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## President's Message

While things have been comparatively quiet in the neighborhood recently, there has been one topic that seems to generate more correspondence than any other—traffic in the vicinity of Winston Churchill High School (WCHS).

A change to the traffic flow into WCHS last summer unfortunately has not made a difference in the driving habits of students, and more disappointingly, parents. Not only are cars blocking half of Victory Lane when attempting to drop off students, but residents near to WCHS are finding their roads being used as “rat runs.” These are dangerous detours made by drivers trying to escape the traffic immediately in front of the school. Illegal parking and drop offs, reckless driving and speeding are a deadly combination. As a result, residents are inconvenienced and students walking in the road due the lack of sidewalks become a major safety concern.

For these reasons, Vice President Rick Chen and I recently met with the Principal and Business Manager at WCHS along with four officers from Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) to discuss the situation. Unfortunately there are no silver bullets and, for what comfort it is, we learned that similar problems are prevalent throughout the county. During our productive meeting, we did come up with some ideas and actions including more communication with parents and students, stepping up enforcement and taking another look at the organization of the WCHS parking lots.

We shall continue the dialog with WCHS and MCPD with the aim of ensuring that the streets of Regency Estates are safe for all.

Regards,

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# AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

## RECA Annual Board Meeting Thursday, May 9, 2019

RECA's Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, May 9, 2019 in the Dance Studio of the new Student Center at St. Andrews Episcopal School, 8804 Postoak Road.

The Student Center can be accessed by walking through the passageway on the right-hand side of the circle by the main entrance. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

In addition to the formal business of the Annual Meeting, we shall be having the following two guest speakers:

- **Tara Bond, Community Services Officer from Montgomery County Police**, discussing "Policing in the Community."
- **Delegate Kathleen Dumais**, Majority Leader in the State House.

## RECA and Tri-Community Yard Sale - June 1 & 2



Yard Sale entrepreneurs from Regency Estates have teamed-up with residents of Montgomery Square and Potomac Woods for the first tri-neighborhood yard sale over the weekend of June 1 and 2.

A donation of \$10.00 is requested if you would like your house on the map. Please contact Al Belsky at [yardsale@regencyestates.org](mailto:yardsale@regencyestates.org) for registration and volunteering.



## RECA Community Picnic Saturday, May 18th

The RECA Community Picnic will be held at the Regency Estates Swim Club on Saturday, May 18, from 11:00 am to 2 pm with the rain date on Sunday, May 19.

Join us for free food (hot dogs, hamburgers, chips etc.) and kids can enjoy the moon bounce and face painting.

Come meet your neighbors and friends and have a good time! The picnic will be followed by the Swim Club open house.

## Traffic Safety Concerns - Message from Officer Tara Bond, Montgomery County Police Dept.

*Officer Bond, who will be speaking at our annual meeting, wrote this article that was posted to Nextdoor.*

I just wanted to let you all know about a meeting I attended

last week at Churchill High School, regarding some traffic safety concerns that were brought to my attention by members of the Regency Estates Citizens Association (RECA). They have been concerned about what they have been seeing in the surrounding neighborhoods by Churchill High School and Beverly Farms Elementary School, during drop off and pick up times.

I attended this meeting along with the President and Vice President of RECA, the Principal of Churchill High School, the Head of their School Security, their main Administrative Assistant, the MCPD School Resource Officer for Churchill High School and two Police Officers from our Traffic Division.

The main traffic concerns that were brought to our attention were:

- People using the side streets to cut through and avoid the drop off at the high school, actually dropping off students on the side streets and sometimes traveling at what appears to be a high rate of speed on the side streets.

- People dropping off on the main roads surrounding the high school (Victory Lane or Gainsborough Road) and not at the appropriate/designated drop off area.

- Vehicles (sometimes) parking where they should not be parking. I do believe that parking enforcement is aware that some people are not parking with valid permits and will be conducting random enforcement in the foreseeable future.



As I am sure you all are aware, there is a significant amount of traffic (both vehicular and pedestrian) during the school drop-off and pick-up times, due to all of the schools in your neighborhoods.

The schools and the Montgomery County Police Department have done their best to try to figure out best practices for how to manage all of this traffic and keep everyone safe. As you can imagine, there is no one perfect solution. As the student population continues to grow, there will always be traffic safety concerns. The main concern that RECA really wanted to convey is that they want to prevent someone from getting hurt (whether it is a student/pedestrian or someone trying to pull out/back out of a driveway).

There are a lot of people that are doing a good job following the traffic laws and drop-off/pick-up rules. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you! If I could ask you all to just be mindful when you are in that area, especially during school drop off and pick up times. Whether you are a pedestrian or someone driving, you all have a responsibility to follow the traffic laws and the rules established by the school. We want to make sure no one gets hurt, seriously injured or killed.

Thank you all for doing your part to keep everyone safe! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to send me a message. Take care!

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County Executive Marc Elrich and County Council Vice President Sidney Katz are embarking on a multi-pronged joint initiative: 4Business – Benchmarking to Be the Best for Business.

The objective is to engage the local business community in a grassroots campaign to assist businesses to locate, grow and prosper in Montgomery County.

Listening sessions have been scheduled across the County to receive input from businesses about what they need to succeed, and to engage them to share their experiences in locating and growing their businesses in Montgomery County. The County is seeking feedback on what can help businesses to be successful.

Remaining sessions are scheduled across the County are as follows:

- Monday, May 6, 7:00 to 8:30 pm, East County Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring.
- Monday, May 13, 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Charles W. Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center (Mid-County service area), 11002 Veirs Mill Road, Wheaton.
- Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place.
- Monday, June 10, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown.

You can view the press release [here](#).



### Guaranteed Glenstone Museum Entry for Ride On Users Extended Indefinitely

[Ride On Route 301](#) service was hailed as a win/win for the county and the museum at the [opening of the Glenstone Museum Environmental Center](#). No advance museum reservations are required for users of the Route 301

service, which offers service four times between 10:00 am. and 3:00 pm from the Rockville Metro Station. Return to the Station throughout the day until 6:06 pm. [Plan your museum visit](#).





Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) is modernizing how they bill you to enhance the customer experience and transform how they deliver your services. Expected July 1, customers will have:

- [Bills that are easier to understand](#)
- [A new, modern and simplified rate structure](#)
- [An online bill calculator so you can estimate future bills](#)
- [Convenient options to pay your bill that are easy and accessible](#)
- [An enhanced customer affordability program that helps more customers afford their bills](#)
- [The new rate structure that continues to encourage conservation](#)

## New Rate Structure

A rate structure is **how** you are charged for water/sewer services. A rate is the **amount** charged. Expected July 1, 2019, WSSC is implementing a new, modern and simplified rate structure that more closely aligns customer rates with the cost of providing service.

### Understanding Your Bill

The new four-tier rate structure replaces the 16-tier structure, which has been in place for more than 25 years. A lot has changed in that time – water use habits, average demand, peak day water usage – so WSSC modified the rate structure to reflect how customers use water today. They changed the amount of water use in each tier and the price per tier.

The first tier captures what a family of three uses for basic sanitary household needs. The second tier captures what a family of three uses for an average of 55 gallons per person/day consumption, enough for basic sanitary household needs and outdoor water use (or 165 gallons/day for the household). The third tier supplies enough water for a 5-person household.

WSSC’s efforts to change its rate structure began in 2012 with a rate study and several changes, but in 2017 the Maryland Public Service Commission determined that the old

rate structure was unfair to customers who use greater than average amounts of water. WSSC’s new rate structure ensures rates are fair and equitable for all WSSC customers and aligns more closely with the cost of providing service.

[Your water bill funds safe, reliable water](#)

## Conservation

On a per person basis, WSSC customers have reduced the amount of water they use over the past 25 years, and WSSC expects to see per capita water use continue to decline in the future. The new rate structure was developed to accommodate changing customer demand while also helping customers save money by encouraging wise water use.

The new tiered rate structure is commonly used by water utilities across the country to encourage conservation because the more water customers use the more they pay. The Maryland Department of the Environment specifically encourages an increasing block rate structure for water conservation.

## Upcoming Open Houses

**Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 6:30-8:30 pm**

### Montgomery County

Walter Johnson High School  
6400 Rock Spring Drive | Bethesda, MD 20814

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 6-8 pm**

### Prince George’s County






Prince George’s Sports and Learning Complex  
8001 Sheriff Road | Landover, MD 20785

**Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 6-8 pm**

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## **On the Map: How Geneva Day School Paves a Green Path of Many Returns**

Innovative playground. Inspiring nearby creek. Butterfly Waystation. Geneva Day School, offering traditional early childhood education since 1965 and certified as a Maryland Green School as of 2010, proves itself irresistible to generations through uniquely green foundations.



“Our students planted milkweed to attract Monarch butterflies and provide the only food their caterpillars eat,” said Director Suzanne Funk about the Monarch Butterfly Project in which all classes engage.

“It takes four generations for Monarchs to migrate from their habitat in Canada to Mexico where they spend their winters. Instinctively, Monarchs know whether to reproduce or to migrate,” explained the Director. The Butterfly Waystation allows older “student scientists” to explore, seeking young caterpillars to study in class as they harvest the milkweed on which they thrive.

“Geneva is in between two zones, so we catch the second generation migrating South in the fall and the second generation migrating back North in early spring. These multi-generational visits are reflective of our own multigenerational families,” explained the Director. The school’s environmental stewardship fosters more than just care of the Earth, as school connections sometimes span multiple generations.

“Children have fond memories of attending Geneva. When they graduate and move to other schools, they maintain many of the friendships they first established here. Parents continue to have get-togethers, and many teens enjoy working in Geneva’s Summer Camp. Young adults sometimes attend the same colleges or become roommates when they begin working. As adults, graduates want to provide their own children with the same happy memories, and enroll them back at Geneva,” reported the Director.

Geneva’s Summer Camp, designed for youngsters 2 to 6 years of age, happily accommodates family calendar

preferences for full or part-time day enrollment. Irresistible weekly themes address age-appropriate recreation, which includes arts and crafts, stories and songs, outdoor sports and water play, forest and creek walks, as well as the much-anticipated hunt for Monarch caterpillars by late summer.



Such themes as Transportation, which complement a growing understanding of the environment, truly touch the hearts of both boys and girls. A series of nearly a dozen specialized trucks visits Geneva to provide the “touch a truck” experience. Campers are invited to climb into the front seats so as to discover a new vantage point, manipulate steering wheels, and sound horns or sirens. The popsicle truck remains an all-time favorite, as children may select their favorite popsicle. “Campers are always asking their parents to come back for more camp time like this,”



stated the Director.

Just as Monarch butterflies “wing their way back” to Geneva, so too do those who know and love its programs. “Time ultimately provides green paths, for both students and Monarchs. It is amazing to realize the draw of a preschool for its many graduates,” declared the Director about Geneva’s verdant place on the map.



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Potomac Chinese School (PCS), established in 1976, is a non-political and non-profit organization. PCS supports community events that endorse ethnic diversity. The school is managed by board of directors who are elected from volunteer parents. Potomac Chinese School has been devoted to introducing Chinese language, art and culture to the local community. Our mission is to work with the local community to inspire and embrace knowledge of Chinese heritage. PCS is in session on Sunday afternoon at Herbert Hoover Middle School, Potomac, MD.

- Chinese cultural classes and academic classes for Chinese and non-Chinese speaking families from Pre-k to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Classes are taught by highly-qualified, native speaking teachers
- Chinese cultural classes for children and adults including Chinese martial art, Tai Chi, Chinese calligraphy and painting, crafting, Chinese dancing, Zumba, Belle Dancing
- PCS also offer sports classes including badminton, tennis and basketball
- We offer various opportunities for middle school and high school students to earn student service learning (SSL) credits
- High school students could earn foreign language credits toward their high school diploma at PCS

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## St. Andrews Construction Update

By Bill Wydro

If you have driven past the Post Oak entrance to St. Andrew's Episcopal School (SAES) and read the large sign on the left, you may know already that their lower school will be re-locating (from the Potomac Village area) to the Post Oak campus. Approximately 100 K-5 students will be in a new 31,000 square foot building that is to be completed in time to open this fall for the coming school year.

RECA President David Freeman and Board Member Bill Wydro have been monitoring the lower school building progress. In early April they met with the Head of School, Robert Kosasky, and Director of Operations, Joe Phelan, to get an update on the current status of construction and to look at the site.

The lower level of the lower school has been excavated, the foundation laid and the infrastructure begun. The excessive rainfall this spring created delays in the construction schedule. However, SAES is confident the delays will be made up and is still planning to open the lower school on time in the fall.

Of course, construction cannot be silent and without some disruption to the local residents. SAES has made a conscientious effort to keep the disturbance to a minimum.

The starting times for the upper and lower school will be staggered to help alleviate anticipated traffic associated with dropping off and picking up students.

We will continue to monitor the construction progress and report back in our next issue.

Check out this link to see some artist's rendering of the new facility:

<https://www.saes.org/about/campuses/lower-school-building>

In other news, SAES will be informing RECA of upcoming performances that will be open to our community. Most recently, they performed *The Sound of Music* as its spring production.





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## Update on the White Flint Project

MCDOT is creating a new vision for the White Flint District that improves sidewalks, bikeways, trails, paths, public use spaces, parks and recreational facilities; adds mixed-use development and enhanced streetscapes; and facilitates transit-oriented development around the Metro station. [Learn more about the project and recent activities.](#)

## MCDOT Unveils Ride On Flex, a Planned Microtransit Pilot Program at Open House

On Thursday, April 25, MCDOT introduced plans for a pilot program to test a new, on-demand transit option in the Rockville, Glenmont and Wheaton service areas. Riders will be able to request trips from a designated pick up and drop off location using an app on their mobile phones. [Read more.](#)

## Handy Guide Helps Demystify the County's Development Review Process

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# ALL THINGS INTERNET

By Mitangi Mehta

## Personalized Scams

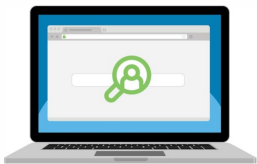


Cyber criminals continue to come up with new and creative ways to fool people. A new type of scam is gaining popularity— personalized scams. Cyber criminals find or purchase information on millions of people, then use that information

to personalize their attacks. Below we show you how these scams work and walk you through a common example. The more you know about these scams, the easier it is for you to spot and stop them.

<https://www.sans.org/security-awareness-training/resources/personalized-scams>

## Search Yourself Online



You most likely have heard how important it is to protect your privacy and the information you share online. To demonstrate this, we are going to try something new; we are going to show you how to

research yourself and discover what information is publicly known about you. The process is called OSINT, a fancy way of saying Open Source Intelligence. This means researching public resources online to see how much information you can learn about a computer IP address, a company, or even a person like yourself. Keep in mind, cyber attackers are using these very same tools and techniques. The more attackers can learn about you, the better they can create a targeted attack. This concept has existed for years, but the latest online tools make it so much simpler to accomplish.

<https://www.sans.org/security-awareness-training/resources/search-yourself-online>

## Windows 7—End of Life



Are you still on Windows 7? If you are then you need to start planning your migration to Windows 10.

Microsoft ended mainstream support for Windows 7 on January 13, 2015, but extended support won't end until January 14, 2020.

Here are the details from WTOP Data Doctor Ken Colburn:

<https://wtop.com/tech/2019/02/column-windows-7-end-of-life-options/>

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