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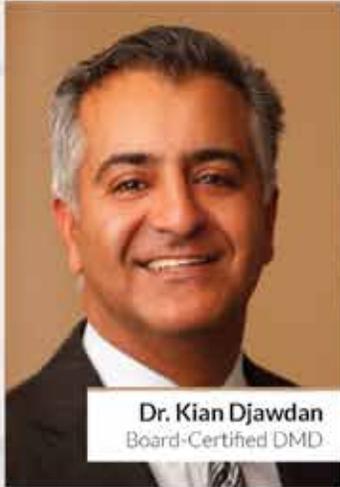
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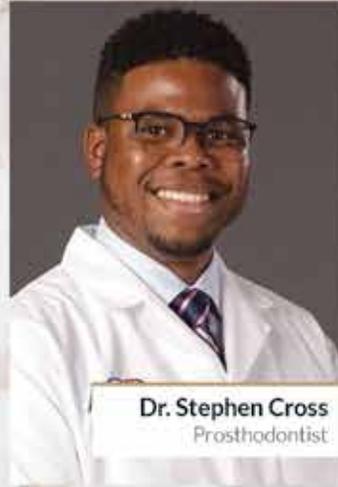
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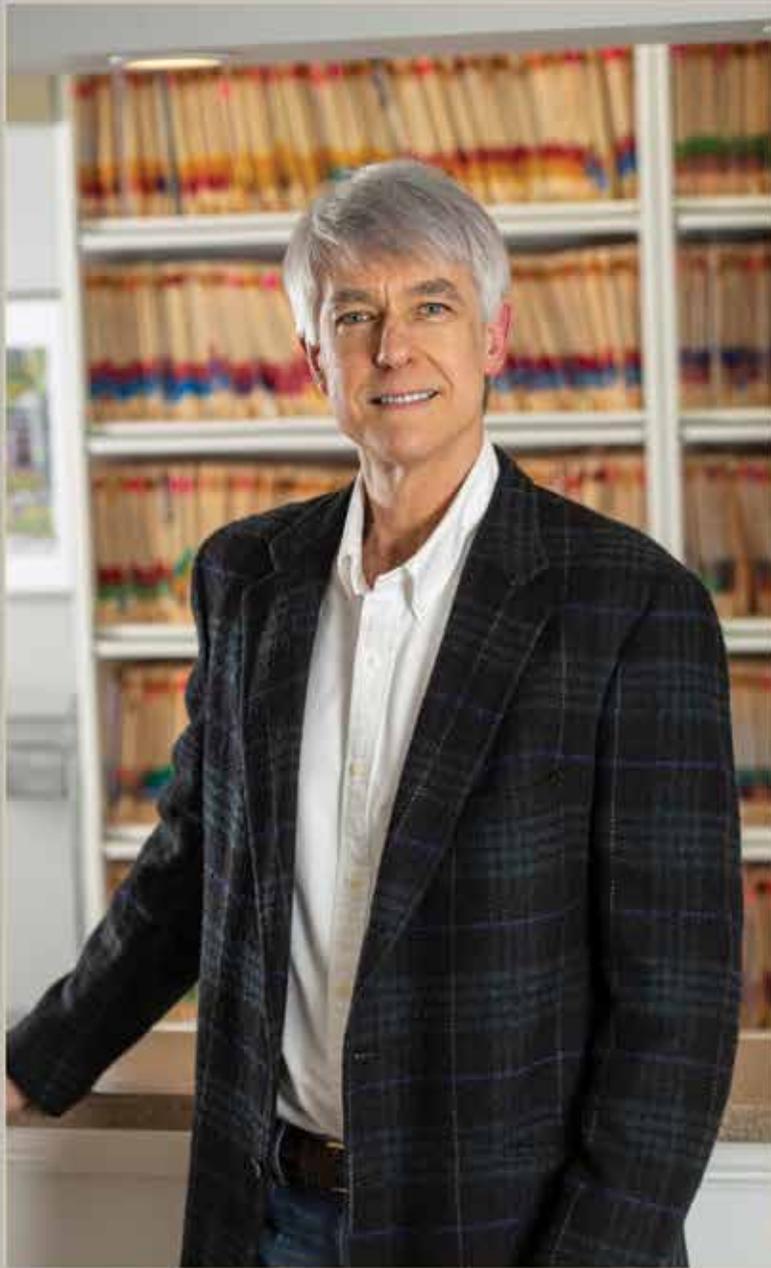
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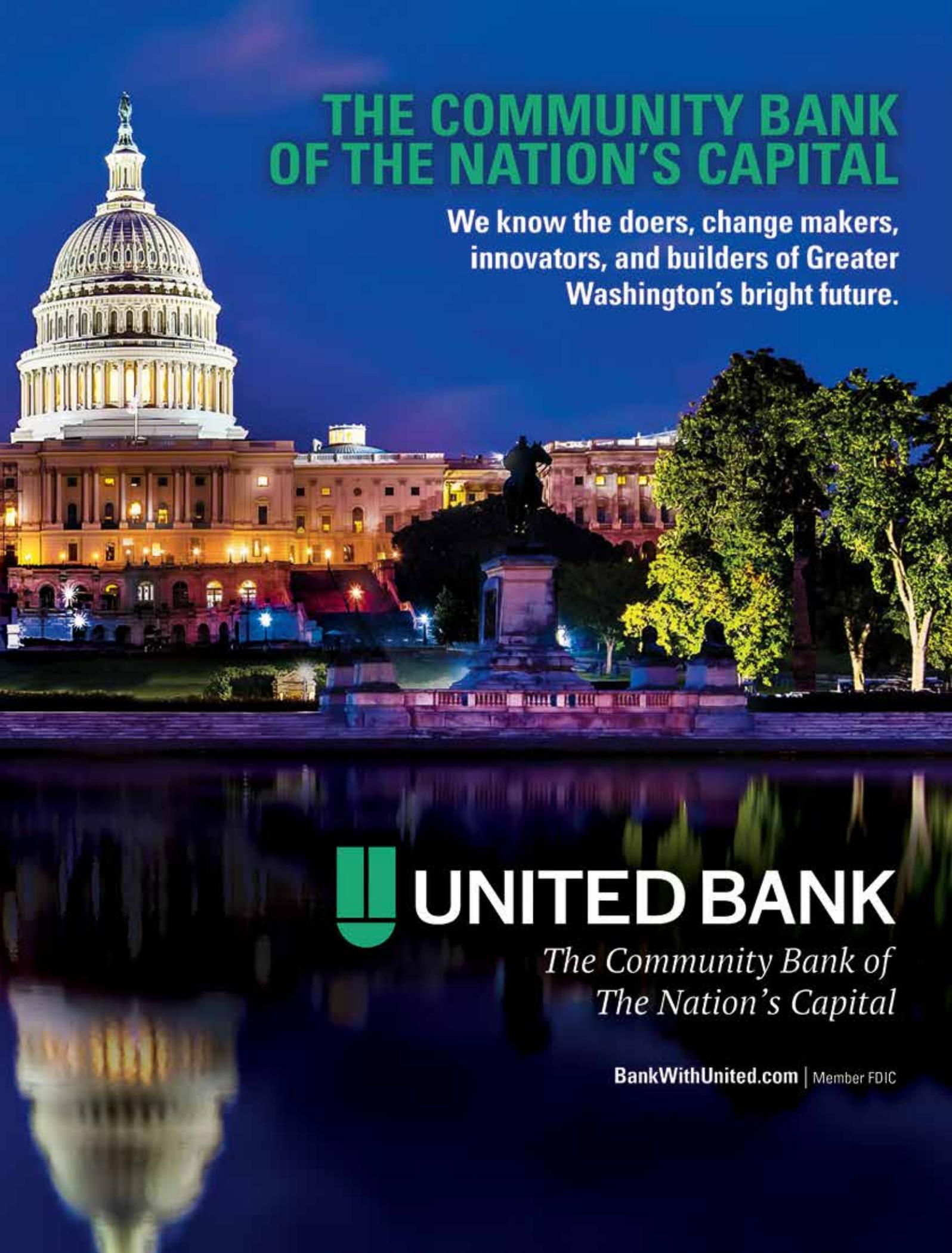


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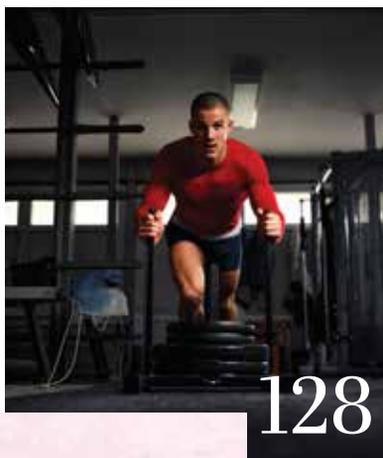
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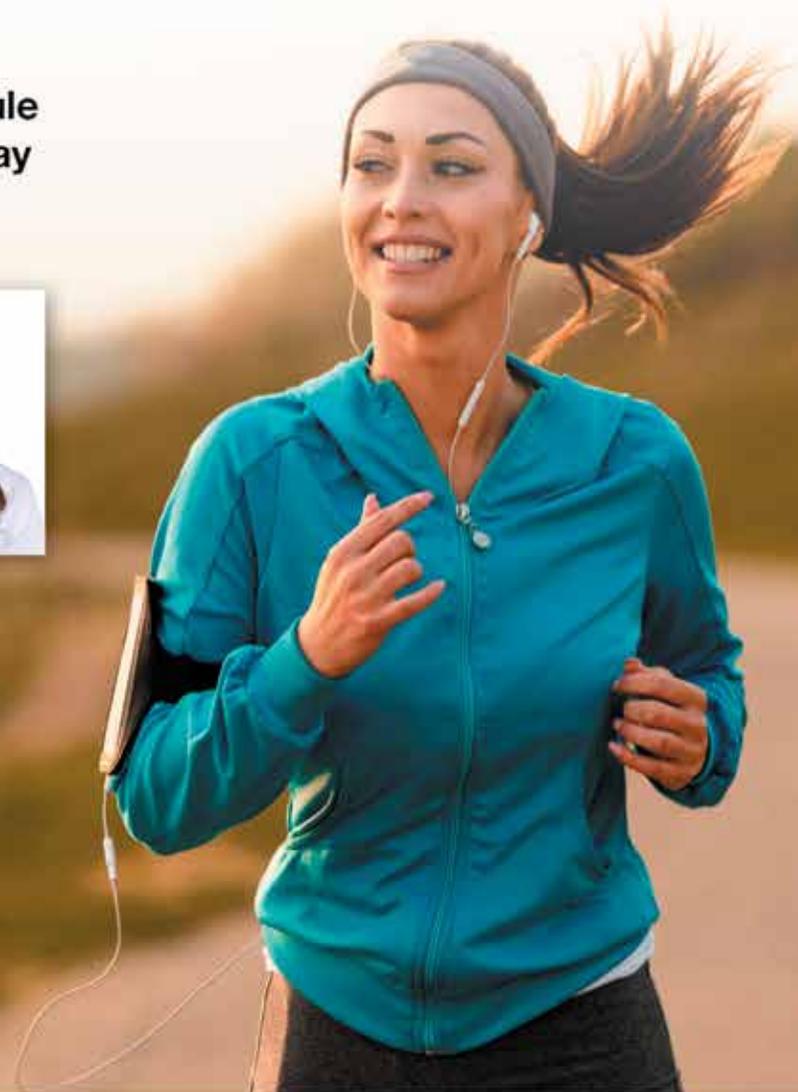
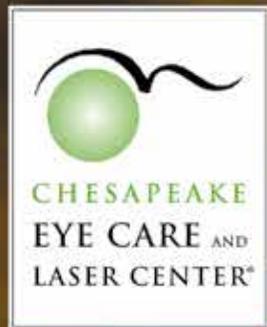
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In a more direct sense, the cover refers to our article "Plan for the Worst, Hope for the Best," which offers fiduciary advice for the year ahead—how to navigate emerging economic pressures and opportunities to buffer and build your portfolio, to hit short- and long-term financial goals. What are your fiscal ambitions for 2022? This article could help steer some decisions.

February, by our editorial design, has traditionally leaned on a financial/business theme and this year isn't overly different. But we do have much more inside. Articles that also inspire daydreaming of

vacation escapes, perseverance and success, planning for summer adventures, building community, and even some romance. And there's a reason for this—quite simply, this is a perfect month for planning the year ahead.

I'm writing down these thoughts as our region experiences this winter's first blast of snow. Looking out my home's back frame of windows, I see inches upon inches of powder rise on the deck, the Leyland cypresses bending heavily in thick white blankets, and wisps of flakes dancing in the morning sunlight. I think I'll hunker down for a bit, pour another cup of coffee, open a few tabs in the browser, and start making plans for the warmer and brighter days ahead.

I may be snowed in for a spell under the weight of winter, but my head is in the clouds hoping that the best days are yet to come.

*Cheers to planning
the year ahead!*

James Houck,
Editorial Director

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ANNAPOLIS OPERA: SONGS OF LOVE

Looking for something to do to kick off Valentine's Day? Annapolis Opera is coming to Asbury United Methodist Church in Annapolis at 3 p.m. on February 13th. Life is a song and love is the music. Songs of Love will celebrate music of the heart, featuring soprano Leah Edwards and tenor Dimitri Pittas. Find more information at marylandhall.org or annapolisopera.org.



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THE AMERICAN CRAFT COUNCIL'S AMERICAN CRAFT MADE MARKETPLACE

Visit the Baltimore Convention Center from February 11th through 13th for the American Craft Council's American Craft Made Marketplace. The American Craft Council is a national nonprofit dedicated to supporting craft and its artists and they are returning to Baltimore for a three-day marketplace where they will celebrate all things handmade. The show will feature ceramics, glass, jewelry, clothing, furniture, basketry, and more with more than 350 contemporary craft artists. Find more information and register for this free event at craftcouncil.org.

Disney on Ice

Disney will come to life on the ice rink at Royal Farms Arena in Baltimore this February. Disney On Ice's Let's Celebrate will be performed February 9th through 13th and audiences will be a part of the magic as 50 beloved characters take the ice. See Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Cinderella, Rapunzel, Snow White, Anna, Elsa, and so many more of our favorites live and in person. Order tickets today for a show that you will remember for a lifetime at royalfarmsarena.com.



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Ocean City Seaside Boat Show

The Ocean City Seaside Boat Show is ready for its 39th year come February 18th through 20th at the Ocean City Convention Center. The show will start at 10 a.m. each day and end at 7 p.m. on Friday, 6 p.m. on Saturday, and 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is only \$10 to see the No. 1 indoor boat show on the Eastern Shore. The show will feature around 350 boats, over 140 exhibitors, bass boats, and accessory show specials, and plenty more. Find more information at oconutshow.com.



Hot Chocolate 5K

Looking for a perfect ending to a brisk February run? How does hot chocolate sound? The 2022 Hot Chocolate 5K will start at 9 a.m. at Kent Island Elementary School on the Eastern Shore. The event is dog- and family-friendly and the course will take you along the scenic Cross Island Trail. Sign up and start training today at runsignup.com/race/md/stevensville/hotchocolate5k.



↑ CHESAPEAKE FIRE & ICE FESTIVAL

There is no other way to celebrate President's Day weekend than visiting Downtown Easton for the coolest event in town: the Chesapeake Fire & Ice Festival. Fire & Ice is a perfect cure for the winter blues on February 18th through 20th. It is free for all and packed to the brim with live ice sculpting, musical performances, and entertainment for the entire family. Find more information at discovereaston.com.



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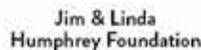
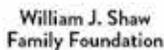
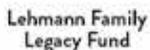
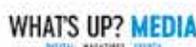
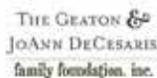
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↑ 2022 Stews & Brews Festival

The Easton Beer Fest has become the destination for great beer and an even better time. This year, warm up and break the cabin fever blues with Stews & Brews. This festival will be on February 19th from noon to 4 p.m. at the Easton Volunteer Fire Department. The event will feature 25 craft breweries, wineries, and distillers, all with unlimited tastings. Ten restaurants will offer sampling of stews for festival goers and general admission will also include a tasting glass. Find more information and register ahead of time at Facebook.com/EastonBeerFest.



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Celebrate African American History Month

Officially dating back to 1926, African American History Month (also known as Black History Month) is celebrated annually during February. It's a time to reflect upon and learn about our nation's African American heritage and culture. In our region, this rich history is acknowledged and celebrated at several museums and historic sites. The following list presents a few of our favorites to visit this month.

Banneker-Douglass Museum

84 Franklin Street, Annapolis; 410-216-6180; bdmuseum.maryland.gov Maryland's official museum of African American heritage serves to document, to interpret, and to promote African American history and culture (particularly in Maryland) through exhibitions, programs, and projects. Open Tuesday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

↑ Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center

4068 Golden Hill Road, Church Creek; 410-221-2290; nps.gov/hatu An orientation center and gateway to the larger Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Scenic Byway. The visitor center offers exhibits, a film, restrooms, picnic facilities, and staff to offer further information and guidance to visit other sites along the byway. Open Tuesday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

National Museum of African American History and Culture

1400 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.; nmaahc.si.edu The National Museum of African American History and Culture is a place where all Americans can learn about the richness and diversity of the African American experience, what it means to their lives, and how it helped us shape this nation. Open Wednesday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

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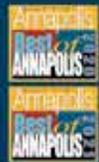
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Dan Harris spent the first 30 years of his 44-year career in the financial services industry with one company (Equitable / AXA Advisors). Dan loved Equitable, and he was a loyal company man. He is still the only person in the company's 100+ year history to be Agency Manager, Chairman of the National Agents Forum and President of the Old Guard, which is where he was given his nickname: "Dan, Dan the Idea Man." Although his 30-year career with Equitable was significant, Dan regretted that he never started his own company. He always wanted to be an entrepreneur, in charge of his own destiny. At 51 years old, Dan knew that most small businesses fail, and with four kids and an extremely successful career already behind

him, failure, as they say, was just not an option! In 2001, Dan chartered a brave new course when he left the company he knew and loved to start his own. Dan and his three sons, Christopher, Brion and Gregory, immediately began to do at Premier Planning Group what he had spent 30 years honing at Equitable, and he surrounded himself with advisors and support staff with skills and knowledge that far exceeded his own in many aspects. My dad's philosophy is one that he adopted from a young entrepreneurial hero of his, Ronald Reagan, who said, "the greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets his people to do the greatest things." Dan also had the wisdom and vision to see that the financial services industry was changing and it was moving toward a more independent model, one where clients were not going to come to a company to buy a product that was manufactured by that same company,

but rather create a structure that was more planning focused, education based and centered around delivering world class service. Dan envisioned a company where the advisor would not be tied to any one specific company or product, and not be compensated to sell one product over another and where the advisor could go out to the open market to find the solutions to meet each client's individual needs, in other words, true independence!

With these foundational pillars in place and a dream team of employees behind him, Brion set out for expansive organic growth when he became Chairman and CEO of Premier Planning Group in the summer of 2013. It all started with a simple thought, "always put the client first." The

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financial industry can be a complex place, but it doesn't have to be that way. Premier Planning Group created a space that offered retirement, investment and financial advice in a way that was easy to understand and allowed client to feel empowered and confident with their many choices. Brion accomplishes this by creating a client experience team, the first of its kind in the financial service industry. Talia Grover, Head of Marketing and Brion's Executive Assistant, along with Charlie Gunn, who also works in Marketing and also as an Administrative Assistant for Brion, lead this team by defining and executing an ongoing unforgettable client experience through innovative methods and by orchestrating over 50 client events for Premier Planning Group every year! Every client gets the opportunity to attend PPG's annual Forecast Event and Half Time Report, which include top industry speakers on topics such as tax planning, investment ideas and overall market updates. 24 of these events are educational dinner workshops, where clients can enjoy a meal at a local restaurant and learn about the latest investment trends. Brion, Talia and Charlie also host 8 - 10 product specific dinner workshops every year where Brion gets the CEO or another head of a particular investment solution or company that he likes to fly into town and educate his clients in person. Most people would prefer to hear an hour long talk from the CEO to learn about a new investment opportunity instead of trying to read a 300-page prospectus! If that were not enough, Talia and Charlie also orchestrate 8 - 10 "Love Affair Marketing" events every year to connect with clients on a more personal level. Some of the favorites throughout the years have included cooking classes, wine tastings, boat outings, excursions to historical sites in Washington, DC and to places like Mount Vernon, exploring Longwood Gardens, movie nights, and the most beloved event of the year, our annual Holiday extravaganza!

The second thing he did was develop an expertise in Retirement Income Planning. Brion Harris is known in Annapolis and throughout the financial community as one of the top Retirement Distribution Specialists. He specializes in helping retirees turn their nest eggs into income they will not outlive. This enables his clients the opportunity to maintain their current lifestyle in and through retirement, while leaving a legacy for the ones they care about the most. Brion accomplished this goal by creating a wealth management team that is second to none in the industry. His older brother Chris is the CFO with over 30 years of executive operations leadership

success in the financial services industry. Chris has a proven track record of boosting revenue and assets under management for the firm. Brion's younger brother Greg is the Director of Wealth Advisory, with over 10 years of experience in the industry. His team is responsible for new client financial planning and existing client education. Patrick Wilbert is the firm's Life Insurance and Long-Term Care Specialist. Patrick has been on the insurance side of the business for over 20 years and that allows him to educate clients about their existing coverage and to save money when buying insurance for the first time. Charlotte Wall is the newest addition to the wealth management team. Charlotte is our Associate Wealth Advisor and provides financial planning and investment analysis, research and support to clients.

The last component we implemented was an obsession with the client experience. Brion always called this creating the "Four Seasons experience with FedEx efficiency." We always start with the clients' needs first and then work backward. Every decision we make as an organization can be traced back to the benefit of our clients. Their perceptions are our reality and their preferences and opinions become our innovative road map. Therefore, we place particular value on personal relationships with our customers. Brion accomplishes this goal by creating a client services team consisting of five people: Jenny Posdziech, Julie Harris, Nicole Clyde, Pat Jennings and Heather Finn. Jenny leads this effort as the Head of New Business and Case Processing, and manages customer concerns expeditiously and with a smile, and has over 17 years of experience in the financial services industry! Julie has over 15 years in the industry, and wears many hats for the firm. She processes business with Jenny, handles incoming customer service calls as well as serving as the Office Manager. Nicole joined Premier Planning Group in January, 2021 as a Senior Client Service Associate, and comes to Premier Planning Group with over 10 years of experience in the industry. Nicole knew early on that helping people understand their finances and assisting them in reaching their financial possibilities was what she wanted to pursue.

Pat Jennings and Heather Finn have been working for over 50 years combined, and bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to PPG. Although they both wear many hats for the firm, their roles as Director of First Impressions is the most important to Brion. They represent the face of PPG, and work closely with new clients in helping them to get integrated into the firm. We consider our clients extended members of our family, and Pat and Heather work hard to make sure that happens effortlessly.

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Chesterton Gala

On November 6, the Chesterton Academy of Annapolis hosted its annual gala event, held at The Atreum at Soaring Timbers. Guests enjoyed an elegant evening, which included passed hors d'oeuvres, drinks, dinner, live music accompaniment, a silent auction, and remarks from the school's leadership. To learn more about Chesterton Academy, visit chestertonacademyofannapolis.org.

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Nutcracker Tea

This past holiday season, on December 12, families flocked to the Graduate Hotel in Annapolis for the return of the annual tradition, the Nutcracker Tea. One of What’s Up? Media’s most treasured events saw the return of Santa and Mrs. Claus, ballet performances, a buffet, and storytelling—all socially-safe for the health of guests. Families, especially the children, enjoyed this past year’s sold-out event. To keep an eye on 2022 dates and information, visit whatsupmag.com.

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Richard Hergenroeder, Diane Hill, Stacy Allen

Tree Troopers, Watershed Stewards Academy

By Lisa A. Lewis

Perhaps “only God can make a tree,” but people can definitely plant them. And that is exactly what Richard Hergenroeder, Diane Hill, and Stacy Allen are doing. As part of Replant Anne Arundel, a signature program of the Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards Academy (WSA), they plant native, resilient trees in communities throughout Anne Arundel County. Aply called Tree Troopers, they are united in a common cause—generously volunteering their time and energy to tree restoration. And their efforts are definitely making an impact.

At the time of writing, Tree Troopers has planted 2,270 trees across 38 communities. Seventy-seven Tree Troopers currently participate in Replant Anne Arundel, which was launched in 2020. Partnerships with Anne Arundel County, the Helena Foundation, and the Chaney Foundation make the program possible. In addition, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay provides volunteers with the training necessary to undertake tree planting initiatives in their communities.

“Rich, Diane, and Stacy are outstanding Tree Troopers who help make our projects possible,” says Rob Pavlik, restoration technician, WSA. “They communicate with HOAs, homeowners,

and other members of their communities, organize projects, find ways to get the community involved, plant the trees with community members, and help facilitate the growth of the newly planted trees with maintenance plans and watering routines. The dedication that Tree Troopers show to their communities (and to their trees) is a testament to their character as individuals and an inspiration to future cohorts of Tree Trooper trainees.”

Indeed, Hergenroeder, Hill, and Allen are committed to serving their communities. And although their decision to become Tree Troopers was ultimately influenced by their personal life experiences, each of them has an inspiring story to tell.

The Tree Guy

When Hergenroeder was seeking opportunities to protect the environment, his search led to WSA, which provided him with the skills he needed. WSA taught him how to identify resilient trees and shrubs that will survive for the next 30 years and soil types where they would thrive. He also learned how to plant trees to correct depth, how to mulch, and how to water the trees during their first few years.

Since Hergenroeder's 45-year career as an environmental engineer was focused on industrial and commercial projects, becoming a Tree Trooper gave him a sense of returning to his youth. He enjoyed planting trees for the Boy Scouts and maintaining parks for the Department of the Interior's Youth Conservation Corps. And he derived a great sense of satisfaction from digging and planting.

"It's rewarding for me to watch the trees that I have planted grow," says Hergenroeder, who lives in Pasadena. "You don't just plant a tree and walk away from it. You take care of it. Planting trees is also a great way to plant a seed in people's minds and raise awareness. Since I love to plant trees, I'm known as 'the tree guy' at church, and that is an unexpected pleasure."

Connecting with Nature

Hill's love of nature and her involvement in the University of Maryland Extension's Maryland Master Naturalist Program sparked her interest in WSA. She wanted to find ways to experience and enjoy nature, and WSA was the perfect fit. As a Tree Trooper, she connects with her community in a meaningful way, spends time outdoors, and sees the tangible results of planting trees. Hill credits the program with teaching her about site evaluation, proper tree planting techniques, and correct placement of trees. Being a Tree Trooper also offers her the opportunity to meet like-minded people who are making a difference.

"It's such an amazing feeling to plant trees and watch them grow," says Hill, a stay-at-home mom who lives with her husband and two children in Crofton. "I enjoy being involved in the community and working with other people who truly appreciate nature. It's also inspiring to see my kids develop an interest in the environment while learning about the importance of planting trees. I definitely encourage people to become Tree Troopers. It's such a great opportunity, and I'd love to see more people get involved."

A Sense of Community

Allen, who holds a degree in environmental science, wanted to pursue her interests in watershed protection and reforestation, but she was unable to commit to onsite classes at WSA. However, when the pandemic hit, training became virtual, which made it possible for her to participate. Becoming

a Tree Trooper appealed to Allen because of her passion for reforestation. The loss of forests is a critical issue that must be addressed, and planting trees enables her to make an impact in the community by participating in a worthwhile effort that greatly benefits the environment.

"Being a Tree Trooper allows me to build a community, engage with others, share my concerns, and work with my neighbors," says Allen, a special education teacher in Calvert County who lives with her two children in Holland Point. "Community support is so important because it provides a network and helps us realize that we don't have to do this alone. We can make a difference by working together. And we are not just planting trees for us; we are paying it forward. We are planting trees for future generations."

The actions of dedicated volunteers, such as Hergenroeder, Hill, and Allen, help protect the environment, and, hopefully, ensure a healthier planet. WSA can provide the tools necessary to instruct and guide prospective Tree Troopers on their journey to stewardship.

"WSA was founded to create capacity for environmental change within communities across Anne Arundel County," says Suzanne Etgen, executive director, WSA. "Tree Troopers connect their communities with actions that are simple, but incredibly effective. Planting trees is one of the most impactful actions that we can take to improve communities, combat climate change, and increase the health of local waterways."

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Hospice of the Chesapeake excitedly announced that two new leaders have joined the nonprofit's executive team this year. Gerald Hill is the organization's new Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and Rebecca Miller is its new Chief Clinical Officer (CCO). Hill has been with the organization since April and is taking on the role previously held by Michael Brady, who became President and CEO at the beginning of the 2021. Miller joined the organization in October as CCO, a newly created role that reflects the growth of the nonprofit's traditional hospice program as well as its expansion of clinical teams to serve patients and families in Charles County after the October 2020 merger with Hospice of Charles County. To learn more, visit hospicechesapeake.org.

AACPL Unveils New Logo & Website

Arundel County Public Library unveiled the system's new logo and website in a ceremony at the Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library in Annapolis on December 7th. This is the first new logo for the library since the late 1990s, while the website hasn't been overhauled for nearly 10 years. The Anne Arundel County Public Library Foundation and community donors funded the design and production of the new branding and website. "For more than two decades, the public has recognized the library's familiar teal dot logo with its boat, waves, and book," said Library CEO Skip Auld (pictured). "Today's libraries are exceedingly different from what they were 20 or even five years ago. They are vibrant places for education, enrichment, and inspiration where all are welcome. We need a website and look that more accurately reflects the changing communities we serve." The new abstract logo includes a radial mark that exudes the concepts of inclusion and reach. The negative space in the center represents the library with "rays" of light emerging from it. The rays may be interpreted as book spines, stacking blocks or buildings, or people emerging from the community's center (the library). To explore the new website, visit aacpl.net.



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Absolute Design Studio Opens

On December 2nd, Founder and Designer Jessica Ford officially cut the ribbon on the opening of her business' showroom. Absolute Design Studio is located at 740 Generals Highway in Millersville. Ford was joined by representatives of the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce for the event.

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Last fall, the Magothy Meadows community came together to plant numerous native trees and shrubs in a habitat restoration and buffer project. With support from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, Magothy Meadows HOA, the Broadneck High School Habitat Club, and West Annapolis Landscaping, the hands-on work involved the removal of older trees that had weakened and replacing them with trees and shrubs of more diverse species that will provide for healthier long-term growth.



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TOWNE ATHLETE

Mollie Fenn

Broadneck High School Cross Country, Track

By Tom Worgo

Blazing runner Mollie Fenn would like to forget about her sophomore and junior seasons. Who can blame her?

Fenn, a senior at Broadneck High, suffered from three injuries during her sophomore year: a hip injury, stress fracture in her foot, and shin splints. As a result, she missed significant time in cross country and indoor track. Then, the pandemic wiped out the season for both sports in 2020–21. That took a toll on the Arnold resident since she thrived with running after winning two Class 4A state championships as a freshman.

“ YOU DON’T REALIZE HOW MUCH A SPORT IMPACTS YOUR LIFE UNTIL YOU CAN’T DO IT”

“You don’t realize how much a sport impacts your life until you can’t do it,” Fenn says of her sophomore year. “It started affecting my grades. Without running, it was hard. I had a similar feeling when Covid hit. I was running alone. I couldn’t see my teammates. I contemplated whether I wanted to continue running.”

Broadneck Cross Country and Track Coach Brianna Bostic is glad she stuck with it because of her on- and off-the-field contributions. The 5-foot-3 Fenn is back to winning championships again and earned an athletic scholarship to Richmond University. She carries a 3.75 grade-point average. Fenn was named a Broadneck co-captain this fall.

“The leadership she showed was amazing,” Bostic says. “She was inspiring to our younger runners. She couldn’t wait to run with our new girls and get them excited about cross country. Some of the conversations she had with them could have been coach to athlete.”

Fenn didn’t have to go visit a bunch of colleges since Richmond recruited her aggressively. She verbally committed to the Spiders in October of last year and signed a National Letter of Intent the next month.

“The coaches are really in-tune with their runners,” Fenn says. “They focus on the student-athlete as a whole. All of them seem to have amazing experience there. It was incredibly important to me because I value balance.”

Fenn has been running for a long time. She started in elementary school, participating in charity fundraisers. Things got much more serious in middle school. She joined the AAU circuit and ran for Annapolis Area Christian Middle School.

“My dad and I were pretty much traveling around the (East Coast),” says Fenn, noting races in North Carolina, New York, Michigan, and Kentucky among other places.

Fenn couldn’t wait to join the Broadneck varsity. “When I came to Broadneck as a freshman, it was new and fresh and I really hadn’t run the two-mile,” she explains. “It was great, and I had no pressure on me because I was so young.”

And she had success right away. The 18-year-old Fenn finished ninth in the state in cross country, anchored the 3,200-meter relay team, placed second in the individual state title in the 3,200 indoors, and captured top honors in the 3,200 outdoors.

“She is a very complete runner,” says Kris Yost, a former Broadneck assistant track coach who works with Fenn year-round. “She has great speed and incredible endurance. Those two elements together with her mindset and attitude toward the sport makes her very effective.”

After a tough sophomore year, and the missed time because of the pandemic, she returned to form in the spring of 2021 by placing second in the state in the 3,200. She carried that momentum into the fall and won a county title and took second in the region and state. Fenn wants to finish the year with a Hollywood-like ending.

“My biggest goal my senior year is to be better and faster than my freshman year,” Fenn says. “What I have done in cross country makes me excited to see what I can do in track this year.” Bostic adds: “I think she has a good chance to win another state title in the mile and two-mile. She runs very strategic and strong. She is tough to beat.”

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TOWNE INTERVIEW

Cathy Reese

Head Women's Lacrosse Coach
at University of Maryland

By Megan Kotelchuck

Photography courtesy University of Maryland Athletics

February is here and for many Marylanders that means lacrosse season is in full swing. Since 2004, lacrosse has been the official team sport of Maryland, and University of Maryland Women's Lacrosse Coach Cathy Reese helps prove why. Reese is one of the most decorated coaches at the collegiate level. She was a standout player at Maryland from 1995 to 1998, and since originally arriving in College Park as a student athlete, she has only spent three seasons outside of Terp Territory. She has been named IWLCNA National Coach of the



I THINK SOME OF OUR GREATEST MOMENTS, FOR BOTH MY HUSBAND AND I, WERE THROUGH ATHLETICS WITH UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND. AND SO, IT'S REALLY FUN FOR US TO BE BACK HERE AND TO CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH THE PROGRAM THAT MEANT SO MUCH TO US AND CONTINUE TO REPRESENT MARYLAND."

Year four times, stands as the all-time winningest coach in Maryland women's lacrosse history, has led the Terps to five National Championships, 11 Final Fours, and 20 Conference Championships. She stands eighth all-time among women's lacrosse head coaches with 312 wins and was the fastest ever to hit 200, 250, and 300 wins. Coach Reese has a hard resume to beat.

We were able to catch up with Reese prior to the start of the highly anticipated 2022 season to talk about expectations, 2021 fall ball, how COVID has affected recruiting, changes to the rules, and more.

You played for Maryland and have been the head coach there for 13 years. You're the winningest coach in Maryland's women's lacrosse history. What is keeping you at Maryland? Why do you want to stay in College Park?

So, I played there from 1995 to 1998, and my husband played there, too. I stayed on as an assistant for five years afterwards for Cindy Timchal. Then I went to Denver for three (years), and I came back in the fall of 2006. So, I've actually been here a little longer than 13 years. But having played in Maryland and having been a part of the program I'm so passionate about, I love the university. I love our lacrosse program. I love what we stand for. I think some of our greatest moments, for both my husband and I, were through athletics with University of Maryland. And so, it's really fun for us to be back here and to continue to be able to work with the program that meant so much to us and continue to represent Maryland.

You have won more than one championship as a player and as a coach. Is there a single championship or season that stands out to you as the most memorable?

No. Every year is so different because your people are different. As a player, your teammates are different, your competitors are different, the environment is different. Then as a coach, your teams are different, and each team has a personality of its own. Every year has been so special for a variety of reasons. At the end of the day, no matter what, you just want to be able to look back and say, "We gave it all we had and what a memorable season it was." To be able to end the season and win a championship is something really, really, really special. So, I think each one has a mind of its own and has been something memorable no matter what.

How did fall ball go? How do you see 2022 coming together?

Fall was great. Now, last year (2020) we didn't have a fall ball, so we really missed out for our team and for our younger players to just have that time, to compete, to learn about ourselves, to really focus on our chemistry and to see what everyone has. Not having that last year hurt us a little bit, because our team was so young. We've got 36 players who all did a fantastic job this fall. We got to learn a lot about ourselves. We have five transfers and a group of nine freshmen so it's nice to see how they all fit into the mix. And, a lot of our sophomores, who didn't get to play much last year and then didn't have fall ball were able to really gain that experience too. I think we grew a lot this fall and I'm really looking forward to the spring season.



Over the summer, the NCAA announced a new rule with the clock. Instead of two 30-minute halves, teams will play four 15-minute quarters and the clock will remain running. Did you use this rule in Fall Ball?

We did not. And this will be interesting. We are going to scrimmage a couple times before we start in the spring, but we haven't played with that clock because typically, in fall ball, you play multiple games in a day. So, we would play three different teams in a little tournament format and we would do running time halves but I am excited about it. I'm excited to see what it looks like, what it feels like, and I am sure it is going to take some getting used to.

The intent is to keep our game moving and to keep it moving faster. There's are times when it gets really drawn out and slow, whether it is at the setup of the center draw or the amount of time it takes after goals for people to set up. I think the intent will help us keep things moving faster, give us more opportunity to get gains in certain time slots.

The rules committee implemented freedom of movement on the whistle in 2017. This is a big change to how the game is played. Do you like the way the game is evolving?

Isn't it crazy to look back on the differences? It's hard to remember. Back when I played, we didn't have boundaries. We didn't have restraining lines, so you could have 11 people on offense. And it's funny—I try to explain that to our teams sometimes, and they're looking at me like I have ten heads. It sounds so silly, that you forget how the game has evolved, but I think you look at the level of athletes we have playing this game and it's so fun to watch and so fun to play. The athletes are just getting faster and stronger. The game is evolving to be at such a fast pace.

I think the decisions that we have made as a sport—to go to a shot clock even—have been really positive changes for our sport as a whole. I am sure the rules committee has really thought through this and felt their way through it along with all the

people that they lean on for (input). This will be something new that, hopefully, will continue to propel our sport forward.

How did COVID affect the recruiting process? Is it still affecting the process?

I think the biggest struggle right now across the board is the fact that the NCAA granted athletes an extra year of eligibility, so rosters are kind of all over the place. There are some conferences that didn't let kids take a fifth year; others did. Some schools have more kids in each year that want to take a fifth year. It just makes your roster sizes a little more difficult to manage. I think you see less spots for people in certain years and more in others, but we are almost through that time. We have been recruiting 2023s all this season. When the '23s are freshman, it will be the last year that we will be affected by that fifth year of eligibility.

It is hard because we didn't know what the right thing to do was—we were shut down and

lost that whole year. We want everybody to get the most out of their experience, and so we try to find ways to make it work and, hopefully, everybody can get what they want out of their college time.

How do you enjoy your off season? Do you get a break from lacrosse?

I have four kids of my own, so I am running around all the time, everywhere, all day, every day. I have a lot of responsibilities at home, but I love being able to watch my own kids play their sports. My oldest is a senior in high school, and he is signed to play men's lacrosse for John Tillman at Maryland, so I am really excited for him. My second is a ninth grader, and he plays lacrosse as well. My daughter plays everything: field hockey, basketball, soccer, lacrosse. And then my nine-year-old plays soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. They are into all sorts of things; it is a lot of fun. We want them to experience all of it before they narrow their focus down and pick something, but they do all love lacrosse.



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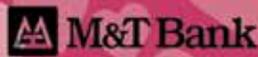
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There are private schools and organizations not listed herein due to the covid pandemic and adjusted policies that have limited the scope of their offerings this summer.



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LOCATION: Back Creek Nature Park Campus, 7300 Edgewood Road, Annapolis **CONTACT:** Gail Hutchinson, program@amaritime.org, 410-295-0104 x27; amaritime.org/education/camps **DATES/TIMES:** June 27th through September 2nd, Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; extended care available for additional fees **AGES:** K-6th Grade; Volunteer and internship opportunities for older students **COST:** Museum members, \$295; non-members, \$335. Prices varies for specialty sessions, including half-day camp for our youngest explorers and Teen Travel Camp.

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LOCATION: 109 Burns Crossing Road, Severn **CONTACT:** 410-257-3923; aacsonline.org/summer-programs. Brian Dennstaedt, Summer Programs Director, summer@aacsonline.org **AGES:** 3.5-18 years **DATES/TIMES:** June 20th-August 5th **COST:** \$195-355/week

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LOCATION: Ballet Theatre of Maryland, 1981 Moreland Parkway, Building 4A Bay 4, Annapolis **CONTACT:** Emily Brennan, ebrennan@balletmaryland.org, 410-224-5644 **DATES/TIMES:** June 20-24, 2021 (One Week Program) June 27-July 30 (Five or Three Week Programs) 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday **AGES:** 8-18 **COST:** \$400-2500 depending on program length

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LOCATION: The Boy's Latin School of Maryland, 822 W. Lake Avenue Baltimore **CONTACT:** boyslatinmd.com/blsummer or Brian Farrell bfarrell@boyslatinmd.com **DATES/TIMES:** June 12 - June 16th, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (Grades PreK-5), June 13th through 16th, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. (Grades 6-8) **COST:** \$290

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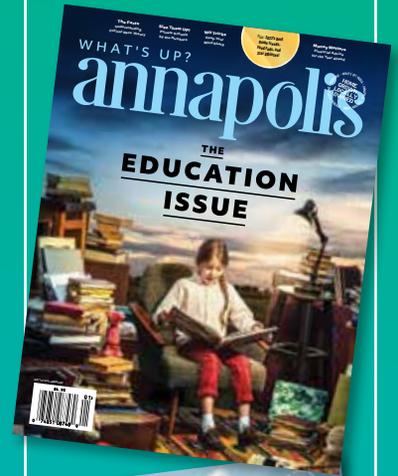
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LOCATION: Varies by camp **CONTACT:** 410-263-7958; annapolis.gov/recreation. Katy Owings, Recreation Division Chief, KAOWings@annapolis.gov **DATES/TIMES:** TBA **AGES:** 4-15 **COST:** Varies by camp

Annapolis Recreation and Parks offers a variety of day camps from traditional ones that include field trips to special interest camps that include sports, STEAM, stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) and more. Last year we introduced virtual camps! Please visit www.annapolis.gov/354/Camp-Information. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date on camp announcements!

ELITE STARR ATHLETIC ACADEMY

LOCATION: Anne Arundel County **CONTACT:** elitestarrad@hotmail.com; elitestarr.com **DATES:** April-October **AGES:** 5-18 **COST:** Varies

Description: Improve your game at camp! Our goal at Elite Starr Athletic Academy is to provide a great camp experience that will help improve athletic skills at camp. We have created a safe environment where athletes can interact while improving their athletic skills. This is accomplished through

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GLENELG COUNTRY SCHOOL

LOCATION: 12793 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City **CONTACT:** summerprograms@glenelg.org, 410-531-8600 x2157 **DATES/TIMES:** June 20-July 29 **AGES:** Pre-K to Grade 12 **COST:** Half-day program from \$265, Full day program from \$315

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MARYLAND THERAPEUTIC RIDING SUMMER CELEBRATION WEEK

LOCATION: Maryland Therapeutic Riding, Crownsville **CONTACT:** Linsey Erar, linsey@mtrinc.org **DATES/TIMES:** Week 1 - June 27th

through July 1st, Week 2 - August 1st through August 5th; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **COST:** \$575

Therapeutic Riding and Riding for Wellness—these are mounted lessons with a certified instructor in which the goal is learning how to ride the horse. This is more recreational in nature however there are certain inherent therapeutic benefits that come with riding such as increased confidence, problem solving, physical awareness and strength and increased mobility in the joints. These programs are open to those with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities, as well as those with no diagnosis, who are looking to improve their overall wellness through mounted horseback riding activity.

2022 NAVY ATHLETIC SUMMER CAMPS

LOCATION: U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis **CONTACT:** 410-293-5845; Navysports.com. (click on "Camps" tab) **DATES/TIMES:** June-August **AGES:** Varies by camp and program **COST:** Varies by camp and program

Please visit website for information.

SAFE HARBOR ANNAPOLIS SUMMER CAMP

LOCATION: Safe Harbor Annapolis, 519 Chester Ave. Annapolis, MD 21403 **CONTACT:** Marina Office at 410.268.8282 or annapolis@shmarinas.com **DATES/TIMES:** Weekly Summer Camp begins 6/20, 9:30-12:00 **AGES:** 4 and up **COST:** Members- \$205, Non-Members- \$255

Summer camp includes 90 minutes of tennis instruction, games, and one hour of swimming. Campers should bring or wear tennis shoes, swim suits, towel, hats, rackets, water, sunscreen, snack and PFD if child a non-swimmer. For information on spring camp offerings, please contact us.



SUMMER AT THE CREEK

LOCATION: Indian Creek School: 1130 Anne Chambers Way, Crownsville **CONTACT:** Lindsey Seynhaeve **DATES/TIMES:** June 20–July 29 (programs run from 9 a.m.–3 p.m., with options for before/after care for an additional fee) **AGES:** 3.5–rising seniors **COST:** ranges from \$300–375 a week

Indian Creek School is excited to announce the return of its incredible summer camp program! This summer, Indian Creek will offer a wide variety of fun and engaging campus, centered around themes from STEM to music, art to outdoor adventures, and much, much, more! Our renowned performing arts camps will give those destined for the stage a chance to shine, and our sports camps will provide athletes with state-of-the-art skills training and tons of fun! Camps will take place on Indian Creek's beautiful, 114-acre campus, just minutes north of Annapolis. We can't wait to welcome you to Summer at The Creek!

SUMMER AT KEY

LOCATION: 534 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis **CONTACT:** 443-321-2575; Keyschool.org/summer. Jane Flanagan, Director of Summer Programs, jflanagan@keyschool.org **DATES/TIMES:** June 21–August 5, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Aftercare available until 5:30 p.m. **AGES:** 3.5 years–grade 12 **COST:** Varies by program

With a variety of fun and enriching in-person camp programs planned, Summer at KEY has something for everyone in 2022. From themed traditional camps for the youngest campers to specialty STEM, cooking, art, and athletic camps, we are committed to creating a memorable summer experience for all of our campers.

SASA CARE AT ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL OF ANNAPOLIS

LOCATION: 3112 Arundel on the Bay Road, Annapolis **CONTACT:** 410-263-8650; stannesschool.org/Summer **DATES/TIMES:** Weekly, running mid-June to mid-August. 9 a.m.–3 p.m. with Before and After Care available **AGES:** 2–5 years **COST:** \$350/week

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ST. MARGARET'S DAY CAMP

LOCATION: St. Margaret's Day School, 1605 Pleasant Plains Road, Annapolis **CONTACT:** stmargaretsdayschool.org/summer-camps **DATES/TIMES:** 4 sessions: June 13th through 24th, July 11th–22nd, July 25th–August 5th, August 8th–12th **AGES:** 2–10 years old

Science, art, exploration and theme based fun for ages 2–10! Camp days run from 9 am–3 pm. Before care is available beginning at 7:30 am and aftercare is available until 5:30 pm. Themes include Under the Sea, SMDS Summer Scientists, Build it, Design it, Lego camp, and Ahoy, St. Margaret's Pirates.

SUMMER AT SAINT ANDREW'S

LOCATION: 4B Wallace Manor Road, Edgewater **CONTACT:** 410-216-2660; summer.standrewsum.org. summer@standrewsum.org **DATES/TIMES:** June 21st through August 12th, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. **AGES:** 3–14 years **COST:** Varies by program

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LOCATION: St. Jane Frances de Chantal School Building; 8513 St. Jane Drive, Pasadena **CONTACT:** Claire Harvath; administrator@divinemercury.md **DATES/TIMES:** Varied dates and times throughout the summer **AGES:** K–8th grade **COST:** Varied Costs

1 on 1 and small group tutoring in a variety of subjects to include math, reading, Latin, Spanish, spelling, music and more.

WEBER'S BULLDOG BASKETBALL CAMP

LOCATION: Annapolis Area Christian Middle School, 716 Bestgate Road, Annapolis **CONTACT:** 410-519-5300 ext. 3150; webersbulldogbasketball.com. William Weber, Coach@webersbulldogbasketball.com **DATES/TIMES:** 3 sessions: July 11th through 15th, July 18th through 22nd, July 25th through 29th **AGES:** 6–15 years old

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LOCATION: Whoof on the Wharf, 48 S River Road, Suite 100, Edgewater **CONTACT:** 667-777-2275 **DATES/TIMES:** Three weeks full day camps that run from 9 a.m.–4 p.m., June 20th through 24th, July 11th through July 15th, and August 1st through 5th; the rest of the weeks of the summer (with the exception of July 4th week) will be split into morning kayak skills classes and afternoon art workshops. They are all listed on Eventbrite under Whoof on the Wharf and also on our website whoofkidscamp.com **AGES:** 8–14 **COST:** Depends on whether full day camp or a skills session; cost also depends on when you register. Currently there is an early bird discount in effect.

Kayak paddling skills sessions will involve learning basic kayaking skills, group excursions around the marina and games including relay races and scavenger hunts. Art workshops will involve different arts and crafts, including paint and clay projects. The full day camps will also include an introduction to basic dog training skills.



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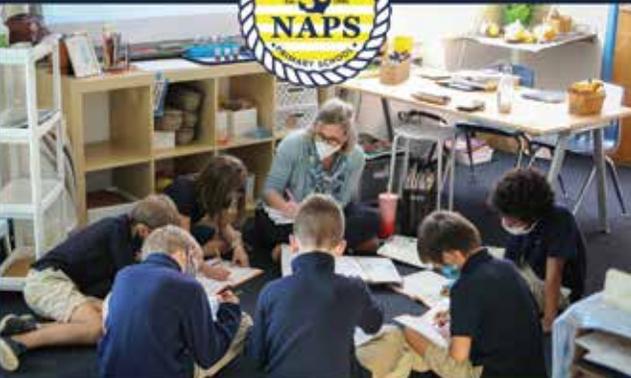
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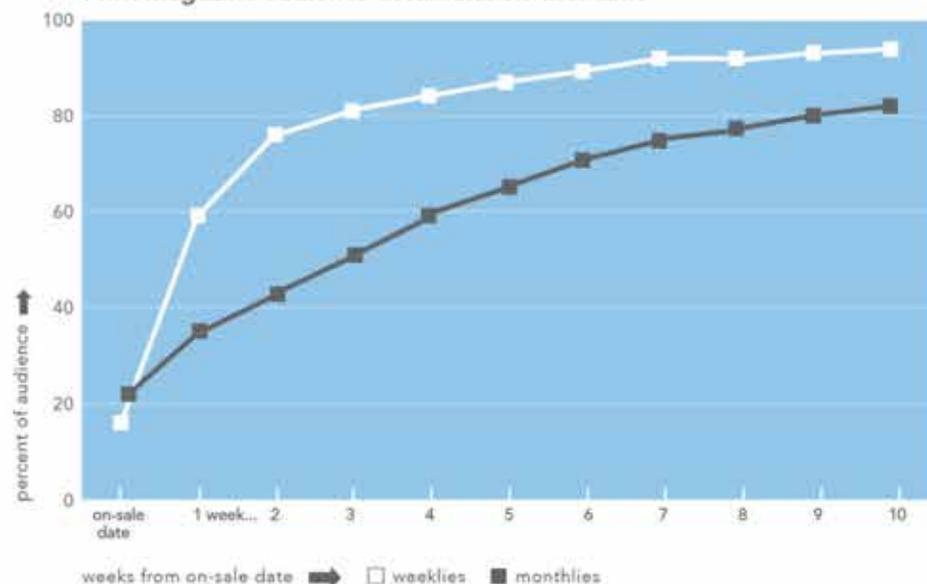
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PLAN FOR THE **WORST**, HOPE FOR THE **BEST**

BY DYLAN ROCHE

Inflation. Supply chain holdups. Labor shortage. Great markets. Bad markets.

Do you get the feeling that 2022 is going to be another strange, stressful year as far as your wealth is concerned? When you hear people talking about inflation, or when you hear them talking about bull markets versus bear, it might make you nervous. But it's important to remember that inflation doesn't always equate to a bad market. That's because inflation and a down market are two separate problems—although they do affect each other to some degree.

As Ray Hobson, CFP, with HF Advisory Group puts it, "The biggest risk that is caused by inflation is a reduction in purchasing power of the dollar. So, keeping investment growth higher than inflation is an important factor to consider when choosing the most appropriate investments."

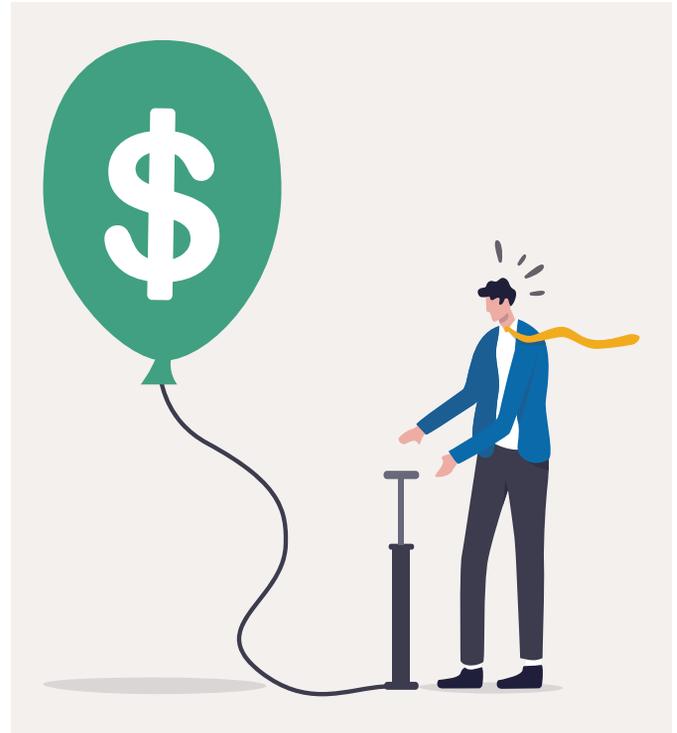
HOW TO CREATE A FINANCIAL PLAN FOR AN UNPREDICTABLE 2022

INFLATION VS. A BAD MARKET

Inflation is a problem directly caused by supply and demand. Most people already understand that when there's a limited supply of goods but demand remains steady or even increases, the cost of those goods will inevitably increase. That explains why so many price tags are reflecting higher numbers. Shutdowns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic throughout 2020 and some of 2021, as well as workforce labor shortage, have meant that many companies aren't able to produce as much as they normally would. As restrictions have been lifted and more consumers start to buy again the way they did before the pandemic, those consumers need to be prepared to pay more for those products that are harder to get. As an example, U.S. Bank cites that fewer new cars are available on the market today than in years past; at the same time, more people are buying used cars. Because of this, the cost of both new and used cars has gone up.

But if it seems as if the inflated prices you're seeing are especially bad, you're not wrong. In fact, MarketWatch reported that at the end of 2021, inflation was at the highest it had ever been in 31 years.

That doesn't necessarily mean investors need to worry about the market going bad. Your cash might not be as valuable—in other words, each dollar you have is able to buy less than it would before prices were inflated—but investments will actually become more valuable. U.S. Bank explains that over the past 30 years, when inflation accelerates, the price of stock tends to go up as well. Companies are bringing in more revenue, so shares of those companies become more valuable.



YOU CAN'T ALWAYS PREDICT THE MARKET

Currently, the market is moving like a bull. But not everyone is optimistic. In November 2021, CNBC reported on a survey from Morgan Stanley's E-Trade Financial that showed millionaire investors were very concerned about stock market holdings—as concerned as they were in the second quarter of 2020, right after the pandemic shut down the economy.

But bull markets aren't always something that can be predicted, despite what some analysts claim. In fall 2021, MarketWatch columnist Mark Hulbert argued in an opinion piece "Why you won't know it when a bear market starts" that it's only in hindsight people can really recognize a bull market top. In October 2007, the stock market was at its highest before the financial crisis that led to the great recession, but despite the signs, Hulbert says, few recognized what was coming.

Hobson agrees with the notion of unpredictability. "There are many factors that affect the stock market," he says. "Trying to predict a downturn in stock prices is extremely difficult to do. I always recom-

mend investors to choose their investments based on two factors: their risk tolerance and the time frame for when they want to use the money, i.e. short term versus long term investment."

Hypothetically speaking, if 2022 were to see a turn toward a bear market, the biggest risk would be the availability or liquidity, or cash, when it's needed. "You don't want to be in a situation where you have to sell a position because you 'need' the cash," Hobson says. "Time frame for when investments will be needed is crucial when deciding what investments to choose."

Will all investments perform the same way when the market changes? No, Hobson says. "When the stock market is underperforming based on historical returns, investors sometimes will 'short' the market meaning that they will benefit if stock prices drop," he explains. "Others will resort to traditionally safe investments such as cash or gold. But it is not a one size fits all approach; there are many factors that determine where to invest, the biggest ones being risk tolerance and time frame."

Another risk that investors face is the panic they feel when the market starts to take a turn downward—they get scared and make a knee-jerk decision to sell many of their assets before they depreciate in value. Those who have the time to wait out a bad market will benefit from holding onto their assets until the market improves. Unfortunately, people who are living off their portfolio won't necessarily have the same luxury of patience.

If you want to take advantage of accelerating inflation, there are several investments you could consider. The Balance says that stocks are a good investment because many companies are seeing increased revenue when prices are inflated. Investopedia emphasizes that stocks are overall more volatile when the economy sees inflation, but value stocks (that is, stock in companies with stronger cash flows that tend to eventually slow down) tend to do better when compared with growth stocks (that is, stock in companies without cash flow but gradually increase in value), which tend to be better investments when inflation is low.

WHEN THE MARKET IS DOWN, AND WHEN THE MARKET IS UP

The way you react to the market is going to be different based on your goals and your situation. Young investors who have plenty of time to let their investments appreciate aren't going to have to make the same moves as seniors who are retired and often depending on their investments for income. A young investor could take advantage of a downturn by investing in the stock market or by investing in bonds or CDs.

An investor with less time and flexibility won't have that luxury. One option that Kiplinger suggests is selling investments at a loss so you have the option of writing them off on your taxes (part of a strategy known as "tax loss harvesting"). While this doesn't necessarily bring you cash, it does lessen your tax burden.

BankRate predicts there could still be problems in the economy throughout 2022 even though the stock market has continued to stay high since 2020. One of the best moves for cruising along in a volatile market is putting together a portfolio with less risk, such as savings bonds, CDs, and U.S. Treasury bills. These investments come with less risk, so there will be less reward—but such investments could allow you to preserve what you have instead of losing it.

As for when the market starts to get better? Well, just as it's difficult to predict when the market is going to take a turn for the worst, it's also difficult to determine when the market is going to get better. But investors keeping a finger to the pulse of the market always strive to buy stocks early once the market starts to improve, as this will allow them to make more money once the value starts to increase.



THE LEAST YOU SHOULD CONSIDER

"What's important to remember is what the goal of the investing is," Hobson says. "Is the investment designed to supplement retirement income or is it for college funding, maybe it's for a future home purchase? How many years away will I need to access these investments? The actual purpose for the investment is a bigger factor in determining when to invest than the movement of the market because that can be unpredictable."

If you're going to plan for the worst but hope for the best, you can't make any move until you've figured out what your own personal goals are. Once you've done that, it's best to seek assistance and guidance from a professional, such as a Certified Financial Planner, who can provide specific insight into how the market works and how you can create a portfolio that's best for your specific needs.





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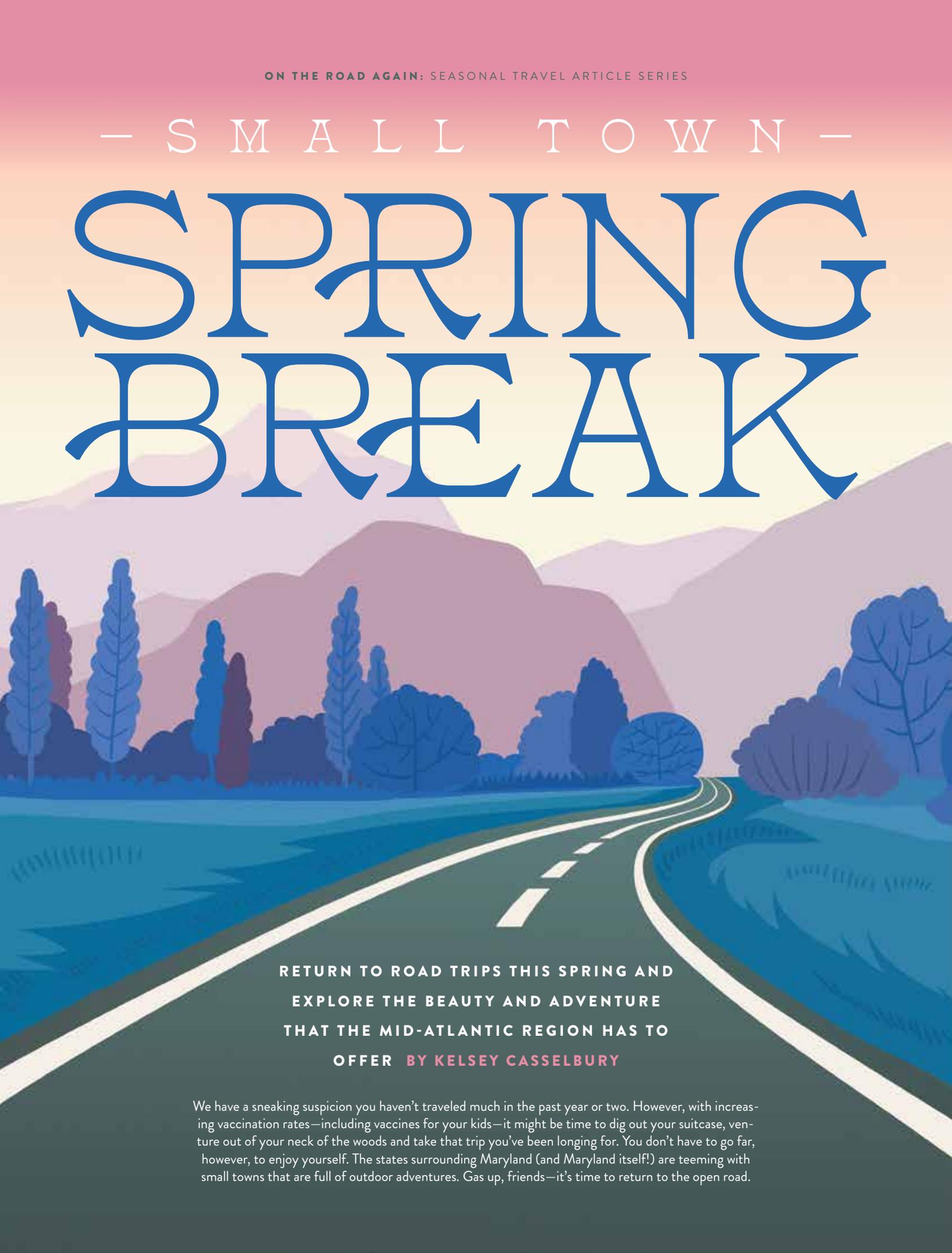
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Berkeley Springs,

WEST VIRGINIA

If you're the type to indulge in a spa day, experience the original in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. Located in the tippy-top part of the state that juts into Maryland, Berkeley Springs is about a two-hour drive from Annapolis. Considered America's first spa, the town's main attraction—as the name implies—is **Berkeley Springs State Park** (wvstateparks.com/park/berkeley-springs-state-park), situated in the center of the historic town, where warm mineral waters flow at a constant 74.3F. George Washington himself was a fan of the Springs, and you can follow in his footsteps at the Berkeley Springs State Park Bathhouse Spa, where you can luxuriate in the Old Roman Bathhouse or relax with a massage. In mid-March, the town hosts the annual George Washington's Bathtub Celebration, which honors Washington's first visit in 1748. Yes, his stone bathtub is still prominently on display.



Cacapon Resort State Park Lodge. Photo by Molly Wolff/West Virginia Tourism Office.



WHERE TO STAY Just down Route 522 is **Cacapon Resort State Park** (wvstateparks.com/park/cacapon-resort-state-park), where you can stay in the recently renovated lodge. The 78-room property, which also offers rustic cabins and campsites, reopened in May 2020 after a \$25 million makeover, complete with its own spa and a golf course. As a bonus, it's surrounded by the picturesque beauty of the 6,000-square-foot state park that offers plenty of hiking, biking, and other outdoor activities. If you'd rather stay in town, check out **The Country Inn of Berkeley Springs** (thecountryinnwv.com), a historic property that opened in 1933.

WHERE TO EAT Enjoy the history of Berkeley Springs with a meal at **Lot 12 Public House** (lot12.com), a property built on the town's original Lot #12, originally purchased in 1777. Headed by Chef Damian Heath and his wife, Betsy, Lot 12 focuses on fresh, seasonal cuisine, featuring as much locally-procured food as possible. If you want to check out the local brewery scene, you have two to choose from: **Cacapon Mountain Brewing Co.** (cacaponbrewing.com), located right in town, or **Berkeley Springs Brewing Co.** (berkeleyspringsbrewing-company.com), about five miles south toward the state park.

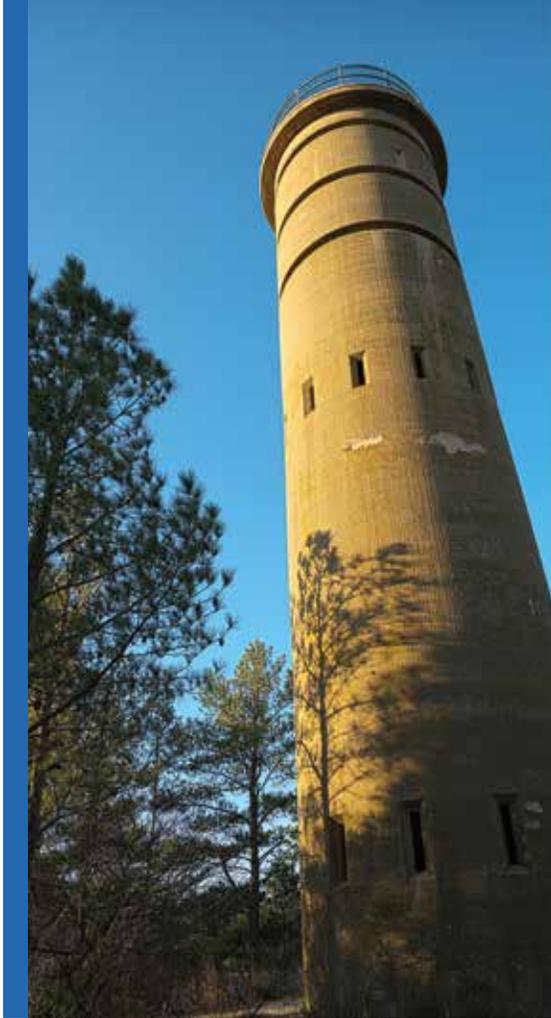


Lewes,

DELAWARE

When it comes to places that contend to be the “first,” the lower Delaware town of Lewes has a legitimate claim. Most people know that Delaware is considered “the first state” because on December 7, 1787, it was the first to ratify the U.S. Constitution. Well, Lewes is proud to claim that it’s the first town in the first state because it was the site of the first European settlement in Delaware, founded by Dutch settlers in 1631.

Most Marylanders probably think of Lewes as a beach town, suitable only for the summer months, but there’s an argument for visiting in the spring when the crowds are next to nothing. You’ll want to spend time at **Cape Henlopen State Park** (destateparks.com/beaches/capehenlopen), where you can: Explore the **Fort Miles Museum**, which boasts a wealth of history for WWII buffs, including an observation tower that showcases panoramic views of the entire park; Visit the **Seaside Nature Center**, which has a 495-gallon, two-level touch tank that kids will go crazy for; Borrow a bike (for free, thanks to the Friends of Cape Henlopen!) and ride the loop trail.



WHERE TO STAY Lower Delaware is known for **Dogfish Head** beer (dogfishhead.com)—the brewery is about 20 minutes west in Milton; the brewpub is just down the road in Rehoboth Beach. Did you know that there’s also a **Dogfish Inn**? This quirky, retro 16-room property offers an Off-Center Gear Shed, with a collection of gear (like beach cruiser bicycles, running headlamps, and hammocks) and outdoor games (such as spikeball or cornhole) for guests to borrow.

WHERE TO EAT Foodies should make reservations at **Heirloom** (heirloomdelaware.com), which was nominated in 2019 and 2020 for a James Beard Mid-Atlantic Award and offers a farm- and garden-to-table approach to its menu. For mornings, try **Nectar Cafe & Juice Bar** (cafenectar.com), with its fresh-pressed juices and all-day breakfast menu. Looking for something to sip on? Delaware’s first winery, **Nassau Valley Vineyards** (nassauvalley.com) has free self-guided tours and \$10-per-person tastings.



Crisfield,

MARYLAND

Located on the lower Eastern Shore, Crisfield might be in the same state as Annapolis, Baltimore, and other larger Maryland cities, but it offers a completely different way of life. The Somerset County town was built around the waters of Tangier Sound and the crabs, oysters, and other seafood that went with it.

Crisfield is also the starting point for visiting **Tangier** and **Smith Islands**, both small fishing villages that bring you back in time (especially Tangier, where residents still speak with remnants of an Elizabethan accent). To get to these islands, you must take ferries, though the number of boats running depends on the season. They typically run once a day, departing from Crisfield's City Dock at 12:30 p.m.

Quite a bit closer to town, you'll find **Janes Island State Park** (tinyurl.com/janesislandstatepark). Although it's also an island, there's no need for a ferry to get here. The park has more than 100 campsites (as well as backcountry campsites that require a permit), plus more than 30 miles of water trails and opportunities for fishing and crabbing. You can try handline crabbing on the bulkhead along Daugherty Creek canal without a license, but you have to obtain a free Maryland Saltwater Angler registration.

WHERE TO STAY There isn't a plethora of traditional hotels in Crisfield, but if state park camping doesn't appeal to you, consider a B&B such as **Lady Grace Bed and Breakfast** (myfairladybandb.com) or, about eight miles up the road in Marion Station, the waterfront **Kingsbay Mansion** (kingsbaymansion.com).

WHERE TO EAT It might not be crab season yet, but you're going to want to get some seafood while in Crisfield. Right outside of town, **Linton's Seafood** (lintonseafood.com) has sit-down service at its crab house, but also offers carry-out, while Fisherman's Grille (facebook.com/fishermansgrille) serves up food right on the water. Of course, don't forget about a slice of layered Smith Island Cake! **Smith Island Baking Company** (smithislandcake.com) was born on the Island itself, but moved to Crisfield a few years ago.



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Sandbridge Beach,

VIRGINIA

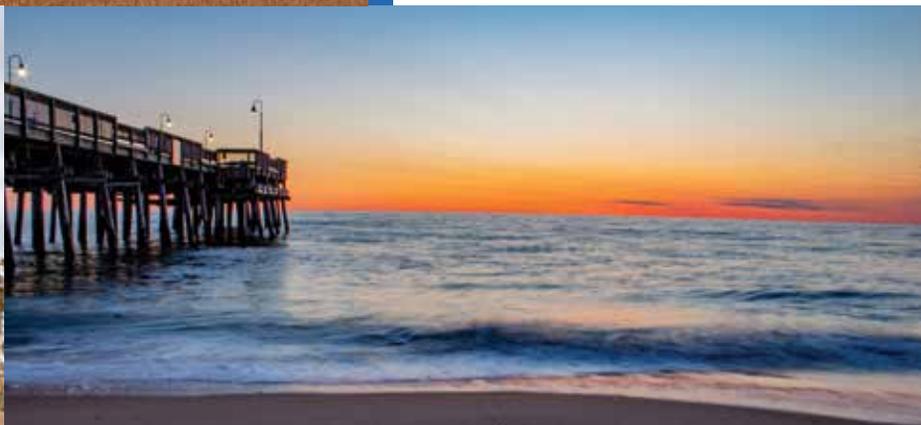
You're probably familiar with Virginia Beach, but one of its southern neighborhoods, Sandbridge Beach, might be the place to go if you're looking for something a bit quieter than a busy boardwalk. The community is adjacent to a national wildlife refuge and an isolated state park, meaning that immersing yourself in nature is one of the main draws here.

First, make a stop at **Surf & Adventure** (surfandadventure.com) to pick up a couple of rentals, whether bikes, kayaks, or paddle boards. Next, head down into **Back Bay Wildlife Refuge** (fws.gov/refuge/back_bay) to use that gear (or your hiking shoes) to catch a glimpse of one of the approximately 300 species that call this refuge home. If you want to get deeper into nature, hike, bike, or paddle down to **False Cape State Park** (dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/false-cape), but forget the car—they aren't allowed. However, check with staff before you go because the trails aren't open year-round.

If you'd rather someone else handle all the logistics, look into a prearranged tour. Surf & Adventure offers two-hour kayak and paddle board tours of Back Bay, as well as False Cape Bike Tours. If you'd rather be on the water, **Rudee Tours** (rudeetours.com) offers dolphin-watching boat tours and fishing trips.



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WHERE TO STAY Like many other East Coast beach towns, home rentals are the most popular form of accommodations. However, those who are feeling awfully adventurous can apply for a reservation for primitive camping (read: no cabins, no facilities) at False Cape State Park, which are available year-round. There are no traditional hotels in Sandbridge Beach, though there are two RV parks: Indian Cove Resort (indian-cove.com) and Surfside at Sandbridge (surfsidesandbridge.com).

WHERE TO EAT Sandbridge Island Restaurant (sandbridgeislandrestaurant.com) is a neighborhood staple, serving casual dinners on most weekdays, plus lunch on the weekend. Down near the wildlife refuge, **Baja Restaurant** (bajasandbridge.com) offers surf and turf, while you can pick up coffee and breakfast at its coffee shop, **Baja Coffee Company**. (It's open seasonally, so you'll want to verify its status before visiting.) If you're interested in trying out local beers, take a short drive up to **Tapped Crafthouse** (tappedcrafthouse.com), which has a variety of Virginia brews on draft, as well as a full menu.

BREAKING THE SILENCE



Ending the stigma of eating disorders is the first step toward treatment and recovery; meet several survivors who share their stories

BY DIANA LOVE

Meredith Dales sits across from me, her tall, willowy form sitting straight, her long arms folded in her lap. Tattoos trace a path down her neck, sheathing her arm and snaking along her wrist to her fingers, where artful birds seem to flutter in flight each time she shifts her hands to better emphasize her thoughts.

Dales is still and ostensibly serene. A closer look uncovers a study in quiet, subtle, but meaningful motion. Thoughts and feelings drift across her face, altering her posture and intensity. She agreed to meet me in a crowded restaurant in Annapolis to tell me the scary and intimate details of her personal experience with an eating disorder. A happy, academically- and athletically-gifted child from a loving family, Dales in her teen years suffered deeply from anorexia, at times turning to drugs and alcohol to ease the pain. As Dales grew into a young woman, her battle with anorexia exploded, impacting her family, her only child, and her friendships, eventually rendering her homeless. At fourteen years old, Dales, who is 5'9, weighed 72 pounds. By the age of 23, she was at times addicted to drugs or alcohol, had attempted suicide, or was homeless.

Dales' singular goal for opening up to a complete stranger about her painful past is to eliminate the stigma that surrounds eating disorders and to offer a glimpse of hope for an optimistic future to the families—adults and children alike—who suffer from this grave disease.

A Very Real Affliction

Eating disorders are one of those diseases people might stare at, or shamefacedly look away from, but not want to talk about. In fact, I was inspired to accept the assignment to write about eating disorders after the shocking death of my friend Ginger Doyle, a much-loved woman and writer from Annapolis who died from complications of her eating disorder two summers ago, much too young, at just 39 years old.

What I've learned through talking with Dales and others plagued by eating disorders, as well as in interviews with doctors and therapists, is that this disease is infinitely complex and deeply connected to mental health. It impacts strong children, financially successful adults, and tough athletes. It is intricately linked to how body shape is defined, dictated, and distorted by social trends and cultural norms. At their most trite, eating disorders blur the thin, gray line between "being in shape" and being "too skinny." At its most complex, the disease is an intentional—though to the suffering, seemingly unavoidable and even empowering—form of self-harm.

Eating disorders are pervasive, appearing across all ages, ethnicities, and nationalities. While girls and young women are more likely to be afflicted and seek treatment, boys, young men, and even older adults of both genders suffer from the disease. A 2007 study asked 9,282 English-speaking Americans about a variety of mental health conditions, including eating disorders. The results, published in *Biological Psychiatry*, found that nearly 10 percent of women and three percent of men had anorexia during their lifetime. A 2012 study in the *International Journal of Eating Disorders* found that 13 percent of women over age 50 engage in eating disorder behaviors.

Eating disorders are more than an unhealthy obsession with nutrition: they are deadly. Statistics show that every 62 minutes, someone dies as a direct result of an eating disorder. But what exactly is an eating disorder? What causes it? How can you detect it? And what can you do to help a loved one? These are the questions Dales discusses with me at length, revealing piece by piece how she went from healthy to frail and back again, and of how modern medicine offered her a path to management of the disease.

Social and Medical History of the Disease

There was a time, not too long ago, when eating disorders were, in the eye of the public, known mostly as "anorexia," a sickness thought to be caused simply by refusing to eat. We now know that most of this statement is not true.

History tells us that eating disorders have always been present in the human condition. Researcher Robert Vaughn wrote, "whether the mental illness known as Anorexia Nervosa is a true disease of modernity or a manifestation of an illness that has existed throughout human history is indeed ambiguous. What is certain however, is that volitional self-starvation...is nothing new at all."

In the 12th and 13th centuries, ascetic nuns admired for their abstinence from earthly pleasure and their refusal to eat earned their way into sainthood. Saint Catherine of Siena was just one of the faithful who routinely starved themselves for weeks or months at a time in a belief that they could better understand and appreciate the suffering of Jesus. For them, fasting wasn't necessarily a way to get thin—though this would be a physical manifestation of suffering—but rather an expression of devotion to God.



Doctors label this eating behavior *anorexia mirabilis* (mirabilis meaning “miracle”), and many are quick to distinguish it from *anorexia nervosa*. The difference, in laymen’s terms, being that *anorexia mirabilis* is a choice not to eat in pursuit of *spiritual* perfection, while *anorexia nervosa* is a mental illness untreatable without therapy and often associated with self-destruction in the pursuit of *physical* perfection.

Incidence of eating disorders began to show up more often in medical literature by the mid-1800s and can be correlated to an increasing fascination and romantic view of thinness. Queen Elizabeth of Austria, revered to this day throughout Europe for her beauty, independence, and personal discipline, was known to fast and exercise to emaciation during her time on the throne. Interestingly, Sisi, as she was known, was assassinated on the shores of Lake Geneva, where a wispy statue, still there today, shows just how incredibly thin she was.

In 1859, a French doctor, Louis-Victor Marcel, diagnosed patients found to have “obstinate refusal of food” and a “hypocondrial delirium,” which he noted had high risk of relapse after treatment and a poor outcome. In 1874, an English doctor, William Tuthey Gull, described patients with peculiar restlessness, amenorrhea, and emaciation. He diagnosed them with what he termed *anorexia nervosa*, or “a nervous loss of appetite.” The term remains in use today and reflects the physical and mental components that combine as powerful symptoms of the disease.

Eating Disorders Today

Cases of *anorexia* became markedly more apparent after 1960, and eating disorders became a major area of study after that time. There is some discussion amongst specialists about the root cause for the distinct rise in cases of *anorexia* in the past 50 years, with some pointing to affluent, Western diets laden with fats and sugars that make maintaining a healthy weight via balanced eating difficult. Others point to social norms, to an infatuation with celebrity and to media that glorifies thin, sometimes emaciated, body types.

Dr. Lisa Hill, Psy.D., practices in Annapolis and specializes in eating disorders. She studied meta-analysis on if media exposure alone increases body image dissatisfaction, one of the leading

motivations for food deprivation, though not it’s root cause. “What I found was that we can’t pinpoint one source: body dissatisfaction comes from moms talking about their own weight, from peers at school, from teachers talking about how they’ve lost body fat. Dissatisfaction and dysmorphia starts as young as age four.”

Dr. Hill notes that social comparisons are only worsened by instantaneous delivery of visual images through social media. “Even as a healthy, secure adult we look at people on our social media accounts, which set us up for an upward social comparison. When you compare yourself to someone else that you think is better than you, there is no way to recover or come out on top.”

Dr. Marla Sanzone, PhD, MP practices psychology out of her cheery offices in the loft-like second floor of a bungalow in West Annapolis. Dr. Sanzone has focused on eating disorders for much of her 30-year career.

In our conversations, Dr. Sanzone confirmed the correlation between modern social pressures that drive extreme views of physical perfection and the rise in cases of life-threatening disordered eating, especially among young women. “Our children see and hear about other young people having plastic surgery in the tween and teen years,” she says. “They might hear their moms complaining about how they are unhappy with their aging bodies. That’s very confusing for kids at a time when it’s hard enough just trying to fit in.”

What is an Eating Disorder?

Today, doctors and therapists know that eating disorders are a form of mental disease. Many people tend to think that *anorexia* is the only or most severe form of an eating disorder. *Anorexia* is inappropriately painted as the poster child for eating disorders, but with good reason. For females between age 15 and 24 years who suffer from *anorexia nervosa*, the mortality rate associated with the illness is 12 times higher than the death rate of all other causes of death.

In fact, though, there are a plethora of eating disorders. All are characterized by an unhealthy, imbalanced regard for food and nutrition. People who have an eating disorder focus on food as a maladaptive way to cope with emotional stress or trauma.



The symptoms of eating disorders (namely depression, anxiety, and mental health issues) may be genetic. “It’s important to know that there is not one factor that causes an eating disorder,” Dr. Sanzone says. “We know we are born with genetic predisposition to particular diseases, many of which we will never know we are carrying, because we aren’t triggered by a particular trauma. It’s the same with this disease.”

With the rise of identified cases of eating disorders since the mid-20th century (especially since the 1970s), and more attention on the epidemic, multiple studies have identified a cluster of conditions shared by sufferers. “There are common temperamental or constitutional personality traits,” Dr. Sanzone says. These traits may include compulsive behaviors, all or nothing thinking, an intrinsic sense of not being good enough, a need to be noticed and highly regarded, emotional sensitivity, and being highly perceptive.

Eating disorders are more likely to develop in cases where there is a family history of anxiety, depression, or any kind of addictive behaviors. “Often times, the personalities able to implement the extreme discipline required of an eating disorder are very capable. They are often strong leaders and high achievers,” Dr. Sanzone says. “But most, especially the children, don’t have the emotional maturity or life experience yet to balance all the incoming data from the broad emotional range they experience. They can’t contextualize it, so they internalize it.”

Personal Stories

Meredith Dales takes a deep sigh as she dives into her story. “I felt like I wasn’t good at anything, I couldn’t succeed at anything. I had all these adult voices floating inside my head—my coach who preached about food and how to eat right, and my grandmother who’s so proper and has this idea of perfect beauty, and my dad who was critical and unemotional,” she explains. “I thought...I don’t want to feel this way, and no one is helping me, so I just turned it inward.”

Dales has come to the other side of her journey through years of inpatient and outpatient therapy, but looks back at her darkest moments with a clear view of the journey. “I thought to myself my body is the only thing that’s really mine. My low moments turned to self-loathing. I thought, instead of loathing, I could empower myself. I explored my capability of mastering things, and I thought I was very successful. And because of my anorexia, I truly thought I had a personality and a physicality I could respect. In fact, I was very successful doing things that were very destructive.”

Dales’ story began in a deep, dark well of emotional pain and trauma that impacted her mental health. Others begin with discipline. For example, eating disorders are prevalent in the military, especially among women. Research suggests female service members are four percent more likely to develop an eating disorder than females not in the service.

One woman I interviewed, a graduate of a service academy who asked not to be named, described her extreme weight loss during her years in the military, couching it in terms that exactly match Rice and Sanzone’s description of people whose core personality traits might make them more susceptible to the disease. “I was highly disciplined, geared to achieve, and forced to perform at the highest level. Between sports, academics, and trying to function in this highly competitive environment, I was exposed to all the triggers for my eating disorder. I thought I could be the best, and be regarded as the best, if I showed that I was disciplined.”

A review of records obtained over eight years (1998–2006) by the Defense Medical Epidemiology Database indicated that 0.3 percent of all military members were diagnosed with an eating disorder during that time. Eating disorders were diagnosed more in 2006 (0.41 percent) compared to 1998 (0.23 percent), suggesting eating disorders among service members doubled, mostly in the Marines. The National Eating Disorders Association notes on their website that studies on incidents of eating disorders among women in the military are nearly epidemic. A survey of 3,000 women in the military found that over 60 percent of respondents had an eating disorder, and in the Marine Corps alone, 97.5 percent met the criteria for an eating disorder.



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Neither the military, nor this woman’s family acknowledged her illness, which they might have considered a sign of mental or physical weakness. It was her friends who intervened, and her own desire to be healthy and balanced, that finally helped her move beyond anorexia.

This was the case too for Christine Feldmann of Annapolis. Feldmann, who works in marketing, appears to be a self-confident, successful professional and dedicated mother who is somehow managing to juggle more than her fair share. But there was a time when she didn’t feel so strong.

Feldmann described for me a lifetime of struggle with her body image, self-assurance, and self-acceptance. When she was in elementary school, she says, she looked up to her sister, a petit and pretty teen, as an ideal physical shape that as a lanky girl she could never achieve. Throughout her teens she would occasionally binge, often being restrictive, but not drastic enough for others to notice. In college, she became much more obsessive, thinking that she wasn’t pretty enough, not smart enough. By the time she was out of college and working her way into a career, she was fully exposed to the triggers that would send her deep into her disease. She relied on laxatives to purge, sometimes taking up to a dozen each day. “I thought maybe if I lose some weight my boyfriend won’t leave me, and I will be worthy. If I can just lose some weight, this will all be better,” she explains.

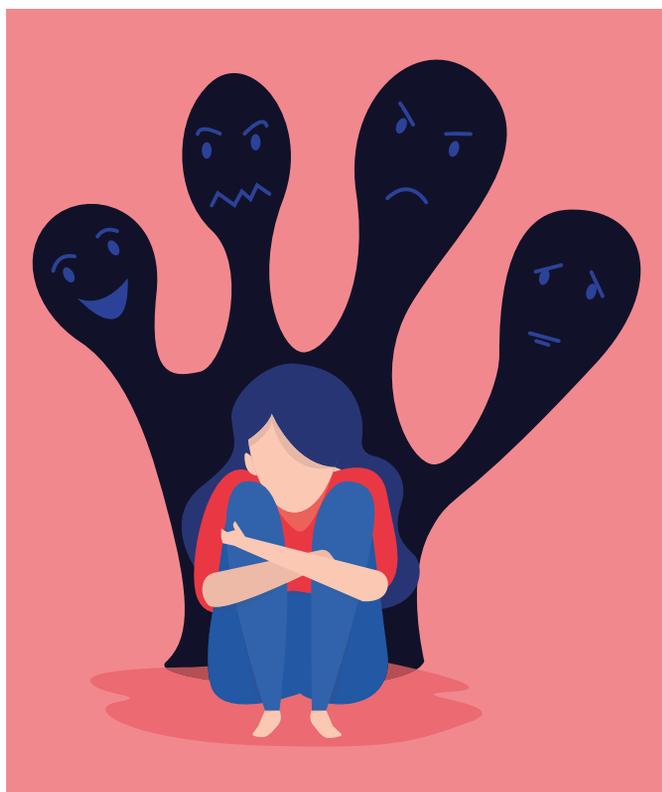
It wasn't until Feldmann went to the Shepperd Pratt Center for Eating Disorders in Towson, Maryland, for inpatient care that she finally decided to break her addiction to purging and survive her disease. "I was 23 years old and was in with people who were 40 and 50 years old; I thought to myself, 'Do I really want to spend my entire life being consumed with this? Do I want food, and what I eat and how I get rid of it to be the only things I think about every day?' I decided I just couldn't do it."

Family Awareness at Home

When I asked Dr. Sanzone the one thing she would like parents to know about how to prevent or identify an eating disorder for their children, she didn't hesitate for a second. "As parents we create the factors that come together into the petri dish of social pressures the child lives in, which create the perfect storm for these kinds of disorders," she says. "Parents need to know that they play a significant role in their child's mental health. Certain attitudes and behaviors they model can factor into a child's propensity for developing an eating disorder."

Dr. Sanzone suggests parents should look inward, asking themselves if they are mirroring the values or the life they want their child or loved one to emulate. "If you are emitting or modeling anxious, self-conscious, never good enough, competitive, or a push, push, push for the future orientation, you are setting [your children] up to internalize these traits."

Dr. Sanzone says that the self-centered and ego-driven values of western cultures drive people to think they must excel more than the next person, to have what she calls a competitive attitude with an adversarial edge. "By this I mean, we might feign admiration for a neighbor's new car or promotion, and want to be happy for them, but inside our ego asks what did I do wrong or what can I do to surpass them. When ego takes over our true inner self and surpasses who we are, it prevents contentment."



She says parents should pause to reflect on the question: how much of yourself are you putting into your kids, instead of letting them develop their own sense of self? For people with a predilection for mental health issues, parents striving for perfection could instead be driving their children toward a deadly disease.

She also wants parents to know that an eating disorder is indeed, a deadly disease. "Take it seriously, patients can't just get over this disease on their own, it needs treatment. Check in with your general practitioner, see a specialist, seek a mental health professional, do not try to do it on your own."

Treatment Options

Modern treatment for eating disorders has seen much progress. Treatment is more holistic, evidence and data based, and better grounded in the science of mental health. Dr. Terry Griffith, Psy.D. is Clinical Coordinator for the Intensive Outpatient Programs at the Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt. She says that eating disorders are among the most difficult mental diseases to treat due to their complexity and the havoc they wreak on patients' emotional and physical health. "People think you can just heal from this illness. We don't use the word 'cure,' instead we help patients discover ways to treat and manage the symptoms of the disease so they can sustain and maintain without bingeing, purging, or restricting."

Treatment options at various treatment facilities can range from 24/7 inpatient care, to partial hospitalization (seven days each week, 12 hours each day, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.), and intensive outpatient care (four days each week, for four hours each day). Patients might also participate in residential programs. All patients at Sheppard Pratt, for example, also receive cognitive behavioral therapy. "Our goal is to replace maladaptive coping with adaptive ways of coping. We help and empower patients to use the proper tools to manage their eating disorder and we rely on a team to help people not be triggered by their difficulties," Dr. Griffith says.

Sara Heilman is a Certified Personal Trainer, Health Coach, and Fitness Nutrition Specialist with a survival story of her own. "Growing up, my family would talk about losing weight and being healthier, but there was something missing and as a bigger girl, I found comfort in food." From age 14 to 21, Heilman engaged in active disordered eating as a bulimic and binge eater. Depressed and anxious, she decided to take a semester off from college to change her life. In therapy, Heilman was able to address her family, and to reveal the secret pain she carried. "I was in therapy for two years and was able to learn how to process my emotions and live in a balanced way."

Today, Heilman uses her expertise in exercise to help teens and young women with severe disorders, often in conjunction with a medical team, to move from obsessively using exercise and food as tool to manage weight toward relying on them as modalities for maintaining mental and physical health. She often works with doctors and patient treatment centers.

Another modality for treatment is occupational therapy, which can range from art classes that seek to correct body dysmorphia, to equine therapy that helps with depression and anxiety. In art therapy, an artist outlines the patient's body. Then the patient draws what they think their body looks like. Together, the therapist and the patient compare the images and talk about how to manage distortions. Wearing clothes that are too big to hide having to look at their bodies is a commonality amongst patients. Demonizing one food or food group over another is another com-



monality. Occupational therapists can take patients shopping for clothes and for food. They can show them how to accept their bodies and how to have balanced meals. “The goal of healthy body image is to not have them love or admire their body but to accept and tolerate this body. It’s not realistic for some patients to love their body, but we can teach them to accept it enough that you don’t abuse it,” Dr. Griffith explains.

In many residential and hospital treatment centers, patients participate in groups that support difficulties. A self-esteem group will use cognitive behavioral therapy to help patients learn self-worth and self-efficacy. Another group might address substance abuse or trauma, and how these things impact an eating disorder. Still others might help rigid thinkers or perfectionists to address a cognitive deficit that impacts their disorder.

Recovery is Possible

Dales was homeless and alcoholic, wandering in and out of alleys and byways until she stumbled into the Lighthouse Shelter one cold and rainy night. In order to get a bed, she had to be and stay sober. It was in the moment when the woman at the front desk said “Come in, I know you can do this,” that Dales felt for the first time in a long time, that she was meant for more than the streets.

These days, Dales is the proud owner of a skincare and Reiki clinic in Annapolis. Instead of restricting, Dales balances and enjoys. Instead of indulging, she maintains a healthy lifestyle with exercise, mental health therapy, and spiritual practice. Dales’ journey with an eating disorder is one of too few that end well. If you think you have an eating disorder, or even that your eating might simply be disordered, put aside the stigma, reach out for help, and give yourself the assistance you deserve.

TYPES OF EATING DISORDERS

ANOREXIA NERVOSA is characterized by extreme weight loss, an intense fear of weight gain, food restriction, inappropriate or unbalanced eating habits, and obsessing over a thin figure. People suffering experience body dysmorphia, or a distorted body image. As the person becomes more emaciated, the mental symptoms of the disease spirals downward, and their image of themselves becomes more distorted.

BULIMIA NERVOSA is characterized by episodes of consuming an excessive amount of calories in a restricted period of time then undoing the binge by purging. Most common is self-induced vomiting, meanwhile others are overdosing on laxatives and excessive exercise. Bulimia is often associated with secretive behaviors due to shame and fear.

BINGE EATING describes consuming an abnormally large amount of food in a short period of time. During the binge, the person feels out of control, and can’t stop eating. Binge eaters don’t purge. Afterwards bingeing, they feel shame and guilt, though these negative emotions become coping mechanisms that hide deeper mental health issues like depression and anxiety.

ARSID is characterized by a refusal to eat specific foods or refusal to eat any type of food due to a negative response from certain colors, texture, or smell. Often associated with children, this is a problem for adults as well. ARSID prevents access, ingestion, and absorption of key nutrients.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

If you think you might need to reach out to a mental health professional about an eating disorder, seek education.

Visit the Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt’s website to learn more about the definitions and complexities of eating disorders. www.sheppardpratt.org/the-center-for-eating-disorders-at-sheppard-pratt

Visit the National Eating Disorders Association website. This organization exists to support families and individuals impacted by eating disorders. www.nationaleatingdisorders.org

Considering joining Eating Disorders Anonymous, a Twelve-Step fellowship of individuals who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problems and help others to recover from their eating disorders. To find an online or in person meeting near you, visit www.eatingdisordersanonymous.org

Visit your insurance company’s website to find psychologists, psychiatrists, and therapists who are trained in treating eating disorders in your area.

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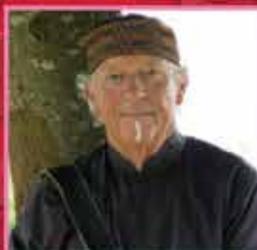
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Annapolis: An American Story

Nonprofit Historic Annapolis launches a compelling,
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Consider America today. What comes to mind? Dissent? Intense polarization? Perhaps diversity. Maybe violence. Or threats to personal property. Or threats to the core of democracy. Surely there's never been a time as unsettling as today, right? Consider again.

A new and permanent exhibition in downtown Annapolis offers proof—and reassurance—that these challenges have been with us for a very long time. In fact, such themes have plagued and confronted us since our nation's beginning, and nowhere better reflected than in the history of Annapolis.

"Annapolis: An American Story" tells the tale of a small American town mirroring the progress and turmoil of our nation across the centuries. Located in the Museum of Historic Annapolis in a three-story brick building at 99 Main Street—on a prominent corner overlooking City Dock—the new exhibition offers local residents and visitors alike a highly professional, fresh, captivating and entertaining look at the history of our state capital, its people and achievements.

The project is a dream realized and the latest gift to the city from Historic Annapolis, Inc. (HA). Founded in 1952, HA is one of the nation's leading nonprofit preservation organizations. HA strives "to ensure that the legacy of Annapolis's past would continue to enrich the city's future." Without HA many avow that Annapolis would resemble just another small town in America.

The Story Behind the Story

How this exhibit happened is a story, too.

Nearly a decade ago Robert Clark, HA's president and CEO, envisioned a permanent exhibit telling Annapolis's remarkable history in a way that would attract, well, everyone. What would

hold their interest? How to ensure that everyone walked away learning how extraordinary Annapolis is?

The concept began with the idea of "99 objects." In 2015, a call went out to residents to loan objects or special relics that might help reflect the town's history. Hundreds were offered. But it wasn't until HA challenged itself that the concept changed course.

"My biggest concern," recalls Clark, "is that this exhibit wouldn't hold up to the highest professional standards of professional museums today, nor to something HA would be proud to host."

To achieve that professional status, Clark hired a professional. Mary-Angela Hardwick joined HA in 2018 after decades in exhibit content development. Developing exhibitions across the country, she began her career with the National Park Service and has worked for exhibit design firms in New York, Boston, and Philadelphia. Among her proudest accomplishment is her work on the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, where she developed the exhibit for both museums.

When she joined HA as Vice-President for Education and Interpretation, she was assigned the Museum of Historic Annapolis as a top priority. "I began by casting a wide net," she says. "I had to research the bigger story. What would be of greatest interest to museum visitors? After all, this is a broad audience with a wide age group."

Hardwick consulted with Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc. which, pre-Covid, was seeing some 140,000 visitors annually. Visitors often asked, "Where can I go to find the history of Annapolis?"

She met with community leaders, representatives of diverse groups and historians to seek the varied voices of the community and their stories. She also consulted with local museums. The goal became clear: "to spotlight the history of Annapolis and to encourage visitors to discover more at other nearby historic sites."

Building the Exhibit

With the goal affirmed, Hardwick laid out the process: first, write the narrative, then develop the exhibition, design and finally, fabricate it. Each step offered its own challenge.

Funding for the \$1.5M project came primarily from county, state, and federal grants, plus private donations and corporate donors. In 2015 HA became a Smithsonian Affiliate, one of only six in Maryland, which has helped to advance its fundraising outreach.

Thanks to well-known Annapolis historian Jane McWilliams for her seminal work on the city's history, "Annapolis, City on the Severn," the narrative had a head start. When McWilliams appeared at a pre-opening event for the museum, Hardwick greeted her with "This is your book as an exhibit!"

Hardwick admits her biggest challenge was to find the images and objects to match the story. HA colleagues Robin Gower, Curator of Collections, and Glenn Campbell, Senior Historian, collaborated on the research, connecting with organizations as well as individuals. Hardwick spoke with numerous families with deep roots in the community, from many backgrounds including Greek, Italian, Jewish, and African-American.

"Diversity is one of the museum's major themes," she notes, "and not just because it's so relevant today. Annapolis always has been a diverse community, right from its origins. And still is today."

The team partnered with 10 local government and museum sites, each with its own story, including four managed by HA. Partner sites loaned objects from their collections to reflect both local and national stories.

Says Hardwick, "We needed to find objects and images that visually would bring the exhibition to life."

The team's research turned up serendipitous finds. For example, Gower learned that the United States Naval Academy Museum had an antique Singer sewing machine used by a "local" tailor to mend uniforms for midshipmen and staff. Meanwhile, Hardwick was talking to an Italian family who mentioned their relative's history as a tailor at the Academy. Both the sewing machine, and the story of how Henry Ciccarone came to Annapolis from Italy to live with his uncle and work for the Naval Academy as an expert tailor until 1971, are now part of the exhibit. The story reflects not only the strong community bond between the Academy and Annapolitans, but also its continuing role in our national story.

Nearly 200 objects were chosen for display along with scores of photographs. The HA team credits three regional firms in helping to create the final exhibit: Design Minds and Color-Ad, both based in Virginia, developed the design and were responsible for fabrication and installation; and Hillman and Carr of Washington, D.C., created the theater experience and videos.

Setting the Stage

Clark's determination that HA's museum demonstrate the highest standards of professionalism is evident from the first step inside the 1790s red-brick building. A gleaming white entryway greets visitors. The back wall, eye-catching in color and design, displays the 10 partner sites. In a prominent corner, encased in protective glass, stands one of the museum's most iconic and precious objects—on loan from the Maryland State House Trust and the Department of General Services—the original 250-pound wooden acorn which adorned the top of Maryland's

State House from 1788–1996. Today its replica still stands as the highest peak overlooking Annapolis.

From the entryway visitors enter a small, open theater where they can view an eight-minute film introducing the museum and the ten partner sites that tell "Annapolis: An American Story."

"The theater is the take-off point," Hardwick notes. "From here we send you out into the museum wanting more."

The first floor holds a room dedicated to the museum's partner sites. Each is represented with a descriptive panel and artifacts that tell its unique story. There is the imposing 1976 portrait of U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice and Marylander Thurgood Marshall that introduces the Banneker-Douglas Museum. Nearby is an iron chest on loan from The State House once used in the original Treasury Building to hold colonial currency, gold coins, and other valuables. Such chests likely were made by local artisans and stored in vaults beneath the building that still stands on State House hill.

From the first floor, visitors can use the elevator or ascend the dark-wooden stairs to the two upper floors where the chronological "narrative" comes to life.

Tracing the Centuries

From ancient Native American Indian artifacts to the promise of City Dock Re-imagined today, the two upper floors immerse visitors in the tumultuous, remarkable, and proud history of Annapolis and America through four centuries.

Each floor holds two exhibition rooms, the story told in chronological order on a basic framework: (1) an introductory text that is never more than 75 words, or, says Hardwick, "You lose your reader," (2) fun facts, many on "spinners" at a child's level that provide answers to questions on the reverse side, (3) an illustrated timeline on a reader-rail along the windowsill, and (4) spotlighted stories in text, photos and video.

The rooms cover four time periods:
1650–1800: Our Beginnings
1800–1900: Changing Times
1900–1970: Towards Equal Justice
1970–Present: The Power of Change

Interaction is encouraged. For example, entering "Our Beginnings" visitors see four wooden crates stacked on the floor beneath the mural "A World Turned Upside Down." The mural depicts rising tensions with Great Britain over taxing without representation. The crates invite visitors to peer inside and see boycotted imports of that time, like paper, sugar, and fabric.

Technology plays a role, too. Several displays sport QR codes which link directly to partner sites' websites. The walking distance in minutes makes it easy to plan the next stop in town.

As guests move from room to room, Hardwick says "they get a sense of who the community was. They see the diversity and the work people were doing. We want them to gain a sense that this is a shared history, and they are part of the story."

If Objects Could Talk

Text, photographs, and colorful videos enliven the exhibit. But it is the objects that give the story texture and meaning, connecting Annapolis to the larger American story.





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“Each object is so unique and has a great story to tell,” says Robin Gower, Curator of Collections. “It’s my role to protect and preserve those objects and help visitors connect with their stories. It’s hard to pick just a few favorites when I treat each object with the same amount of respect and care.”

With nearly 200 objects artfully displayed, the museum decries favorites. But here are a few.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW This eye-catching window gleams with turquoise and gold-tinted glass, shaped like the top of an obelisk, looking skyward. The story it recalls points to the early days of freed slaves, when men and women in America were building their lives and communities. In 1803 seven free Black men purchased land on West Street and established the first Black church in Annapolis. Several of its founding members were enslaved. The church that stands there today, Asbury United Methodist Church, was built in 1888 and expanded in 1976. Church officials are pleased to loan the window that once adorned their original Gothic-style building.

PULITZER PRIZE Visitors entering the 1970–Present room will instantly notice the “Guardians of Truth” panel on the facing wall. Pictured are the five Capital Gazette staff members who were slain as they worked in their offices on June 28, 2018. The display features The Pulitzer Prize for journalism that was awarded on May 28, 2019, on loan from the Capital Gazette/Baltimore Sun Media. It also features *Time Magazine’s* “Person of the Year” cover from December 9, 2018 lauding the staff who published the paper the very next day. The display is both a fitting tribute to those who died and a reminder of the critical role journalism plays in a free society.

DEATH HEAD STAMP Decades earlier, Jonas and Anne Catherine Green published the *Maryland Gazette* out of their home and print shop on Charles Street. During excavations on the site, archeologists discovered a small piece of lead type, approximately one-inch square, that the Greens used to stamp the paper’s front page in lieu of the British stamp tax. Designed with skull and crossbones, the Death Head Stamp from HA’s collection reminds us of the simmering resistance and the stirring of America’s road to revolution.

RED CROSS LADY World War II casts its cloud over Annapolis in this portrait of Sally Bond Welch from HA’s collection. The photograph is emblematic of how locals helped the war effort. Welch volunteered with the American Red Cross at the hospital at the Naval Academy. Like other “Grey Ladies,” she performed tasks to help soldiers, such as writing letters and hosting events. Tucked into the display is another war-related object—a gas mask worn by Noah A. Hillman in his service as an Air Raid Warden, loan courtesy of his son, Richard.

WHEATIES BOX The museum devotes a prominent display to Naval Academy sports and athletes who have achieved national renown. A bright-orange Wheaties Box from 2004, part of HA’s collection, showcases NBA All-Star David Robinson, “The Admiral,” one of the greatest centers in both college and NBA history. The panel also includes a personally autographed “Number 12” jersey from star quarterback, Heisman trophy winner, and Super Bowl champion Roger Staubach.

Ready to visit?

Local or tourist, “Annapolis: An American Story” is a destination for everyone. Designed for the curious who want a snapshot of Annapolis history, as a whole, before venturing out to the city’s major historic sites, or locals who want a deeper understanding of the place where they live, or children whose curiosity will find answers here, the museum graces our state capital with a focal point it has long needed.

It is all there—from the oyster tongs to the PT boat models to the pandemic Covid-19 mask—in one glorious, three-story exhibition.

Concludes CEO Clark, “In the end, we want everyone to feel the pride we do in this extraordinary 350-plus-year old city.”

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Spinners

Following are samples of the questions on colorful panels that “spin” in every room. Answers are on the reverse side. How many of these can you answer?

(a) What does Annapolis Mean?”

(b) Was Annapolis Always Maryland’s Capitol?”

(c) Where was the USNA established?

(d) Why is Annapolis a “Site of Memory?”

(a) Annapolis means “Anne’s City.” It is named for England’s Princess Anne (1665–1714) who became Queen in 1702. The Greek word *polis* means city.
 (b) The first capital was St. Mary’s City, founded in 1634. Annapolis became Maryland’s capital in 1695. The State House is the old-est state capitol building still in legislative use.
 (c) The U.S. Naval Academy was founded on the grounds of Fort Severn in 1845, built in 1808 to protect water approaches to Annapolis.
 (d) In 2019, UNESCO designated Annapolis as a “Site of Memory” associated with the historic movement of enslaved people and one of 42 sites identified as ports of entry where African people in bondage first arrived on our shores. The designation reminds us of the unwilling sacrifice and suffering of millions of enslaved people throughout the world.

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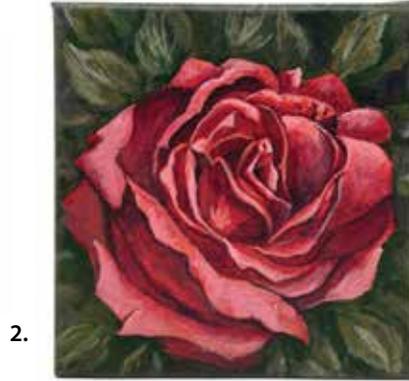
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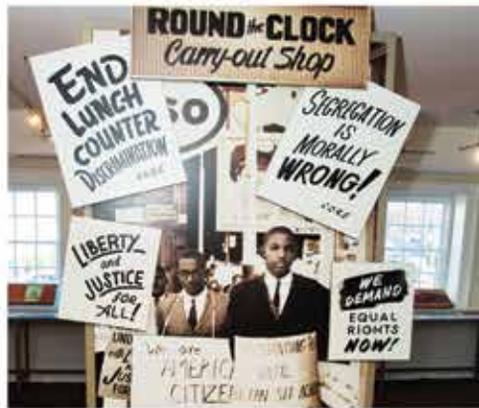
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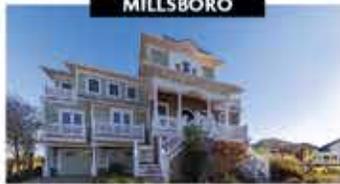
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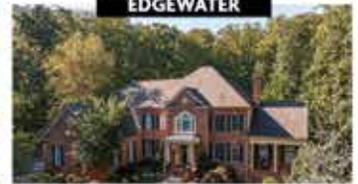
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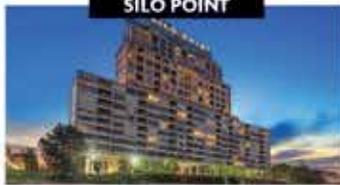
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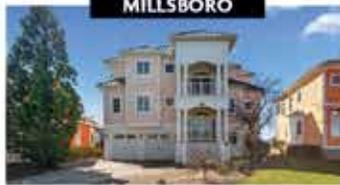
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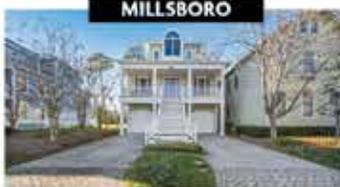
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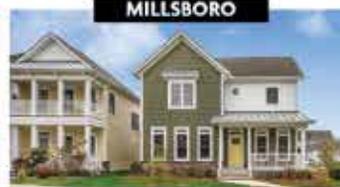
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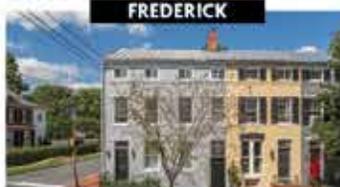
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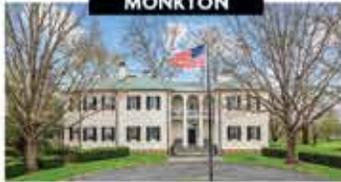
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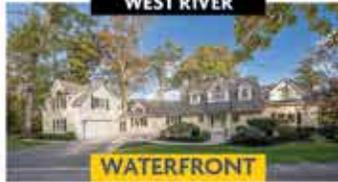
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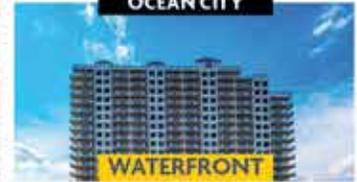
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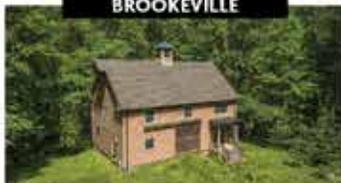
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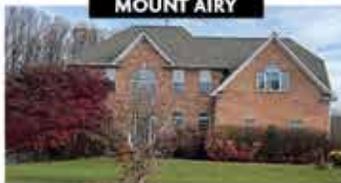
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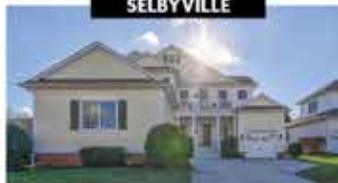
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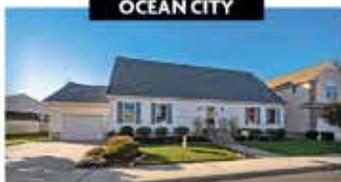
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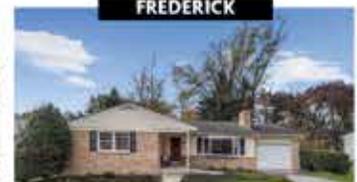
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TRANSITIONAL LUXE ON

Mill Creek

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Newer Annapolis residents and homeowners Tammy and Rob did a good deal of home *work* prior to having their 5,000-square-foot transitional style residence built on a prized lot along Mill Creek. Their study of location and careful evaluation of what's important to them now has already provided rewards of the familial and convivial kind in this new city they proudly call home.

ZEROING IN ON A ZIP CODE

A native of the state of Maine, Rob says he and Tammy had some reference points as to where they might want to live after retiring. "We love the historic, protected peninsula towns of New England," notes Rob, who also cited Charleston, South Carolina, as an area they were looking into when they thought of retiring. They also thought they would want their new address to act like a magnet that would draw friends and family to visit since they would initially be strangers there.

Recent retirees from busy careers in communications and long-time Westchester County, New York, residents, the couple was intent on finding just the right dwelling within a reasonable distance to both of their grown children; a son and daughter-in-law living in Arlington, and a daughter in Princeton.





“We asked people in our business lives, ‘Where’s the place you want to live on the water near Washington, D.C.?’ – and they *all* said, ‘Annapolis.’”

After taking six months to do some online real estate scouting, the couple made a plan and packed a few bags for their first visit to Naptown in 2018. The plan included booking a realtor and hitting the ground running to look at existing homes for sale.

“After that first day and the morning of the second day, we were finding that very big houses on small lots were common,” Rob says.

They also found many elements in the homes they toured that they didn’t want or need, which prompted their realtor to say, “You guys don’t know it yet, but what you want is to have a house built for you.”

Another home-build was not anything the couple felt they were up for at the time, but then they learned their realtor had the inside track on an outstanding piece of creek-side property that was to go on the market the following Monday of their visit.

While it took a considerable amount of imagination to see beyond the property’s substantial overgrowth and existing structures, a certain amount of love at first sight occurred when they were on site and able to take in the lay of the land.

“I said, ‘This is sweet,’” Tammy explains. “There were three things that really appealed to us about the property: It had a 180-degree view of the water, it had a very long driveway, so we’d be set back from the road, and it had the ability to achieve an infinity edge-effect look out to the water (from the front of the home).”



Another bonus of the exceptional site was its size and the existing boat house that was located discreetly to the right of the back of the property—something extremely hard to come by these days in Annapolis.

“We liked that it was on one-and-a-quarter acres which is kind of rare for a waterfront property,” Rob adds. “We feel very fortunate to have a boat house. That was not originally on our list.”

DEFINING TRANSITIONAL STYLE

There wouldn't be any turning back from that point, but there certainly would be much to consider going forward. Once they had wrapped their heads around the whole home-build scenario, they recalled the name of an architect mentioned in a number of those online home listings they scoured: Cathy Purple Cherry of Purple Cherry Architects, (PCA).

As is the case with many of the properties in and around Chesapeake Bay inlets, this particular property would require some tear-down before build-up, some specific work-arounds for majestic, 100-year-old-plus trees, and ensuring strong visual connections to the water were not only maintained, but enhanced.

Two talented architects, Kellen August and Alan Cook, would work with Cathy on the design that would present a bit of a departure for the former New York state residents.

“The homeowners wanted a more youthful setting,” Cathy says, noting the couples' most recent dwellings: A traditional primary residence and a more, rustic Adirondack-based vacation home.

This, she says, is indicative of a larger movement she is seeing with new retirees.

“There's certainly a trend that I would say [happening among] many successful retiring couples desiring to modernize their environments,” Cathy says. “And that's coming through to me in material selections, furnishings, storage components, and light fixtures.”

To get all the wish-list elements the couple wanted, including a through-view to the creek upon approach from the front door, the team, which included Luxury Custom Home Builder, Mueller Homes of Annapolis, set out to design and execute a floorplan for a “one-room deep” house.

This, explains Cathy, is where the traditional home of the 1980s with a formal living and dining room to the left and right of the front entry has transitioned into the more modern appeal of a spacious great room at the back of the home, helping define that transitional style.

To accomplish that “through-view” from the front door, the new home was elevated off the ground to a height of 23.5 feet, which also made sense in terms of possible future weather impacts.

“When you walk in [the front door], it's like you're on a ship, all you see is water; you don't see any land,” Rob explains.

And what a gracious front entrance it is. To attain the ultimate in form and function, the couple chose a Weather Shield custom glass door with four sidelights for sublime views and a three-point locking system to provide the utmost in security and protection from the elements. The front entrance is framed on either side by a mix of Old World Stone Veneer's Copper Canyon and Silver Bay Rustic Ashlar stone. Reflecting the transitional trend, two tiers of stylish standing-seem metal roofing accents the area above the eaves on the front façade. These accents are painted bronze to match the home's window casings.



Once inside, more of the character of the home begins to reveal itself with the warmth of pre-engineered white oak hardwood floors flowing to the gallery hall that expands to the left and right of the entry, and then straight ahead to that blissful infinity edge creek view as you enter the great room along a wide, unobstructed path.

An effortless flow has been created in the design here, and while the room is expansive it is also welcoming with an abundance of natural light and the linear symmetry of rich wood beams above. Here transitional style takes center stage with a sleek Mexican Oak dining table with seating for eight. The couple's custom kitchen, designed by Kitchen Encounters, is full of wish list items that will help them maintain an optimal quality of life moving forward. Two of those items chosen with ease of use in mind are the French carriage door wall oven from the GE Café Series, and tandem dishwashing drawers from Fisher & Paykel. No more bending to load the holiday bird or the dinner dishes.



Additional highlights of this highly-functional workspace are its three-foot sink with galley wash, prep, and entertaining station—perfect for the couple who likes nothing more than to host large groups—and the conversationally convenient center island. Both the cabinets in Winter White and island in Atlantic Blue were manufactured by Seville. The island is topped with a thick and beautifully veined quartz. Hanging above are a trio of Visual Comfort Prestwick pendant lights. The marble backsplash with its touch of pearlescent finish completes the contemporary kitchen look.

ANYTHING BUT RETIRING

Tammy had a very clear vision of what she wanted in the home aesthetically, and also tapped the services of Annie Kersey, an in-house architectural and interior designer at PCA for input for most of the home's first floor furnishings. Annie's services included a trip to North Carolina's famous High Point Market where the couple was able to immerse in options that were pre-curated by Annie to their particular taste. Their builder also offered a client concierge service that the couple found particularly valuable.



“She personally went with us to the kitchen cabinet place, the tile places, to pick out hardware, and we worked together on making those selections,” Tammy says, of their Mueller Homes’ concierge Kalyn Henderson. “It was very helpful to have her there because she knew what lines fit with our allowance.”

Balancing out the great room, opposite the kitchen, the main living area offers easy sophistication for pleasant conversation with a modern accent wall that combines floating wood shelves to either side of a sleek gas fireplace feature with limestone surround and large flat screen TV placed above. A gorgeous, contemporary ring light feature suspends from the coffered ceiling above adding a crowning effect to the room. All these elements turn up the volume for a lively primary living space that is anything but retiring.

“The other thing that you see happening [in home design], if you think about the 20th century, I think that to our parents, growing old was getting old and acting old, and it’s the exact opposite now,” Cathy says, of the clean and sleek environments that many of her new retiree clients are requesting.

Another highlight of this home’s first floor is a luscious primary suite accented by a vaulted ceiling with painted beams, softened throughout with hints of subtle blue and gray tones. Above the bed, is a masterpiece of a chandelier with its cascading grouping of small glass globes that alternate between clear and frosted glass. Sourced from their trip to High Point Market, each small droplet of light evokes the tranquility of water.

An amazing architectural staircase that qualifies as a work of art itself, is set off by a series of suspended pendants, 18 in all, custom crafted by Shakuff Bespoke Lighting Solutions. Globes of clear and amber spun glass meld to create the look of cocoons dropping from leaves.

Off the great room, the couple enjoys creek vistas from another structural must-have. “We wanted a screened-in porch, which we have never had, but wish we had done 30 years ago,” Rob says.

A SECOND STORY

Upstairs, the couple took full advantage of the aspect of a fresh home-build by planning for everything they felt the future would be about for them: Grandchildren (they are expecting their first in January 2022), artistic endeavor, and playing host to a coterie of friends.

These plans included designing a large arts and crafts room upstairs, a second-story lounge area that opens to a top deck overlooking the water, and two additional bedrooms, one with a whimsical approach to lodging for children.

The home’s bunk room sleeps six and pays homage to the couple’s New England roots with its nostalgic outhouse entrance to the bathroom. Complete with a half-moon carved in the door, the structure was built two-and-a-half feet out from the wall, so it looks like you are realistically entering an old outhouse in the woods.

“We had scrapbooked what we wanted in the house before meeting with Cathy and we arrived at three adjectives we wanted the home to embody,” Rob explains. “We want it to be a destination, a sanctuary, and a fortress.”

With the idyllic view and location, the bonus of a recently remodeled boathouse, and now growing possibilities to play host, we would have to say that the couple’s scrapbook narrative has been fully manifested.

↩ The Visual

Conjuring an environment that inspires romance is a cerebral experience that employs the use of our senses. Visually the room should look comforting enough that you feel you can relax there. Trends in home décor and even in the types of rooms and spaces we create are reflecting that staid rooms, such as rarely-used dining rooms and formal, status living rooms are no longer practical and probably were never that inspiring.

Mindful homeowners that have already converted or designed these rooms to be more communal are ahead of the game when it comes to creating a relaxing visual appeal. Adding in decorative elements of art that speak to you and personal treasures, can take a space to the next level visually. We connect and feel comfortable with what is attractive and familiar to us.

One visual aspect some homeowners overlook is that of lighting. When layered in thoughtfully, your communal, living, and sleeping spaces should be convertible and easily switched from task lighting to mood lighting via dimmer switches, and/or programmable lighting that can be accessed remotely. Let's face it, walking into a room with stark, overhead lighting can be a mood deflater, so having the option to tone it down with a flip of a switch or swipe of a screen prompt, is highly recommended for a warm sensory experience. Beyond the technology, simple accent lamps and pillar candles, whether they are wicked or battery-operated add that welcoming glow. And the battery-operated varieties provide you with a set-it-and-forget option.

When it comes to larger furnishings, some looks, like today's more modern rounded corners on sofas, chairs, and tables, lend themselves more toward that relaxing, visual aesthetic than the still very popular minimalistic approach. That said, because minimalism embraces the concept of creating more meaning with less actual goods, these spaces lend a special significance to their owners creating that sense of warmth. So, rule of thumb, go for pieces that not only appeal to you visually, but ones that envelop you practically.

After all, having the latest trend is meaningless if no one feels inspired to dwell within the vibe that is created.

Color and tone choices are certainly visual elements that will set the mood for a room. While there are a variety of standard color palettes (think mid-tone purples and pinks) that seem like the perfect facilitators of romance, they may not be colors you will want to look at in your common areas over an extended period of time. For these spaces, experts like timeless, neutrals. Colors like Benjamin Moore's Gray Cashmere conjure romance even in a dining area.

More obvious romantic colors can be layered in with accent pieces and soft goods that add dimension and visual interest.



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HOME INTERIOR

Love-Nesting

ROOMS THAT INSPIRE ROMANCE

By Lisa J. Gotto



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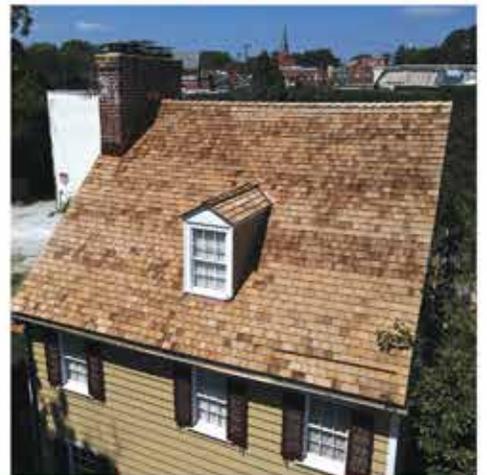
It's that wonderful, wood-burning, cozy time of year when we're doing more inside and enjoying the environment that we created with our home interiors. But beyond the basics of furnishing a home and enabling its efficiency for every-day living, there's a sweet spot to home decorating. And appointments that help create spaces that warm the heart and mind, also encourage a sense of comfort and closeness.

Just saying the word "nest" conjures feelings of being encircled and surrounded, much like the sensation one gets when being hugged. Whether you have a new home and feel it's not "there yet" in terms of nesting, or if your established address seems stale and unromantic, there are some *sense-ible* approaches you can take to inspire romance.



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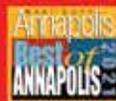
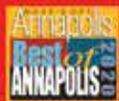
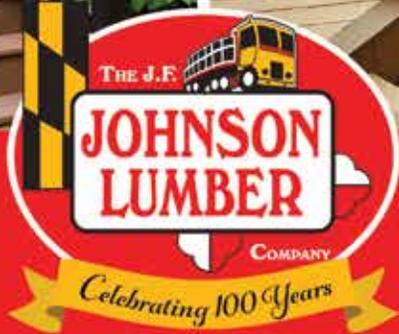


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↑ The Sound

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And technology, again, can deal a hand that's all hearts for a night of romance with an in-home wireless home sound system that you can cue from your phone just prior to stepping in your front door from dinner. Just load in your most passionate playlist and leave the rest to the ambiance of your nest.

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↑ The Tactile

What touches the skin inspires from within, so think carefully about your upholstery choices in common spaces. Never underestimate the effect texture can have on your aesthetic. Because with furnishings this is a larger investment, you will want to factor carefully between want and need.

Should you not have small children and pets to consider, plusher fabrics like today's micro velvets or a rich velour are yummy, comfy options. These fabrics, which tend to wear over time much like a patina does to metal, can make them even more enduring with everyday use.

If you have small children and pets, there are combo performance fabrics, like Crypton, that blend style with touch-ability.

Fortunately, it's not all about the bigger furnishings when it comes to texture. With texture you can introduce many soft goods, such as drapery, textile wall hangings and papers, and throws and pillows to create comfy moods that inspire romance. These items are also easily interchangeable with the seasons so the mood is not only inspiring, it can also be fresh and new.



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↑ The Scent

This could be considered the "secret sauce" in our recipe for mood-enhancing interiors. Besides coming home to a crockpot filled with a mouth-watering entrée, the home goods space is chock full of options including the aforementioned candles that rouse the senses in positive ways. Again, set-it-and-forget options, like room atomizers are always there to ensure a stray pair of basketball sneakers won't ruin the mood. Plug-in units, scented wax warmers, and even Bluetooth scent machines that allow you to program your scent profile from your phone, are great options and you'll never need worry your home smells like teen spirit.



A Bit of Indoor Gardening

4 TASKS TO KEEP YOUR HOUSEPLANTS LOOKING GREAT

By Janice F. Booth

Winter is well and truly ensconced, and, if you're lucky, you may be packing up for some days in a warmer clime. But, before you leave, or if you're settling in for a cozy month with a fire in the fireplace and lots of books to read...consider taking a few minutes to spruce up your indoor garden. All those pretty plants that add warmth and color to your rooms may be in need of a bit of extra TLC right now.

So, here are four suggestions for small tasks that will help keep your houseplants healthy and attractive. Maintaining plants indoors is similar to those tasks your outdoor plants require, only smaller in scope and time.

WATERING: As you've probably noticed, indoor plants need less water, in general. They're in pots and jars and bowls that are usually less porous and sometimes have no drainage hole at all. Be careful, if the drainage is poor, consistently wet roots may rot.

Water less but maintain humidity; you've probably been giving your plants water only once a week or so. But now, with furnace and fireplace going, you may want to moisten your houseplant by misting the leaves and even adding a humidifier—good for your skin as well as your plants.'





Humidify: If you don't have a humidifier, try some shallow dishes or bowls layered with tiny pebbles or glass drops. Add water to cover the rocks, and cluster some of your plants in this pretty, moist climate bowl.

Avoid fertilizing your plants now. Give them time to go dormant. They'll be gathering in the spring sunlight soon enough.

REPOTTING: Now may be a good time to move some of your plants into fresh soil and larger containers. If a particular plant has been in the same pretty pot for several years, or even one year where it has flourished, the roots of that plant may be a bit cramped. Gently coax the plant out of its original pot and try to loosen and free the roots from the tired soil. Then, situate the plant in a larger pot and fresh potting soil and give the plant enough water to moisten both soil and roots. Note: Watch for tiny pests that may have hitched a ride on plants brought in from outdoors. Here's your chance to get rid of them.

CLEANING TASKS: While you're doing plant-maintenance, look around at the leaves of your houseplants. The leaves collect all that lovely sunlight; they need to be clean to do that.

Leaf Shower: Using regular tap water or some milk, sponge off the leaf surfaces with gentle strokes; hold one hand beneath each leaf for support as you remove the dust and grime that may have settled on those leaves. If the leaves are very small, try using a paintbrush instead of a sponge.

Debugging: Here's another opportunity to watch for any pests—spider mites are notorious for hanging out under the leaves of plants. Mites can usually be gotten rid of with a simple spray of water and dish soap. You may have to spray the undersides of the leaves more than once to be sure you've gotten all the mites.

Priming & pruning: Remove any scraggly or dead leaves that may be clinging to the plant. If you're courageous, you can take a sharp scissors to some of the gangly stems that may be marring the symmetry of your plant. I call it gardener's "tough love."

LIGHTING: Your plants need approximately eight hours of light each day. Since late winter tends to be rather dark and light comes from such an oblique angle, you might want to give your plants a bit of extra help with their photosynthesis now by checking that the windows are clean and/or providing some artificial light. Plants need light that provides red and blue wavelengths. The red waves encourage leaf production and growth. Blue waves affect the plant's response to light and photosynthesis. You have two options that will provide both the red and blue waves, grow lights or LED lights.

Grow Lights: Grow light bulbs are usually installed in stands that focus the light down onto the plants below. Some provide a balanced light spectrum while others give only red or blue waves. Be sure you have a full-spectrum grow light bulb, such as a fluorescent tube, a High-Intensity Discharge bulb (HD), or High-Pressure Sodium bulb (HPS). Grow lights give off heat—the good news, they'll help keep plants warm if you have a chilly house. The bad news is they can burn plant leaves if the plant grows too near the bulb.

LED Lights: LED lights are more expensive to purchase, but they require less energy to use (and you may need them on up to eight hours/day), and the bulbs last longer. LED lights are very efficient, converting 80 percent of the energy they use into light. They burn cool, so they won't burn your plants.

After completing these four tasks, your houseplants will thank you by continuing to splash color and freshness throughout your winter rooms.





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Sublime Suburbia in Davidsonville

By Lisa J. Gotto | Photography by Nima Mohammadi

This immaculate home located on two lush acres in Davidsonville exudes a modern style all its own. Built in 2013, this home is a standout for its exceptional architectural design and clever use of materials and finishes.

It is obvious upon entering the driveway that no detail in this home was left to chance, including its situation on a wooded lot set back from the road allowing for tranquility and optimal privacy.

Once inside, you are treated to a sleek, contemporary floor plan with superior flow from room to room, all with modern picture windows that allow for copious amounts of natural light throughout. The gallery-like foyer leads to the living room with its wood accent wall fireplace feature that is absolutely stunning and countered on either side by up-lit recessed shelving for the display of art and other treasures. A flat screen TV hangs discreetly above the gas insert.

Gorgeous lighter hardwoods flow throughout this space and into the chic modern kitchen. Chocolate-colored custom cabinetry with accents of metal finishes and a pearlescent tile backsplash above the cooktop create abundant visual interest. A large center island with speckled, shining quartz countertop and breakfast bar seating for five, make this a prime gathering space.





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Aesthetically-pleasing lines are created by pitched ceilings and accented with a mixture of metal and glass lighting treatments.

This one-story home with partially finished basement offers three, large bedrooms. The primary bedroom features a set of glass doors for peaceful wooded views, an opulent, dual-vessel vanity, and a gorgeous, oval soaking tub that looks like a work of art. The two additional bedrooms share an equally well-appointed guest bath with dual vanity and pebble-tiled bath surround.

Downstairs there's a smart family room for unwinding, as well as a large, separate room in which a home gym can be created. This home with its forward-looking 21st century flair also comes equipped with a geo-thermal heating and cooling system, and is surrounded by meticulously landscaped grounds and a multi-level paver patio area to take in those tranquil forest greens.



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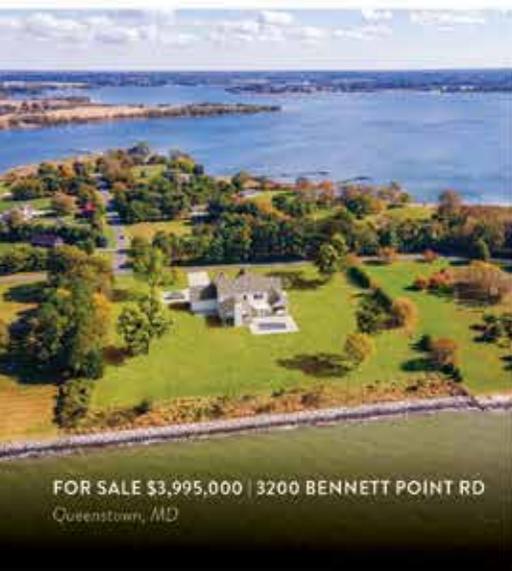
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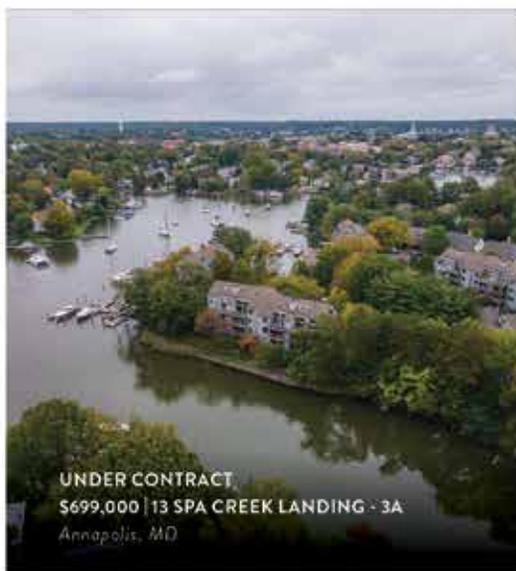
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Casual Coastal on Fishing Creek

By Lisa J. Gotto | Photography by Michele Scheiko, Real Patience

This gorgeous two-story contemporary home, located just steps from Fishing Creek, has been wonderfully renovated to take full advantage of life in the Chesapeake region.

The moment you enter, the feeling of a light, bright, water-view home envelopes you with a casual, coastal vibe. A formal dining room is located just to the left of the home's entry and a breezy hallway leads you into the open-plan, or heart-of-the-home, space with a kitchen, living, and great room combo ready for entertaining. This area spills over onto a lovely Ipe deck with custom fire pit area overlooking the water and the home's private pier. There is also a precious circular screened-in porch just off the breakfast nook.

The all-white gourmet kitchen is chock-full of goodies that cooks and hosts alike just love. Custom cabinetry, all stainless-steel appliances, gas stove, and a center island with sink and seating for three that also effortlessly overlooks the water.

An additional counter area is outfitted with all the details that make this space a host's dream with its wine fridge, cocktail glass storage, and wine storage areas. From here, it's an easy walk to the lovely screened-in porch and the home's family room area with fireplace and built-in entertainment console. Light, reconditioned hardwood floors flow throughout the home.

Just off the dining room, this home offers the convenience of a first-floor bedroom with full bath. The primary bedroom, located on the upper level is lovely and large with a separate, adjacent seating area that has the potential to be a fourth bedroom.

The primary bedroom also offers a spacious walk-in closet, and a huge bathroom with dual vanities, soaking tub, and stand-alone shower. Another bedroom, with *en suite* bath and laundry facilities, is also located on the second floor.

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Outside, mature trees and professional landscaping give the home that final polishing touch, and a large, two-bay garage is perfect for both car and boat keeping; until the new homeowners are ready to take advantage of their private pier with two boat slips, and cruise out to the waters of Fishing Creek and beyond, that is.

“Having worked with these clients in the past, it was a pleasure to move them from water access to the waterfront, in this gorgeous setting with big views of Fishing Creek,” says buyers’ agent Steven Arcé of the Mr. Waterfront Team. “I could not be happier for the new owners!”



Primary Structure Built: 2003
Sold For: \$1,500,000
Original List Price: \$1,398,000
Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 3 Full, 1 Half
Living Space: 2,496 Sq. Ft.

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Fresh Take

KALE

By Dylan Roche

Even though kale goes back thousands of years in human history, it hasn't always been as popular as it has been lately. In fact, before the kale craze that kicked off in 2013, the biggest consumer of kale in the United States was allegedly a certain chain pizza restaurant that would use the leaves to garnish its salad bar—in other words, it wasn't even serving kale as a food.

But then health enthusiasts wised up to how much good kale can do for the body, and for nearly a decade, kale has been lauded as a “superfood” in some dietary circles because of its rich concentration of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants.

Although kale looks like a leaf, it's botanically considered a cruciferous vegetable, putting it in the same category as Brussels sprouts and broccoli. Because it is resistant to frost, it's a popular choice in winter cooking. It will also retain its texture well when it's cooked, so kale can be served steamed or roasted just as well as it can be served raw and as the base of a salad. Its distinctive taste works well when it's combined with savory or salty flavors, but it benefits from a hint of sweetness, which is why kale will sometimes be paired with berries in a salad or blended into a fruit smoothie.

A 1-cup serving of kale has fewer than 50 calories, but it's dense with nutrients, most notably vitamin A for healthy vision and immune system and vitamin K for blood clotting. Kale is also known for being a source of calcium for strong bones, potassium for fluid balance, and vitamin B16 for brain and nerve health. And of course, as you might expect from cruciferous vegetables, it's full of fiber, which is great for lowering cholesterol, improving digestion, and helping you maintain a healthy weight.



Kale Pizza

1 pound prepared pizza dough
2 cups low-moisture, part-skim mozzarella
5 cups kale, washed and de-stemmed
3/4 cup olive oil (divided into 1/2 cup and 1/4 cup)
1 cup sunflower seeds
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon red pepper flakes

Prepare a kale pesto by using a high-power blender to combine 1 cup of kale with sunflower seeds, 1/4 cup olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt, and pepper. Process until smooth. Preheat oven to 500 degrees F. Roll the pizza dough out along a parchment-lined baking sheet to about a 1/4-inch thickness. Spread the top with the kale pesto and sprinkle generously with mozzarella cheese. In a medium-sized bowl, combine the kale with 3/4 cup olive oil and stir so the leaves are evenly coated. Spread the kale over the top of the pizza and finish off with a red pepper flakes. Bake for approximately 10 minutes or until the cheese has melted and turned bubbly. Remove from the oven and allow to cool slightly before serving.

If you're shopping for kale at the grocery store or farmers' market, you'll likely encounter several different varieties. Curly kale is marked by its ruffles, and it has a strong peppery flavor. Russian kale, on the other hand, has a slightly sweeter taste and is marked by its reddish-purple color. If you want a kale that has very little bitterness but a firm texture, go for dinosaur kale, which gets its name from the way the texture of its leaves look like dinosaur hide.

No matter what type of kale you're going for, you should take care to avoid any wilted or brown pieces, as well as any leaves that have yellowing. Kale should always be firm and dry rather than wilted or mushy. When you get the kale home, hold off on washing it until you're ready to use it. Keep it in the fridge in a loosely wrapped container for up to a week.

If you're ready to go above and beyond using kale as a salad base, the easiest (and maybe tastiest) prep method you can try is making kale chips. But after that, feel free to get creative with some kale dishes that will truly impress your dinner guests this winter:

Kale Chips

About 5 cups of kale, washed and de-stemmed
1/4 cup olive oil
1 tablespoon salt

Toss the kale with olive oil and sprinkle with salt. On a

foil-lined baking sheet, spread the oiled kale out so that it's even and not overlapping. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. Bake for approximately 20 minutes or until the kale is nice and crisp. Remove the baking sheet from the oven and allow the kale to cool completely before serving.



Kale and Butternut Squash Casserole

About 5 cups of kale, washed, de-stemmed, and shredded
 1 butternut squash, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch cubes
 1/4 cup olive oil
 1/4 cup butter
 1 onion, diced
 4 cloves garlic, minced
 1 cup heavy cream
 1/2 cup goat cheese
 1/2 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese
 3 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 1 cup breadcrumbs

Preheat oven to 400 F. Heat olive oil in a frying pan over medium heat and slowly add kale, tossing to coat evenly. Allow to cook approximately 5-7 minutes until tender. Remove from the heat and allow to cool. In a large pot, bring water to a rolling boil and add butternut squash. Boil for approximately 3-5 minutes or until soft. Remove from the heat and drain. Return the pot to medium heat and melt the butter. Add garlic, onion, salt, and pepper, followed by the kale, squash, heavy cream, and goat cheese. Stir to combine; then stir in nutmeg, salt, pepper, and parsley. Reduce heat to medium and allow to cook until mixture thickens. Transfer the mixture to a 9-inch square casserole dish and top with breadcrumbs and parmesan. Bake for 20-25 minutes until a golden-brown crust forms over the top of the casserole. Serve immediately.



What Exactly are Dermal Fillers?

By Dylan Roche

Not every cosmetic procedure has to be invasive—plenty of specialists are able to help patients achieve a more youthful appearance (and in turn, greater confidence) through simple noninvasive methods. One such example is dermal fillers.

The American Society for Plastic Surgeons explains that wrinkles form across the face because our tissue thins with age, but by injecting a gel-like substance under the skin, this procedure can compensate for the lost volume and smooth out the lines. Although dermal fillers won't achieve the same effects as more complicated procedures like a facelift, they are a short-term solution that many patients find to be more affordable and more comfortable.

Each dermal fill will look slightly different based on what substance the dermatologist or cosmetic surgeon is injecting. The American Board of Cosmetic Surgery explains that different fillers are best suited for specific purposes. Take hyaluronic acid as an example. This is the most commonly used filler, and

it's actually a naturally occurring substance in your own skin. Hyaluronic acid can be used for filling in acne scars, smoothing over the cheeks, or reducing lines around the eyes and mouth.

Another common injection option is the patient's own body fat. In the case of fat injections, the surgeon will remove fat from a person's abdomen or buttocks and then inject the fat into the person's face. This option does pose some small risk, as it could produce discomfort in the area where the fat is sourced (commonly called the donor area).

If you're considering dermal fillers, Harvard Medical School recommends seeking out an experienced, board-certified professional who can offer you guidance as to what type of filler you need to achieve your personal goals, as well as what you can expect in terms of results afterward. To find a professional who is certified by the American Board of Cosmetic Surgery, visit americanboardcosmeticsurgery.org/find-a-cosmetic-surgeon-near-you.

Fitness Tips

HOW TO PROPERLY USE THE SLED PUSH

By Dylan Roche

Don't worry—the sled push at your local fitness center only *looks* intimidating. But once you've mastered your proper form and learned all the ways you can use this piece of equipment, you'll quickly realize that it's a great tool for a full-body workout, one that's great for overall conditioning, building speed, and developing strength. Plus, it takes a lot of energy, so it's great for fat burning.

The sled push, also known as a prowler press, helps you develop what's often called **functional fitness**, the type of physical prowess you need in everyday life when you're trying to push, pull, lift, squat, or bend. For anyone who is trying to break through a fitness plateau, functional exercises like the sled push can help you challenge your body in new ways.

You don't have to be in great shape to start with a sled push—it's easily adaptable to any fitness level. You'll find that the movement of pushing it works your quads and glutes just as much as it does your abs, chest, and arms, and once you get comfortable with moving an unweighted sled, you can mix it up. Adding more weight for greater resistance will help you develop strength. On the other hand, a lighter load that you push faster will help you focus on gaining speed.

*Ready to master the push?
Here's what you should do:*

THE BASIC PUSH

Approach the sled push and take a sprinting stance, one foot in front of the other, extending your arms out in front so you can lean into the weight.

Grip the handles and press forward on the balls of your feet.

As you move the sled forward, be sure to keep your back straight and engage your entire posterior chain, which encompasses your glutes, hamstrings, calves, lats, and rear shoulder muscles).

Note: Keep your upper body at a 45-degree angle leaning downward toward the handles. The lower the handles are to the ground, the easier it will be for you to push. As you gain strength, you can raise the handles and hold your body at a 90-degree angle, giving you a greater challenge.

TO PUSH FOR STRENGTH: Determine your maximum load by adding weight to the sled. Your maximum should fully fatigue you within 10 yards. Use your own weight as a starting point and adjust accordingly. Use three-quarters your maximum weight and push for 10 yards, followed by 1 minute of rest. Repeat 4 times.

TO PUSH FOR SPEED: Load the sled with one-quarter your maximum load and push for 20 yards as fast as you can. Rest for 1 minute and repeat 4 times.

TO REALLY TEST YOURSELF: Set a timer for five minutes. Begin by pushing an unweighted sled for approximately 20 yards and back. Add weight to the sled and repeat. Keep running the full 20 yards and adding more weight until time is up or you reach fatigue. Starting with a lower weight and gradually increasing will help you develop endurance, strength, and hypertrophy with the same workout. As you progress, you can perform this routine with a greater starting weight.



Is Breakfast *Really* The Most Important Meal of the Day?

By Dylan Roche

"It's the most important meal of the day!"

How many of us have heard this adage about breakfast? Generations have hailed a morning meal as a great way to start your day, ensuring that you face whatever life throws at you with plenty of sustained energy.

But how much science is there to actually support this notion? As it turns out, there *are* good reasons to eat breakfast—and you *should* make a point of doing it. But if you're still adamant about waiting a few hours to eat, it likely won't be the end of the world.

Why You Need Breakfast

Think of the word *breakfast*: It refers to the fact that you're breaking the fast you've been sustaining since the night before, whether the last thing you ate was dinner or a late-evening snack. It's likely

been anywhere from eight to 12 hours since you ate, and during that time of fasting, you've depleted the glucose your body has made from digested carbohydrates and prefers to use for energy. Your liver has likely broken down any glucose stored in the form of glycogen. You need to replenish your stores if you're going to have energy—especially mental energy, as your brain relies exclusively on glucose to power itself. Lack of glucose affects your ability to focus, concentrate, and even remember simple facts. This explains why children and adolescents who eat a healthy breakfast tend to do better in school.

Breakfast for Weight Management

If you're trying to lose weight, you might see cutting out breakfast as an easy way to cut back on your energy intake. After all, if your body isn't able to fuel itself with glucose, it will start burning fat stores, you think.

But studies show this isn't a successful method for weight management. Instead, skipping breakfast could have the opposite effect. Large fluctuations in your glucose levels actually inhibit your appetite control, so even though you take in fewer calories in the morning, you could overcompensate later in the day. Additionally, breakfast eaters might consume more calories early in the morning, but they also tend to burn more calories overall because they have the energy to be active.

Making Breakfast an Easier Option

The Cleveland Clinic reports that about one-fourth of Americans skip breakfast. For some, it's because they aren't hungry first thing in the morning. In this case, listening to your hunger cues will serve you better than trying to force food on yourself when you don't want it. Breakfast might still be the ideal option, but not everyone is the same—it's more important to eat well over the course of the day.

However, many people skip breakfast not because of their appetite but because they're lacking time. In this case, choose something small and dense in nutrients that you can eat on the go. Skip the breakfast pastries and other sugary convenience foods. Instead, you want a balance of carbohydrates, protein, and healthy fat that will keep you sustained.

Need some suggestions? Dietitians recommend a piece of whole-grain toast, a cup of low-fat yogurt, a handful of nuts, or a piece of fruit as great on-the-go options that will put some fuel in your body until you can find a more substantial meal.



Worth Your Salt?

DRAWBACKS OF HIGH-SODIUM DIETS

By Dylan Roche

Fun fact: In ancient times, salt was highly-prized because it was so difficult to source and so useful in preserving foods. Hence the saying that somebody is “worth their salt.”

But today, salt is a pretty cheap commodity. It’s still prevalently used in preserving and flavoring many processed foods on the market, however. And that’s a problem, as most Americans are getting way too much of it. So much, that it’s taking a toll on their health.

It almost gives different meaning to that age-old expression. Are the drawbacks of high-sodium diets really worth all the salt that manufacturers are using in our foods?

GROWING AWARENESS OF TOO MUCH SALT

In fall 2021, the Food and Drug Administration released new sodium guidelines with the hopes of getting Americans to cut the average sodium consumption 12 percent by the year 2024. That’s because Americans consume about 3,400 milligrams of sodium a day, much higher than the maximum recommended 2,300 milligrams. This excess of sodium leads to hypertension, heart disease, and kidney damage.

But these guidelines released by the FDA aren’t for individual consumers as much as they are for the manufacturers. That’s because, as the FDA points out, about 70 percent of the sodium that Americans consume is coming from packaged and prepared foods. In other words, people aren’t consuming too much sodium because they’re overusing the salt shaker—it’s because much of what they’re buying in the grocery store is too high in salt.

The worst offenders? According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the foods with the highest sodium content include deli meats, pizza, canned soups, burgers, egg dishes, poultry, pasta mixed dishes, and savory snacks like chips and crackers. But don’t use taste alone as an indicator: there are plenty of foods on the market that don’t taste salty at all, but they still have high levels of sodium. Breakfast cereal tends to be a noteworthy culprit in this regard. A one-cup serving of Frosted Flakes has about 191 milligrams of sodium, and a one-cup serving of Lucky Charms has 233 milligrams.

According to the FDA, this is why the new regulations are putting the pressure on food manufacturers. People can only make so many adjustments to their behavior. Until food manufacturers start reducing the sodium content of their foods, Americans will likely continue to have high-sodium diets.

IS THERE ANY BENEFIT TO SODIUM?

Of course, sodium isn’t all bad. Your body needs it to contract and relax your muscles. This is why athletes will sometimes suffer cramps if they’ve lost too much salt through heavy sweating. Sodium is also important for conducting nerve impulses.



However, most people need only about 500 milligrams of sodium a day. The American Heart Association states it’s very unlikely that anyone will be sodium deficient, especially because healthy kidneys retain much of the sodium that your body needs. The only people who likely need to be diligent about getting enough sodium are those who lose too much of it through heavy sweating—competitive athletes or laborers exposed to high-heat working conditions, for example.

HOW EXCESS SODIUM HURTS US

Sodium is important for fluid in your body because sodium attracts water. So, when too much water gets drawn into your bloodstream, it increases your blood pressure. When your blood pressure is higher in the long term, this leads to hypertension, also known as high blood pressure. The enormous force of the increased blood volume in your veins forces your heart to work harder to pump it around the body, thus increasing your risk of a heart attack or a stroke.

BALANCING YOUR DIET

Until food manufacturers start adapting their recipes to a more sodium-conscious world, it’s up to consumers to be diligent in making good choices. Read the nutrition facts on all packaged foods to see how high the sodium content is.

It’s also important to remember that although salt is a prominent source of sodium, they are not the same thing. Sodium is a mineral, whereas salt is a compound that’s taken from nature, such as from a salt mine or from the sea.

In addition to salt, sodium can be found in other food additives, such as MSG, baking soda, or sodium nitrate. Conversely, salt might contain other minerals besides sodium—some salt varieties might have zinc or iron, though the amount will be too negligible to really be considered a nutritional benefit.

Although sea salt has gained a reputation for being healthier, it’s not any better or worse for you than traditional salt; however, the larger salt granules you get with flaky sea salt might provide a more vivid burst of flavor, so you’ll be inclined to use less of it.

The better dietary adjustment to make, aside from decreasing your intake of processed food, is to increase your intake of potassium. Because potassium is a mineral that helps relax blood vessels (and in turn, decreases blood pressure) and excrete sodium from your system, it has the potential to offset the negative effects of a high-sodium diet. Unfortunately, too many American diets lack the proper amount of potassium. Bananas get all the glory when people think of potassium sources, but plenty of other foods have potassium as well—oranges, cantaloupe, sweet potatoes, apricots, leafy greens (like spinach), dried fruit (like raisins and dates), pumpkin, and mushrooms.

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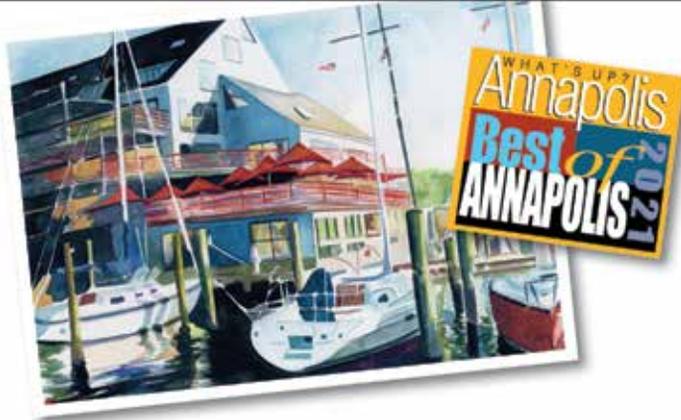
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By Kelsey Casselbury

New and Improved

It might still be chilly outside, but when has that ever mattered when it comes to ice cream? **Always Ice Cream** has opened a new location in Edgewater (to join their Main Street Annapolis and West Annapolis parlors). The store, located in South River Colony, is open daily at noon. The flavors change regularly, but you might see options such as Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Rise Up Coffee, or Peanut Butter Oreo. **129 Mitchells Chance Road, Edgewater | alwayssicecreamcompany.com**

If you haven't been to **Flamant** in Annapolis recently, it might seem a little different next time you pop by. In mid-January, the restaurant closed for a refresh, reopening as **Flamant Bistro** with an expanded menu and lower price points. With its new focus, the restaurant offers "a very accessible restaurant for families, and not just for special occasions anymore," Chef Frederik De Pue told Baltimore Business Journal. **17 Annapolis Street, Annapolis | flamantmd.com**

Do you want to play a game? **GameOn Bar + Arcade** is scheduled to open early this month on West Street in Annapolis in the former location of Chesapeake Brewing Company, which closed in 2020. The

space will feature classic arcade games, plus basketball, skee-ball, and pinball machines, along with a full bar and a menu showcasing food truck-inspired dishes. It will be a new life for the brick building, which was built in 1908 and once was home to a fire station. **114 West Street, Annapolis | gameonbararcade.com**

Over on the Eastern Shore, **Yo Java Bowl Cafe** has transitioned from an express food truck to a full cafe in Chester, where Bada Bean Coffee Shop was previously. The restaurant, which is open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., offers sandwiches, salads, soups, breakfast items, coffee (from Rise Up) and smoothies. **800-B Abruzzi Drive, Chester | yovabowl.wixsite.com/website**

The End of an Era

If you, like so many Marylanders, grew up vacationing in Ocean City, you might feel a little nostalgic with this next news: **Phillips Crab House** has closed its Philadelphia Avenue restaurant for good. The eatery welcomed visitors for more than 65 years, but the property will be sold, the Phillips family announced on social media. Phillips has one traditional full-service location left, located on East Pratt Street in Power Plant Live in Baltimore, as well as a spot at BWI Airport.



Don't Forget

Annapolis Restaurant Week is scheduled for February 26–March 2, 2022. Although participating restaurants hadn't been published as of press time, there's bound to be some fabulous deals on prix fixe two-course breakfasts and lunches and three-course dinners. | downtoanannapolispartnership.org/annapolis-restaurant-week

And **Stews & Brews**, otherwise known as the Easton Beer Fest, is planned for February 19 at the Easton Volunteer Fire Department. The festival has become the season's destination for great beer and a great time. Stews & Brews will feature 25 craft brewers, wineries, and distillers, with unlimited tastings. Ten restaurant/caterers will offer samplings of stews to festival goers. A tasting glass and stew sampling is included with your ticket. Food only (non-drinking) tickets are also available. Restaurants/caterers will have small plates for sale as well. | facebook.com/EastonBeerFest

From the Bar: *Feel the Heat*

The average temperature in February in Maryland doesn't even hit 45F (it's 44.8F, in case you're wondering), which generally means we're finding ways to stay warm. Enter the hot toddy, a surefire way to ward off a chill.

This hot beverage originated centuries ago in India, but as the British Empire was wont to do, they took the drink and claimed it as their own. Hot toddies are purported to be a remedy for the common cold, but that might just be wishful thinking (though it's never a bad idea to sip on hot fluids when you're feeling under the weather).

Varieties abound, but hot toddies typically consist of hot water, some form of whiskey, honey and lemon, with some warming spices such as ginger and cinnamon in for good measure. Some people like to substitute hot tea for water—whatever sounds good to you sounds good to us. If you want to really mix things up, try out this version that uses Fishers Island Lemonade as a base.



Hot Lemon Toddy

Serves 1

- 6 ounces Fishers Island Lemonade Original
- 1 ounce whiskey
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- Lemon slice

Simmer the lemonade and cinnamon in a saucepan. Remove the cinnamon stick and pour into glass. Add a 1-ounce floater of whiskey. Garnish with a cinnamon stick and lemon wheel.

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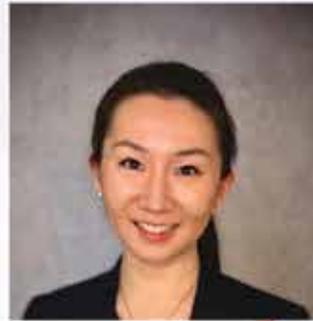
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