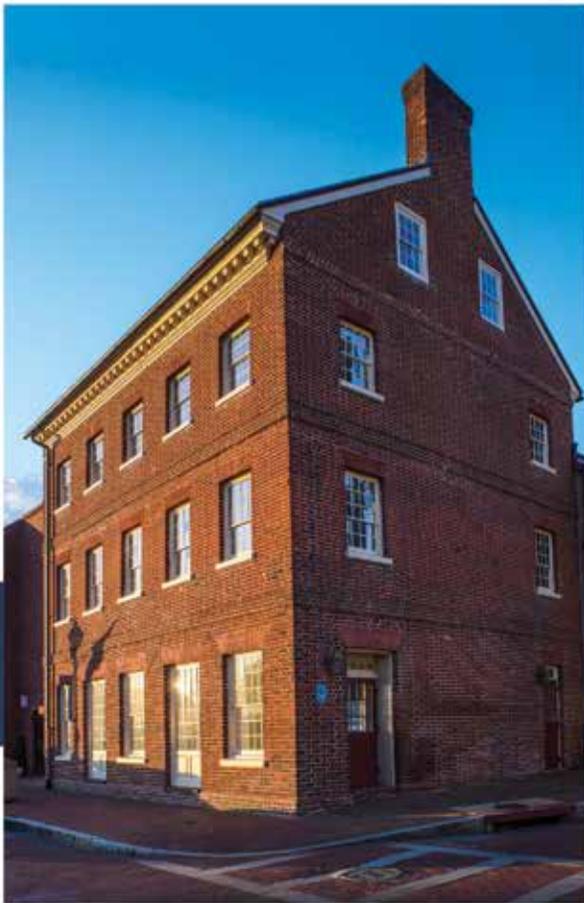
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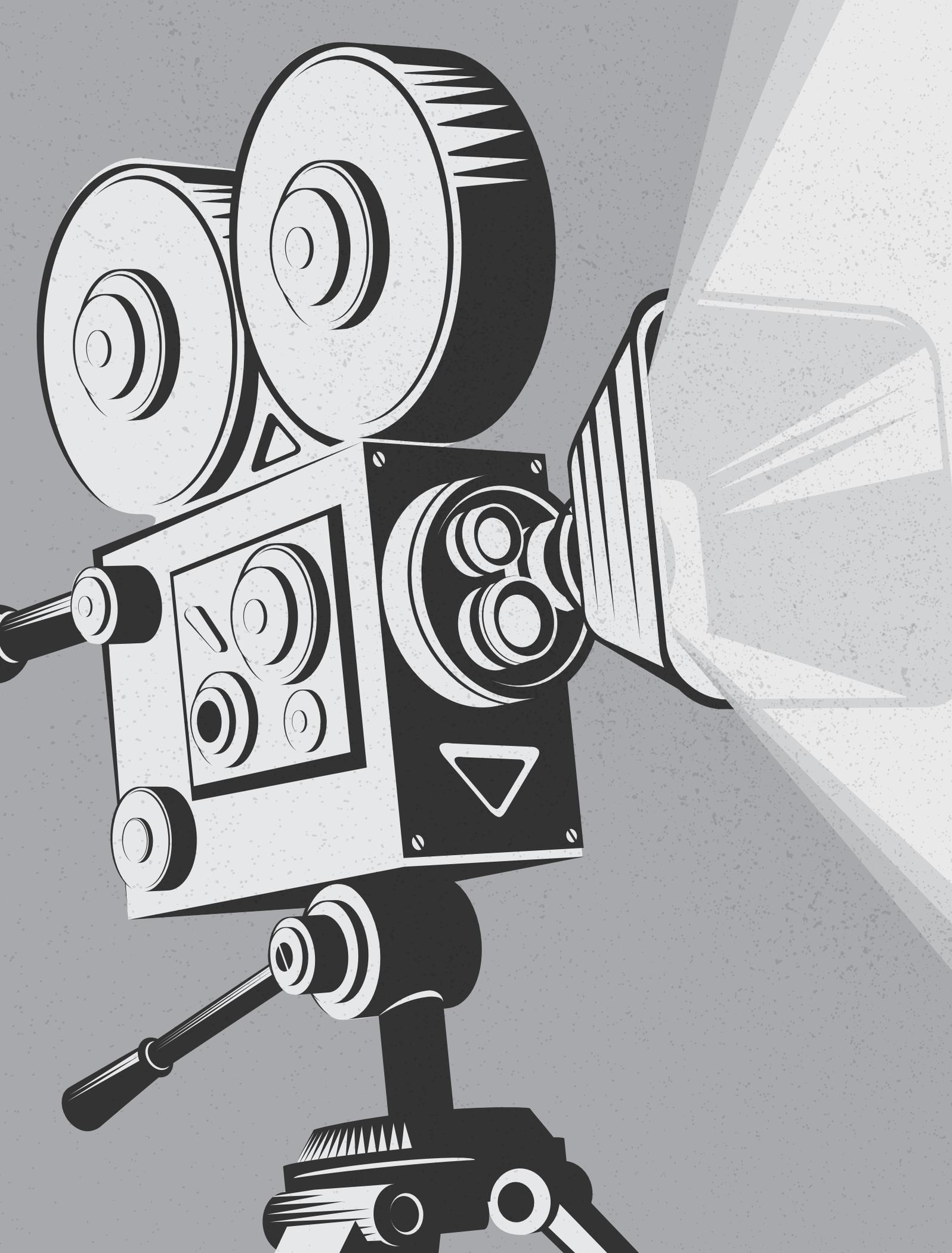
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REEL SPECIAL

Historic theaters and movie houses of the region that captured pop culture of generations past and created memories of a bygone era

By Ellen Moyer



It was May 16, 1929, and Hollywood was hosting the first Academy Awards. Founded by Louis B. Mayer to honor the advancement and improvement of the film industry, this event was quite a leap for an industry that was just 30 years old. Two years earlier, *The Jazz Singer*, with synchronized recorded music, had heralded the end of silent film when the lead actor, Al Jolson, stunned the audience with his voice. “Wait a minute, wait a minute, you ain’t heard nothing yet.” This was the first voice heard by a theater audience. A new era of talkies was beginning.

The Jazz Singer could not compete in the Awards ceremony of 1929. It was considered unfair competition to silent film; it did, however, receive a special ancillary award. The Best Picture award went to the \$2 million production of *Wings*, a movie about two World War I pilots who fell in love with the same girl. Janet Gaynor, the only female award winner, received nominations for three different films and won them all.

The movies were all about story telling as had been the role of theater stage performances for centuries. Perhaps the greatest of this emerging format was the three-hour silent film *Birth of a Nation* in 1915; controversial because its story focused on “the Lost Cause.” The film nevertheless launched the creative use of the camera, which affected every movie filmed after it; the techniques are still studied today.

The invention of the camera in the 1800s opened new doors for entertainment, providing access to the story telling of stage shows to the masses. Nickelodeons,

one-minute showings, appeared in store fronts at the turn of the 20th century. So called because one nickel bought you the short show.

In quick time, directors and producers recognized the impact of film entertaining the masses and formed film companies world-wide. Warner Brothers, MGM, Paramount, RKO, Loews, and Fox competed for the actors, actresses, and stories. Within a decade, Nickelodeons were gone. By 1913, movie houses and movie palaces as destinations for entertainment were being built to cater to growing audiences. More affordable than opera or the vaudeville stage, the storytelling and adventures dreamed up in movies would energize a new and enthusiastic public. Never had an industry sprouted and grown so fast.

Our state capital, Annapolis, opened its first theater in 1920. Maryland Governor Albert Ritchie cut the ribbon on The Circle Theater, a vaudeville playhouse with red curtains, balcony, orchestra pit, dressing rooms, and 1,800 seats; 2,800 people attended the opening. Later, when it was renovated under Durkee—Baltimore’s largest movie circuit management company—the seats were reduced to 894 until it closed in 1979 when economic hard times fell. The cinema glory years of the ‘30s, ‘40s, and ‘50s was over.

In the 1980s, State Delegate Michael Busch, myself, and a handful of others hoped to have the Circle Theater designated an American Historical Theater and a performing arts theater. Senator Roy Staten proposed the Circle Theater for state pageants and historical storytelling at the site. Theater producer Martha Wright organized the Tom Thumb Players for children’s theater. But with no substantial support from historic preservationists or Ward 1 residents, the once-upon-a-time magical theater with the best acoustics was changed into offices for lobbyists. The orchestra pit and dressing rooms still exist under the new floor.

The Republic Theater (later renamed the Playhouse) on Main Street suffered a similar fate, as did The Capital Theatre on West Street, which was built in 1946 and designed by John Jacob Zink, an architectural innovator in movie house design.

Perhaps the theater that most likely could have been a historical saved gem but wasn’t, was The Star Theater. It was purchased as a theater in 1926 by Sam Eisenstein, a man who loved music and entertainment, according to his daughter, Annapolitan Anna Greenberg. The theater was located on Calvert Street where an empty parking lot used by Anne Arundel County exists near Rowe Boulevard.





A mural produced by local artist Jeff Huntington and students from the Stanton Center marks the site, adjacent to St. Anne's Cemetery. The Star only had 350 seats, but it had a candy bar and featured Saturday western films featuring Hopalong Cassidy and Roy Rogers. Thursday nights were "Bank Night" when ticket numbers were drawn, and winners received \$5.00 or more. Greenberg, whose family lived above the movie house for seven years, celebrated her third birthday in the lobby of The Star.

What set The Star Theater apart from The Circle, The Republic/Playhouse, and The Capital is that it was a theater for African Americans, one of a handful in Anne Arundel County, until it was torn down in 1965. Similarly, the Turk Lounge at the Dixie Hotel on Clay Street offered live entertainment by New York/Harlem celebrities, such as Pearl Bailey, Billie Holiday, and Cab Calloway, who also visited The Star.

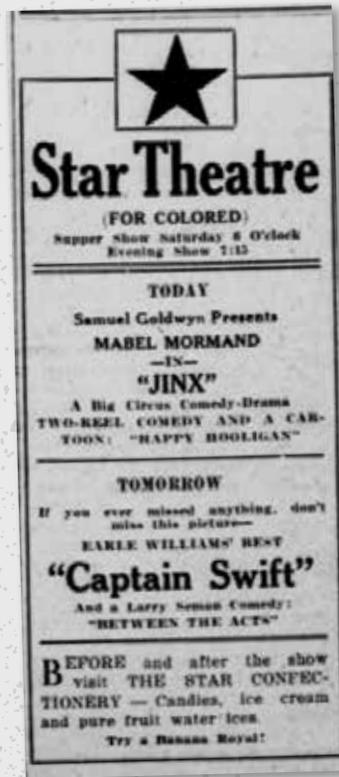
Yet, at a time when the City of Annapolis was priding itself on historic preservation, it let at least two theaters, The Circle and The Star, get away from it.

Baltimore fared a bit better. The city saved The Charles, on Charles Street, which began its operations within a building built in 1892 to house trolley cars. It opened in 1939 as the first all newsreel movie house, in time to showcase the stories from World War II.

The Senator Theatre on York Road is owned by the City of Baltimore. It, too, opened in 1939, a banner year for movies that saw the production of *Gone with the Wind*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Stagecoach*, *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*, and other movie classics. The Senator Theatre opened with the movie *Stanley and Livingstone*, starring Spencer Tracey and Nancy Kelly.

Designed by Zink, The Senator Theatre was designated a U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1989, the year of its 50th anniversary. It was described as the first art deco movie theater, is still in use in Baltimore, and considered most intact example of its kind.

Celebrities John Travolta, Joaquin Phoenix, Matt Damon, Salma Hayek, Matthew McConaughey, and many others have attended East Coast premieres of movies at The Senator Theatre, which have included *Ladder 49*, *Runaway Bride*, *The Accidental Tourist*, and many of Baltimore directors John Waters and Barry Levinson's films. In 2003, *USA Today* declared "The Senator is one of best places to see classic cinema." In 2005, it was selected by *Entertain-*



ment Weekly as 1 of 10 movie theaters that make watching films a dream. In 2014, it was named as one of top movie houses in the world. The Senator Theatre is a local cinematic historic preservation accomplishment. It is a Baltimore landmark that has brought the city world-wide recognition.

Annapolis theaters, on the other hand—The Circle that once featured Otis Skinner on stage; The Republic/Playhouse, once considered a premier site for live theater; The Capital with its famous architect; and The Star that entertained African American children every Saturday morning and occasionally hosted Harlem greats—are all but entirely erased from the city landscape. Several of the sites exist only as renovated spaces (office or otherwise) with little hint of their entertainment history or cultural legacy. Silent and seldom remembered as the best entertainment venues in town.

The City of Annapolis was once called the "Athens of America" as the cultural center of the colonies, and the first city to have a permanent theater stage site way back in the 1700s. Annapolis has always been a performing arts town. But for a brief moment in time, nearly 50 years ago, it overlooked golden preservation opportunities.



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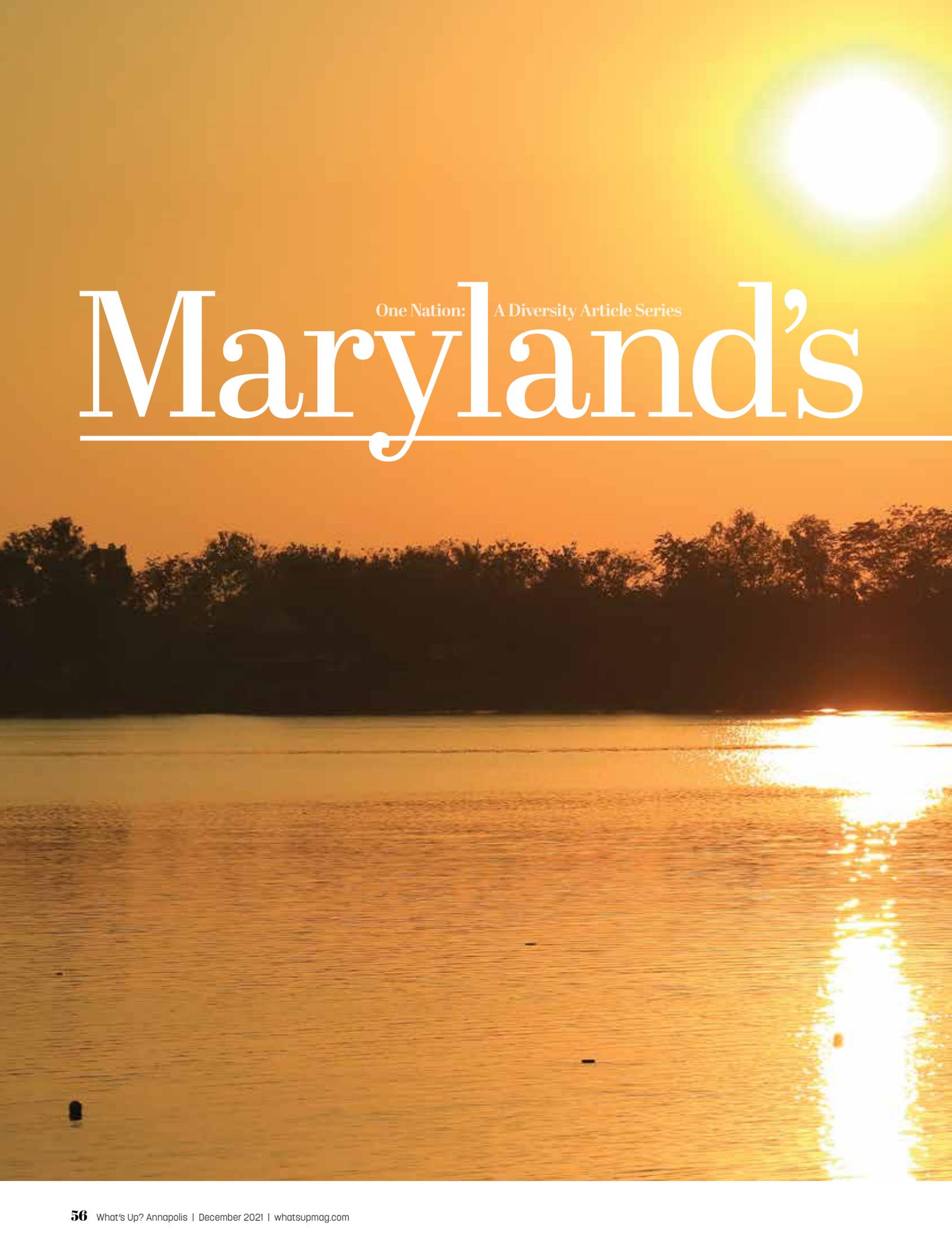


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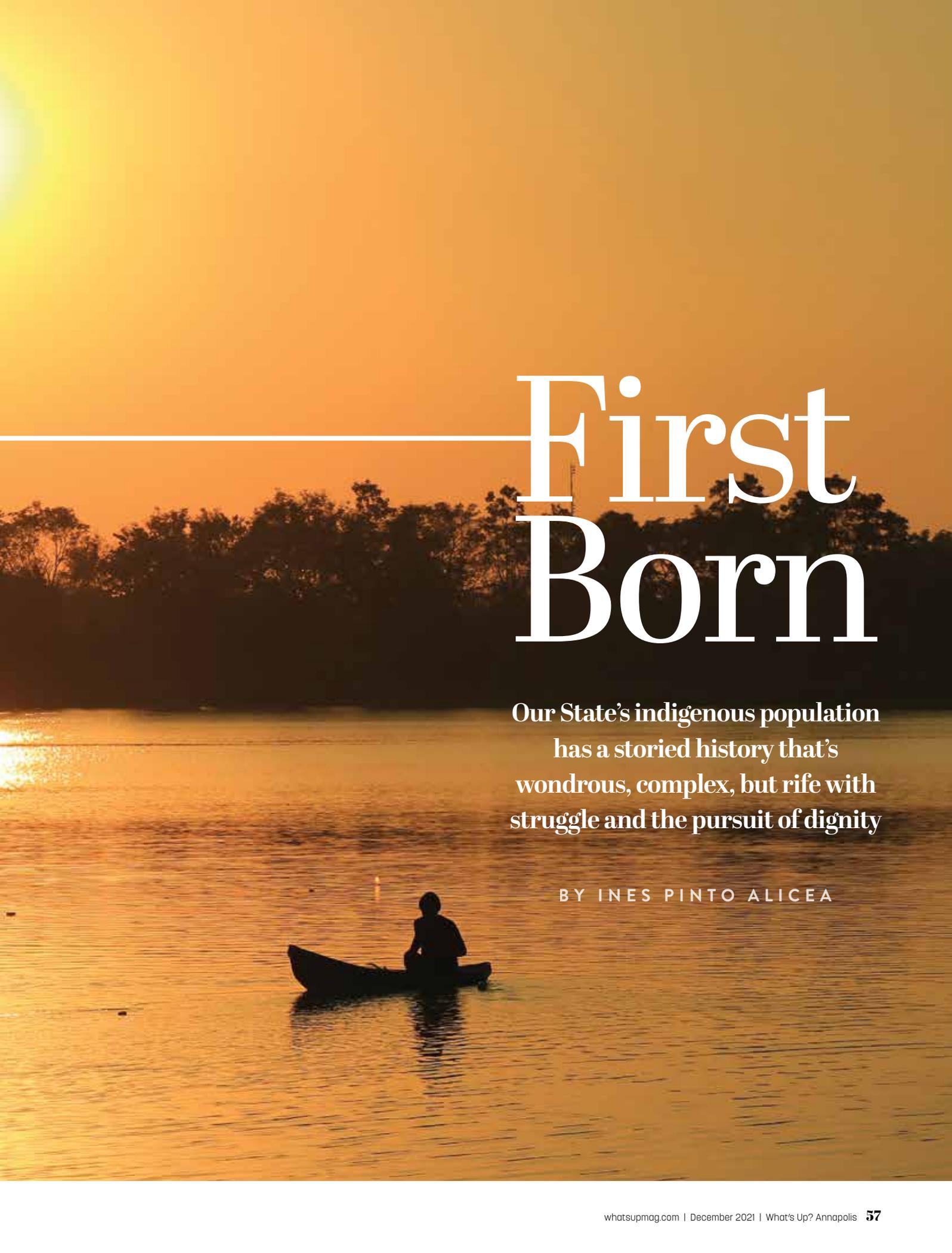
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First Born

Our State's indigenous population has a storied history that's wondrous, complex, but rife with struggle and the pursuit of dignity

BY INES PINTO ALICEA

“We have struggled for hundreds of years to maintain our identity, our culture, and to properly care for our families,”

says Natalie “Standing on the Rock” Proctor with passion and firmness. The elected tribal chair of the Cedarville Band of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe says indigenous people have inhabited Maryland for at least 24,000 years, which explains their “strong connection to this land and our role as its caretakers.” Proctor says colonization took a huge toll on the population “with millions of acres of land and our resources taken.”

Today, Proctor advocates and encourages people wanting to support Maryland’s tribes and indigenous people to donate private lands and assist lobbying efforts for the return of government-seized land as part of the tribe’s Landback Project.

“The Landback Project does not ask anyone to sacrifice anything or do without,” Proctor states. “These efforts would help to ensure that Maryland’s clans, bands, tribes, and other organizations would finally prosper and grow in our own homeland.”

The Piscataway Conoy Tribe, which has its cultural center in Waldorf, is one of three tribes officially recognized by the state of Maryland. The other two tribes are the Accohannock Indian Tribe and the Piscataway Indian Nation. However, according to the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, nearly 60,000 people in the state identify as indigenous with most living around Baltimore and in Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties. The commission serves not only the three tribes officially recognized by the state, but also several other tribes, including: the Assateague Peoples Tribe, the Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians, the Pocomoke Indian Nation, and Youghiogheny River Band of Shawnee Indian. Tribes granted Maryland Indian Status qualify for certain federal, state, and nonprofit assistance to provide resources to tribal members and to be used toward cultural education.

Steps Etched in Time

Although the tribes in Maryland have vastly different histories, languages, cultural backgrounds, patterns of social organization, and religious beliefs, there are at least two things they share in common—a strong connection to the land and a mission to be stewards of the land.

Much of the American public mistakenly believes that indigenous history began when the Europeans arrived as settlers. But, archaeologists and historians say indigenous groups have lived in Maryland for 13,000 years or more, long before the Europeans arrived in Maryland in the 1630s. Much of the written history of Maryland’s indigenous populations is limited because the tribes only maintained oral histories. When Europeans arrived in Maryland, they wrote extensively about the indigenous people and their interactions with the settlers, defining the indigenous history solely from a European perspective. Development, farming practices, and sea-level rise have complicated efforts, making it difficult for archaeologists to gather and preserve many historic artifacts and to piece together a more in-depth picture of the lives, contributions, and history of the indigenous people of Maryland. But, scholars from different educational backgrounds continue to explore their history and write about it.

“The Archives is currently working with a team of students to create an index of sorts of all the variety of spellings referring to indigenous peoples that appear in the colony’s (and state’s) earliest records,” says deputy state archivist Elaine Rice Bachmann of the Maryland State Archives. “This will enable researchers to more accurately find and interpret early records, which tend to spell tribal names phonetically, or in a variety of ways, that make it difficult to make historical and interpretive connections.”

Historians and archaeologists say the writings of the Europeans who arrived in the 1630s indicate Anne Arundel and Talbot Counties (with respective populations today of 5,347 and 213 indigenous people) were largely the seasonal sites for indigenous populations, not permanent villages, because of regular raids from the north by the Susquehannocks, who were given guns by Dutch and Swedish traders. Their arrival was not welcome as the indigenous communities had struggled with several of the driest decades in seven centuries. Competition with the English newcomers for scarce resources possibly lead to “migration, warfare, and population loss due to famine,” say authors Jean B. Russo and J. Elliott Russo, in their book *Planting an Empire: The Early Chesapeake in British North America*.

“Archaeologists have found evidence of their presence, but not of long-term residence,” says colonial Chesapeake historian Jean Russo. “Archaeological evidence gathered from (indigenous) skeletons, such as early ages at death and loss of teeth or bone, reveals significant malnourishment among groups inhabiting the region at the beginning of the 17th century.”

Mark Leone, a professor of anthropology at the University of Maryland, says several indigenous groups grew crops around the Chesapeake Bay and set up temporary camps in different spots around



the bay so when they faced a lean season in terms of food, they moved around to fish, hunt deer, or capture geese and ducks. Since there was no vinegar or refrigeration, the indigenous communities used salt and smoke to preserve meats and seafood. Leone says the colonists often traded with them for their food products.

“They were who people traded with during tough times and there was no food,” Leone says of the indigenous groups

However, the way the indigenous used the land seasonally for cultivation, hunting, or foraging was not understood by settlers who wanted to establish homesteads and own titles to that same land.

“English colonists pursued a European ideal of land use—permanent, private ownership by individuals—that inevitably brought them into conflict with the indigenous populations,” the Russos say. “The indigenous understandings of land ownership were more fluid, with an emphasis on communal and productive relationships with the environment. They

possessed land while they were using it, but land that had been vacated (left fallow to regain fertility, for example, or abandoned to follow the shifting habitat of deer) could be reoccupied in the future. Renewed use of land, not fences placed to mark territory, served to indicate ownership for the indigenous.”

Sites In and Around Annapolis

Archaeologists have identified two small sites important in the history of the indigenous populations present in Annapolis before settlers arrived. They are located off Spa Creek near Rowe Boulevard and the U.S. Naval Academy, says Leone.

Further south in Anne Arundel County is a major archaeological site on the Patuxent River. Al Luckenbach, retired Anne Arundel County archaeologist, led a groundbreaking excavation beginning in 2009 at Pig Point on Jug Bay. Though some other similar sites have been found by others, archaeologists say those were not properly excavated, making Lucken-

In January 2012, then-Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley recognized the Piscataway Indian Nation and The Piscataway Conoy Tribe in an official ceremony. Natalie “Standing on the Rock” Proctor, current elected tribal chair of the Cedarville Band of the tribe, stands at far left with other tribe elders. Photo courtesy Maryland Governor’s Office.

bach's findings more important in the understanding of Maryland's indigenous history. Luckenbach's excavation led to the discovery of thousands of items dating back 9,300 years ago and a sacred burial pit containing teeth, smashed skulls, crushed pottery, broken pipes, spearheads, and other items.

"They had a unique ceremony of the dead," he says. "No one had seen that before and we didn't know what they were thinking. We were shocked. Were they smashing their ancestors or their enemies? We don't know. We've got a certain amount of data, but we're still unclear."

Luckenbach says there is archaeological evidence of different indigenous groups living in the region for more than 13,000 years. The major problem indigenous groups faced in Anne Arundel County prior to the Europeans arriving was fighting with other indigenous groups. When Europeans arrived in Anne Arundel County, it almost appeared to be like "no man's land" because the indigenous tribes here did not have guns and the tribes that did have guns pushed them further south, he says.

"But they never left the county," he says. "They just moved around Anne Arundel. The Chesapeake was a wonderland because there was enough food to feed a large population."

East of the Bay

The arrival of the Europeans in Maryland was significant to the history of the indigenous groups because it marked the beginning of a series of broken promises by the newcomers. According to the book *Eastern Shore Indians of Virginia and Maryland*, authors Helen C. Rountree and Thomas E. Davidson said the indigenous people of Maryland's Eastern Shore first met Englishmen as explorers and then

as traders. The English particularly wanted beaver pelts and food and the indigenous groups sought the woven cloth, weapons, and tools the settlers offered.

Between the 1620s and the 1640s only a handful of English colonists lived on the Eastern Shore because they were restricted to a small area near the end of the peninsula. Initially, relations were relatively peaceful because the English had experience dealing with the local Accomacs though some conflicts arose over trade disputes and small-scale raids of English plantations by the indigenous. The tribes were increasingly alarmed that the European encroachment caused them to lose corn-growing lands and "their ability to feed themselves." The European settlers also often cut timber without permission on indigenous land, reducing their capacity to support the indigenous population. By 1642, Maryland's colonial government declared war on several tribes because some Englishmen were attacked on Kent Island.

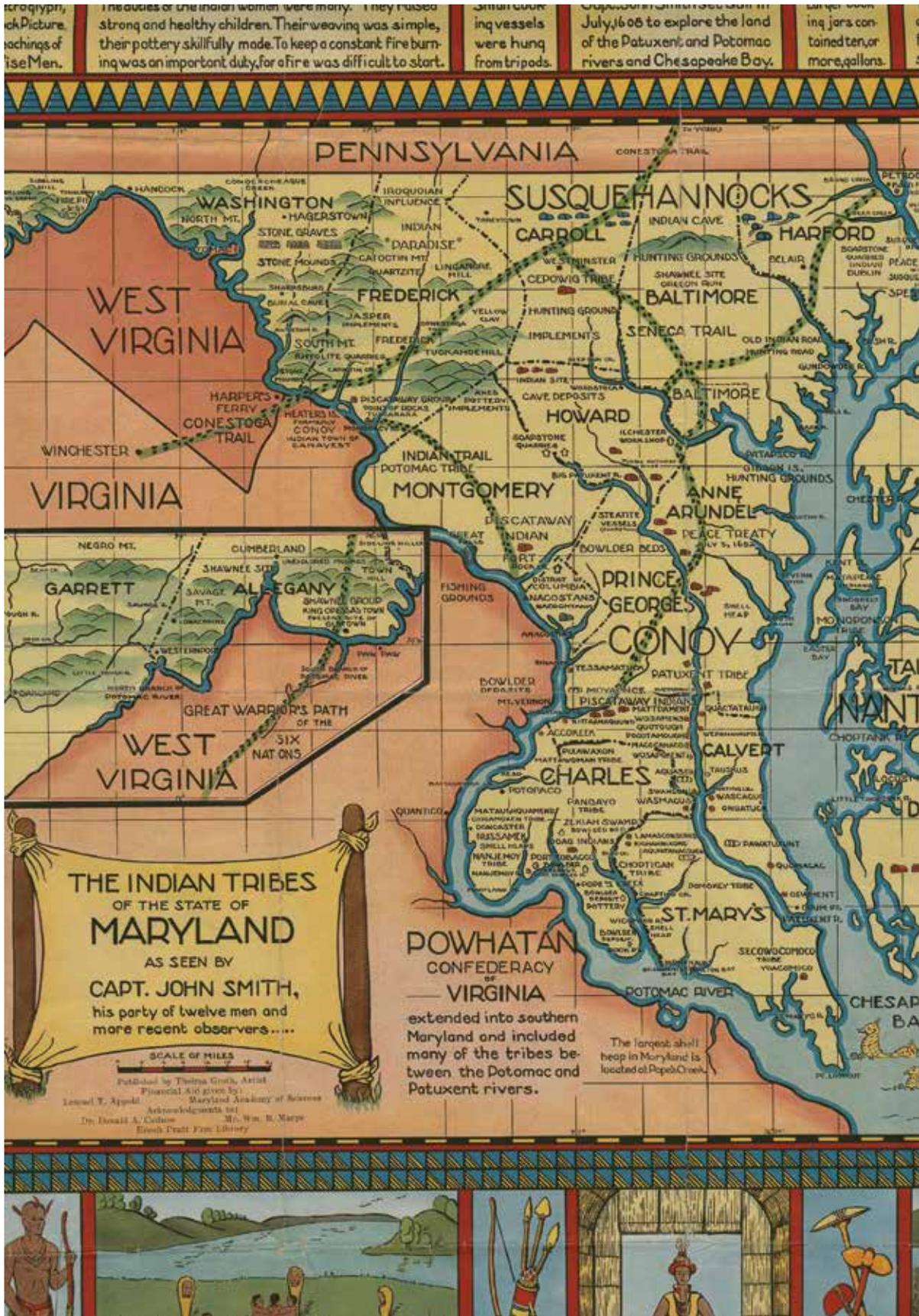
"The English had a great deal of difficulty understanding that all Chesapeake Bay (indigenous) were not alike, and these (indigenous) had no unified government in the European sense of the term," writes Rountree and Davidson. "The English authorities probably did not realize that the Susquehannocks and the Nanticokes were almost as alien to each other as each tribe was to the English.

In the 1650s the Susquehannocks had control of much of the Eastern Shore, fighting the English and other tribes, but by 1660, the lower Eastern shore was thrown open to settlement by the newcomers. The English would only recognize titles to land granted by their own authorities in Maryland, the authors say. The Choptank Indians initially were the only group to "own their land" because they paid an annual fee to the government and later signed a treaty with Maryland, establishing one of the first reservations on the Eastern Shore, based near Cambridge. But, by 1721, the government of Maryland watered down the agreement with the Choptanks, allowing them to occupy and use the land, but not really own it.

Other tribes that tried to secure the land with agreements were rebuffed. As the English sought to settle throughout the Chesapeake Bay for its resources, the indigenous tribes were repeatedly displaced further north up the Pocomoke River in Somerset County. Eventually, the Maryland government signed a proclamation in 1678 with the Nanticokes, the Pocomokes, and Assateagues that did not give them legal title to their town lands but warned English settlers to not encroach on specific tracts of land. Despite numerous treaties between the government of Maryland and the different indigenous groups, the terms, fully dictated by Maryland officials, did little to ensure the rights and interests of indigenous were protected.

This portion of a 1775 map created for Robert Sayer in London depicts Kent Island, Province of Maryland, including Queenstown (to the east) and Annapolis (west across the Chesapeake Bay). The Catholic community around Queenstown, established in the 1640s, was the first on Maryland's eastern shore and eventually led to open settlement by the English throughout the region.





A map created in 1935 and held in the University of Maryland's University Libraries digital collection titled "The Indian Tribes of the State of Maryland as Seen by Capt. John Smith" depicts territories, sites, and geographical markers present in the 1600s during the arrival of the Europeans to Maryland.



The excavation of Pig Point, located within Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary (pictured here) in Anne Arundel County, led to the discovery of thousands of items dating back 9,300 years ago and a sacred burial pit containing teeth, smashed skulls, crushed pottery, broken pipes, spearheads, and other items. Image creative commons license.

Records indicate indigenous people lived on the Eastern Shore through much of the 18th century. The county governments of the Eastern Shore did not keep records of the individual members of the tribes because they were not allowed to vote in elections, could not instigate court cases against the European settlers and did not pay taxes if they lived on a reservation. Also, very few indigenous names were recorded in Christian church parish registers even though some tribe members joined the churches and tithed. It is likely that tribal members who joined the churches adopted English names. The leadership of some tribes in Maryland encouraged members to assimilate and marry the Europeans to protect themselves and save the bloodline.

Some indigenous tribe members belonged to the major tribes but chose to live off the reservations and “had found places for themselves in English society. Others were remnants of displaced tribes who had been forced off their traditional lands as a result of English expansion,” writes Rountree and Davidson. But many members of different tribes in Maryland eventually migrated to Pennsylvania to lands that the Iroquois had conquered from the Susquehannocks. The Iroquois sought to populate the territory with other indigenous groups who

were willing to accept Iroquois authority. By the early nineteenth century, little effort was made by the local and state governments of Maryland to ensure that the culture, history, and identity of its indigenous people were protected.

“By the early nineteenth century on the Maryland Eastern Shore, even the awareness that there were still Indians present, and that not all people classified as free blacks were of African descent, seems to have faded from the minds of the white inhabitants of the region,” Rountree and Davidson say.

Preserving Their Legacy

Today, many of the tribes work to keep their cultures and ways of life alive by selling crafts, holding powwows, and teaching the young their languages, but some express concern about the future of the indigenous population in Maryland.

“Most of the tribal members are fifty years and older, and grew up living off the land and water, and learned traditional skills and technology,” explains the Accohannock Indian Tribe. “Today, only a few descendants of the tribe are able to continue the traditional occupations (watermen, hunters, and farmers) of their ancestors. Most members work in small family businesses or at local minimum wage jobs.”

The Accohannock tribal office is located in Marion Station, Maryland, just north of Crisfield. The tribe oversees and maintains Bending Water Park in Somerset County and hosts an annual “Healing of All Nations” powwow at the park. During the rest of the year, members of the tribe, who said in a press release that they helped the state’s European settlers learn how to live off the land, travel to powwows in neighboring states and sell crafts.

For Proctor, it is important for her tribe’s future to have ownership of some of the land her tribe’s ancestors worked on for thousands of years. For other tribes, an important first step toward healing a painful and contentious relationship is to have the state of Maryland recognize their existence.

“Today, even as government and public organizations seek to preserve the history of Indigenous peoples and support future generations, challenges persist,” states the Chesapeake Bay Program, which leads and directs all efforts on restoring the bay. “In the Chesapeake Bay watershed, it is crucial that we honor the history of Indigenous peoples and celebrate their culture as we do all members of the region.”

Editor’s Note: *Multiple requests were made to interview a representative from the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, but unfortunately the office was unresponsive.*



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For the past 20 years, he has led his area in IT leadership and excellence. Ever since Jason was a young age, he loved anything technology, including computers, video games, cell phones, and networking. Jason is incredibly involved in his local community, its children's futures & local events.

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Nestled in the Davidsonville countryside is Harvest Thyme Tavern, owned by Chef Rik and Pam Squillari. A third-generation American chef and descendant of Italian immigrants, Rik grew up in a family of chefs and restaurateurs. He attended the Culinary Institute of America, where he met his wife, Pam, whose passion for baking bread and pastry can be traced to the long line of Eastern European bakers in her family. In 2017, they decided to create something of their own, and the idea for Harvest Thyme Tavern was born.

Together, they curate their menu seasonally, bringing their guests the freshest, all-natural ingredients available. Wine is the other half of Chef Rik's passion. He's notorious for his extensive wine list, and chances are you'll spot him making the rounds to say hello or suggesting a wine pairing.

The Squillaris attribute the bulk of their success to their talented and charismatic staff, many of whom have been with them from the beginning. It's the Harvest Thyme crew who make your dining experience delicious and memorable. Mangia!



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Our Daily Thread Thrift Store Provides Hope

Haven Ministries Our Daily Thread Thrift Store in Chester offers Shore residents and visitors resale shopping where shoppers can pay it forward to those in need. The store provides quality name-brand clothing and household goods at deeply discounted prices. Purchases benefit the agency's outreach programs in Queen Anne's County, including its housing assistance program, resource center, food pantries, street outreach, and seasonal shelter.

Store Manager Liz Bazzell, who has been with Haven Ministries for nine years, comments, "I love that our nonprofit is a group of local churches working together to help a community in need. We take extra care in displaying our store merchandise so that each shopper we serve can experience joy. Whether our customers are living on limited incomes or not, we want them to leave Our Daily Thread feeling hopeful and having a better day than when they arrived."

Love shapes the ministry, love transforms people, and hope prevails at Haven Ministries. Haven Ministries operates a seasonal Homeless Shelter, a Resource Center and Food Pantry in Queenstown, Our Daily Thread Thrift Store in Chester, Hope Warehouse in Queenstown, and a Food Pantry Truck in Sudlersville.



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Instrumental Music teacher Paula Sweterlitsch describes her role as “guiding students while their inspiration leads the way.” However, there is so much more to the magic she creates with her students.

At Indian Creek, Ms. Sweterlitsch teaches instrumental music to students in grades 3-12, leading strings classes, brass ensembles, concert band, and a variety of student-driven spin-off groups, including a jazz/blues ensemble, pep band, and even a *Dave-Matthews-Band*-inspired acoustic group.

“I love when kids come in, jazzed about something that they were doing in their last class, and their excitement sparks an idea about how we can try the activity with music. Anything is possible.” This enthusiasm creates a vibrant environment, leading to some truly great moments. Recently, an accomplished high-school drummer joined her fifth-grade strings class and started to play along. The energetic beat thrilled and inspired the younger students.

Ms. Sweterlitsch loves teaching at ICS because the arts are inherent in the fabric of the community. Outside of school, she fuels her passion by playing with touring artists at the Kennedy Center and other venues.



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Success in math involves much more than just working with numbers. It's about developing a growth mindset and the confidence to tackle challenges when they inevitably arise. Lower School math specialist Ms. Stacy Shaener teaches kindergarten through 5th-grade students the skills they need to take ownership of their learning with creativity and joy. With a focus on real-world problem-solving, her students discover the many ways that math shapes our daily lives. Her classrooms buzz with energy as students eagerly share their thinking, help each other overcome challenges, and develop new ways of looking at the world.

"Helping students identify in themselves what they do well is so important. And we have to be really specific with students about what their strengths are. When I give feedback in class, it's never just 'Great job.' I choose specific things from their work to help model this thinking for them, 'I like how you were able to break up those numbers' or 'I like how you added on to Stacy's idea.'"

Ms. Shaener believes that building a supportive community around math helps students reach their fullest potential. She teaches summer camps, leads teacher and parent workshops, and finds professional development opportunities to keep her curriculum fresh. Working with educators like math innovators Greg Tang, Jo Boaler, and Sue O'Connell, she models the same collaboration and positive enthusiasm she hopes to instill in her students. At Severn School and in our local community, Ms. Shaener is changing attitudes about math one smile at a time.



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As Chief Curator of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, Md., Pete Lesher finds himself immersed in the history, environment, and culture of the watershed each and every day.

Lesher has been a member of CBMM's staff for more than 30 years and leads in all aspects of interpretation— from the preservation and stewardship of more than 80,000 irreplaceable objects in its collection to the direction of exciting new exhibitions and programming, ensuring that what CBMM presents aligns with its mission.

A true authority on the history of the region and its inhabitants, he was also featured in a recent film presented by CBMM, *The Long Shore*, that addresses not just what the waterfront museum does, but why as well. See the full film at cbmm.org/TheLongShore.

Plan your visit to CBMM's 18-acre waterfront campus today to see Lesher's work as you enjoy wide-open spaces and interpretive educational exhibitions.



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Lifetime Maryland resident, Eric Yff started his career in home improvement at age 25 when he opened Yff Construction, Inc. For many years, his company worked as a subcontractor for Bay Stoves, providing all of their fireplace installations and service work. In 2014, Eric bought Bay Stoves and now runs both the retail and service aspects of the business.

As a National Fireplace Institute (NFI) certified technician with 30+ years of experience, Eric defines what it means to be a professional in the fireplace industry. Not only is he trustworthy and reliable, but he is well versed in all safety standards and county codes.

Bay Stoves has developed into the leading provider in luxury fireplaces, and offers numerous models of wood, gas, electric, and pellet stoves. Their showroom in Edgewater displays various possibilities to upgrade your existing fireplace, or add a new one to your home. Whether your style is sleek and contemporary or timeless and traditional Bay Stoves has the product for you.



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James King, Founder and CEO of Titan Hospitality Group which owns and operates The Blackwall Hitch (Annapolis, MD & Alexandria, VA), The Blackwall Barn & Lodge (Gambrills, MD), and Smashing Grapes Kitchen & Wine Bar (Annapolis, MD & Gambrills, MD) has emerged as a true Titan of the restaurant industry.

The former State Delegate who is still frequently spotted in the halls of the State House advising current elected officials on small business matters has fostered powerful relationships with key decision makers on both sides of the aisle. As President of the Maryland Restaurant Coalition, King led the successful fight to keep restaurants open during the pandemic, keeping thousands of county residents employed.

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A native of Ohio, Dr. Nicholas Mata provides specialized, holistic, multidisciplinary medical care for a wide range of musculoskeletal and painful conditions. He is skilled in a variety of nonsurgical interventional treatments for the spine, nerves, and joints and can provide options for neuromodulation technologies for pain.

Dr. Mata received a B.S. degree with honors from The Ohio State University and an M.D. degree from Wright State University. He then completed his residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Case Western Reserve University's MetroHealth Medical Center, where he was selected as Chief Resident. In addition, Dr. Mata also subspecialized in a Pain Medicine fellowship at Case Western Reserve University.



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Personal and Professional ~ I have always focused on people, not houses. It was clear to me from the beginning, that it doesn't matter if a home is 200,000 or 6 million, it is a huge deal for EVERY client. My wife and I joke all the time about it, but I truly feel that I am a psychologist in disguise. Every transaction, whether buying or selling, involves a series of complex personal decisions layered with emotions, finances and stress. My military background and training taught me to be calm in any and all circumstances. Those skills have been finely tuned daily in real estate. When things are most chaotic, it is even more important to be the calm and guiding voice. Buying or selling a house is not the same as calling in an air strike in Fallujah, but to my clients, it may feel like it.

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Sarah is a luxury home specialist and award-winning top sales producer with expertise in the local Annapolis market. As a resident of historic Annapolis, she is familiar with the nuances of downtown including Murray Hill and Eastport. Sarah also works extensively throughout Anne Arundel County with a particular focus on waterfront properties.

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VINTAGE RIDES

BY KAT SPITZER

Planes, trains, automobiles, and more ways to experience a nostalgic trip through time

After more than a year of being mostly indoors and putting off any travel, it's never been a better time to explore the beautiful state of Maryland. The state is filled with so much history, culture, and natural beauty. A fun way to connect with the Free State is to explore different regions via vintage transportation like historic steam trains, old-school biplanes, classic cars, and hot air balloons. These rides provide historic charm, gorgeous scenery, and authenticity in showing what life in the state was like in the past. It doesn't even matter the destination. With these adventures, it's all about the ride.



STEAMING ALONG

The Western Maryland Scenic Railroad out of Cumberland, Maryland, offers a myriad of opportunities to enjoy the region on an historic steam train. “We aim to create an experience driven moment, where people will get to see what life was like in the past, and live in a microcosm of history for three to four hours,” says Wesley Heinz, Executive Director of the Railroad. “The historic railroad ties today to the past. The railroads are what created this town in history. Rides on the locomotive bring generations together, and remind people of where they came from. It’s a true family event.”

It’s not often people can enjoy the fun of riding a steam locomotive. The Railroad offers a number of programs including their signature daytime ride starting in Cumberland and heading to Frostburg. Along the way, passengers enjoy numerous sites and gorgeous lookouts. “We try to stay quiet for a lot of it so people can enjoy the views with their families,” Heinz says, “but we do narrate points of interest like a mini version of the White House, and offer up interesting, kitschy facts that most people don’t know in advance.” Once the train arrives in historical Frostburg, passengers have around 90 minutes of free time to walk around and get lunch at the fabulous Toasted Goat, or local pizza and ice cream venues. Then it’s back on the train for a relaxing, scenic ride back home. “While you can usually walk up and get a seat in coach, I recommend making reservations online to be able to pick great seats in advance,” Heinz says. The train offers standard coach seats, and then upgrades from there, which include some food and drinks. For a truly unique experience, book the dome car for even more exceptional views.

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Throughout the year, the Railroad offers special, shorter, seasonal rides and events for the whole family. During the summer, passengers can enjoy an ice cream train on certain days. “The kids absolutely love this,” Heinz says. “We play music and have prizes and it’s such a fun thing for parents and grandparents to do with the kids.” Fall foliage time is an exceptional time for rides, and there are plans for Pumpkin train rides, where everyone will be bringing home a pumpkin. Winter brings around the Railroad’s popular Polar Express events. But the fun doesn’t stop there. Passengers can take general dinner rides, and take part in entertaining Murder Mystery dinner events. For mystery lovers, and Agatha Christie fans, it’s hard to think of a better location for these events than a train! But don’t forget to return for the Whiskey Rebellion! Each experience is unique and will leave passengers wanting to come back for another memory.

Heinz notes that the train works closely with local trails and there are often events for people interested in hiking and biking in the area, as well. “It’s such a beautiful location,” Heinz says. “The train is just an amazing vessel for multiple types of experiences. For us it’s about wholesome family moments and communities, communities, communities.”



TAKE TO THE SKIES

If you want your nostalgia-fueled fun to include a little more wind in your hair, consider taking to the skies in an historic biplane or hot air balloon. At Ocean City Plane Rides, pilot Bob Bunting can take passengers up in a bright red Waco YMF-5 to take in the scenery along the coast of Maryland, and see the sights of Ocean City and Assateague. “My plane, while built in 1988, is based on a 1936 design. The blueprints are from the Smithsonian, so that the planes would be 100 percent authentic,” Bunting says. “And the engines are actually 1930s engines, that just keep getting rebuilt.”

Bunting can take one or two people at a time, with the passengers in front and the pilot in the rear of the plane, for a 30-minute adventure in the sky. “People can experience what life was like in the old days of flying, with the wind in their face,” Bunting says. He’s been flying since 1975 and says he’s always surprised at how many people he takes up who have never been in any type of plane before. “Even if they are nervous at the beginning, I would say 99.9 percent get out of the plane with a huge grin on their face.” That’s a pretty good record for a pilot who has been flying biplanes since 1975. The flights go out of the Ocean City Airport, and run from the spring until late in the fall. If the weather is good, he has been known to take passengers outside that window, as well.

At Biplane Air Tours, pilot Nick Mirales, takes one passenger at a time in his lemon yellow N75NM 1944 Stearman WWII trainer. Since 2000, passengers have had the chance to fly over the scenic northern section of the Chesapeake Bay and see gorgeous landscapes, rivers, and homes, along with points of interest like the Civil War site of Fort Delaware, Baltimore, and the Bay

Bridge. “While I never do any acrobatics, I do allow passengers to take over the controls and fly the plane, if they feel comfortable,” Mirales says. “It’s quite an adventure for them. Almost every passenger will exit the plane saying this was the neatest thing they’ve ever done.” With passengers ranging in age from 10 to 99, Mirales has been able to help so many people achieve a dream on their bucket lists.

Rides on Mirales’ plane take off from the Massey Aerodrome on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. This is a great location for families to come watch their loved ones take flight, but also enjoy the Massey Air Museum on site, while they wait. The museum describes itself as “a living airport-museum reminiscent of rural airports of a bygone era.” Mirales points out that it’s a great opportunity to look around at all the planes up close, and learn more about antique aircraft restoration.

In addition to taking passengers on flights in his WWII era plane, Mirales also performs fly-bys during the Living History cruises on the Liberty Ship, *John W. Brown*, out of Baltimore. While these events had to shut down during the pandemic, he is hoping to be part of them again in 2022. Passengers get to experience a cruise on the ship as if they are at war in the middle of 1944. The sailing features live music from the ’40s, historical re-enactments, and other period entertainment. Mirales, and other local pilots with vintage WWII aircraft, perform fly-bys, with the ship’s Armed Guard gunners manning the guns to defend the ship. Passengers have the opportunity to look through many parts of the amazing ship, and view the huge steam engine. “If you love nostalgia and history, it doesn’t get better than this,” Mirales suggests.

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FLOAT LIKE A BUTTERFLY

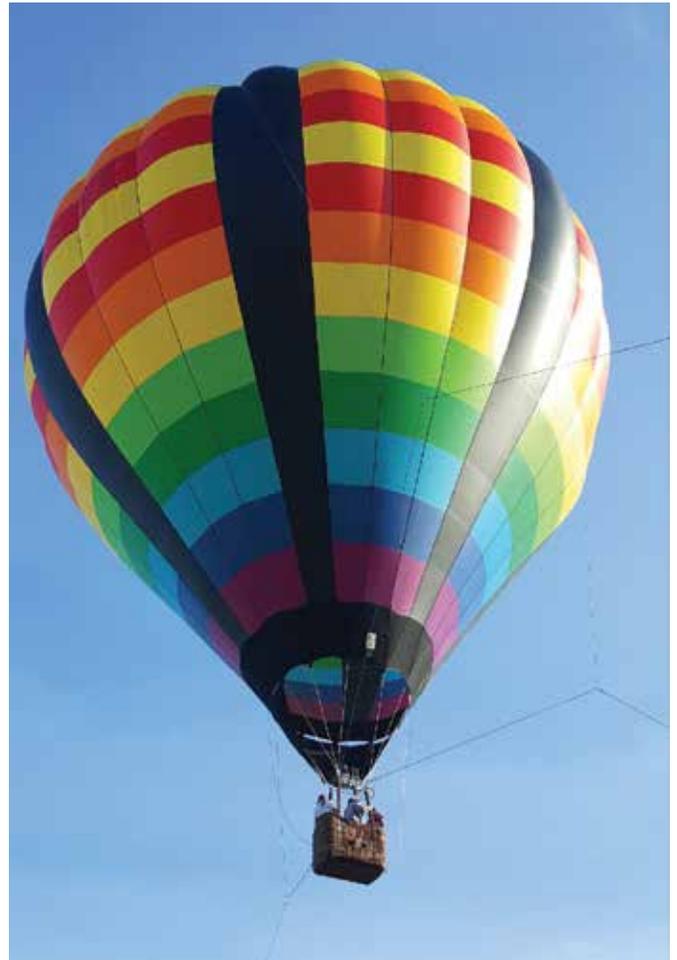


“they don’t ever end up being as fearful as they anticipate. It’s so calm. Instead people find it breathtaking and they become enthralled by the sights and the feel of the ride. It’s like nothing they’ve ever experienced, and they love it.”

When it comes to vintage transportation, riding a hot air balloon literally reaches great heights. As Todd Davis with Del Marva Balloon Rides points out to all his guests, “the first experimental hot air balloon went up in 1783.” Since 2006, Davis has been giving people the experience of a lifetime. “I try to make the adventure special. Some people are afraid, but it doesn’t end up being what they expect. It’s very peaceful.” In a 60-minute ride with Davis, passengers can expect to see gorgeous vistas with the Bay in the distance, maneuver low over treetops, and even be able to reach out and pick a leaf. “You don’t land where you start, so each ride is a little different,” Davis says. “But the distance is usually about eight to ten miles.”

In Carroll County, Maryland, Steve Andrews with Sky Candy Ballooning offers passengers views of unparalleled beauty over farmland and other natural sites. “While the ride is 45 to 60 minutes long, the whole experience is around 3.5 hours,” Andrews says. “We have the passengers help with the set up and tear down, so they get to see all the exciting parts of the balloon, and have a real hands-on experience. Then we go where the wind blows.”

While some people might be hesitant at first because of a fear of heights, or nervous that passengers are hanging out in a basket, Andrews says, “they don’t ever end up being as fearful as they anticipate. It’s so calm. Instead people find it breathtaking and they become enthralled by the sights and the feel of the ride. It’s like nothing they’ve ever experienced, and they love it.” Balloon operators will typically take anyone up over the age of five years, but note that younger kids need to be strong. The number of people allowed in a balloon varies depending on the season with temperature and humidity levels. They can take more at a time in the spring and late fall. “A ride in a hot air balloon is an experience like no other,” Andrews says.





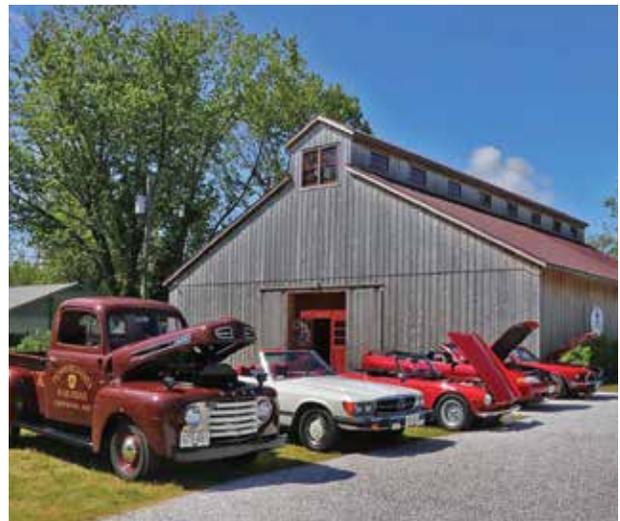
TAKIN' IT TO THE STREETS



After trains, planes, boats, and balloons, perhaps you want to enjoy your nostalgia in a more grounded way and appreciate some time with a classic car. At the Classic Motor Museum in St. Michaels, guests can view the exhibit barn and see fabulous examples of pre and post-WWII classic automobiles, mid-century muscle cars, vintage trucks, and more collectibles. The collection changes periodically so that there is always something new to see. You can even rent out the space for your next event to have a vintage feel.

While there are not many people or places willing to rent out classic cars for you to drive, there are numerous Cars and Coffee events to enjoy, admire, and discuss details of cars with owners. It's a wonderful way to fully appreciate the vintage car experience. Every Sunday morning, year-round, from 7:30 a.m. to noon, at Annapolis' City Dock, car enthusiasts gather with their vintage vehicles. They love to have discussions and answer questions about their cars of all makes and models. All are welcome at these events.

The Wheels From the Past Car Club have cruise nights on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Greene Turtle in Edgewater. They also promote a huge annual Labor Day weekend car show that is a terrific family event for car lovers. Each fall an event called Vintage Vehicles in the Valley takes place in Middletown, with some of the proceeds going towards helping to restore their local historic buildings. For an opportunity to rent and drive a vintage car yourself, websites such as Turo.com can connect you with options.



Maryland, with all of its rich history and natural beauty, is well worth a ride down memory lane. Appreciating the present, while tying these moments to the past, is a great way to spend time as a family or with friends. The opportunities are exciting, adventurous, and will create memories to last a lifetime. After all this time waiting to get out and enjoy yourself, now is the time to experience, learn about, live, and enjoy the state of Maryland. Enjoy the ride!



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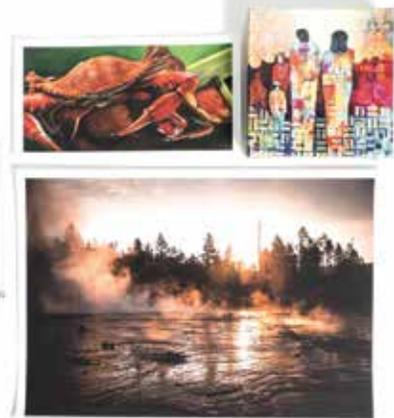
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BY DYLAN ROCHE



Feeling philanthropic? You're not alone. Between the holiday season and the last chance to make charitable donations before the year's end, the month of December tends to be a popular time for giving. In fact, Eileen Heisman, CEO of National Philanthropic Trust, says her organization receives 50 percent of its donations during the last five weeks of the year. And as an ambassador for Giving Tuesday, she actively encourages the spirit of generosity in others, speaking on behalf of the global movement that encourages people to *donate* rather than *buy* on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving—after most people have spent the weekend taking advantage of Black Friday deals. “It’s a day you can stop all the consumption and think about giving and volunteering,” she says of Giving Tuesday.

That sounds easy enough. But whether you're participating in charity on Giving Tuesday or any other day leading up to the end of December, it's sometimes overwhelming trying to find the right cause to advocate or the right organization to donate to. And despite best intentions, some people go about giving in a way that isn't as efficient or advantageous as it could be.

So, what should people think about when they're opening their wallets for charity this holiday season? If you take a few minutes to properly plan your giving, then you can have confidence your dollars are making a big difference!



CHOOSE YOUR CHARITY (OR CHARITIES) WITH CARE.

You could choose one charity you want to go all-in on or you might choose several charities that you want to support to a lesser degree. If you don't have a favorite charity or nonprofit, think about your interests and priorities—do you care about the environment? Education? The arts? Health care?

While there's nothing wrong with donating to a large national organization, you might find it more rewarding to give local. Smaller charities tend to have less opportunities to be beneficiaries of big donations, plus you are more likely to see the direct results of your giving benefiting your own community.

Heisman recommends spending the same amount of time vetting a charity before giving as you would a restaurant before dining—just 15 minutes of research and consideration will give you enough time to look at the organization's mission, ask others about their experience with the charity, and read testimonials.

On that same note, you can help others in their decision by providing testimonials to the nonprofit organizations that you have strong feelings about. Send an email to the board or find their page on Google Plus to write a few sentences about why it's a great organization.

And if you do decide to go with a national or global charity, it never hurts to check out its evaluation at Charity Navigator (charitynavigator.org) or Giving What We Can (givingwhatwecan.org), which look at concrete metrics behind what nonprofits are accomplishing with their efforts.

DECIDE WHAT YOU'RE DONATING.

Are you giving money or are you giving actual material items? Heisman notes that most nonprofit organizations are always in need of finances—and every dollar counts. “Once you've figured out who you want to give to, the next thing is do you give \$100 or \$500 or \$1,000? Only you know what your budget is,” she explains. “I always suggest people give larger amounts to fewer organizations.”

This perspective of giving more to fewer organizations is shared by the American College of Financial Services, which explains that donations are often subject to “transactional fees.” So your entire donation isn't necessarily going to support the organization's mission. Giving a small donation to many different organizations means you are increasing the overhead of your charity efforts.

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ANOTHER YEAR OF RECOVERY... AND PROGRESS

A preview of the 2022 Maryland Legislative Session

The pandemic brought out the best of all levels of state government that worked so hard to help those most in need. Continued recovery in the days, months, and even years ahead depends more than ever on cities and counties working together to solve the many pressing problems that remain. As 2022 begins, two things still are clear: Rising up “together” has been a divisive endeavor and this pandemic—even if the number of fully vaccinated people increases—could be far from over.

Recap of the 2021 Legislative Session

The “RELIEF” Act supplemented federal stimulus checks with \$300/\$500 payments to qualifying individuals/families, repealed all state and local unemployment income taxes from 2020–21, provided up to \$3,000 per month for 90 days in sales tax credits to small businesses, and allocated half a billion dollars to both companies and nonprofits for assistance with human services-related programs. This included everything from energy use to health and housing needs.

Because the pandemic created the highest level of joblessness since the Great Depression, several components of the entire unemployment benefits system were targeted, including allowing higher earned amounts before benefit reductions. The legislature also passed and then overrode Governor Larry Hogan’s veto of a second version of the “Blueprint for Maryland’s Future” Act, a multi-billion-dollar education reform bill that increases teacher salaries, extends tutoring programs through high school, provides support for technology-related equipment and behavioral health, and offers college and career preparation.

Another \$577 million was distributed to Maryland’s four historically black universities, sports betting was legalized, juvenile life sentences without parole was banned, and “Maryland, My Maryland” as the state song was shelved.

Finally, the legislature passed several bills expanding early voting, reforming immigration policies—such as allowing non-citizen low and moderate-income workers, even some living in

Maryland without documentation, to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit—and enhancing police accountability, including repealing the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights, which will impact disciplinary proceedings, investigations of officer-related fatalities, and the extended use of body cameras. The Maryland Fiscal Year 2022 Budget of \$52.4 billion represented a \$4 billion increase from 2021, which compelled the legislature to override many Hogan vetoes of revenue-raising tax bills.

To discuss the 2022 session’s priorities, we spoke to **Bonnie Cullison**, House Deputy Speaker Pro Tem (D-District 19); **Jason Buckel**, House Minority Leader (R-District 1B); Delegate **Shaneka Henson** (D-District 30A); Delegate **Steve Johnson** (D-District 34A); Delegate **Dana Jones** (D-District 30A); **Bill Ferguson**, President of the Senate (D-District 46); **Arthur Ellis**, Senate Assistant Deputy Majority Leader (D-District 28); Senator **Sarah Elfreth** (D-District 30); and Senator **Adelaide Eckardt** (R-District 37).

Cullen sits on the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics, and, with Johnson, on the House Health and Government Operations Committee; Buckel sits on Joint committees on Children, Youth & Families and Administrative, Executive & Legislative Review; House committees on Legislative Policy and Spending Affordability, and, with Jones, on the House Ways & Means Committee; Henson sits on the House Appropriations Committee; Ferguson is Co-Chair of the Senate’s Legislative Policy Committee and a member of the Joint Covid-19 Response Legislative Work Group; Ellis sits on the Senate’s Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee; the Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space & Agricultural Land Preservation, and, with Elfreth, on the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness; Elfreth also sits on Joint committees on the Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Areas and Pensions, and, with Eckardt, on two more committees—the Senate’s Budget & Taxation Committee and the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive & Legislative Review; Eckardt also sits on Joint committees on Children, Youth & Families, and Audit & Evaluation as well as the Senate’s Vaccine Oversight Work Group.

ISSUES THAT THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION WILL FOCUS ON →



Law Enforcement Issues

RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA: “I’d like to see a thoughtful implementation plan for legalization, in order to do it the right way, Ferguson said. “Speaker Adrienne Jones is willing to have a public referendum on legalizing marijuana,” Henson added. “Passage may impact how marijuana laws were enforced in the past. We’ll have to see if restorative justice will be addressed and how far it would extend.” Johnson wants to see data from other legalized states. “Have there been more car accidents; harder drug use; higher crime rates? How do we regulate it? It’s not a controlled drug so there isn’t a lot of available research yet.” Elfreth has some ideas. “We will view this through an equity lens for marginalized communities of color and address driving under the influence. We’ve tried to learn from other states; we know we’ll see significant revenues but there are many unknown variables. Will Black and Latinx-owned businesses be able to participate? That’s not the case now for medical marijuana.” Del. Buckel has concerns. “You can’t just legalize it. It’s federally illegal and it’s an entire industry whose many components

must be considered before putting it to a referendum,” he cautioned. “There’s no legal standard to measure impairment behind the wheel like for alcohol, just ‘positive’ or ‘negative,’ but previous marijuana use can stay in your system for days. There are no real legal problems with medical cannabis so how will recreational use impact those entrepreneurs and their employees?”

POLICE REFORM: “The 2021 Police Reform package included five bills with an implementation date of 2023, so in 2022, we’ll be monitoring that process,” Elfreth said. Johnson is reintroducing a bill on the interrogation of minors. “Currently, they can be asked questions without parental permission or notification that they’re in custody,” he noted. “We have to make sure minors know that like adults, they don’t have to talk without legal representation. Kids deserve the same protections as anyone else.” Buckel is looking for balance. “So far, reform seems to be 100 percent on the police side but there’s also the criminal side. There’s more to it than how we arrest people; do we let them back on the streets without considering their arrest history?”

GUNS: Buckel also wants higher penalties like automatic felonies and longer

sentences “when there is a proven connection between a crime and the theft of a handgun, which is a very high percentage. In Maryland, it’s not automatically a felony; charges are based on the value of what was stolen. The felony threshold was lifted to a theft of \$1,500 but most guns don’t cost anywhere near that. Let’s make the consequences much higher even if they take years to permeate career criminals’ consciousness and create a measurable deterrent.” Henson announced that she’ll “continue to push for not being able to bring guns into the polls” during voting. “Ghost guns will also come up again,” Jones predicted.

Health and Legal Issues

MARRIAGE AGE: Over 3,500 minors have been married in Maryland since 2000, an average of roughly 200 a year—85 percent of them female, according to Elfreth. The vast majority marry other teens, but many have married older men in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. Since 2016, almost half of the female minors married here were from elsewhere after 21 other states prohibited or restricted children getting married (Delaware and Virginia don’t allow marriage under 18). Because the age of consent in

Maryland is 16, minors that age and 17 can marry with parental consent or physician certification that a female is pregnant or has given birth; however, females can marry as early as 15—**below** the age of consent—if they have both parental permission and physician certification of pregnancy or childbirth, even if their partner may have committed statutory rape. For several years now, bills to raise the marriage age in Maryland have not passed. Elfreth would like to see the minimum age set at 17 with no exceptions. “Child marriages lead to significantly harmful outcomes,” she wrote in a letter to Senate leaders. “The vast majority of girls who marry before the age of 18 face significant lifelong challenges” such as dropping out of high school, encountering domestic violence, getting divorced, and living in poverty. “I personally agree with increasing the age to marry,” Ferguson says. “But there are very intense feelings on all sides of this issue and so we it’ll be up to the committee that hears the bill to decide if it should move forward.”

PREGNANT MOTHERS: “We need greater access to overall health care for our most vulnerable,” Eckardt urged. “We expanded Medicaid to cover pregnancies through childbirth for qualified individuals who pay taxes in Maryland,



but minority populations still have higher infant mortality rates.” Ellis wants to authorize Medicaid to provide for doula services in a three-county pilot program. “It works really well in New York and is ready for expansion there. Critics think it’s related to abortion but it isn’t,” he clarified. While Governor Larry Hogan provided \$12 million last year to assist pregnant women, “Passing this bill will provide permanent support,” Ellis said. “This is a growing issue of importance and thus a top priority of mine because minorities have a more adverse birth outcome for both mother and child during labor and delivery. [Some hospitals] put a limit on doulas; they have to be certified by certain organizations. My bill puts in the certifying organizations.”

FOREVER CHEMICALS:

“They’re everywhere; in our water, food such as popcorn, and household materials like carpet,” Elfreth warned. “They stay in your body and accumulate so they must be thoroughly studied. Firefighters, the biggest advocacy group, are the most exposed; when they enter a house, everything that contains these ‘forever chemicals’ is burning and consequently inhaled. We’re testing 180 drinking water sites statewide, but I want to ban all products that contain them, including food. Maine passed a similar bill.”

FINANCIAL BURDENS:

Medical debt is an increasingly common problem in the Covid-19 era. “It requires an income-based repayment plan,” Cullison said. “Folks below the poverty line shouldn’t be paying for medical care and those above it shouldn’t have it taken away.” She wants to maximize the benefits of telehealth. “Before the pandemic, it wasn’t being widely used, but that’s changed. However, reimbursement is the same as for in-person care. While telehealth works surprisingly well in some situations, in others, it may not be the best option, so the question is, should in-person care be a greater reimbursement? We want our providers to be fairly reimbursed no matter what modality they use.”

The Environment

CLIMATE CHANGE:

“This issue will be front and center,” Cullison declared. “We must monitor and even change our environmental impact. The House is not willing to give up on this.” According to Ferguson, “Last year, we passed pieces of the Climate Solutions Now Act separately; now we’ll need to focus on the pieces that didn’t make it while also recognizing the context of the overall marketplace.” Ellis has unfinished business: “My bill last year planted three million

trees—500,000 of them in concrete cities—to help with soil erosion and Bay runoff, but electrified buses to reduce our carbon footprint didn’t pass.”

WASTEWATER TREATMENT:

“We have inadequate wastewater systems, especially on the Eastern Shore,” lamented Eckardt. “We need a master wastewater treatment system instead of failing individual systems like filtration ponds that malfunction. Keeping pollutants out of the Bay will protect our critical areas.”

OYSTERS:

“I have about 15 environment-related bills that would address public water access, outdoor green spaces such as state parks, and oysters,” Elfreth announced. “The Oyster Advisory Committee should have a report for us by then. One issue we’ll address is running out of shell, which needs to be planted in the oyster sanctuaries to stimulate oyster reproduction.”

Covid-19

Having departed prematurely in March 2020 as most Americans transitioned to working and attending school from home, tackling Covid-19 was the legislature’s mission in 2021, even as the House of Delegates met in different rooms to maintain social distancing while the State Senate

operated from behind plastic enclosures. “I called them ‘penalty boxes’ like in hockey,” Del. Jones said. “This is our #1 ongoing issue,” Sen. Ferguson vowed. “Sadly, we are still managing the Covid crisis as it continues to unfold.” Some see a new normal. “We made incredible adjustments last year and had a very productive, session, so what did we learn operationally that will help us this year?” Del. Cullison asks. “What can be virtual vs. on the floor?” Others long for a more familiar setting. “We’re hoping for a normal, quiet year and a boring, traditional session,” Sen. Ellis mused. Either way, “The focus will be on how to make this session work for the public,” Del. Cullison vowed.

Combating the pandemic and promoting economic recovery will again top the agenda. “If we don’t get people vaccinated, we could see a Covid-19 resurgence from the different variants,” Sen. Eckardt warned. “There’s a lot of misinformation on the Internet; more outreach efforts are needed to get adequate information to the public and provide greater vaccine access, and then we can get the economics right.”

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS:

“Many businesses, especially in the hotel and restaurant industry, still limit their hours of operation because of workforce reductions,” Eck-



ardt continued. “The Labor Department is implementing reforms passed last year so we’ll have to see what the results are before we decide what comes next; in the meantime, we’ll meet the needs of those who have been hit the hardest,” Jones promised.

SENIOR ISSUES: “Adequate care for seniors has been challenging. Nursing and retirement homes were among those the pandemic hit hardest,” Eckardt said. “Their residents still don’t have enough caregivers. We need a consistent, qualified workforce in our medical fields and we’ve been working with our medical boards on this.” Del. Johnson is concerned about retirees’ financial well-being. “Almost every nearby state is more retirement-friendly on Social Security taxes or pension withdrawals because retiree incomes don’t keep up with inflation costs. People shouldn’t have to leave their kids and grandkids behind to retire elsewhere. We need to look at what other states are doing.” Elfreth sees a trade-off. “Social Security taxes is a tough issue but we have some of the best hospitals and schools in the country compared to lower-tax states. Every tax credit that we give, we’ll have to pay for.”

HOUSING: “Stability in the rental markets, including landlord-tenant relations, is a

top priority. Property repairs are needed more than ever,” Del. Henson stated. “I’m reintroducing a bill to establish statewide standards for mold remediation like we have for lead, radon, and other biohazards.” Elfreth added, “When a house sells, we also must be open and honest about its flood zone status.”

MENTAL HEALTH: “The trauma impacted by Covid-19 must be addressed, including mental illness, substance abuse, unresolved family conflicts, and increased gun violence,” Eckardt said. Cullison intends to reintroduce mental health-related bills “to learn more about suicides and become prevention-oriented.”

RECOVERY TOOLS: “Last year we passed a law providing a tax benefit to those who donated food and other necessities and who provided a variety of assistance programs for help with evictions and other legal services,” Jones said. “The result: Many resources are available at every level of government for those who need them.” Her office has put together a master list: <https://bit.ly/DelDJResources>

The 2022 Elections

REDISTRICTING: Legislators will have completed a December special session for congressional redistricting; in

the 2022 session’s first weeks, they’ll tackle state redistricting, according to Ellis. “It’s the biggest issue so it’ll be very time consuming,” he said. “After the Governor goes first, our goal is to create a map that will withstand the courts, which have full authority to make adjustments.” The nine Eastern Shore counties want their boundaries intact, Eckardt said. “We don’t want their redrawn districts to spill over to the other side and we don’t want their numerical compositions to change because that would reduce the size of our overall delegation. We should emphasize single-member districts to be fair to our minority communities.”

VOTING: Buckel wants to review all voting records “to catch any potential discrepancies, just to be efficient,” he said. “We need an auditing process capability to verify voter eligibility, both who can vote and how. What names need to be scrubbed from the voter rolls? People die or move out of state but they’re still there. The State Board of Elections works hard but local governments administer local elections. Allocating more resources to expand state oversight could be difficult but also productive. We need neutral criteria like not having voted in three straight elections from the same address. Someone could contact the person to verify

residency so that the potential for partisan abuse is eliminated.” He’d also like more data on voting without a photo ID. “Most voters don’t have an issue with obtaining a valid, government-issued identification. Does not requiring one impact the integrity of a mailed ballot?”

Conclusion

Other funding bills will cover a range of topics such as adding summer programs to offset the “lost learning” from Covid-19 (Henson); expanding permanent mail-in voting drop boxes (Elfreth); broadening bandwidth to support continued telecommuting (Eckardt); protecting student data from intrusive marketing (Jones); providing greater access to dental care and paid family leave (Cullison); and rebuilding Southern Maryland’s roads (Ellis). Fortunately, according to Ferguson, “We now have a significant budget surplus.”

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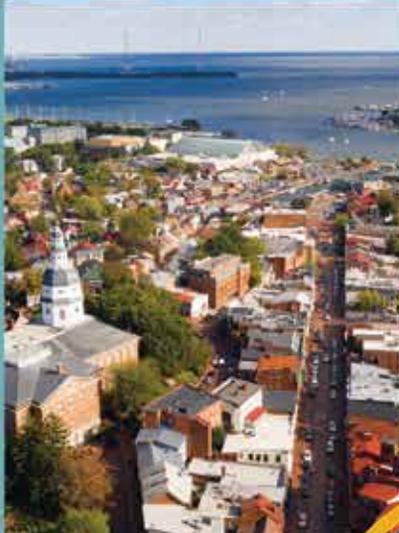
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Historic and... Accessible?

THE DELICATE BALANCE

By Frederick Schultz

One major appeal of Annapolis is its meticulously preserved historic buildings. But for many who try navigating such attractions, even getting to them in the first place can often be a nightmare. Isn't there a law against that?

The old adage, "Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes," is said to be derived from an 1895 poem by prohibitionist and suffragist Mary T. Lathrap. If you ask most people with disabilities, they'll tell you that too few of the able-bodied heed the saying's intent. It's all about empathy and not being oblivious to a fellow human being who might be facing some daunting hurdles and needs a

hand—like holding a door or simply yielding the right of way to a person using crutches, a cane, a walker, a wheelchair, or any other mode of mobility assistance.

Even though accessibility for those with disabilities was supposed to have been solved when President George H. W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into law 30 years ago, people with physical impairments still often face serious hurdles at some historic sites. At its core, the ADA prohibits discrimination of people who are unable to gain access to otherwise public spaces.

Historic Properties and ADA Compliance

Complying with ADA regulations and requirements while at the same time preserving historic sites can be a murky matter of interpretation. And wading through the nebulous bureaucratized set forth by the U.S. Department of Justice doesn't help. The clearest explanation of how it's supposed to work, however, appears in an article written by Maryland and District of Columbia licensed attorney Gail S. Kelley in the November 2014 issue of *STRUCTURE* magazine. In "ADA Requirements for Historic Properties," Kelley outlines not only the regulations but also the exceptions for historically significant structures not unlike several found in Annapolis. She details those exceptions under the headings Path of Travel, Accessible Route Exceptions, Entrances Exception, Toilet Facilities Exception, and Barrier Removal. The word "exception(s)" is the key term here.

The murkiness begins with proposed alterations to historic properties for ADA compliance and "to what extent." According to Kelley, said alterations "must comply with ADA, but there are exceptions when compliance would threaten or destroy the historic significance of a feature of the building." She cites "technical feasibility" as a principal factor in the government's allowance of noncompliance with ADA regulations and that in itself "is a fairly high bar." A structural alteration is technically infeasible "if it would require removing or altering a load-bearing member that is an essential part of the structural frame [of a building]." The regulations even include specifications for the steepness of wheelchair ramp slopes and the ratio variations when dealing with historic passageways.

Cost of ADA compliance also (not surprisingly) comes into play. Under "Path of travel," Kelley states that alterations to provide "an accessible path of travel" are required only if the price-tag doesn't "exceed 20 percent of the cost of the original alteration." And perhaps the most unsatisfying "alternative method" in Kelley's report in providing access is to "create a video of the items in the room and show the video in a nearby room that is accessible." Several email attempts to contact attorney Kelley for comment were unsuccessful.

Does Annapolis Comply?

For this report, we interviewed Ryan Blomeley, the architectural plans reviewer for the Annapolis Department of Planning and Zoning, whose principal duty is to review city building permits for code compliance, including the ADA. "The Department of Justice and the Civil Rights Division has a website that deals with many of the issues related to the Americans with Disabilities Act. It's not comprehensive, but it is pretty darn close," Blomeley contends. He points out that the ADA was modified in 2010 in three areas of applicability:

TITLE I deals with employee/employer relationships in terms of discrimination, including "interactions between people, where one cannot discriminate against somebody who is in a wheelchair, just because they're in a wheelchair," Blomeley says. **TITLE II** deals with structural requirements applicable to government entities, on federal, state, or local levels. "As for buildings under Title II, if it's a public building, and the government owns it, it would fall under that category." **TITLE III** "deals with everything else outside the government domain."



According to Blomeley, new regulations in 2010 are revisions of the original act passed into law in 1990. He adds: “Changes made also incorporate 2004 ADA Accessibility Guidelines and those from the Architectural Barriers Act in 1968. Another layer of this is the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards, which, before the ADA regulations, is what Title II became. In addition, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 set down the standards for government buildings to follow.”

Dealing with the Historic

The city does not have the unilateral right to force anyone to bring their structure into current compliance, Blomeley says. “We have a lot of historic buildings that were built ‘pre-codes’ or built over the last several decades when we had other building codes,” he notes. “As long as they are existing and [were] built to code when they were constructed, they’re legally allowed to exist, even though they may not meet current building codes.” As for private residences, “accessibility laws don’t apply,” he adds.

In a historic city such as Annapolis, Blomeley says that his department is responsible for reviewing the accessible route that serves the “primary function area.” He stresses that “the accessible route is defined as basically the route someone would take from the time they arrive on the site, whether it’s parking a car, or the bus stop on the street, or coming down the sidewalk.” Accessibility to restrooms, telephones, and drinking fountains are also assessed for the primary function area.

Specifically relating to historic structures, the International Existing Building Code (IBC) “defines certain levels or certain types of work, repair, or various alterations,” Blomeley notes. This code has three levels: “Level one involves only finishes. Level two

involves alterations that move walls—changing volumes of space. Level three alterations involve more than 50 percent of the entire building,” Blomeley says, adding: “That’s a big threshold, because virtually everything in the building has to be brought into code.”

To be deemed a legitimate historic building, the design professional who’s working on the project must file a report that this is indeed a historic building, and “we want it to be governed under the IBC as such. Sometimes it’s just a formality,” Blomeley says, “because the building is obviously historic—the [Maryland] State House, for example. Some of the historic buildings around town actually have state easements on them, and you can’t do anything to them without approval of the state.”

Bricks and Stones May Break...

Disabled individuals requiring the use of a wheelchair to gain access to the city’s historic buildings downtown face some real tests just getting to the buildings themselves. Unless their mobility equipment is outfitted with pneumatic tires instead of the standard hard rubber or plastic models with front revolving wheels, they’re in for a bone-jarring ride, both on sidewalks and at street crossings—ramps or no ramps.

In our interview, Mr. Blomeley addressed one prominent impediment to entering several historic buildings in Annapolis: “You’ll notice around town a lot of buildings that, from the sidewalk, you may have to step up on an old granite slab doorsill or porch [to gain entry]. The granite slab very well may be part of that historic building, and if we took it away, it would fundamentally alter its appearance.” In such cases, Planning and Zoning attempts to “provide an accessible entrance on the rear or the side of the building, instead,” Blomeley assures.

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The city’s Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is also involved in some of these reviews, and they’re heavily concentrated on downtown, where those types of changes are made. Blomeley cites a recent case-in-point:

“An office building downtown was being renovated, and the upstairs tenant was going to take up the mercantile space below and make alterations to expand their office. But the entrance was a narrow, double-door arrangement. That is not an accessible entry. The HPC would not allow us to change those two slabs. And it wouldn’t allow us to create a single slab that would work like the double slab. But HPC did allow us to put an automatic door-opener on the outside of the building to operate those slabs. So, the patron wouldn’t have to physically open the door.”

The Paving Issue

In response to our request for comment concerning the brick street pavement and sidewalks in downtown Annapolis, the city’s Chief of Historic Preservation, Roberta Laynor, replied: “The rebricking of Main Street was approved, but involves the street only. The sidewalks were completed before my tenure as chief. The street project has been postponed until the completion of the rebuilding of the Hillman Garage.”

It turns out that the “bricking” of the city apparently has been an issue for some time. An article in the September 28, 2017 Annapolis *Capital Gazette*, with the headline “Paving the Way: Annapolis Undertakes Main Street Rebricking,” provides a short history.

Reporter Danielle Ohl wrote that “in hopes of creating a street that lasts,” the Historic Preservation Commission had just approved the rebricking of Main Street, an ongoing effort “to uproot the bricks and asphalt, which have failed 22 years after the original bricking.”

It was in 1995 that the city’s Public Works department “transformed the asphalt street into a historic-style brick thoroughfare.” But according to then-Public Works Director David Jarrell, the underlying asphalt layer was meant for “lighter traffic flow.” After business owners expressed their opposition over weight restrictions, the city allowed heavy trucks to again use Main Street, resulting in “a separating street not built to withstand the rumbling weight of trucks and tractors hauling deliveries.” Another consequence of this move, Jarrell said, was that the street lasted less than half the time it should have. “Fifty years is not unusual for a brick street,” Jarrell was quoted as saying.

Does Historic Outweigh Accessible?

We posed a question to the city’s Ryan Blomeley: Does Annapolis still have several areas with limited access? His answer: “Yes, there are places out there that, for one reason or another, are constrained.”

We also asked Chief of Historic Preservation Roberta Laynor what challenges are of greatest concern to her: “The biggest challenge faced by our National Historic Landmark district is to preserve the integrity of our historic properties—buildings and streets—while complying with ADA regulations. A recent serious accident requiring wheelchair use by one of our employees brought the issues even closer to the forefront of our attention. The Historic Preservation Division works cooperatively with our Code Enforcement Division to create solutions ensuring that the significance of the Annapolis Historic District is maintained while also meeting ADA regulations.”

A good illustration of how this all ties in to the old “walk a mile in his shoes” saying at the beginning of this report is the tale of Hugo Deffner. In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower was to present Mr. Deffner with the “Handicapped American of the Year” award, “in recognition of his work to promote accessibility in his community.” The problem with the presentation was that Deffner was unable to enter the building where the ceremony was to take place. There was no ramped entrance. The embarrassing incident is said to have “helped spawn the birth of the architectural barriers program.” Today, 63 years later, many of those barriers still pose problems to Americans with disabilities, especially in historic districts.





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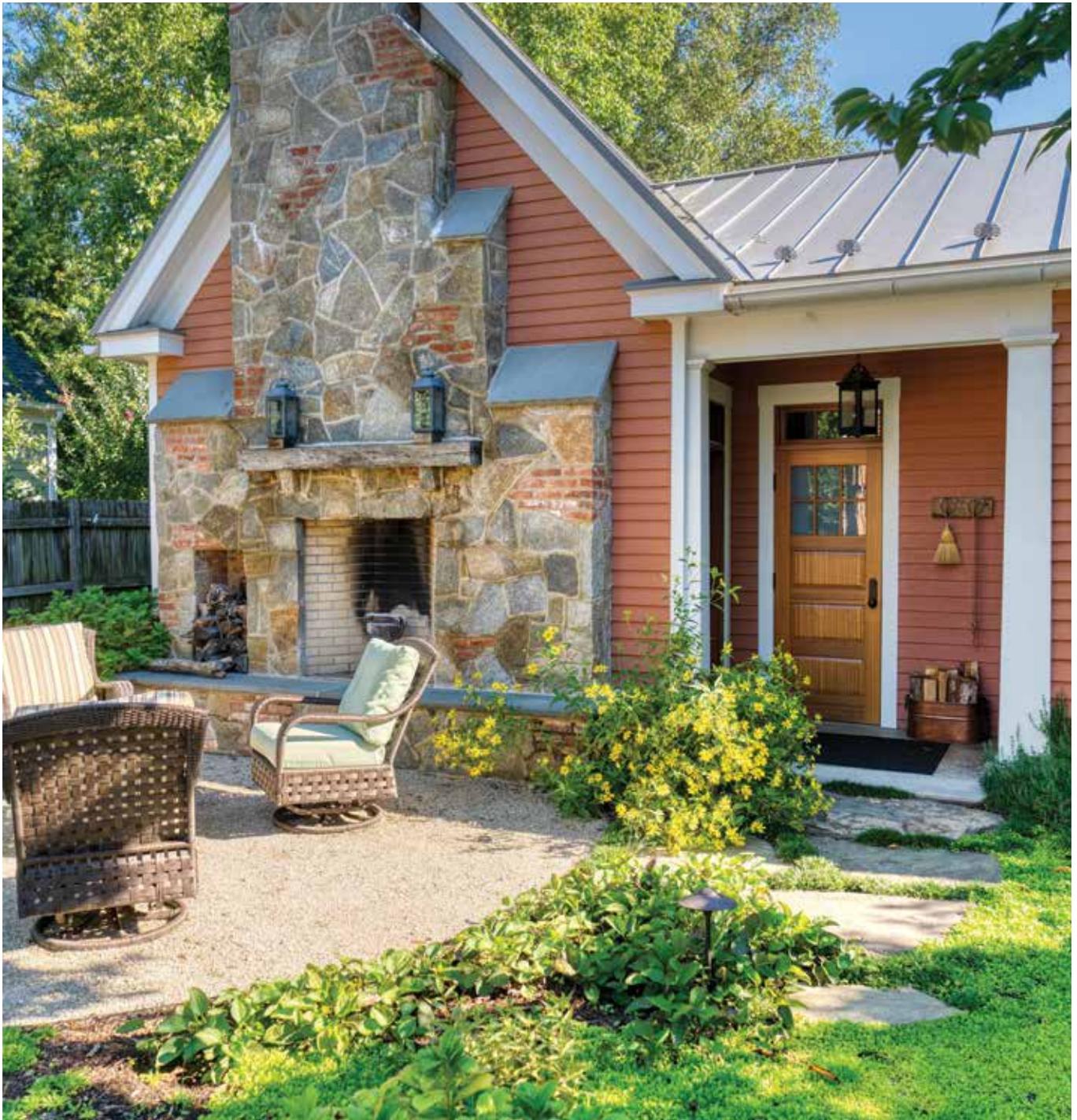
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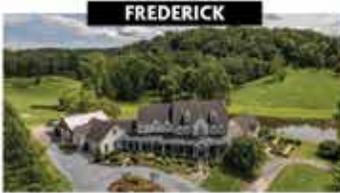
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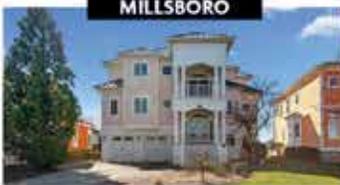
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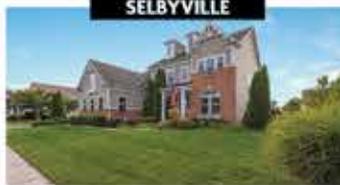
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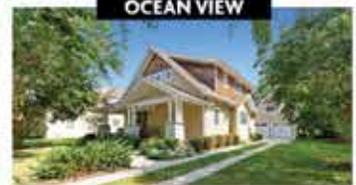
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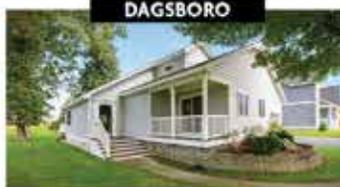
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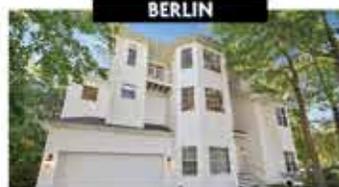
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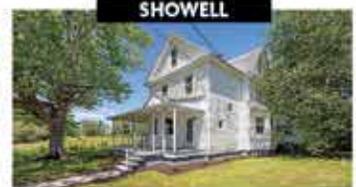
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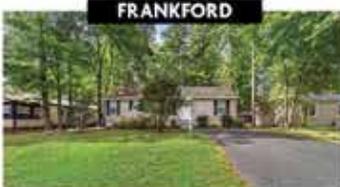
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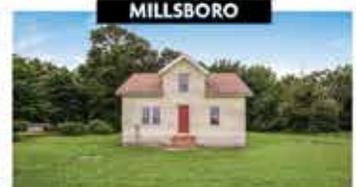
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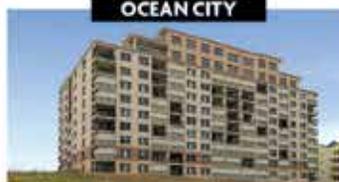
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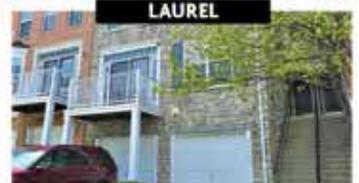
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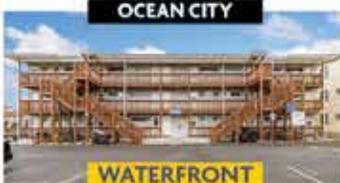
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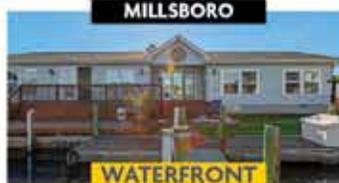
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Sit A SPELL

LIFE'S VIEW FROM AN EASTPORT PORCH



story by **LISA J. GOTTO** photography by **STEPHEN BUCHANAN**

"GEMÜTLICHKEIT," is said to be a feeling of coziness and being contented, comforted. Merriam-Webster defines this German term as, "cordiality, friendliness." It was this specific feeling that the owners of our December feature home hoped to capture when they took a dilapidated, ill-maintained multi-unit in Eastport and turned it into their first-ever-together home.

WHY NOT THINK, ANNAPOLIS?

For former Howard County residents, Bill and Susan Schneider, creating that authentic home for themselves in Eastport became just as important as the community that surrounded it. They knew this dwelling, this home base, would be the jumping off point for their future community-service oriented endeavors

and as such, they wanted it to tick a lot of boxes in the "welcoming" and "comforting" categories.

To say the couple started from scratch is a supreme understatement. After months of taking three-day weekends to bicycle tour some desirable East Coast cities like Raleigh, Greenville, and Chapel Hill for retirement potential, the couple began to have some misgivings about the community of friends they would be leaving behind if they chose one of those cities.

"And then Bill wisely said, 'Why are we not considering Annapolis? It's 20 minutes and 21 miles down the road. We can keep all our friends and it meets all of our requirements,'" recalls Susan of her husband's epiphany.



So, they hopped back on their bikes and started to explore Annapolis's eclectic collection of neighborhoods. They noted how each one had a distinct feel and how they became fond of several of them. It would be Eastport, though, that they would tour again and again.

"Everybody was so pleasant," says Susan of the people they met along the way.

At the top of the list of those "requirements" for their new city, they wanted to live in a walkable neighborhood, close to shops, recreation, and most importantly, a local church where they would be able to get involved and help serve their local community.

During their home search the couple was introduced to home builder Brant Nielsen of Nielsen Development Group in Annapolis. With the help of Nielsen and their realtor, they learned much about what they did and didn't want in a property. They were onboard with the thought of a fixer-upper, however, most of the properties they looked at had already had the work done and the Schneiders felt none quite hit the mark they were targeting.

It became clear that they would require something that they could put their stamp on from the floorboards up, which is why when Bill came across an online listing for a very early, 20th century multi-unit that looked like it was a hair away from demolition, they rushed to see it. It was exactly where they wanted to be, a great street, and all the old bones of a restoration project home.

With Susan's background as a professionally-trained architect and Bill's background as an engineer, the couple had every reason to want to hit the nail on the head when it came to just how the home would be refurbished. The scope of the project, since the home was sectioned into one first floor, and one second floor apartment that had suffered neglect over the years, would require even more expertise than the homeowners themselves could provide. Fortunately, their builder had an idea.





Nielsen was familiar with the work of Terry Averill, an Annapolis-based architect who specializes in not only historical restoration, but knows that particular area of town very well.

“When you design a home in Eastport, it’s very crucial to have an architect who is familiar with that process,” Nielsen says.

Averill quickly joined the team and they all rolled up their sleeves for the design and permitting process.

FINDING THE HOUSE—AGAIN

If there is one word that conveys the theme of the process of bringing this home, which the owners have determined to have been built somewhere around 1917, back to its original glory, it’s “layers.”

“The beauty of it being a rental is that it was poorly maintained; it really did need a lot of work,” Bill explains. “But on the other hand, there were so many layers of stuff on top of the flooring, that the flooring was actually preserved.”

Currently underfoot are restored, rustic, all-pine floorboards that set the tone for that warm and welcoming feeling—the *gemütlichkeit* the home now exudes.



With the help of Hamilton Ross Millwork of Annapolis, this aspect of preservation would continue with many of the other surfaces and treatments in the home, including the bungalow's original German clapboard, or Dutch Lap siding that they unearthed under layers of asbestos shingles. While it was a painstaking process removing them by hand as was required, the ultimate exterior result is simplistically stunning. The process of removing the shingles provided the homeowners with another benefit; the build team discovered evidence that the home's original footprint included a wrap-around front porch. This would prove to be a cherished bonus to Susan, a native of Charleston, S.C., who was more than thrilled to add a bit of southern charm to the front of the property.

The 2,000-square-foot home also possessed its original staircase with a Craftsman-era wood baluster. With its positioning in the home's front entry, it begged for preservation. The wood was so densely coated with paint, however, the staircase, molding and all, was removed from the premises and replaced with temporary supports so it could be meticulously restored off-site. It has since been returned to its rightful place in the home, just inside the front door.

To the right of that new staircase sits a cozy room bathed in the light of the home's front windows. Like Chip and Joanna Gaines, said Susan, she and Bill got in on the demolition of this space to find the original entry to the room and some incredible paneling which was restored and then paired with a rustic, beamed archway treatment of Susan's conception.

TWO WORDS: **ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE**

Down a short hallway from this room, the home opens up to reveal its prime gathering space rich in detail and intelligent in configuration. Space under the stair was wisely converted to a covert storage closet and a nostalgic first-floor powder room.

It was essential to the Schneiders that this great room be comfortable for anyone who wished to visit the home, so it was purposely designed not to be pretentious or overwhelming in any way. As a focal point, a full fireplace was added to the room where there was originally just a chase. It was furnished with a slate surround, indicative of early 20th century design and constructed of salvaged brick from the property.



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The space also had to be functional for the home’s chef, Bill, who loves to cook. The kitchen was designed with his particular considerations in mind. Specifically, the Schneiders frequently entertain members of their faith community and a growing network of friends and neighbors. To be in the mix, Bill needed to be able to converse as he prepares a meal. That requirement was met with the addition of a custom-made kitchen island crafted to look like a vintage chemistry table and purposely built to appear as though it is a piece of fine furniture from the living room and provide practical open shelving on the kitchen side. The surface was topped with Alberene soapstone, notes Averill, which was widely used in early 20th century kitchens.

While it is not recommended for splicing and dicing, Bill loves it for rolling out pizza dough. For knife work, he uses a formidable slab of butcher block to the left of the range. To the left, specifically because he is left-handed. The entire prep zone of the kitchen was designed for his ease of use and the clean-up side, says Susan, is her domain. “That’s our deal,” she adds. “He cooks and I clean up.”

The kitchen has other perks, like a slimmed-down version of the room’s original brick chase on the wall above the butcher-block, a mini, glass-door, “guest” fridge for ease of entertaining, and expanded dining area with a custom farm table made with rafters sourced from the attic portion of the remodel. Above the table hangs just one of the many details in the home that make it an architectural salvage lover’s dream: An inverted dome brass pendant light purchased from an independent antique lighting specialist through Ruby Lane.

Another remarkable detail in this space and throughout the home are the series of restored radiators that the couple went to great pains to acquire from various architectural salvage dealers along the East Coast. Each radiator was professionally refurbished for actual use in the home. Seeing them within the context of the room, the extra effort makes sense, as the house appears as it must have when it was freshly built in 1917. Many of the elements of the home appear this way creating a sense of nostalgia and a respect for the aesthetic of that era.

THE BACKYARD CIRCA 1917

The open-plan area also receives a wealth of natural light from its period-accurate windows— each recreated to replicate the home’s original windows with their deep sills—and a tri-fold, panoramic glass door that folds into itself much like an accordion to create a seamless transition and gorgeous sightline from the indoor dining space to the spacious Ipe wood deck and beyond into the backyard.

“The outdoor living space was very important to [the Schneiders] in that it needed to be more of an extension of the house and for people to be able to use the space, and to feel like they would be able to entertain,” Nielsen says.

It becomes obvious that everything about this idyllic backyard scene was as methodically undertaken as the interior part of the home. With one gracious step down, you enter a scheme that also looks like it has been there for a hundred years with its newly-planted, five-year-old cherry, maple, and dogwood trees, and a stunning outdoor fireplace feature designed by Averill.

[The Schneiders] told Terry that they wanted the fireplace to look as old as possible, so he designed an 1800s-type chimney,” Nielsen explains. “We literally got big, huge boulders delivered to the job site and I got my local mason, Bob Woody, who chipped it into place.”

The finishing exterior touches, Averill says, included an extruded mortar treatment and swatches of shaved brick, make the feature appear as though it has been there long enough to have been weathered and required some repairing.

With its mix of strategically placed crushed oyster shells imported from Louisiana, local flat stones, and lush grassy patches with stepping-stones, the entire back-of-home environment is set up for outdoor dining, convivial conversation, and relaxation. The stepping-stones lead to a carriage house born of the couple's desire to provide a restorative space and lodging for family, and even new friends, or a community member in need of a place just to be for a while.

Inside this entirely new structure, there's a complete studio apartment with a charming efficiency kitchen, main living area, dining area, spacious sleeping quarters and a contemporary, yet rustic full bath highlighted with a sliding barn door closure fabricated from a solid brass panel sourced from a very early 20th century bank vault.

A single-bay garage/workshop is located on the opposite side of the structure, completing the owners' vision of a home that has it all and has all the character of that original home built in Eastport in 1917.



WHAT'S IN A NAME

For the Schneiders, though, that vision and feeling of *gemütlichkeit* has always started at the front door and more specifically, the front porch. With the added benefit of the wrap-around extension, the addition of period-accurate tapered square columns, and rich Brazilian hardwood flooring, for them the porch was like adding another room to the home—one where you could drink a cup of coffee in the morning, and a glass of wine at the end of the day, as they often do. This simple pleasure, they said, helped them connect to this community faster than any they have lived in before.

Recently the couple did another of their famous bicycle tours, this time to Nantucket, and noticed how homes there are often given names. This led Susan to ask of Bill, "If we were to name our house, what do you think we would call it?"

Without much hesitation, Bill responded, "Sit a spell," referring to how their friends often check in with them and connect on that expanded front porch.

"They'll stop by and come round to the side door; friends that we know through community service...it's like you just want to stop and sit and visit...like you did in a bygone era," Susan says. "And you just have to *sit a spell*."



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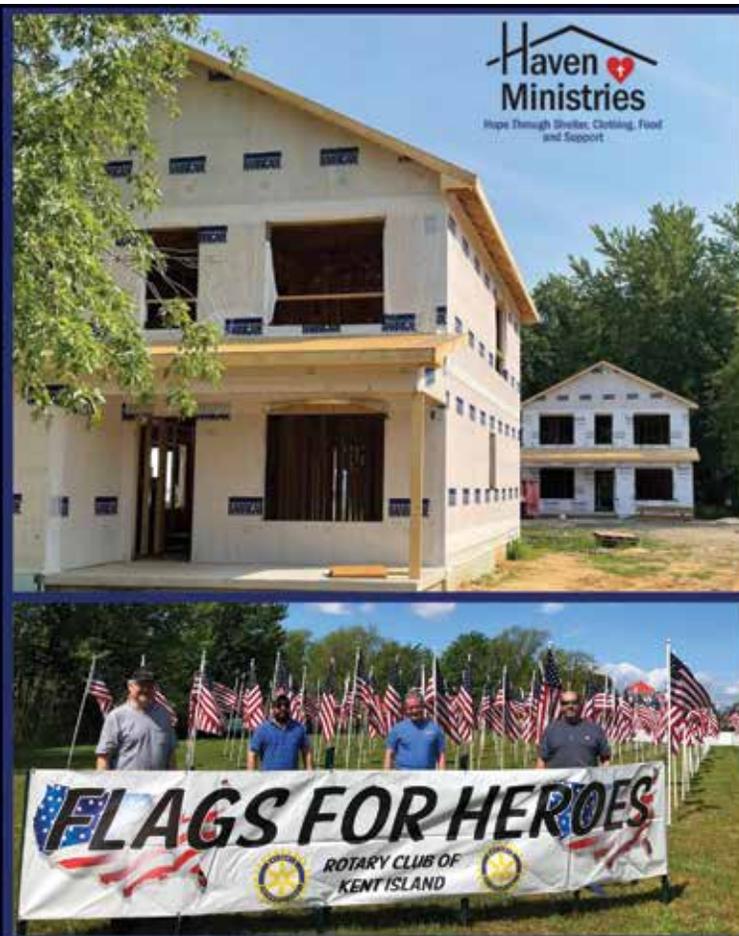
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Down on the Farm- House Influences

With the popular modern farmhouse aesthetic, comes the desire for the simplistic pairing of black, white, and neutrally-themed décor embellished with just a hint of holiday sparkle to delineate the season. We will also see this trend enhanced with elements of the natural world adding a clean, crisp, and fresh approach to this season's festivities.

A Seasonal Traditions Upgrade

By Lisa J. Gotto

While every home has its own treasure trove of prized holiday ornaments and embellishments used to create a celebratory environment, in this post-pandemic year décor experts predict several distinct emerging trends in holiday decoration in response to last year's somewhat restrained celebrations. These trends involve elements that evoke the natural world, color-intense palettes, and splashes of nostalgia—so, fun and whimsy is definitely back and in-style for the season!



Quality & Quantity!

From extra batches of cookies to densely decorated trees, this special time of year promises more of everything we love about the holidays. While some years the décor watchword is subtlety, this year it is clearly okay to get ambitious with our expressions of seasonality. So, think of mantels bursting with layers of fresh greens, pinecones, and lush vines. Candle chandeliers wrapped with tiny wreaths, and three ornaments clustered on the tree where one would normally be placed. Think "rule of thirds" with an abundant holiday vibe.

A Nostalgic Noel

If you have a collection of Hess Toy trucks now's the time to bust out an embellished version loaded up with Christmas balls or decorated with tiny and bright battery-operated lights. If you grew up with an old-fashioned train set under the tree, this is the season to pull it from the attic and be 10 again, along with your kids and grandkids. And colorful mini-winter wonderland displays atop a mantle or entry way table set a whimsical scene and the stage for a holiday that harkens back to a simpler time when family and friends are held close—and the New Year is anticipated with promise.



'Tis the Season ... for Sustainability

Influences from the natural world and recyclable resources will also be sprinkled throughout this holiday season in unique ways including tree trimmings that reflect abundance of the land and garden, such as shiny and sparkling avocado, carrot, and assorted fruit and other food ornaments. Under the tree, this theme will be represented by packages wrapped in reusable and colorful cloth coverings adorned fun fabric ties and fresh greenery instead of traditional bows. Natural Christmas trees this year will be supplemented with rustic gatherings of greens throughout the home. These groupings will not be aesthetically contrived, rather simply placed as if they were occurring in nature.

Intense, Playful Colors ⇨

Deep ruby red, festive forest green, saturated navy blue will replace the standard reds and greens of the season and with a dramatic effect that evokes a release of the physical restraints of last year. Eye-popping colors mixed with metallic flourishes will turn an every-day room into a sensory holiday experience.



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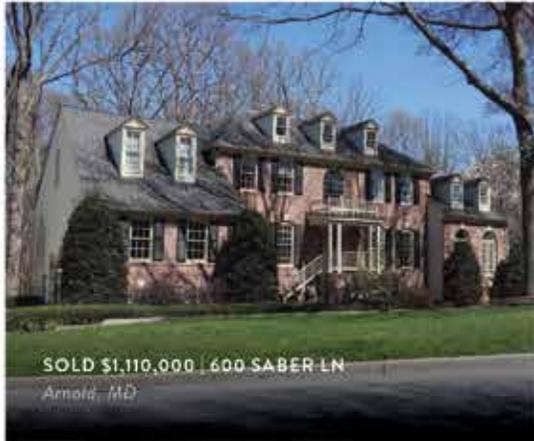
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Jean-Honoré Fragonard's Terrace and Garden of an Italian Villa (c. 1762-1763)

Inspirations

GREAT GARDENS IN GREAT ART

By Janice F. Booth

With the holiday events whirling around us like colored lights from a sparkler, I thought I might offer you inspirations to ease your mind, gifts for your eyes and spirit—images of gardens in beautiful art and paintings of lush flowers in gardens, bowls, vases. These glowing canvases may sooth your spirit and maybe inspire you to create a Monet or Pissarro garden of your own.

Perhaps you haven't considered a cut-flowers garden; the Flemish and Dutch Masters' creations of exuberant bouquets may capture your imagination. Or perhaps you'll simply enjoy contemplating these glorious works of art.

We are fortunate to live in close proximity to renowned art collections in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York City, where beautiful paintings of gardens and flower-filled

vases reside in hushed galleries. But for our purpose, I will invite you into the quiet, gorgeous gardens and flowers at the National Gallery of Art in Washington (nga.gov).

Since my goal is to delight and refresh your spirits, I will offer my gift in two forms—you may want to try both. I will share with you a selection of paintings that are on exhibit now, which you can actually view in person. It might be fun, as a pre-holiday event, to gather a group of fellow gardeners and make the trip to the National Gallery. What a surprise to invite friends and family to visit painted gardens in December and January. However, if your commitments and responsibilities are such that you have no time to escape to the marble halls and muted galleries, do not worry. Every painting in my garden tour is available for viewing online. And, I will include an additional selection of great works of art that are not on display, but available on the National Gallery's web site for viewing online.

Where to begin? ➔



↑ **Jan Brueghel the Elder's *Flowers in a Basket and a Vase* (c. 1615)**

Located in the West Building, Gallery 44. There's nothing more elegant and fascinating than still life paintings of flowers and fruit done in glowing oils. Flemish artist, Jan Brueghel was given the moniker, Flower Brueghel because of his brilliant and, at the time, avant-garde paintings of flowers. Two of the many things you may notice as you linger before this painting: first, the flowers are the focus, the main and only subject of the work. That was startling in 1615, when the painting was exhibited. Brueghel the Elder was one of a small group of artists who dared to give over an entire painting to the natural wonder of flowers. A second point of interest is the detail lavished on each flower. Brueghel had a botanist's eye for the structure of each flower, every petal. His tulips and peonies seem to pour out of the canvas into the viewer's world.

Jan van Huysum's *Still Life with Flowers and Fruit* (c. 1715)

West Building, Gallery 50. Wander down the galleries to number 50. There, among other still life paintings, is a lush work by Jan van Huysum. Peaches, grapes, and nectarines are piled in grand profusion and over the fruit tumbles a wildly beautiful disarray of tulips, carnations, jasmine, and more. You may want to replicate this still life as your holiday centerpiece—a change from more traditional arrangements.

Claude Monet's *The Japanese Footbridge* (c. 1899)

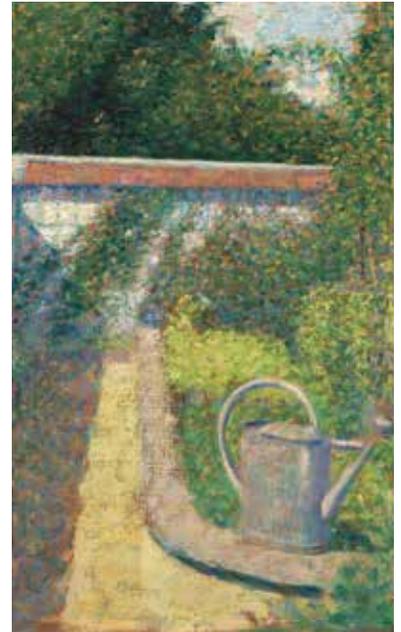
West Building, Gallery 85. From centerpieces to center-stage, Monet's beautiful garden at Giverny needs no introduction. Nothing could better whisk away your stress and waft you into a more peaceful state than this scene of the arching bridge's tracery, limpid lily pads, and lush reeds in shades of blue, green, and lavender. While few of us can hope to replicate Giverny's elegance in our own gardens, we can attempt to capture the spirit of quiet, natural elegance and the color palette that Monet made famous.

Claude Monet's *The Artist's Garden at Vétheuil* (c. 1881) →

West Building, Gallery 85. Now here's a garden we can all achieve, should we wish to. Towering sunflowers, cool blue-willow urns of decorative grasses, a gravel path, a child and small dog—if you've got the space, Monet has the garden design. Next summer your child or grandchild could be wandering along a similar path in the sunshine.

Gustave Caillebotte's *Dahlias, Garden at Petit Gennevilliers* (c. 1892)

West Building, Gallery 85. In the same gallery, turn to enjoy the array of coral and gold dahlias in Caillebotte's French garden. That woman and her dog might be you or your friend wandering in that lovely, summer haze of color and light. Perhaps a few dahlias in your spring planting plan?



↑ **Georges Seurat's *The Watering Can—Garden at Le Raincy* (c. 1883)**

West Building, Gallery 88. The garden's distant wall, the climbing vines, the path and its stone border, and the sturdy watering can—all familiar, bathed in the bright light of summer. Seurat's close-up look at a small garden contrasts with Pissarro's more practical one. In part due to Seurat's use of Pointillism, you can almost feel the prickly warmth of Le Raincy's summer garden.



Let's now slip quickly over to the East Building for just a few more glimpses of glorious summer gardens:

Pierre Bonnard's *The Green Table* (1910)

East Building, Ground Floor, Gallery 103E. Moving into the 20th century, Bonnard's garden appears to be carved out of a sandy hillside, with blossoming fruit trees along a path, and a table laden with a few items left behind in the garden. Bonnard's idea of gardening seems a bit looser, wilder—easier to maintain.

Emil Nolde's *Flower Garden, Kneeling Woman with Hat* (c. 1908)

East Building, Mezzanine, Gallery 217A. Hop on the escalator or climb the grand, marble stairs to the Mezzanine and let Nolde's garden take your breath away. In this gray season, what a treat to see the mass of pink, blue, red, and lilac flowers—and the lovely lady in her straw hat seated among the blooms. Perhaps a clustering of flower pots next summer could provide a similar experience of a riot of color? And the last stop on our in-person tour of gardens at the National Gallery (caution: this is not a "pretty" picture—in case you'd rather not trek to the Upper Level).

Joan Miró's *The Farm* (c. 1921-1922)

East Building, Upper Level, Gallery 415B. I've concluded our tour with this surreal depiction of a farm to supply a contrast, taste of sherbet to refresh the eye, if you will. The harsh, blue sky, brown earth, and withering plants suggest how our gardens sometimes appear when we return from a month away on vacation.

But I haven't forgotten my promised virtual gardens tour, dear reader. All of the above-mentioned paintings can be seen online. And here are a few other treasures if you want to let your computer do the walking:

- Claude Monet's *The Artist's Garden in Argenteuil* (c. 1873)
- Pier Bonnard's *Stairs in the Artist's Garden* (c. 1942-1944)
- Jean-Honoré Fragonard's *Terrace and Garden of an Italian Villa* (c. 1762-1763)

And, from the Phillips Collection, on-line (phillipscollection.org/library-archives):

- Gifford Beal's *The Garden Party* (c. 1920)
- Pierre Bonnard's *Early Spring* (c. 1908)
- Joel Meyerowitz's *photographs: Garden, Truro* (c. 1983) and *Provincetown Garden* (c. 1983)

Enjoy! Happy holidays to one and all.



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Cool Cove Living

By Lisa J. Gotto

Located on Cool Spring Cove just off the Magothy River, this stunning waterfront home offered the new homeowners the convenience of a turn-key, move-in experience and all the promise of a great family get-away.

“The buyers had been looking for a while and this home resonated with them because of the views and outdoor options, particularly the pool,” says Buyer’s Agent, Meagan Buckley. “It was the perfect retreat for their whole family!”

Just walking into the home is a visual treat with its sweeping water-view vistas and opportunities for wildlife watching on the cove courtesy of its floor-to-ceiling windows in the family room. The open-concept floorplan also features warm, honey-colored hardwoods throughout, an architecturally appealing floating staircase detail, and plenty of natural light. This area also provides access to the home’s waterside deck and in-ground pool.



The primary living space looks out onto the water and flows into a modern, high-top cocktail area and then into a casual dining space with a unique wood-burning stove detail. The modern gourmet kitchen offers all stainless-steel appliances and a granite-topped island with cooktop and seating for three.

The main level conveniently offers two bedrooms that share a remodeled bath; one of the bedrooms provides access to the waterside deck. The primary bedroom suite located on the second floor features sweeping water views, a luxurious bath with jetted soaking tub, dual vanity, and a stand-alone shower. Another bedroom is located on this level and features its own *en suite* bath with jetted tub and hand shower feature.

A second family room is located on the lower level of the home. This level, which provides walk-out access to the waterside deck and pool, also features the added utility of a home office and exercise space.

“This home has a wonderful floor plan that really emphasizes the Cool Spring Cove views. The multiple decks, pool, and private, deep-water pier made this a super get-away for the buyers,” says Seller’s Agent Reid Buckley.



Primary Structure Built: 1950
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Original List Price: \$1,295,000
Bedrooms: 4
Baths: 3 Full, 2 Half
Living Space: 3,389 Sq. Ft.
Lot Size: .24 acres

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Rhode Sweet Home

By Lisa J. Gotto

Surrounded by the beauty of thoughtful and serene landscaping, this elegant custom residence offers 5,000 square feet of living space on the Rhode River waterfront. This home is the epitome of fine architectural design that is noticed the moment you approach the front entry via custom paver stone courtyard that is framed on one side by an exquisite in-ground pool and the sound of its five waterfall features.

Once inside the home, you will see that no detail was spared creating a space that is a treat for the eye and psyche. Underfoot there's rich quarter sawn white oak floors that flow throughout the living space. Ten-foot-



high ceilings offer coffered detail and a wall of windows provides volumes of natural light and outstanding water views. There's easy access to the home's graceful and generous wraparound deck and scenic back lawn from this space, as well.

To the left of the main living area there's an all-white chef's kitchen outfitted with only the best in appliances and finishes. Custom cabinetry with bead board accents, a six-burner Wolf gas range, and center island with luxe granite countertops, and seating for four make the room as functional as it is fabulous. Seating areas include a large, formal dining room and a sunny informal dining area with deck access.

This home features two large owners' suites, one conveniently located on the main level, and the other located on the upper level, which also offers multiple balconies and an additional great room with a wall of windows.

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Primary Structure Built: 2016
Sold For: \$2,850,000
Original List Price: \$2,797,000
Bedrooms: 6
Baths: 5 Full, 1 Half
Living Space: 5,090 Sq. Ft.
Lot Size: .85 acres

Added guest accommodations in the form of a bedroom, full bath, and kitchenette can be found above the property's three-car garage. Other property features include a dog washing station, two laundry rooms, and an outdoor shower with a pass-through window to the back deck.

Outside, in addition to the pool and great entertaining spaces, boat owners can take advantage of a deep water protected pier with six feet of mean low water, an 8,000 lb. boat lift, and easy access to the Rhode River and its environs.

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Fresh Take

CINNAMON

By Dylan Roche

Who doesn't want to feel just a little bit cozier during the holiday season? It's why warming foods are so popular—we all want something that's going to make us feel as if the cold air outside doesn't have quite the bite to it. And so, it makes sense that cinnamon is the spice so many of us associate with holiday baked goods and mulled beverages.

While cinnamon rolls, snickerdoodle cookies, and pumpkin-flavored lattes aren't the healthiest choices you can have this time of year, that's more a result of their sugar and fat content. The cinnamon that gives them their signature flavor is surprisingly healthy—and there are ways you can get creative about using it in the kitchen beyond your basic goodies.



↑ Cinnamon Nut Bars

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup whole-grain wheat flour or oat flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit and grease a baking pan (13 inches by 9 inches). In a large bowl, sift flour, sugar, cinnamon, and baking powder. In a medium bowl, stir egg, oil, applesauce, and honey, then slowly combine with the dry ingredients. Add the walnuts and pecans. Spread the batter in the baking pan and top with additional nuts and cinnamon (if desired). Bake for approximately 15–20 minutes. Remove from the oven and allow to cool completely before serving.



← Cinnamon-Lemon Chicken

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 chicken, thawed (approximately 5 pounds)
- 2 lemons
- 3 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons pepper
- 2 teaspoons sage
- 1 teaspoon onion
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 3 turnips
- 2 sweet potatoes

Preheat oven to 400 F. In a small bowl, combine olive oil, salt, pepper, cinnamon, and sage. Squeeze juice from the lemons and reserve the rinds. Whisk until the marinade is thoroughly combined. Chop turnips and sweet potatoes into half-inch pieces. Set vegetables and chicken in a roasting pan and coat generously with the marinade. Slice the lemon rinds and place the slices on the chicken and with the vegetables. Roast for approximately one hour, turning the pan halfway through to achieve even cooking.

Autumnal Cinnamon Vegetable Soup

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup chopped sweet potatoes
- 1 cup chopped carrots
- 1 1/2 cups plain almond milk
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup coconut oil
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon sage
- 1 teaspoon allspice

Toss the sweet potatoes and carrots with olive oil and roast at 400 degrees F for approximately 20 minutes or until tender. Allow to cool. In a high-power blender, combine the vegetables, almond milk, and coconut oil. Process until smooth. Add in cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, sage, and allspice. Transfer to a saucepan and reheat. Served garnished with a dollop of tahini (sesame seed butter) if desired.

Cinnamon originates in Sri Lanka and comes from the inner bark of a cinnamon plant that is then ground up into a fine powder. It has a strong scent and flavor, one that's noticeably warm and a little bit sweet. In ancient cultures, it was highly regarded. The Egyptians were even said to use cinnamon in their sacred rituals.

Today, cinnamon is getting a close look in numerous scientific studies. There are many cases that suggest cinnamon could give your body a boost toward good health, but it's important to remember that these benefits are negligible and not supported by conclusive research. As the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health emphasizes, you shouldn't count on cinnamon as a treatment option for health conditions.

But if you live a healthy lifestyle already, enjoying a little bit of extra cinnamon on the regular could help you keep your body functioning as it should. Some studies have shown that cinnamon helps keep blood sugar levels in check, prevent Alzheimer's from developing, and soothe the inflammation associated with arthritis. Cinnamon's warming nature increases your flow of blood to your digestive tract, so it can improve digestion, helping you break down high-fat meals and even alleviate gassiness. Its antibacterial qualities even mean that it can prevent dental caries and improve your oral health.

But even if you're hesitant about accepting all the hype around these possibilities, there are some benefits to cinnamon that dietitians know conclusively. First, its slightly sweet flavor makes it possible for you to improve the taste of certain foods without too much added sugar—try dusting your oatmeal, apple slices, pear slices, or even your toast with a sprinkling of cinnamon, and you might be impressed by the way it satisfies your sweet tooth.

Additionally, cinnamon has 1 gram of fiber per teaspoon, so even a small amount of this spice can help improve your digestion. It has potassium and magnesium for fluid balance, calcium for strong bones, and vitamin K for helping your blood clot and wounds heal. It's also a great source of antioxidants for helping your body fend off cancer and aging.

Don't feel limited to using cinnamon just for desserts—there are plenty of savory meals, side dishes, and nutritious snacks that will make your holiday season flavorful while still keeping it healthy.



Is It Anxiety? Or Depression?

By Dylan Roche

Everyone has those times when they don't feel their best emotionally. Maybe you're sad, or maybe you're nervous—those are typical parts of just being human. But when those feelings start to get overwhelming or inhibit you from living your life to the fullest, that may be a sign you're suffering from mental illness like anxiety or depression.

Without an evaluation from a psychotherapist or psychiatrist, it's hard to determine which of these clinical conditions you have, especially when the words "depressed" and "anxious" are often used casually to refer to people without a diagnosis.

But there's a difference between feeling depressed and having clinical depression, just as there's a difference between feeling anxious and having anxiety. While there is some overlap in symptoms, and patients with one condition statistically have the other condition in more than half of cases, it's important to distinguish them from one another.

According to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, shared symptoms include nervousness, irritability, and problems concentrating. There's often a cyclical effect where a person who is depressed can start to worry, triggering their anxiety, and then too much anxiety leads a person to become depressed.

Depression is generally distinguished by feeling sad or hopeless, or by a loss of interest in activities or pursuits a person once enjoyed. People with depression might have trouble sleeping,

loss of appetite, or inexplicable physical pain. On the other hand, **anxiety** causes a person to persistently worry in a way that's disproportionate to the issue at hand. People with anxiety will often overthink and obsess over situations, causing them to become indecisive, restless, and fearful. They are inclined to dwell on worst-case scenarios and have trouble focusing.

Any of these symptoms is normal when there is an identifiable cause—loss of a loved one might trigger a person to feel depressed, or a major life event like a career change could trigger anxiety. When symptoms are chronic and get in the way of everyday activities, this can be a sign a person is having more than just an emotional day or an emotional week.

It's important to note that these two conditions, in addition to potentially triggering each other, have the same biological cause—namely low levels of the hormones serotonin and dopamine. When they are diagnosed together, they are considered comorbid conditions and can often be treated simultaneously. Both conditions improve with psychological counseling. Lifestyle changes that can help include better sleep habits, regular exercise, limited alcohol consumption, and better social support.

To learn more about these specific conditions, or to find a therapist who can offer an evaluation, visit the Anxiety and Depression Association of America online at adaa.org.



Fitness Tips

TURN SNOW SHOVELING INTO A WORKOUT

By Dylan Roche

It's almost that time of year—temps are dropping and snowstorms will be here whether we want them or not. While snow can be pretty, it comes with a struggle, and anyone who has ever had to dig their car out or shovel their driveway knows how exhausting it can be!

In some respects, the strenuous nature of shoveling snow can be a good thing. It provides a workout for your core, arms, and glutes. But if you're not careful, or if you're not conditioned for that kind of strenuous physical activity, you could be putting yourself at risk for injury or even a heart attack.

So, if you want to be smart about snow shoveling this year and reap the full physical benefits, it's smart to start training in early December before winter truly arrives. With some proper precautions and some conditioning ahead of time, you could be ready to shovel like an abominable snowman when the worst of it arrives in January.

SHOVELING SNOW—THE WORKOUT YOU DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR

People with gym memberships pay for the kind of physical exertion that shoveling snow offers. You can burn more than 200 calories for every half-hour you spend shoveling as you use your legs, glutes, core, biceps, triceps, and shoulders to lift the snow off the ground and heave it elsewhere. Michigan-based Beaumont Health estimates that

an average-sized shovel full of moderate or heavy snow can weight about 15 pounds—if you move 12 shovelfuls of snow in a minute, then you will have moved about 5,400 pounds of snow in a half-hour. That's a lot of weight you're transporting.

To play it safe, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons recommends performing 10 minutes of light physical activity before you head out to shovel. Try some jumping jacks, arm swings, or knee lifts to loosen up and get your blood flowing.

It's also important to consider the type of shovel you're using and the motion you're making as you shovel. A shovel with a D-shaped handle will be easier for you to control, especially for those moments when you pick up a load of snow with unevenly distributed weight.

GET YOUR FORM RIGHT

As with other workouts, shoveling snow needs to be done with proper form or it has the potential to injure you. Make sure you hold the shovel close to your body and your feet planted shoulder-width apart. Bend your knees, lowering your body with your back straight and your abdominals braced tight. Scoop the snow and lift with your knees, not your back. Keeping your hands farther apart on the handle will benefit you with more leverage, so the weight won't be as hard to lift.

It's best to avoid tossing the snow if at all possible, as this motion puts strain on your back. However, if you must twist, make sure you are moving with your whole body so you don't put strain on your lower back.

BE CAREFUL: DON'T PUT YOUR HEART AT RISK

Remember that shoveling snow is vigorous activity. The Cleveland Clinic even notes that shoveling snow ranks as a peak exercise on a stress test.

If you're out of shape or elderly, you're better off hiring somebody to shovel your snow for you. Not only does the extreme physical activity increase your heart rate and blood pressure, but the cold air outside can constrict your arteries and make it harder for blood to get to your heart, putting you at risk of a heart attack.

Even healthy people should be careful to take frequent breaks. If you feel chest pains or have trouble breathing, seek medical attention.

TRAIN FOR SHOVEL SEASON

If you want to be strong enough to shovel snow, focus on the exercises that work similar muscle groups and will help you achieve the level of fitness you need. Here are three great moves to start with:

SQUATS

Stand with your feet shoulder width apart and your arms by your side. Bend your knees and lower your body until your legs are at a 90-degree angle, keeping your chest out and shoulders up as you go. Hold the squat position for three deep breaths. Raise yourself back up to standing position. Repeat 10–15 times.

DUMBBELL TORSO ROTATION

Begin by holding a dumbbell vertically with both hands and extend your arms to shoulder level in front of you. Keep your shoulders down and your back tall with your feet shoulder-width apart. Slowly rotate your torso from right to left, keeping your arms straight and the dumbbell steady as you turn. Make sure you are turning with your core, not your hips. Repeat for 10–15 turns.

STANDING BENT-OVER ROW

Start with your feet shoulder width apart and a dumbbell in each hand, arms down by your side.

Lower yourself into a squat, keeping your arms vertical as you go. Flex your elbows and bring the weights as high as you can toward your rib cage. Extend your arms to lower the weight as you lift yourself out of the squat. Repeat the motion 10–15 times.

Here's What You Should Know If You're Always Cold

By Dylan Roche

Brrr! Feeling cold? It's completely normal to catch a chill every now and then during the winter months, and there's nothing wrong with being sensitive to or disliking cold weather. But if you find that you're the person who's *always* cold, especially if everyone else around you is comfortable, then you might take that as a warning sign there could be a problem with your health.

Before you panic, remember that everyone's sense of cold is a little different. It might depend on your metabolic rate, your body composition, or even just personal preference. Research, such as a 2012 study published in *Physiology & Behavior*, shows that men tend to run a little warmer and women a little colder—the average preferred temperature for men is about 72 degrees Fahrenheit whereas women prefer it around 77 degrees. That's completely normal, and it's likely because men tend to have more body mass and faster metabolisms than women.

Still, frequent cold spells aren't something you should disregard. They could signal something as simple as a nutrient deficiency, or they could be a sign of a much bigger health problem.

Here are just a few conditions that could be causing you to always feel cold:

Poor Circulation: Bad flow of blood could be attributed to any number of things (including a few afflictions listed later in this list), but one common cause is peripheral artery disease, sometimes called PAD. This condition is marked by a reduced flow of blood to your limbs, and when your extremities—that is, your arms and legs—don't get enough blood, they won't maintain body heat. You might often feel pain or a sense of tingling and numbness when you're walking or putting pressure on your extremities. Doctors often see PAD develop in people who smoke or are diabetic.

Anemia: Anemia develops when a person's diet is deficient in either iron or vitamin B12 and their body is unable to make enough red blood cells to carry oxygen throughout their body. In addition to feeling cold, people with anemia can find themselves feeling tired, weak, or short of breath. Great dietary sources of iron include red meat, lentils, and green leafy vegetables.



Diabetes: Diabetes can be another cause of poor circulation, resulting in a continual cold feeling. In the long term, diabetes could cause damage to your peripheral nervous system—pay attention if your feet feel cold but aren't cold to the touch, as this is a warning sign. Diabetes can also cause waste to build up in your kidneys, so your blood is filtered inefficiently, which will lead to lower body temperature.

Underactive Thyroid: Your thyroid, a gland found at the base of your neck, is responsible for regulating your metabolism. But for people with an underactive thyroid, their body won't produce the hormones they need. It's not something you might notice right away—aside from weight gain and fatigue, there aren't many telltale symptoms. However, frequently being cold could indicate your thyroid isn't working the way it should.

Malnutrition: Your body needs energy to regulate its internal temperature. If a person is not getting enough calories, either because of an extremely restrictive diet or because of food insecurity, then they could find themselves feeling cold frequently.

What should you do? Pay attention to other symptoms you might be feeling and talk to your doctor or health care provider, as they will be the ones who can identify your specific condition. In some cases, all it takes is a few minor lifestyle changes and you could be feeling warm again before winter is over.



Keep Washing Your Hands

(AND OTHER HEALTHY HABITS YOU DEVELOPED DURING THE PANDEMIC)

By Dylan Roche

“When are things going to go back to normal?”

How many people have spent the COVID-19 pandemic asking themselves this question? The long process of overcoming the novel coronavirus has been long and drawn out, bringing plenty of stress and surprises. But it also made people a lot more conscious of the spread of germs—and a large portion of the population started adopting healthy habits like washing their hands regularly, keeping their distance from people in public places, and staying home when they felt under the weather.

None of those habits is necessarily a bad thing. The preventative practices that people followed throughout 2020 and 2021 will help people continue to avoid sickness throughout 2022 and beyond.

Are there any pandemic-related habits that should be modified or forgotten altogether? Maybe.

Here’s a look at the pros and cons of some of the major healthy habits we adopted during the pandemic:

WASHING HANDS

Remember back at the beginning of the pandemic when stores couldn’t restock hand soap (or hand sanitizer) quickly enough? You really can’t be faulted for wondering whether people were washing their hands as much as they should have been before the pandemic broke out.

Frequent hand washing is one habit society should stick to—after all, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that washing your hands is the most effective measure you can take in stopping the spread of germs. It reduces not only your own risk of getting sick but also the risk for everyone around you.

The only caveat is that you should be careful not to overdo it, particularly with antibacterial hand soap. Too many washes with antibacterial soap can kill the good bacteria on your skin. Even worse, harmful bacteria can build up a resistance to it, so antibacterial chemicals eventually become ineffective.

DISINFECTING SURFACES FREQUENTLY

Disinfecting became a serious priority during the pandemic. Whether it was a family at home or an employee at a business, it always seemed like there was somebody with a paper towel and a disinfectant product ready to wipe down any horizontal surface (and many vertical ones too). It wasn’t just things like countertops and tables—people were getting in the habit of wiping down places they probably should have been disinfecting but had previously been neglecting, like door handles and light switches.

The only problem is that disinfecting can lend you a false sense of confidence. Health experts now say the most common cause of transferring the coronavirus is through the exchange of respiratory droplets, not from touching exposed surfaces. It might make you feel safe to know the checkout area at your favorite business is

sanitized, but don't let it make you feel so comfortable you forget to observe other healthy behaviors.

The other problem is that the CDC saw many people using cleaners and disinfectants improperly throughout the pandemic—people were using more disinfectant than was directed, mixing products with chemicals that shouldn't have been mixed, and applying products in areas with either bad ventilation or without proper personal protection equipment like rubber gloves. Is it any wonder there was an increase in exposure to toxic cleaning products that coincided with the pandemic?

The smartest thing you can do is clean frequently touched surfaces in your home once a day and other areas as needed or (as the CDC states) when they're visibly dirty. If someone in your home is sick—or vulnerable to being sick—you may need to clean more frequently. Always follow the directions on disinfectant products to avoid risk of exposure to dangerous chemicals.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

"Social distancing" was a phrase few people had heard before the pandemic—but it's now part of everyday language, thanks to the CDC's guidelines that encourage people to keep six feet away from others as a means of lessening the risk of transmission from respiratory droplets.

Respecting personal space will continue to prevent the spread of germs even after the pandemic is over, and many people will appreciate not having the person behind them in line at the store close enough to breathe all over them.

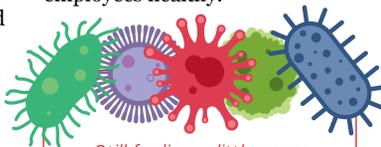
But in other ways, keeping distance has been unhealthy—and vaccines have made it possible for family and friends to interact with one another again. This is important because physical closeness (and touch) is an important part of our wellbeing. Physical contact prompts our bodies to produce the hormone oxytocin, which can create feelings of connection with other people, boost our mood, improve our appetite, and help us achieve better sleep.

STAYING HOME WHEN SICK

Before the pandemic, many people prided themselves on being able to trudge through their regular routine when they were feeling under the weather. But when spreading sickness became a matter of life and death, workplaces and schools started emphasizing that people who were experiencing symptoms needed to stay home.

That's a good thing—during a pandemic or otherwise. Letting an illness spread throughout a place of employment is bad for business because it hinders everyone from working at their full capacity. That means there's a financial burden as well. The National Partnership for Women and Families refers to the practice of working when sick as "presenteeism" and explains that the spread of sickness and lost productivity that results from it costs the national economy an estimated \$160 billion every year.

But unfortunately, although the Families First Coronavirus Response Act required employers to provide paid sick leave for employees through December 2020, some American workers still don't have access to paid sick days—only 64 percent of private-sector employees get paid time off for being sick, according to the Economic Policy Institute. The National Partnership for Women and Families estimates paid sick days could save employers up to \$1.8 billion annually by keeping sick employees home and keeping healthy employees healthy.

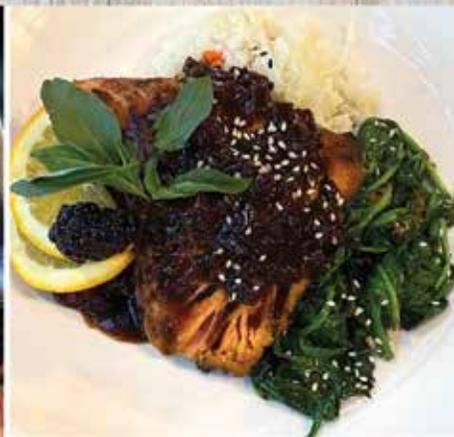


Still feeling a little wary about how you should be behaving these days from a health perspective? You can find the latest guidelines from health experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by going to cdc.gov/coronavirus or the National Institutes of Health at covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov.

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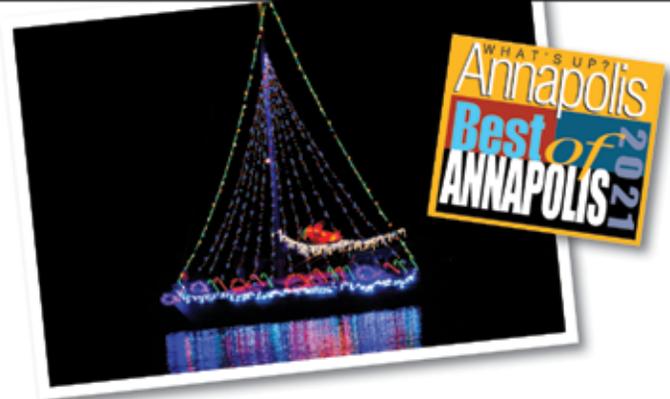


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Abundance, Riviera Maya Style

By Rita Calvert | Photography by Stephen Buchanan

Annapolis has the very good fortune to be home to several satisfying Mexican eateries. We were happy to find Mi Lindo Cancun Grill and its patio on Forest Drive tucked in a nondescript strip center. You might notice the outside tables with umbrellas and flower boxes, which define the space. Venture inside and, surprise, you've entered a very different world! The family-owned Mi Lindo Cancun Grill prides itself on serving dishes from their Mayan homeland and bringing the atmosphere along as well. The furniture is imported from Mexico. A heavy wooden "old world" door opens into dining rooms vibrantly decorated with heavy dark wood chairs upholstered black and deep rich tables. Bright artwork adorns the walls. Although we opted to dine outside, the widely-spaced tables were mostly filled.

The restaurant is a family affair with Fredy Salmorán as owner and lead chef. At one time, Fredy was chef at Giolitti (the well-known Italian eatery near Annapolis Town Center). He ultimately decided to start his own restaurant, Mi Lindo, in 2015. When you're passionate about food, why stop at just one restaurant? The family also has Señor Chile Cantina (termed your "hot spicy neighbor") in Arnold and Señor's Chile in Edgewater.

Mi Lindo hosts an extended happy hour—3 to 7 p.m. on weekdays—for those of us who can't often break away from work before the customary 5 p.m. conclusion. With \$5 margaritas, \$3 beers, and several \$5 appetizers, the short menu delivers *large*. We ordered the Nachos with Carnitas. Smaller than a typical nacho platter, this was still far more than you'd expect for a \$5 happy hour special. Piled "alto" with crunchy chips, guacamole, plenty of pork, black beans, pickled jalapeño, melted cheese, and sour cream, it was a hit. We tried our best not to devour the entire dish lest we have no appetite for our entrees. In fact, I did find myself cautioning my dining companion, "You'll spoil your dinner!"

About that margarita and tequila menu—*also large*. While the happy hour special includes a choice of two margaritas—regular or spicy—we chose to order a specialty margarita from the regular menu. The Mezcal was the perfect and fresh tasting balance of sweet and sour, lime, orange, and just the right amount of smoky mezcal. If you're a margarita or tequila connoisseur, you'll want to spend some time on the website before visiting Mi Lindo so you're ready to order before you've arrived. More on that later. And note: at first glance, margaritas might seem pricey, but this was definitely a *grande* drink.

Not a margarita fan? How about a shot of tequila? Mi Lindo offers multiple brands of tequila, reposado, and anejo varieties, and two mezcals. (For the novice, tequila is technically a mezcal, because it is made from agave; specifically, blue agave. Smoky mezcal by name can be made from more than 30 agaves.)

Interested in another beverage? How about a mojito? Sangria? Jarrito Slushy? Beer, wine, or an interesting mixed drink? Mi Lindo even offers non-alcoholic specialty Mexican drinks, which sound enticing.

Just in case you're not quite full from your appetizer while you await your entrée, even at Happy Hour, Mi Lindo serves warm tortilla chips and a delightfully spicy salsa to wash down with your drink. We certainly felt like we'd feasted as we looked at the muy extenso menu. Salmon en Mango caught our eye with a pan-seared salmon fillet, topped with mango salsa, two shrimp served over chipotle salsa, and with Mexican mashed potatoes and tortillas. Mole con Pollo is a taste of the traditional Oaxaca mole sauce with at least 15 ingredients. Hailing from family recipes, the sauce is fragrantly dark, contains dark chocolate, and has a touch of sweetness.

In Brocheta de Camarones con Fajita, which I chose, one actually gets two different entrees mounded on one piping hot skillet. The four Brocheta style bacon-wrapped jumbo butterflied shrimp were tucked with a strip of jalapeno and queso. For the fajitas, a substantial portion of New York steak was served in large strips over a sizzling pile of sautéed onions and peppers. Separately, a plate of excellent guacamole, pico de gallo, Spanish rice, and black beans came on the side. Tortillas of your choice arrived warm, in their basket. All I can say is whew!



My dining companion considered several meat dishes from among the beef, chicken, and pork offerings and nearly went with the Costilla de Cerdo Verde (stewed pork ribs with tomatillo sauce, nopales, and peas, along with Spanish rice, salad, and tortillas). Note that there are plenty of choices for traditional favorites like quesadillas, chimichangas, burritos, and tacos as well as salads and soups—and a special vegetarian section, the offerings loaded with vegetables.

Ultimately, she chose the Fajita Del Mer—fruits of the sea. Set atop a bed of sautéed, colorful bell and jalapeno peppers that were nicely cooked but still maintained some crunch was a large properly grilled tilapia “steak” garnished by at least four jumbo sea scallops, crispy and browned, and four brocheta style bacon-wrapped jumbo shrimp and queso. How did they get the bacon cooked like that without overcooking the shrimp? A feat difficult to match at home. All this was served with a side of black beans and Spanish rice, and a choice of corn or flour tortillas.

The five-item dessert menu contained the favorites most would expect: Tres Leches, Churros, Fried Ice Cream, and Chocolate Cake. Churro Caribeño would probably be a popular choice for many (it was for us) as it combines the dense chocolate lava cake, which arrives warm, with two churros. Ultimately it masquerades as a large sundae topped with melting vanilla ice cream with caramel and raspberry sauce, whipped cream, and a cherry. And again, it does fit with the *large* theme.

All things considered, Mi Lindo certainly is worthy of repeat visits, especially for its extensive margarita and tequila menu, not to mention oversized Happy Hour options. And friendly accommodating servers, too. By the way, breakfast is also served here.

Rita Calvert has close to three decades in the food, media production, marketing, and public relations fields. She has created myriad programs, events, cooking sessions on national television for corporations, the stage for cookbooks, and founded the original Annapolis School of Cooking.



Savor the Chesapeake

A culinary compendium of restaurant, food, and beverage news and trends from the Chesapeake region

By Kelsey Casselbury

Around Anne Arundel

We love a good giving-back story, and **Killarney House Irish Pub** has just that. In celebration of the restaurant's 20th anniversary in September, Killarney House raised nearly \$8,000 for local charities through fundraising dinners that featured special three-course menus. To show his appreciation for two decades in business, Michael Galway, co-owner of The Irish Restaurant Company, which owns Killarney House, committed to matching customer donations. The money will go to seven local charities: Rebuilding Together Anne Arundel County, Anne Arundel County First Responders, Makins Cards for Our Troops, Londontowne Symphony Orchestra, Lace 'Em Up for Libby, Navy SEAL Foundation, and EMBOLC. **584 West Central Avenue, Davidsonville | killarneyhousepub.com**

↑ Speaking of giving back, two charities were recently honored with the Food for Good Award from the **International Foodservice Editorial Council (IFEC)**, which held its annual meeting at the Graduate hotel in Annapolis in late October. The yearly award is given to local food-related charities in the host city, and this year's recipients were Feeding Anne Arundel and the Lighthouse Bistro. IFEC, which consists of media professionals in the foodservice industry, such as the editors of publications like *Nation's Restaurant News*, *the National Culinary Review*, *FSR, Foodservice Director*, and *Food Management*, also invited local restaurants/chefs, including Miss Shirley's, Annapolis Yacht Club, Titan Hospitality Group, AAC's HCAT program, and more, to participate in its opening reception, Chef Showcase.



Eastern Shore News to Know

It's the end of the year, which we always hope will bring good tidings. Just over the Bay Bridge, though, there's sad news: After three decades, **Annie's Paramount Steak & Seafood House** is closing on December 24 due to non-renewal of its building's lease. "We want to say thank you to ALL patrons over the past 30 years," Mike and Helen Katinas shared on the restaurant's Facebook page. "Please continue to visit us as our staff will work diligently to our last day." There's no doubt that Annie's will be missed.

Once you've dried your eyes, let's turn our attention to something good farther down the Shore. St. Michaels has a new hotel, **The Wildset**, and with it, a new restaurant, **Ruse**. The new space focuses on seasonal American cuisine that changes regularly to focus on fresh ingredients. The kitchen is headed by Chef Michael Correll, who previously was the Chef de Cuisine at Baltimore's Tagliata. The restaurant's name refers to St. Michael's role in the War of 1812, when locals duped the British into aiming their cannons in the wrong place by hiding lanterns in the trees outside of town. **209 North Talbot Street, St. Michaels | ruserestaurant.com**



Maryland Report

There's always something interesting going on at **Flying Dog Brewery** up in Frederick, and this month is no exception. They recently released Triple Dog Triple IPA, described as, "an all-new epic beast with a so-big-you'll-need-to-clear-your-calendar-that-night-high ABV to match." They're not exaggerating—the beer clocks in at around 18 percent ABV.

Flying Dog also collab'd with University of Maryland's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources to create Field Notes Pale Ale (with a notably lower ABV at 5.6 percent). The UMD and Flying Dog partnership began in 2015. The goal of the study was to gather research and lay the groundwork for a commercially viable hop producing industry in Maryland that mirrors the success of hop growing ventures in the Pacific Northwest. Find both of these beers in a store near you by using flyingdog.com/beer-finder.

If anyone needs a new dream job, here's one to aspire to: **McCormick & Co** (based in Baltimore) recently hired a Director of Taco Relations. Sadly, they didn't pick a Marylander for the position, instead hiring Jo Luna of El Paso, Texas—but you never know when this position might someday be filled from its home state! Luna will work with McCormick's brand team to develop new recipes with the company's seasoning mix during her part-time, four-month stint.



Under the Tree: 2021 Boozy Gift Guide

Still struggling with a last-minute gift for someone in your life? If they're the type to enjoy an evening tipples or two, here are a few ideas:

Shots Box: This gift is just right for someone who loves to try different brands to find their new favorites. Shots Box curates five to 10 miniature bottles in a category of your choice (ranging from gin to holiday-inspired to whiskey), all wrapped up in a pretty package. They also offer a Whiskey Club subscription service, which can be purchased as a month-to-month, six-month, or annual membership. shotsbox.com

Wine Insiders: If your loved one is more likely to love wine than liquor, take a look at the Wine Insiders Club, which ships 12 bottles (red, white or mixed) every three months. If you don't want to commit to a lengthy subscription, Wine Insiders also sells gift sets from a variety of regions and vintners and at various price points. winesinsiders.com

Maryland Wineries Association: Rather go local? We're in favor of that. The Maryland Wineries Association offers its own wine club. Choose from red or white, and they'll ship three Maryland wines that illustrate the diversity of grape varieties and wine styles, direct to their door. marylandwine.com/club

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Send an email to Kelsey Casselbury at kcasselbury@whatsupmag.com.

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Armadillo's Bar & Grill

132 Dock Street, Annapolis; 410-280-0028; Armadillosannapolis.com; American Grill; lunch, dinner, brunch \$ 🎵

Bean Rush Café

112 Annapolis Street, Annapolis; 410-263-2592; Beanrushcafe.com; Coffee, baked goods, sandwiches; breakfast, lunch \$ 🍷

The Big Cheese & Sammy's Deli

47 Randall Street, Annapolis; 410-263-6915; Thebigcheeseannapolis.com; Deli; breakfast, lunch, dinner \$ 🍷 🍷

Buddy's Crabs & Ribs

100 Main Street, Annapolis; 410-626-1100; Buddyonline.com; Seafood; lunch, dinner \$\$\$ 🍷 🍷 🐾

Café Normandie

185 Main Street, Annapolis; 410-263-3382; Cafenormandie.com; French; lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch \$\$\$ 📞 🍷 🍷

Castlebay Irish Pub 1

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Chick & Ruth's Delly

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City Dock Café

18 Market Space, Annapolis; 410-269-0961; Citydockcafe.com; American; coffee, light breakfast, baked goods \$

Dock Street Bar & Grill

136 Dock Street, Annapolis; 410-268-7278; Dockstreetbar.net; American; lunch, dinner, late-night \$\$\$ 🍷 🍷 🐾 🎵

Dry 85

193 B Main Street, Annapolis; 443-214-5171; DRY85.com; American; lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch \$\$\$ 🍷 🍷 🎵 🍷

Federal House Bar & Grille

22 Market Space, Annapolis; 410-268-2576; Federalhouserestaurant.com; American; lunch, dinner, Weekend brunch \$\$\$ 📞 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

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17 Annapolis Street, Annapolis; 410-267-0274; Flamantmd.com; European; dinner \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

Fox's Den

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Galway Bay Irish Restaurant & Pub

63 Maryland Avenue, Annapolis; 410-263-8333; Galwaybaymd.com; Irish; lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch \$ 🍷 🍷 🎵 🍷

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12 Market Space Annapolis; 410-990-1600; Ironroosterallday.com; American; all-day breakfast, lunch, dinner \$\$\$ 🍷 🍷 🍷

Joss Café & Sushi

195 Main Street, Annapolis; 410-263-4688; Jossushi.com; Japanese, sushi; lunch, dinner \$\$\$ 🍷 🍷 🍷

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12 Dock Street, Annapolis; 667-204-2282; Latitude38waterfront.com; American; lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch \$\$\$ 📞 🍷 🍷 🎵 🍷 🍷

Mason's Famous Lobster Rolls

188 Main Street, Annapolis; 410-280-2254; Masonslobster.com; Seafood; lunch, dinner \$

McGarvey's Saloon & Oyster Bar

8 Market Space, Annapolis; 410-263-5700; MCGarveysannapolis.com; American; lunch, dinner, late-night, Sunday brunch \$\$\$ 📞 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

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2 Market Space, Annapolis; 410-263-3323; Middletontavern.com; American, seafood; lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch \$\$\$ 📞 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

Mission BBQ

142 Dock Street, Annapolis; 443-221-4731; Mission-bbq.com; Barbecue; lunch, dinner \$\$\$ 🍷 🍷

O'Brien's Oyster Bar & Restaurant

113 Main Street, Annapolis; 410-268-6288; Obriensoysterbar.com; Seafood; lunch, dinner, late-night, brunch \$\$\$ 🍷 🍷 🍷

Osteria 177

177 Main Street, Annapolis; 410-267-7700; Osteria177.com; Italian; lunch, dinner \$\$\$ 📞 🍷 🍷

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164 Main Street, Annapolis; 443-598-6920; Preserve-eats.com; Seasonal farm to table restaurant; brunch, lunch, dinner \$\$\$ 🍷 🍷

Pusser's Caribbean Grille

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Red Red Wine Bar

189B Main Street, Annapolis; 410-990-1144; Redredwinebar.com; Wine bar; lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch \$\$\$ 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

Reynolds Tavern

7 Church Circle, Annapolis; 410-295-9555; Reynoldstavern.org; International; lunch, dinner, afternoon tea \$\$\$ 📞 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

Sakura Café

105 Main Street, Annapolis; 410-263-0785; Annapolisakuracafe.com; Japanese; lunch, dinner \$\$\$ 📞 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

Sofi's Crepes

1 Craig Street, Annapolis; 410-990-0929; Sofiscrepes.com; Sweet and savory crepes \$

Vida Taco Bar

200 Main Street, Annapolis; 443-837-6521; Vidatacobar.com; Tex-Mex; lunch, dinner \$\$\$ 🍷

Upper Annapolis

49 West, Coffeebar, Winebar & Gallery

49 West Street, Annapolis; 410-626-9796; 49westcoffeehouse.com; American, coffeehouse; breakfast, lunch, dinner \$\$\$ 📞 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

Azure

100 Westgate Circle, Annapolis; 410-972-4365; Azureannapolis.com; Modern American; breakfast, lunch, dinner \$\$\$ 📞 🍷

Carpaccio Tuscan Kitchen & Wine Bar

1 Park Place, Annapolis; 410-268-6569; Carpaciotuscankitchen.com; Italian; lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch \$\$\$ 📞 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

El Toro Bravo

50 West Street, Annapolis; 410-267-5949; Mexican; lunch, dinner \$\$\$ 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

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Light House Bistro

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36 West Street, Annapolis; 410-267-9950; Lunablufannapolis.com; Italian; lunch, dinner \$\$\$ 📞 🍷 🍷

Metropolitan Kitchen & Lounge

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Nothing Bundt Cakes
1901 Towne Centre Blvd, Annapolis; 443-775-7979; nothingbundt-cakes.com; Bakery

Paul's Homewood Café
919 West Street, Annapolis; 410-267-7891; Paulshomewoodcafe.com; Mediterranean; lunch, dinner, brunch \$\$ 🍴 🌿 🍷 🐾 🍷

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Sandy Pony Donuts
1901 Towne Centre Blvd., Ste 130, Annapolis; 301-873-3272; Sandyponydonut.com; Breakfast \$ 🍴

Seafood Palace Buffet
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Severn Inn
1993 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard, Annapolis; 410-349-4000; Severn-inn.com; Seafood; lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch \$\$ 🍴 🌿 🍷 🍷

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1906 Towne Center Boulevard, Ste. 4250, Annapolis; 410-224-6598; Zikisteakhouse.com; Japanese, sushi; lunch, dinner \$\$ 🍷 🍷
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Adam's Taphouse and Grille
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Bakers & Co.
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400 6th Street, Annapolis; 410-263-3454; Theblackwallhitch.com; Upscale-casual New American restaurant; brunch, lunch, dinner, late-night \$\$ 🍷 🍷 🎵 🌟

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Jack's Fortune
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914 Bay Ridge Road, Annapolis; 410-626-0388; Mainandmarket.com; Farm-to-table; breakfast, lunch, dinner \$\$ 🍷 🍷 🍷

O'Leary's Seafood Restaurant
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Rocco's Pizzeria
954 Bay Ridge Road, Annapolis; 410-263-9444; Roccospizzashop.com; Pizza; lunch, dinner \$ 🍷 🍷 🍷

Ruth's Chris
301 Severn Avenue, Annapolis; 410-990-0033; Ruthschriss-Annopolis.com; Steakhouse; dinner \$\$\$ 🍷 🍷 🍷

Sammy's Pizza Kitchen
1007 Bay Ridge Ave, Annapolis; 410-990-9800; Sammyspiz-zakitchen.com; Italian; lunch, dinner \$-\$\$ 🍷

Vin 909 WineCafe
909 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis; 410-990-1846; Vin909.com; Farm-to-table; lunch, dinner \$\$ 🍷 🍷 🍷

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Adam's Taphouse and Grille
169 Mayo Road, Edgewater; 410-956-2995; Adamsgrilleannapolis.com; Barbecue; lunch, dinner \$\$ 🍷 🍷

All American Steakhouse
139 Mitchells Chance Road, Edgewater; 410-956-4494; Theallamericansteakhouse.com; American; lunch, dinner \$\$ 🍷

Bayside Inn
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