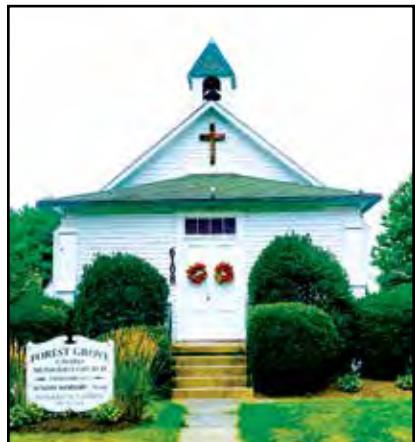


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Willard Development Clears Major Hurdle

By Link Hoewing

On July 18, the commissioners of the Town of Poolesville gave unanimous approval (with Commissioner Martin Radigan not in attendance) to a proposed water and sewer allocation for the Willard Property. The Planning Commission had given its approval to the preliminary site plan (adjacent to Whalen Commons) for the development in May. Even with this approval, substantial work and negotiations remain between the Willards and the Planning Commission, as well as the county, before any work can be done on the development. Even so, the letter from the representatives of the Willards suggests that a complete buildout of the development is projected to occur in 2025.

James Clifford, the attorney representing the Willards, explained that the family is seeking to build sixty-two single-family homes on the property and to retain the existing home the

Willards have owned for decades, across from the Poolesville Post Office. He noted that while it is too early to project how much the new homes might cost, the family is committed to its vision of building affordable, small homes that have a total footprint of between 1,200 and 2,000 square feet. This approach reflects the input the Willards have received from the public. While he did not focus on it in his comments, the plan for the development includes substantial public improvements, including a much safer pedestrian pathway along the northern side of Fisher Avenue, a new parking lot for the John Poole House, water gardens and extensive green spaces, and improvements to the road frontage in compliance with the town's Streetscape Plan.

Town Attorney Jay Gullo said that the water and sewer allocation request

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White's Ferry Moves to Next Stage Of Discussions

With discussions at the county level at an impasse, the owner of White's Ferry, Chuck Kuhn, is moving to convene a meeting with state officials in both Maryland and Virginia. Specifically, he plans to bring together representatives from each Governor's Office from Virginia and Maryland and to include participants from each state's Department of Transportation. Senator Brian Feldman and Del. Andrew Friedson are assisting in getting the Maryland side in discussion with their Virginia counterparts. It is hoped that the prospect of eminent domain, an apparent non-starter in Loudoun County, may get better acceptance and obtain its due consideration at the state level. The date for the anticipated meeting has not been set.

Sean Paul Davis, 1989 PHS Graduate, Promoted to Brigadier General

By Rande Davis

On July 7, Sean Paul Davis, a 1989 graduate of PHS, was promoted to brigadier general in the U.S. Army. The ceremony was held at the Defense Logistics Agency Headquarters at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Davis is the son of Poolesville's Rande and Laura Davis and the son-in-law of Rear Adm. Gary Hartz (retired-U.S. Public Health Service) and Janet Hartz.

The event was hosted by four-star Gen. Edward M. Daly. He is the commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command. In this capacity, he is the leader of the day-to-day operations of the army's logistics enterprise. The swearing of the oath of office was administered by Rear Admiral Hartz.

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Gen. Edward M. Daly made Camille Davis an honorary major general so that she would "out-rank" her husband, Sean P. Davis, who was promoted to brigadier general.

Family Album

Pretty in pink patriots!



The annual fireworks display is the result of the great effort of the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department.



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Jeff Eck with his friend Lizzie, waiting for the big show!



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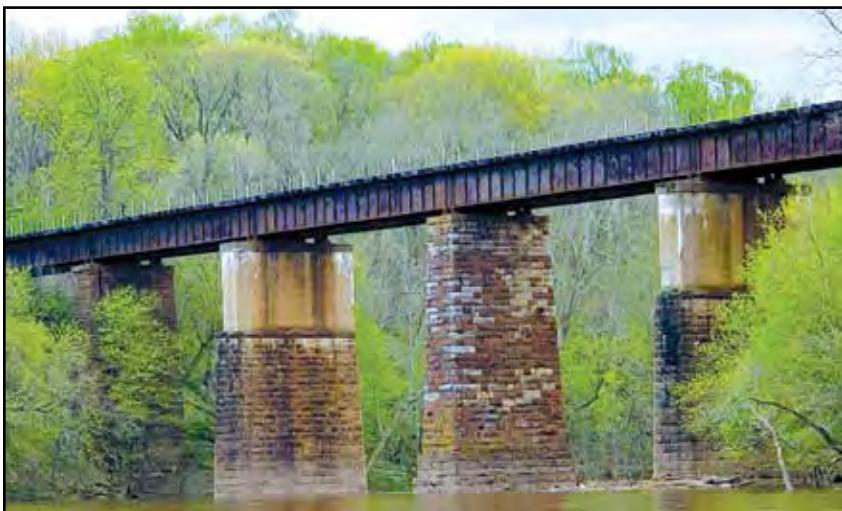
McGill Belt: 'A Man above Reproach'

By Jon Wolz

Part One of Three

In a recent story about Dr. Belt Road that focused on Dr. Norvell Belt, I mentioned Dr. Belt's uncle, McGill Belt. Norvell often shared stories about McGill to Jon Mullen. Norvell said that Uncle McGill was "a man above reproach." Jon Mullen, who resides at Rock Hall, told me that his neighbor Norvell always spoke fondly of his uncle McGill. Norvell spent his time off from school and—as an adult—a lot of his free time at Rock Hall. Norvell said he helped Uncle McGill with projects around Rock Hall, including building the two-car garage that still stands and replacing the stone walkway with concrete that leads to the front door of the house. That walkway is surrounded by very old boxwoods. I became curious about McGill Belt and wanted to learn more about "a man above reproach." What I learned about him is remarkably interesting.

McGill, a well-known farmer in Frederick County and Dickerson, experienced family tragedies and had many happy experiences during his lifetime. McGill's father, John Lloyd Belt, went by his middle name, "Lloyd." Lloyd was the son of Dr. Alfred Belt and his wife Charlotte Trundle Belt. Alfred and Elizabeth lived at Rock Hill Farm in Loudoun County, Virginia. In 1836, Alfred bought from the estate of Joseph Johnson, located along the Monocacy River, a property known as Mt. Pisgah that included a large home constructed of stone quarried nearby. Alfred changed the name of the home to Rock Hall. In 1795, Frances Deakins had sold Mt. Pisgah to Roger Johnson who was the father of Joseph Johnson. This land had been one of several properties in Frederick and Montgomery Counties that had been confiscated by the Federal Government from the Tories.



The stones for this railroad bridge over the Monocacy River, upriver from the Monocacy Aqueduct, were quarried at the Rock Hall quarries in the 1870s.

In 1812, Roger Johnson built the large stone home that remains standing today. By 1839, Dr. Alfred Belt had given the property to his son Lloyd. In the 1840 census, Lloyd was a farmer at Rock Hall, and living with him were five enslaved persons. In 1845, John married Sarah Eleanor McGill. McGill was born in 1856 to John Lloyd and Sarah Eleanor McGill Belt. He was the eighth of ten children born to John and Sarah and was one of four boys. All of the Belt children were born at Rock Hall. McGill outlived his parents and all but two siblings. Most of the Belts died at Rock Hall. Jon Mullen told me ghosts have visited Rock Hall occasionally in the time he has lived there. He said the ghost was a woman and small. The Belts were not tall people. John has been at Rock Hall since 1975.

McGill and his family lived through the occupation of Union troops of Rock Hall and their lands during the Civil War. After the war, in the 1870 census, at the age of thirteen, McGill's occupation was "farm laborer." He attended school along with his fifteen-year-old sister Sarah, his eleven-year-old sister Julia, and his nine-year-old brother Edward. McGill had an older brother John who was twenty-two and "worked on farm" as an occupation. His father Lloyd Belt was a farmer, and his mother Sarah was listed as "keeping house."

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Rande(m) Thoughts Something Better Than Fulfilling Your Dreams

By Rande Davis

My commentary on the news of the day as presented on our front page has become the rule of thumb as a source of opinion in my column, Rande(m) Thoughts. My comments are as much observations as they are opinions—a desire to put things into perspective.

While almost always on matters I feel strongly about, it is unusual, as it is this time, that my comments will be on such a personal and passionate subject matter for me. After all, it is a very rare thing for a man to watch as his son becomes a general in the U.S. Army. It is, for sure, a moving and humbling honor for such a thing to happen.

His mother and I, along with his sisters, watched Sean's remarkable military career blossom from one assignment to another—at times, difficult to watch, especially during those years when he moved from one war zone to another. For those of us family members with inside seats to his career, it didn't surprise us that he was promoted to general.

As to his ability and talent, there was never any doubt in our minds. Such confidence is what parents are for; however, we are knowledgeable enough about the process in achieving a position as a general officer to understand there are many tripwires and trick bags in his path along the way, out of his control, that could have prevented his advancement to general.

There were so many telltale signs of his leadership abilities. Sean was selected as president of his senior class in high school. In this role, he represented PHS at county board meetings and pursued recognition of PHS as a special educational institution demanding equal resources and acknowledgement as the down county schools. This was done at a time when county educational administrators mocked

Poolesville as a lesser school out in the boondocks.

His leadership shone brightly in college. After transferring to VMI from Valley Forge Military Academy, he was still expected to go through the traditional freshman class experience of stress and pressure, what is referred to as the Rat Line—even though he had already received an army officers commission after VFMA. While a rat during the week, Sean was an officer in the U.S. Army on weekends in the Virginia National Guard. They nicknamed him LT, and he handled this unique situation so well, he was selected as Brother Rat of the Class. When your peers select you for leadership, it is a most pure example of leadership skill.

As parents, we sweated with him throughout his five years and seven months of combat in Afghanistan and Iraq. While that was difficult, we are grateful for so many friends who put up with us talking about him to help us handle the stress of his deployment. While I could easily talk about him over the years without choking up, it was talking about his wife, Camille, that would nearly always bring me to tears. Her courage and strength were a wonder to see. She was the perfect partner to the man who would one day become a general.

When they married, he chose me to be his best man. In my toast, I noted that, at forty-six years of age, I still had a lot of growing up to do, but when I did, I wanted to be just like him.

At his recent celebration of his promotion, I toasted him again, marveling at how wonderful it is to watch one's son reach a career pinnacle. When someone achieves that, it would be expected for that person to think to oneself, "It doesn't get better than this." While that's certainly true, I can think of one thing that is even better than becoming a general. That one thing is becoming the father of a general. The fulfillment of the dreams of our children is always more joyous than reaching one's own dreams. After his mother and I pinned his first star to his uniform, I became the first person to salute him in his new rank. I can attest: It doesn't get better than that.

Fun Fact...

Scan the code to watch the FOX 5 coverage of the Poolesville July 4 Fireworks!



Garden

Weeds: Hate Them Or Leave Them?

By Maureen O'Connell

*What would the world be, once bereft
Of wet and wildness? Let them be left
O let them be left, wildness and wet;
Long live the weeds and the wilderness yet.*

—Gerard Manley Hopkins,
"Inversnaid" 1881

For this past Christmas, I received as a gift from my daughter Christine the book, *Wilding*, by Isabella Tree. Published in 2018 in the U.K., it was selected by the *Times* (of London) in the category of Books of the Year. It is the moving story of Isabella Tree and her husband Charlie Burrell's 3,500-acre farm at Knapp in West Sussex, England. While the intensive farming of its heavy clay soils drove them close to bankruptcy, they took a leap of faith and handed the land back to nature. "With minimal human intervention, and with herds of free-roaming animals stimulating new habitats, their land is now teeming with life." Their project has become a leading light for conservation in the U.K. This timely and important book should be read by

anyone who is interested in how we share the planet. Its 360 pages cover many topics that were a part of their efforts to let nature back into their farm landscape. One of the topics was "weeds": Are they good or bad for the environment?

Weeds are a reality for all gardeners. You may or may not agree with me, but weeds get a bad rap. They are not always the villain! It is all in the eyes of the beholder. I will admit that bindweed is a very unwelcome plant in my flower beds. Its rapid-growing stems wind themselves around plants and quite literally strangle our desired plants. It is not a weed that you can control by hand pulling, unless you devote every day to the task. The recommended control has been glyphosate, which is the main ingredient in Roundup. I do not use this non-selective herbicide. (A topic for a future article is the recent Roundup lawsuits successes and the EPA's denial of its cancer-causing properties.)

Today, let's rethink weeds; they are not all created equally. They could very well be the best thing to happen to your soil and a plus for insects, birds, and animals. Many horticulturists believe that if you have lots of weeds, it is a sign that your garden soil needs some help. Hard to believe?

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Speelman Gets Lifetime Achievement Award

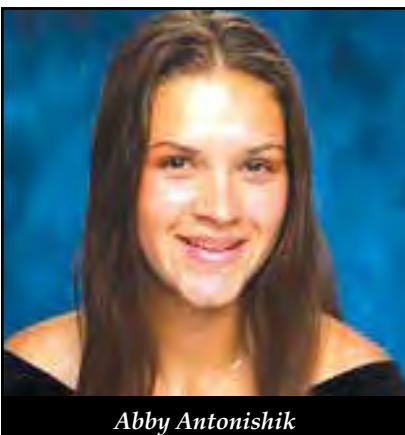
Congratulations to Poolesville Hardware's John Speelman upon receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) this past June. The award came with gratitude for his service to the organization and its members and the entire drag racing fraternity.



John Speelman received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the NHRA.

Since it was founded by Wally Parks in 1951, NHRA has been dedicated to safety while providing millions of racing fans with the fastest and most spectacular form of entertainment on wheels. Parks initially started NHRA as a means of getting hot-rodders off the streets and onto legal drag strips. Since those early days, NHRA has evolved into the largest promoter of professional drag racing in the world.

Perkins Award Winners



Abby Antonishik



Caroline Simons

Each year, the Poolesville High School Booster Club awards \$1,000.00 scholarships to two deserving student-athletes in memory of PHS alumnus and Booster Club president, Jake Perkins. Jake was the Voice of the Indians at the public address system during home football games and was the chairman of the Poolesville Day Committee for quite a few years. Award recipients are chosen based on their community involvement, school commitment, athletic involvement, and scholarship. Congratulations to this year's Jake Perkins Memorial Scholarship recipients: Abby Antonishik and Caroline Simons.

Aqueduct Gets Needed Repairs

The C&O Canal National Historical Park's maintenance staff have completed installing 516 feet of new mule kickboards at the Monocacy Aqueduct. Staff workers, Aaron Wieland and Matt Reen, labored in the heat and bright sun, and

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Senior News

Poolesville Seniors Presents Virtual and In-Person Programs

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July 28

Sheep to Shawl

Join Barnesville's Dalis Davidson of Dancing Leaf Farm for a colorful presentation of how she uses raw fleece from her sheep to make wearable articles of clothing. Dalis will demonstrate how she hand-dyes her yarn. She'll highlight various finished products from knitted and felted shawls to her beautiful landscapes "painted" with wool. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

August 4

Culinary History of Montgomery County

Join authors Claudia Kousoulas and Ellen Letourneau for their interpretation of the history of the Ag Reserve and Montgomery County and the effects of that history on the culinary legacy of the area. From the earliest Native Americans to European farmers to the Quakers and even the Marriott Corporation, our history has shaped our culinary tastes. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

August 15

PS Book Club

Join the PS Book Club for a thoughtful discussion of the August Book Club Selection: *The Glass Hotel* by Emily St. John Mandel. The award-winning author of *Station Eleven*, brings us an exhilarating novel set at the glittering

intersection of two seemingly disparate events: a massive Ponzi scheme collapse and the mysterious disappearance of a woman from a ship at sea. It is a novel with themes of human fallibility, guilt and complicity, and wealth, greed, and happiness.

Weekly Events

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Outdoor Pickle Ball. Stevens Park. 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Mondays

Tai-Chi with Maureen Ivisic. 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Virtual.

Tuesdays

Bridge: Beginner review or intermediate bridge play. Eight spaces only. Registration required. *Speer Hall*. 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Independent or supervised bridge play. Registration required. *Speer Hall*. 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

Chair Yoga with Twyla Insalaco. Resumes in September. No summer classes.

Zumba Gold with Karen McPhatter. 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Virtual.

Trivia Game Night

If you love Trivia, come join a team with Poolesville Seniors. For more information, email info@poolesvilleseniors.org. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

Thursdays

Pickleball Ladder Play. The current Ladder Play session with players grouped, according to their ranking based on their win/loss record, will run from June 23–July 28. *Stevens Park*. 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Mahjong with Joyce Kral. Beginner and seasoned players are welcome. *Poolesville Presbyterian Church's Speer Hall*. 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

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Notice is hereby given

That the following vessel has apparently been abandoned for 180 days at 14915 Partnership Road in Poolesville. The vessel is described as: hull number US-RGMBM613F607, a white and blue Regal 1900, 19 feet in length vessel, as well as the associated trailer, ID number 40ZAB19196P010405. Application for title will be made in accordance with Section 8-722 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article if this vessel is not claimed and removed from the above property within 30 days of this notice.

Contact Adam Smith by phone or text at 912-659-6125.

Town Accepting Bids on Old Thrift Shop

Sealed Bids for the property described below will be received at **Poolesville Town Hall, 19721 Beall Street, P.O. Box 158, Poolesville Maryland 20837** until 1:00 PM, Friday, July 29, 2022, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.



Property Description: Parcel 657 consisting of approximately .62 of an acre, zoned commercial includes a 1 ½ story brick structure constructed around 1830. See attached Exhibit A for legal description. Its original use was a church. During the Civil War, it was used as a hospital. In 1995 an archeological study was conducted and at least 21 graves were identified around the structure.

Condition: The structure is believed to be structurally sound, however, the Town makes no representations or warranties as to the condition of the building. Attached is a copy of the report performed by the Town related to the condition of the building. The building will require interior and exterior renovations depending on the use.

Burial site disclosure and documents: The Town makes no representation or warranties as to the condition of the property and the proposed uses and requirements for use of the property. As stated, the property contains known burial sites, and could contain additional sites. The Town makes no representations and will retain no liability or responsibility for such grave sites. Potential bidder shall be responsible for all cost and compliance with all laws and regulations pertaining to burial sites and graves. Attached is a copy of the report(s) in the possession of the Town related to prior property study.

Terms and Conditions: The Town will require that protective covenants be included in the deed of transfer to protect the historical nature of the property. Said protective covenants are attached hereto.

The Town will require the successful bidder to execute a Right of First Refusal, attached, to be recorded in first position immediately following the recordation of the deed of transfer, giving the Town the right of first refusal of the property.

The Town will be retaining a utility easement on the property which will be recorded prior to the transfer of the property. A copy of the easement is attached along with the easement plat.

Bids shall include a description of the proposed use for the property.

Bids shall be evaluated on proposed use, community benefit, and bid price.

A deposit of \$5,000 in the form of cash, certified check or cashier's check must be submitted with each bid. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by cash, certified check or cashier's check at settlement, which shall be 30 days after the acceptance of the most responsive bid by the Commissioners of Poolesville. Deposits of all unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded.

Title examination, conveyance, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, recordation charges, title insurance and other costs incident to the settlement are to be paid by the purchaser(s). If the purchaser(s) fail to comply with these terms of sale, the Commissioners may declare the deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser(s). In such event, the defaulting purchaser(s) shall be liable for the payment of any deficiencies plus all costs and expenses of the sale.

The Commissioners of Poolesville reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Visit poolesvillemd.gov for the full bid package.

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Tidbits

they toiled in the rain. The boards and mounts are made of black cedar which is more durable than the pressure-treated pine that had been in place since 2005 when the aqueduct was restored. The old boards deteriorated where they had rotted away or were deteriorating rapidly. Boards like these were once in place on all of the C&O Canal's eleven aqueducts when the canal was operating. They were installed to keep mules and people on the towpath from falling into the water of the aqueducts. Mule kickboards are now in place for the three restored aqueducts, including the Monocacy, Catoctin Creek, and the Conococheague Aqueducts. Poolesville's Jon Wolz was the champion for this project, requesting and obtaining the park's commitment to this project. He also requested and obtained funding for materials for the project from the C&O Canal Association.

Youth Babe Ruth Champs

Congratulations to the Babe Ruth 12+ League champs, the local team, the Attack, on winning the state baseball championship.



State baseball champions.

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Senior News

Fridays

Breath-Mind-Body with Kathy Jankowski. Please register for each Friday class. 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Virtual.

For more information or to register for any of the programs listed here and receive the Zoom link for each, visit the Poolesville Seniors website: poolesvilleseniors.org. Many of these presentations are also streamed live on their Facebook page and recorded for later viewing on YouTube. Did you know that you don't need a computer to participate? You can join the Zoom presentation using your smartphone or just listen in using the local telephone number from Zoom and the Poolesville Seniors meeting ID and Password. Call or text them at 301-875-7701 to learn how.



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'Lights Out' Shooting Helps Falcons Bring Home Force One Spring Championship

By Jeff Stuart

With sharp shooting and stout defense, the Falcons' entry in the Force One Spring Basketball League secured a commanding victory against the KOA Elite Team, 53-43, winning the American Conference Senior Division Championship on June 12 at Parkdale High School. Team members, rising juniors and seniors from the Poolesville High School (PHS) basketball program, were Evan Raines, Joe Royal, Jack Feys, Andrew Jauch, Abhi Cheerla, Josh Kim, Jackson Hartke, Preston Krueger, Ryan Griffith, Jack Loftus, and Carson Smith. Royal and Hartke were named the game's co-MVPs. The Poolesville squad was coached by Rod Ruiz and Ian Devine, both Montgomery County high school graduates now attending Georgetown University.

"It's been a long time since Poolesville has brought home one of these trophies," said BJ DeBuchananne, varsity basketball head coach at PHS who was on hand to watch the championship game. "It's great to see these kids putting in the work now, so we're ready next year when the season starts."



Coach Ian Devine, Joe Royal, Evan Raines, Carson Smith, Preston Krueger, Jack Loftus, Jackson Hartke, Jack Feys, Abhi Cheerla, Josh Kim, and Coach Rod Ruiz.

The Force One 2022 Spring League attracts dozens of travel and AAU teams stretching across the DMV. The regular season began in the second week of April and concluded on May 22. The Falcons finished with a 5-2 record, finishing in third place in the regular season. In the playoffs, they defeated MD Express in the quarterfinals of the American Conference Tournament and the DMV Hoopstarz in the semifinals. Those games were at the Interdenominational Church of God in Gaithersburg. Regular season games were played at various high schools.

"The kids shot super well in the championship game," said Coach Ruiz. "Royal had a great game. He hit three or four three-pointers. Hartke, a rising junior, hit multiple threes, too. The whole team shot lights out." Over the season, the Falcons continued to improve and hit their stride going into the playoffs.

"The first two [playoff] games, we played against teams that were a little bit smaller and a little bit slower, but in the championship game, we had a much tougher matchup," continued Coach Ruiz. "KOA had a couple of guys who were 6'4" and 6'5". Their guards were really quick. They were bigger and quicker, so, on paper, it looked like a really tough matchup for us; however, we shot so well, shot a high percentage, and kept them at arm's length the whole game. We had the lead the whole game. We have a really strong defensive team, particularly our guards. They get steals and they hustle for rebounds. Most of the rising seniors on the team didn't get to play much last winter because it was a senior-dominated team, so this was a good opportunity for them."

This is the second time Poolesville has participated in the Force One Spring League. Last fall, the Falcons didn't do as well, so players were excited about winning the championship this time.

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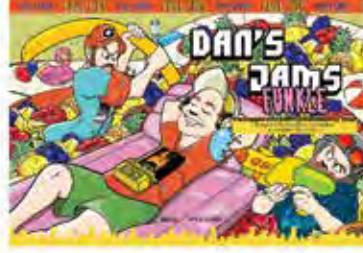
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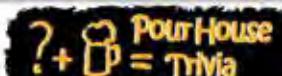

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'Lights Out' Shooting Helps Falcons Bring Home Force One Spring Championship

"We had to play our best every time or else we didn't win, which is what happened a few times," said Jack Feys, a rising senior. "A few things contributed to our win [in the championship], but our passionate coaches always made it fun while keeping it serious—and we never gave up. Our teamwork definitely improved over the course of the season."

"Felt great winning the league," said Evan Raines, another rising senior. "The competition was good, and it was nice to get back playing against tough varsity athletes. I think defense was the difference. We held the other teams to low scoring, and that won us a lot of games."

Coach Ruiz volunteered to coach during the spring offseason, helping support the growth and development of these Poolesville players. "This spring was my first experience coaching at the high school level," said Coach Ruiz. "I played for the coach [DeBuchananne] at Whitman, and I had him as a teacher in middle school. At twenty-one years old, I am only a few years older than these kids. It was really rewarding."

Coach DeBuchananne, who is going into his second season at PHS, is focused on growing the program and building on this momentum going into next year. "Keeping our guys playing in the spring is a great way to build on the winter high school season," said Coach DeBuchananne. "Continuing to build continuity is important, and most teams around the county are doing the same thing. Watching them take advantage of the opportunity by winning the championship was awesome. I think we gained a lot of confidence and experience that will pay off for us down the road."

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Things to Do

Saturdays

Poolesville Farmers' Market

Whalen Commons. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

July 22

Dan's Jam at Cugini's

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July 24

HOP Band Night

Featuring Paul Butterfield. *House of Poolesville.* 4:00 p.m.

July 28

Library Special Event

Theme: Energy Express. Elementary School Age. Registration required. *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 2:00 p.m.

Riverworks Special Events: Live Reading and Open Mic

Bernie Jankowski's Nature Writing Class will share the results of their work, and then the stage will be opened to community members who would like to share their work—poetry, writing, music. Space for open mic is limited, so be sure to arrive early to get your name on the list. Coffee and light refreshments will be available for purchase. *Locals Farm Market.* 6:45 p.m.

July 29

Friday on the Commons

Wine Down in the Park. Inflatables, food trucks, artisan vendors, wine garden. Music by Hi Moon Band at 6:00 p.m.; Patrick Budd and the Starwood Flyers from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. *Whalen Commons.* 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

July 30

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Annual Chicken Dinner

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AHOP Band Night

Featuring the Jeff Carmella Band. *House of Poolesville.* 4:00 p.m.

August 1

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:00 p.m.

Town of Poolesville Assistant Town Manager Employment Opportunity

The Assistant Town Manager is responsible for assisting the Town Manager in planning, coordinating, and administering Town services and operations. The Assistant Town Manager will provide direct support for the day-to-day operations and will serve in the Town Manager's absence providing oversight, support, and collaboration with Department Heads and staff.

Hours: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday – Friday

Hiring Range: \$85,280-\$95,000

Supervision:

Works under the supervision of the Town Manager. Under the direction of the Town Manager exercises administrative and management responsibilities over Town operations, departments, and staff.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assists the Town Manager in the daily administration and operations of the Town; and makes recommendations to the Town Manager.
- Prepares and drafts correspondence, reports, analyses, and other information as requested.
- Responds to citizen inquiries, complaints, and suggestions; provides research assistance and addresses request of Town departments, the public, and citizen groups.
- Provides zoning support related to planning, development, permitting, and code enforcement.
- Assists in the preparation of the annual operating and capital budgets.
- Prepares and reviews a variety of complex and routine correspondences, memoranda, and staff reports.
- Attends Commission and Board meetings, and makes public presentations as requested by the Town Manager or Commissioners.
- Assists the Town Manager in assuring proper water and wastewater reporting and operational requirements are adhered to. Provides technical assistance as needed.
- Provides support as needed with procurement matters, personnel management, policy development, grant writing, and special projects.
- Assists in oversight of contract personnel, including refuse collection, engineering, and legal support.
- Oversees and assists in website updates and social media with notices, agendas, news, etc.
- Performs other related duties as may be assigned by the Town Manager.

Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in business administration, public administration, public policy, finance, or similar management or research-related field is required. A minimum of five years' related experience is required serving in an assistant Town Manager or Finance & Admin/Finance Director or comparable municipal role. Experience with data analysis, project management, researching, and report writing is highly desirable. Proficiency in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel is required.

Compensation and Benefits:

The expected hiring range for this position is \$85,280-\$95,000, depending on qualifications. The Town also offers an excellent benefits package, including 100% employer-paid medical, dental, and vision insurance. The Town also contributes 10% (no match required) for all employees in a retirement account. We offer 11 paid holidays, along with sick and vacation leave. Life insurance, long-term and short-term disability coverage are provided at no cost to the employee.

Work Environment:

This job operates in a professional office environment. This role routinely uses standard office equipment such as computers, phones, photocopiers, filing cabinets, and fax machines.

Physical Demands:

This is largely a sedentary role; however, some filing is required and site visits to ongoing municipal projects and facilities. This would require the ability to move files, open filing cabinets, and bend or stand as necessary. May lift up to 25 lbs. occasionally.

How to Apply:

Please submit cover letter and resumes electronically at townhall@poolesvillemd.gov. First review of applications will begin July 30, 2022. This position will remain open until filled. The Town of Poolesville is an equal opportunity employer.

Questions:

Please direct questions to Town Manager Wade Yost, at wyost@poolesvillemd.gov.

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McGill Belt: 'A Man above Reproach'

In one of my conversations with Jon Mullen, he mentioned that Norvell had told him that his grandfather Lloyd and uncle McGill built the church that is now the Forest Grove United Methodist Church in Tuscarora. That church is located next to Greenfield Road at Dickerson Road. In 1871, the Licksville (now Tuscarora) Methodist Episcopal Church first held services in a log building that stood next the Licksville School (built in 1847 and now a private residence). The log structure and school were located across Dickerson Road from the present site of the church now known as the Forest Grove United Methodist Church. In 1871, Lloyd Belt and son McGill had ties to Washington, D.C., and members of an Episcopal church there. That church was being replaced by a larger building. The old church building was disassembled and loaded on a canal boat on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in Georgetown. The boat carried the building's parts to Tuscarora along the canal to just south of Licksville (it was not until the 1950s that local maps began showing the name Tuscarora at what was once the Licksville location). By 1874, the new church was built, and the congregation moved from the log building to the new church across Dickerson Road. Over the years, there have been modifications to the church building.

One morning in October 1871, McGill's older brother John got in an argument with Dr. Jacob Thomas in Adamstown regarding a business transaction. Dr. Thomas struck John Belt with a cane, and they wrestled each other to the floor. Another doctor, Dr. Gross, pulled John off of Dr. Thomas. Then Dr. Thomas drew his revolver. Dr. Gross placed himself between Dr. Thomas and John Belt. Dr. Gross pleaded with Dr. Thomas not to shoot, but the reply of Dr. Thomas was that he would shoot. As soon as Dr. Thomas saw an opening, he shot, hitting John Belt in his left lung. John died a few days later. He was twenty-three years old. Dr. Thomas turned himself in and was released on \$5,000 bail. John was engaged to be married at the time. By 1880, Dr. Thomas was a free man. After the death of his brother, McGill began working on his father's farm "Belton" that had once been a part of Carrollton Manor near Adamstown.

Later in life, McGill recalled that the stones for the railroad bridge over the Monocacy River had been quarried from behind Rock Hall in the 1870s. The railroad had employed about seventy-five men to remove the stones. The stone

for the railroad bridge was hauled by two-wheel oxen teams as well as wagons pulled by horses and mules.

To be continued.

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Things to Do

August 4

American Legion Post 247

Calleva Offices, 19926 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville. 7:00 p.m.

August 1 and 3

Library Special Event

Theme: Science in the Summer: Be a

Biologist! Level 1 (2nd-3rd graders). Must attend both sessions. Registration required. *Maggie Nightingale Library. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

August 5

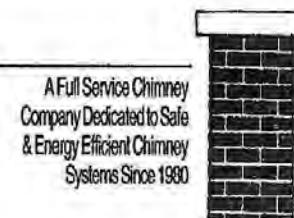
Friday on the Commons

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Remembrance

David Powell Rosenberg

David Powell Rosenberg, 51, of Mableton, Georgia, died at his home on May 25, 2022. Born on October 7, 1970, David grew up in Poolesville. He graduated from Poolesville Junior/Senior High School in 1988 and studied at West Virginia University.

He worked as a supply chain planner for SP Richards in Atlanta and had been with the company for twenty-seven years. From the beginning, David's dedication and strong work ethic made an impression on his colleagues. He served in numerous roles at the company, working his way up through many promotions to his position as planner, a challenging job at which he excelled and which he enjoyed. David was known for being dependable and knowledgeable. He genuinely cared about his coworkers, who often looked to him for help, and he was always patient and generous with his time.

Outside of work, David loved being on the water. He enjoyed fishing, boating, and jet skiing. He often talked of retiring to a cabin on a lake where he could cruise around on his boat and fish every day. He liked to wind down at the end of the day with a cigar and a drink. Among his favorites were Guinness, Maker's Mark, and cabernet sauvignon.

David adored his twin niece and nephew and loved spending time with them during family vacations to places like Emerald Isle, Hilton Head, Destin, and Gatlinburg. He was often the only one willing to brave a cold swimming pool or play in the waves with them. He contributed generously toward savings for their education and enjoyed hearing about whatever they were learning. He cared deeply about his family and friends and would do anything to help them. A truly selfless person, David just wanted those close to him to be happy and to know he would always have their back.

David was known for his captivating smile, contagious laughter, witty personality, and sarcastic sense of humor. A kid at heart, he was always quick with a comeback that would make you laugh. He loved animals, especially baby goats, and cared for a variety of pets over the years, including fish, cats, snakes, lizards, a bird, and a ferret.

David will be profoundly missed by all who knew and loved him. He was preceded in death by his father, Frederick I. Rosenberg. He is survived by his mother, Brenda, of Poolesville; his brother, Bryan (Bonnie), of Mebane, North Carolina; his sister, Jennifer, of Fairfax, Virginia; and his niece, Rachel, and nephew, Matthew, of Mebane.

For those wishing to honor David's memory, please consider donating to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) or to your local animal shelter or rescue.



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Weeds: Hate Them or Leave Them?

Weeds don't sprout until they have the right conditions. Their seeds can sit dormant in the soil for up to twenty years or longer. Your soil is a weed seed bank.

Weeds are a natural soil fixer. Bare soil is an open invitation to weeds and their seeds. They can thrive in the worst conditions. That cannot be said about most plants for sale in garden centers and plant catalogues, even those with the accolades of disease-resistant, and pest-, heat-, and drought-tolerant. The brand Proven Winners doesn't sell any plants that you would describe as a weed. What's good about weeds? When they decompose, they turn into nutrients on which other plants can feast.

Some weeds are edible by humans and wildlife, and some of the well-known weeds are a source of drugs and traditional medicine. They check wind, water, and soil erosion. They can also serve as an important source of genetic materials for crop improvement, such as breeding for resistance to pests and diseases. This leads us to the question: How do we balance the pros and cons of weeds, while still maintaining a beautiful flower garden?

Hate them or leave them? How to identify beneficial weeds? This is my garden dilemma this year.

I have twelve garden plots of various sizes and locations in my backyard. Some have very few, or any weeds, while others have many weeds. What's the difference? The ones with the most weeds are my older gardens, some over twenty-five years old. They were originally for growing vegetables. Every year that I disturbed the soil to add or remove plants, I opened the underground seed bank to bring them back into the light to live again as new weeds. There are several factors that affect weed seed population in the soil. Soil temperatures, diurnal temperature variations, soil moisture, light, nitrate concentrations, and the gaseous environment of the soil can regulate seed germination and weed emergence. An old vegetable or flower garden is an incubator for dormant weed seeds. The plots with few, if any, weeds are relatively new ones in different locations with different living conditions. The soil housed a grass area with no existing weed population above or below ground. I also firmly believe in the benefits of planting herbs among the flowering plants to deter weed growth. The strong aromas of some weeds, such as fennel, caraway

seeds, wild garlic, parsley, chives, mint, lemon balm, dill, and chervil, comes from chemicals that can also keep weeds at bay. Most of my new garden plots are alive and well with many, many herbs.

I have many different types of weeds in the lawn and in the flowerbeds; some are attractive and not too invasive, but others are not. My new garden mantra is now, "Live and let live."

I have not entirely given up. Bindweed, beware, I am out to get you! The dandelions, the white clover, Queen Anne's Lace, creeping Charlie, ground ivy, and Oriental lady's thumb can go on living and go on adding seeds to the seed bank. My straw garden hat is not the only hat I wear.

Allowing more weeds to grow in your garden is certainly not going to make a tremendous impact on conservation in the U.S., but letting nature take the driving seat can help restore both the land and its wildlife. Your little Monocacy garden and its weeds can be a small "canary in the coal mine." Nature pays a price for man-made and -designed landscapes. The time has come to rethink wilderness. It doesn't need us to redesign it.




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Remembrances

Dennis Wilson Fling, Sr.

Dennis Wilson Fling, Sr., 70, of Boyds, passed away on July 1, 2022.

Born on August 4, 1951 in Maryland, he was the son of the late Harvey Wilson and Edna Irene (Connelly) Fling.

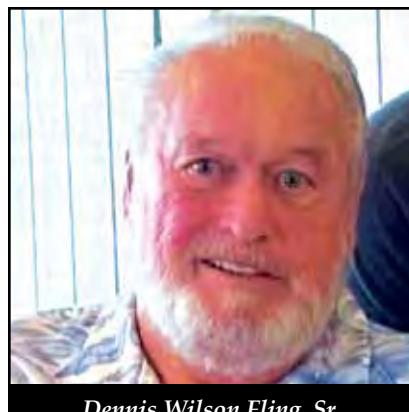
Dennis was the loving husband of Deborah Fling for fifty years.

Along with his wife, Dennis is survived by his daughter, Trina Dennis (Charles); his son, Dennis Fling, Jr.; grandson, Cody Dennis; great-granddaughter, Kendall Dennis; and brother-in-law, Edwin Moreland.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Pamela Moreland, and grandson, Jacob Dennis.

Dennis, known to many as Pops or D.W., owned and operated a trucking/excavating business for over thirty years. He was a hardworking man who instilled the importance of hard work, love, and family in others. Whatever he set his mind to, he was determined to get done. Dennis was an avid boater and was happiest out boating on Lake Anna with family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his memory to the Parkinson's Foundation.



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William Francis Carter

William Francis Carter was born November 4, 1997 and passed away Sunday, July 10, 2022. William resided in Poolesville.

William leaves to cherish his memory his parents, Fabiola Carter and William John Carter; sister, Jala Carter (Elton Addison); brother, Byron Clarke; nephews, Caron Addison, Ace Addison, and Graham A. Clarke; and nieces, Ava Addison and Gianna Clarke.

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Sean Paul Davis, 1989 PHS Graduate, Promoted to Brigadier General

Brigadier General Davis attended Valley Forge Military Academy (VFMA) and the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Economics. He also has three master's degrees: Master of Business Administration (Webster's University), Master of Military Arts and Science and Master of Science in National Security and Strategy from the U.S. Defense University.

His twenty-eight years of military service include one year in Korea and sixty-nine months in combat in Afghanistan and Iraq. Brigadier General Davis cut his military teeth as an officer in the infantry as a platoon leader and company commander through the first ten years of his service, before selecting logistics as his career direction.

Davis is married to Camille Hartz, also a 1989 PHS graduate. She received her nursing degree from James Madison University and served as an officer in the United States Public Health Service. The couple have been married for twenty-eight years but have known each other and have been friends for forty-four years. The family even has a picture of the couple sitting next to each other in second grade. They have two children, Alexandra, a graduate of Liberty University, and Joshua, who will be a sophomore at Baylor University this fall where he plays ice hockey. Alexandra, a music-instrumentalist major, sang the national anthem at the promotion.

Adding a bit of levity to the formal occasion, General Daly presented Camille with the honorary rank of major general at the ceremony in recognition of her long-term service and commitment to the army, especially as it relates to her volunteer work as a senior family readiness leader and support to thousands of soldiers and army families. For her volunteer work, she has received the Catherine Green Award, Dr. Mary E. Walker Award, and The Keeper of the Flame Award. Daly noted how unusual it is to receive all three awards for service to military families, "This achievement is so rare that I don't believe any other member of the military family has ever done so." The honorary rank of major general was selected so that, "in the family chain of command, she will hold a rank of family care dominance, as she did throughout all his deployments.

"It was she who maintained the home front through all of Davis's multiple deployments, supervising fifteen separate family moves, and missing Sean for far too many holidays, birthdays, and anniversaries."

In emphasizing the rarity of an officer achieving the rank of brigadier general, Daly explained that, of the eighty thousand officers in the army, only 124 reach the rank of brigadier general.

General Daly shared some family history to explain Davis's choice for a military career. "As a young boy, unlike other boys, he did not aspire to be superman, or spiderman, or a major league baseball player like others of his age. That is because Davis grew up hearing stories from his Oma, his Dutch grandmother, about the American soldiers who liberated her hometown in Holland from Nazi occupation. She always talked of the American soldiers as if they were superheroes. As a young boy, while he thought about what he might do when he grew up, he developed a dream to become one of his Oma's heroes, an American soldier, too."

General Daly noted that Brigadier General Davis began his career in the infantry as a platoon leader and then as a company commander during the initial stages of the war in the Middle East. "During his infantry days, he was part of the 6th Battalion, 3rd Brigade of the 101st Airborne/Air Assault Division, famously known as the Rakkasans. Later, as a Battalion Commander, then-Lieutenant Colonel Davis commanded a battalion in the 2nd Brigade 101st Airborne, and as it turns out, this was part of the same regiment that liberated his grandparents' hometown. Daly said it was "a pure sign of destiny, a true calling."

After the Iraq invasion, Daly said, "He was selected by Gen. David H. Petraeus to author the chapter on logistics in the general's keystone document he was developing known as the Counter Insurgency Field Manual 3-24. This keystone document spelled out the intellectual and operational framework of what was to become known publicly as The Surge, which turned around the tide of the war in Iraq."

General Daly described Davis as a consummate professional, a great soldier-warrior, a forward leaning thinker, spectacular leader, master logistician, team builder, innovative, pro-active, and he inspires confidence in everyone he meets. "People have trust in Sean Davis for a reason, he is genuine every day and every time he comes to work. He is confident, committed, and selfless in his service, and is a man of character and values, and he treats everyone with dignity and respect. Bottom line, the army got this right."

In his promotion remarks, Davis chose the theme of gratitude for his faith, family, and friends. He quoted Saint Teresa of Calcutta in observing that "faith

keeps the person who keeps the faith." It was his family he credits so much for his success. He thanked his family for "bringing me to this important point."

"If you treat friends right, they become family, and my friends, especially my army friends, are like my family to me." From his early days in high school to his college days, then to all the many fellow soldiers over the years, he recognized many who supported him throughout his journey. He mentioned Mike Nicastro, who was in attendance, from his high school days where they played football together. Also, he spoke of another high school buddy, Mike Sobkowski; together they were sextons at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. "Mike went on to Annapolis and became Tom Cruise." He recognized Dom Dionne (Lieut. Col. retired), a fellow classmate at VFMA and a Purple Heart recipient, and other classmates from VMI and other battle buddies throughout the army. He recognized many of the sergeants and master sergeants that "kept me straight" throughout his journey.

Davis made special note of Gen. Gustav Perna, who headed President Trump's Operation Warp Speed, the project that served to get the COVID-19 vaccine out quickly. "I want to thank him for his support. He looked out for me, called me when I lost friends, reached out to me when I lost my sister. He has always been there intuitively looking out for me, which is so representative of the others, Generals Williams, Daly, and Hamilton, and the core of the people who helped me so much."

Davis concluded his remarks with how faith means everything to him by quoting from a John Maxwell book he is reading. It's a quote from President Jimmy Carter: "I have one life and one chance to make it count for something. My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I can, however I can for as long as I can with everything I have. That's my promise to all, I will keep doing that. Thank you, thank you, thank you."

On July 15, Brigadier General Davis became the commanding general of the 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command headquartered at Ft. Hood, Texas.

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Willard Development Clears Major Hurdle

complies with the town's allocation plan. The plan had been revised so that requests for allocation must come to the commissioners now for approval. In the past, allocations were granted based on an overall listing of proposed developments without a requirement for commission approval. In some cases, allocations would languish for years and never be used. The new plan is designed to ensure greater scrutiny and avoid awarding allocations that are not likely to be activated.

Town Manager Wade Yost remarked that the town has significant unused water and sewer capacity which would allow the development to move forward. An analysis prepared for the town by Kathy Mihm of the S.S. Papadopoulos & Associates firm last year found that the town not only has adequate water for all planned development but also has significant redundancy in the event any of the town's wells develops problems.

After voting to approve the water allocation, Clifford then turned to a letter sent by his firm on behalf of the Willards asking that the town consider reducing the impact fees levied by the town on each new building or home built in town. These fees are designed to help offset the costs of various capital investments the town must make over a period of time—typically the life of the Master Plan in force at the time—to support a new development. Rates vary due to a range of factors, including the types of housing, assessments regarding the capital needs of the town, and how a new development might affect various aspects of the town's infrastructure (which can vary over time).

Clifford argued that the proposed development is intended to provide new, smaller, affordable homes that the market currently does not readily support. In effect, he argued that the much smaller homes planned for the Willard development should not have the same impact fees levied on them as is the case for much larger homes. The Willards are trying to keep costs down so they can price the homes more affordably. They are trying to control costs as much as they can, and impact fees are a significant up-front cost. The Willards approached the county, which also imposes impact fees, to see if they will consider cutting them as well. Clifford suggested the town might want to look at what the county does to guide its own actions.

Commission President Jim Brown replied that the town's impact fees are only a small part of the overall costs, especially as compared to the much higher county fees. He also said that the town must look at its own unique circumstances in setting impact fees and not what the county decides to do.

Clifford countered, saying that the Willards are "artificially creating a project that does not want to do what the rest of the market does." His implication is that without reducing costs substantially, the market would drive towards the building of much larger homes like those being constructed in other developments in town.

Commissioner Kerri Cook expressed skepticism about Clifford's arguments. She said that "what's fair is what's already on the books." According to figures the town manager developed, Clifford's proposal would result in a drop of \$300,000 in access fee revenues for the town.

In the end, the commissioners decided that the issue needed a lot more study. They deferred making any decision until town staff could develop a firm assessment of the proposal and its impacts.

The commissioners also considered and unanimously approved two \$1,000 grant requests at the meeting. The first came from the Poolesville Piranhas Swim Club to support their annual awards event. The second was submitted by the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce to support its project to assemble two hundred "Welcome to Poolesville" gift bags that will be used to greet and welcome new residents. Both proposals were approved unanimously.

Finally, the commissioners approved a proposal to deem as surplus the Old Methodist Church which at one time had been the Poolesville Town Hall, a veterinary clinic, and, most recently, the Friendly Thrift Shop. The unanimous approval means the building can now be sold. A proposal from David Therriault to turn the old building into a "center for the performing arts" is on the table and is likely to move forward with this move by the commissioners.

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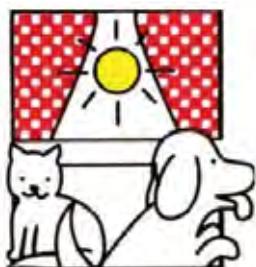
IT'S HOT! IT'S DARN HOT!

How To Keep Your Furry Friends Safe During Excessive Heat

Peter H. Eeg, DVM

The Heat is on in a big way! It's time to review tips on how to keep your pets safe and out of the veterinary clinic due to heat exposure. Dogs already face increased potential overheating issues due to their inability to sweat and their love of fur coats. Cats can sweat, but only through their foot pads. Both dogs and cats use their oral cavities and especially their tongues to transpire (blow off) heat. As the temperature and humidity rise, the effectiveness of this method of heat release goes down. At temperatures of about 101 degrees F, most pets have a very difficult time maintaining normal body temps (101.5 to 102.0 F), so during these excessive heat events, please follow these simple tips for your pets' temperature safety.

1. **When to walk, run and play:** Keep increased activity limited to early mornings and later in the evening. Make sure that you reduce your normal play activity by 50% and shorten times outside. If your pets live outside (and they should not, especially during excessive temperature shifts), make sure they have access to shade, fresh (and I mean fresh) water that is changed 4-5 times a day and kept full all the time, active fans or AC, and access to some indoor part of the house where the temperature is 15 to 20 degrees cooler (AC cooled garage or basement mud room will do nicely). During these times, your pet may dig into the ground to find cooler temps to lie on, so don't get mad, it is their way of coping with the heat. The use of cooling mats can be very helpful in reducing overheating. Remember that a cooling mat left in the sun is not cool (get it?).
2. **To Clip or Not to Clip the Fur:** Many different opinions are present on the advantages/disadvantages of clip-ping your pets' fur during the summer. Heavy-coated breeds can benefit from having their bellies clipped short to allow better cooling against cool surfaces. If you clip your entire pet, have a groomer do it, and do not have them clipped closer than 1-2 inches. Completely removing all the fur will cause potential sun burns and skin damage.
3. **Check that surface:** There is no question that asphalt and concrete absorb heat very effectively. An air temp of 87 degrees where the asphalt and concrete are in full sun can raise their surface temps to over 143 de-grees. Surface temperatures 125 to 150 degrees can cause significant burns and blistering of the skin and foot pads within 60 seconds of contact. The best recommendation is to put your hand onto the surface. If you cannot keep your hand in contact for 60 seconds without pain, don't let your pet touch it either. Cars can also get very hot inside and out. Best recommendation, never leave your pet or human pet unattended, even if the AC is blasting.
4. **Feeding your pet:** During times of excessive heat, it is a good idea to add water to your pets' food, canned or dry. This will help them increase the amount of water they are taking in. This gives them a bigger buffer should they need to cool themselves for extended periods of time.
5. **When to seek medical attention for your pets:** Simple rule during excessive heat: If your pet is outside and begins acting more strange than normal, or starts to stumble or sway, go to your nearest veterinary clinic immediately. If you have immediate access to a cool (not cold) water source hose him down on his belly, feet, and in his mouths and get him to a veterinary office. Permanent brain and organ damage can occur in as little as 10 minutes when a pet's internal body temp goes above 107 degrees.



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