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# WAL'S CHRISTMAS TREE

By Rashawnda Atkinson

Have you ever wanted to know about the origins of the Bldg. 2 holiday tree? Between 5 p.m. and 1 a.m. each night from late November and early January, you can see the approximately 700 lightbulbs glisten in the sky. Here's the story behind how the holiday tradition started and grew over the years.

According to a 2013 Washington Post article, the tree began when Bldg. 2 resident Harold Davey placed his lighted tree display on his balcony in 1979. After his neighbor at the time below him joined in the display, over time, the tree grew to signal the start of the holiday season for WAL and surrounding areas.

"It brings joy to our community and to others when they see the tree up," longtime resident Tom Boyle started, "I get calls from [other communities] and our residents asking if it's going



WAL's Christmas Tree at Bldg. 2.

up this year. They know it's Christmas when it does and that everything's going to be okay."

This display meant a lot to Boyle, as he remembered seeing it several years ago as he flew into Reagan National Airport one December evening. After retiring from the Army, Tom got involved in hanging the display.

"I've been doing it for the past 25 years," he revealed, "and so each year someone else would ask to add to the tree. It's really an agreement amongst the owners."

So every November he gets the strings of lights out and visits each owner's unit to hang the lights. Harold Davey still does the Christmas tree topper on the 17th floor.

Management has noticed that the display has become a favorite selfie backdrop for residents in the community. "I'm quite pleased that so many people enjoy it. It's seen from a long distance away, and I'm pleased that people enjoy it every year," Davey concluded.

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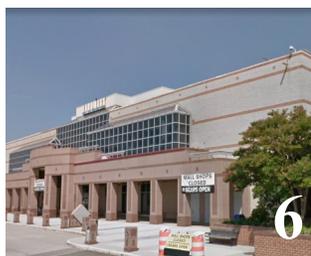
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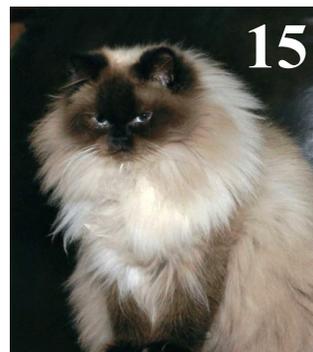
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## ON THE COVER: THE TREE IS UP THIS YEAR!



Don't you just love the way that our community transforms into a spectacular holiday wonderland this time of year? From the carefully placed deer herds to the ornate holiday trees seen throughout the buildings and Community Center, these traditions warm the hearts of residents and unite us during a time where we need it most. Read more about one of our long-standing traditions at WAL on page 2.

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# WATERGATE ROUND-UP

By Gary Dahl, Board President



*Happy Holiday, Happy Holiday,  
May the calendar keep bringing  
Happy Holidays to you!*

That song lyric brings back memories of a time where people could gather and enjoy family times. This year, many of you will be without family due to travel restrictions and keeping your bubble tight. However, remember not only the joys of years past but also the hope that the future will be bright and enjoyable once our country beats the coronavirus.

## Have You Seen the Holiday Tree Outside?

The festive decorations are in place and lights illuminate areas of our property. We see holiday lighting everywhere and holiday trees in lobbies. The big holiday tree on Bldg. 2 is up and lighting the sky as last year it couldn't be constructed due to balcony work. Please venture out in the evening and enjoy the sights and festive occasion that WAL provides to everyone.

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## 44th Annual Meeting

The Election Committee is hard at work reviewing the procedures and packet for our March Annual Meeting that will be sent out in January. Once again, the League of Women Voters have accepted our invitation to conduct the election of board members.

*Possible strategies for reducing utilities' costs will be discussed at this month's Board Meeting.*

## Elevator Machinery Project

This elevator project is ending in Bldg. 4. That's good news since residents living there dealt with multiple elevator shutdowns and service disruptions. Schindler is evaluating elevators in Bldgs. 2 and 3 to prioritize the need for elevator motor systems replacement. Based on the results of their assessment, the Board will select the building with the greatest urgency for motor replacement in the coming months.

## Party Room Rentals

Party Rooms are at reduced capacity because of the November update of the Governor's Executive Orders reducing gathering capacities. So, if you are planning a get together, check with our Activities Director to ensure your event is within current guidelines. As you are planning, be aware that the Board selected Party Room 1 as the storage area during COVID-19 conditions.

## Utility Management

Management and the Board are looking at ways to save on the costs of utilities. During the December Board Meeting, the Board will include discussions on various scenarios that would position the Association to save money with long-term solutions. This meeting will discuss the art of possibilities concerning our utilities so dial in to the meeting!

## Racquet Club

The Racquet Club is undergoing a change in operational philosophy. The Board is conducting a proof of principle that extends hours and temporarily revises rules and terms. As this experiment continues, Management will make changes at the Racquet Club and document the best way to update Policy and Administrative Resolutions regarding such. Please provide comments to Management on the positive and challenging aspects of the temporary rules on the Racquet Club's courts. We need your feedback.

I hope to see everyone walking the property to view the holiday lights displayed here this month. Enjoy the season but please remember to keep your distance, wear a mask and keep that bubble tight. Dial into our December 15th meeting and read the Board Packet online to remain current on Association business.

# S.T.E.A.M. AHEAD!

By Zohreh Khoshnamak, Youth Committee Member

This year the Watergate At Landmark Youth Committee's Science Club will new activities. Following are event descriptions plus some additional information on our robotics team.

## The Mars Base Camp

The race to land humans on Mars is on! The 2020 4-H STEM Challenge will explore sending a mission to Mars via the activity, Mars Base Camp. Developed by Google and Virginia Cooperative Extension, Mars Base Camp is a collection of activities that teaches kids ages 8-14 S.T.E.A.M. skills like mechanical engineering, physics, computer science, and agriculture. Activities will include:

- *Landing Zone Surveyor* is an unplugged, hands-on activity where kids will attempt to land on Mars and discover key features to setting up a base camp.
- *Red Planet Odyssey* is an unplugged activity where kids will use engineering skills to build a vehicle that can explore the surface of Mars.
- *Crop Curiosity* is an unplugged activity where kids will learn about biology, environmental science, and agriculture to grow nutritionally efficient food on Mars.
- *Insight from Mars* is an activity that can be done unplugged or online that teaches kids to code and share a discovery they made on Mars using CS First and Scratch programs.

The bi-monthly Science Club meetings (dates and times TBA) will require advanced registration and commitment to remain as part of the team.

## Tech Troopers

The Tech Troopers, WAL's *FIRST* Lego League Challenge Robotics team (Grades 4 - 8), are back for another great season! This year *FIRST* is teaming up with Disney and Lucasfilm for the 2020-2021 robotics season theme: *FIRST*® GAME CHANGERS<sup>SM</sup>, powered by Star Wars: Force for Change.

This season's programs will represent the evolution of our sports and activities that make us physically and mentally strong. For centuries, sports have played an integral part of our culture. The *FIRST* community is building a culture that recognizes the athlete in each of us—whether our talents lie on the court, in the lab, or with a controller in hand.

Registration and commitment to be a team member for the season is mandatory. The team will meet once a week or more if necessary. Please register by contacting Zohreh Khoshnamak (571-421-6181) or Becca Spencer, our Activities Director (703-370-7092). You may also send an email to [activities@watergateatlandmark.com](mailto:activities@watergateatlandmark.com).

## WATERGATE AT LANDMARK Holiday Hours of Operation

**Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve  
December 24, 2020 and December 31, 2020**

Activities Office .....	11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Resident Services and Management Office .....	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Library .....	8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Fitness Center .....	4 a.m. – midnight
Indoor Pool .....	6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Racquet Club .....	6 a.m. – 11 p.m.*

*The Shuttle Bus will run on a normal Thursday schedule.*

**Christmas Day and New Year's Day  
December 25, 2020 and January 1, 2021**

All Offices .....	Closed
Library .....	Closed
Fitness Center .....	4 a.m. – midnight
Indoor Pool .....	10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Racquet Club .....	6 a.m. – 11 p.m.*

*The Shuttle Bus will not operate.*

*\*The Racquet Club will be open by FOB access.*

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# IN OUR “BACKYARD”

By Herb Treger, West End Coalition Representative

Following are key details on various projects in Alexandria’s West End.

## Duke St. Transitway/Corridor B

Per the City website, the “Transitway Corridor Feasibility Study was completed in 2012 and builds on the 2008 City Council adopted Transportation Master Plan recommendation for providing enhanced transit service in the North-South, Duke St., and Van Dorn/Beauregard corridors. Corridor B would connect Alexandria to Fairfax Co. to the west. It has the potential to serve the Eisenhower East area, Landmark Mall, Foxchase, Alexandria Commons, the King St. Metro-rail station, and portions of Old Town. The alignment of the Duke St. corridor in an approximate east/west orientation also would allow it to connect to the North-South and Van Dorn/Beauregard corridors.”

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority website states that the “conceptual design for the ultimate configuration, developed as part of the Transitway Corridors Feasibility Study (adopted by City Council in 2012), recommended that the existing curb lanes along most portions of Duke Street will be converted to a transit and business access lane.” In the section of Duke St. between Jordan St. and Wheeler Ave., which currently has four lanes, the street will be widened to provide a reversible center lane for general purpose traffic. The reversible lane would be configured to allow Duke St. to accommodate a dedicated transit lane in the peak hours and peak direction of traffic flow during the a.m. and p.m. rush hour along Duke St. The project will include streetscape enhancements, transit stations, transit signal priority,

and a bicycle facility along Duke St. along with corridor-wide pedestrian improvements. Certain City Council members have stated that eminent domain might be invoked to make Corridor B feasible. Recently, the City agreed to have additional public input on the design for Corridor B. For more information, go to <https://thenovaaauthority.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/PDF-Alexandria-Duke-Street-Transitway-v2.pdf> and <https://www.alexandriava.gov/HighCapacityTransit>.

## Landmark Mall

City staff said in late July 2020 that Howard Hughes (HHC) is selling the property they own. They added that a new developer is working with Inova Hospital and City staff, intending to bring forth a Coordinated Development District plan (“CDD”) for the Mall in January or March 2021. A member of City Council confirmed these developments at a meeting in mid-September 2020.

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At a neighboring HOA's November 10, 2020 meeting, it was stated that if Inova's negotiations were successful, the hospital would only use 11 of the 51 acres the former Mall covered. Mayor Wilson also stated to the residents there that HHC will not take part in redeveloping the Mall, but they are meeting with other parties who are involved. Wilson stated that there is an "extremely active process" going on at the Mall and the City expects to be able to announce what is going on in the next few weeks or months. He also confirmed that the Carpenter's Shelter is moving from the site. The Mayor noted that Amazon's interest is linked to parking its vehicles there while the site isn't being used. For more information, go to: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/planning/info/default.aspx?id=90965>

### Landmark Overlook

This is a 8-acre project first disclosed publicly at the September 15, 2020 meeting of the Advisory Group on the Eisenhower West/Landmark Van

Dorn Implementation. The project currently envisions a multi-family apartment building with 376 units, two hotels with 360 rooms, and 88 "stacked condominiums." Senior City staff informed me that this project is tentatively scheduled to come before both Planning Commission and City Council in March 2021.

### Victory Center

Stonebridge acquired the Victory Center property on Eisenhower Ave. in 2019 and quickly moved to rezone the east parking lot next to the vacant office building. The developers plan to put a residential townhouse development there. The office building and the parking lot west of the building will remain in place. Stonebridge is actively seeking tenants for the office building. The Stonebridge redevelopment was on the hearing dockets for the Planning Commission on November 5 and City Council on November 14. Winchester Homes is building townhouses and is expected to go before both the Planning Commission

and City Council respectively on December 1 and December 12, 2020.

### Virginia Paving Company

Greenhill Realty Co. is still actively negotiating to acquire the land upon which the asphalt plant currently operates. Should these negotiations reach fruition, it's possible that the asphalt plant will cease its operations prior to the January 1, 2027 deadline imposed by Alexandria City Council.

### Vulcan Materials Site

The current redevelopment plan by the owners of the site, Lennar, is for back-to-back multifamily units, hotel and small condo buildings with large open space. A large open green space is also slated for the site. The site sits much lower than the surrounding road infrastructure, so redevelopment will necessarily include significant entry and exit modifications, especially for emergency vehicles. This may come before the Planning Commission and City Council.

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# WAR HERO DEFEATS FROSTBITE AND LANDMINES

## PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT RECALLS CHOSIN RESERVOIR BATTLE IN KOREAN WAR

By *Rashawnda Atkinson*

“We couldn’t go north, we couldn’t go south, we couldn’t go east and we couldn’t go west. We were surrounded [by the enemy]. And there was only one way to get out.”

These were the words that Marine Veteran and long-time WAL resident Ret. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Albert Debnar stated as he recalled the battle often referred to as the defining battle for the Marines and the Korean War: The Chosin Reservoir Campaign. Following is the veteran’s recollection of his experiences during this conflict over 60 years ago.

### Leaving Home

The story of how Debnar reached such straits began after he graduated from high school in 1950. A few of his buddies and he were talking about what they were going to do since they were done with high school.

“Other people were joining [the military], and it was what we thought that we should do for our country. I didn’t have a second thought about it,” Debnar shared.

“Two of my uncles served in World War II and everybody else was too young at the time, so I said, ‘Why not?’” he mentioned.

At the age of 18 and with the permission of his parents, Albert left Wisconsin behind to enlist in the Marines along with a few of his friends.

### Change of Plans

It would be during Basic Training that the recruit learned he’d be sent to fight in Korea. Though he was ready to fight and die even for his country, nothing could have prepared him for the unexpected surprises that awaited

him at a place that he’d never heard of before.

Once his unit, the 1st Combat Engineers, arrived in Korea, he immediately was thrust into action. Albert and a few fellow Marines had one of the most dangerous jobs there was at the time—finding and disarming landmines.

“I was pulling mines out of the ground to make it safer for the rest of the troops,” Debnar revealed.



Ret. CWO2 Albert Debnar shown as a young Marine in Korea.

### You’re Trapped

As the troops carried out their duties, they received somber news on the eve before the battle began:

“I’ll never forget how cold it was...we were surrounded at Hagaruri near a big water dam. They put the word out...the CO [commanding officer] made a few choice words but told us we’d have to shoot our way out,” he continued.

He was right. The People’s Volunteer Army surprised the Marines and outnumbered them 10 to 1 according to the 2010 *Chosin* documentary. Fur-

thermore, there was only one way out and that was down a winding, narrow and snow-packed road that passed through some of the most treacherous terrain in North Korea. To get to safety and reinforcements, they’d have to walk about 100 miles to Hungnam, a North Korean port.

“When the sun came up, the fighting began. I remember that there was a little snow but mostly, we were trying to keep warm. Temperatures dropped to 40 to 50 degrees below zero. And that was during the day,” Debnar explained.

“The fighting was continuous. The shooting was continuous. I didn’t take off my clothes for about two weeks. Too cold [to do so]. You didn’t touch metal with your bare hand. I didn’t *dare* take off my boots. That was dangerous. You could get gangrene and other bad stuff. You tried to keep warm mainly,” he continued.

### Chilled to the Bone

The group of brave warriors endured constant fighting, sleepless nights and bitter temperatures to successfully fend off the opposing forces, who suffered major losses. And although Debnar wasn’t like the thousands of soldiers who were killed in action or died from freezing to death, he did experience a major health challenge. The young Marine came down with frostbite and he was put on a cot and rushed to a hospital tent to keep him protected from the weather.

“My feet felt cold to the touch. I knew something was wrong because I couldn’t feel my feet,” he stated.

“I think [I spent] a couple of weeks [in the hospital tent] and then I got

evacuated further south to get away from the shooting. They patched me up and I went right back on the line.”

### Too Close to Death

After recovering from frostbite, Debnar had other experiences that brought him close to death.

Mrs. Filomena Debnar, Albert’s wife of many 42 years, chimed in, “You know a friend of ours and a fellow Marine from the Chosin Few, which is a group of vets who made it out of that battle in Korea, recalled that Albert risked his life to make sure the flag was put back because they kept shooting the flag down. Those that were with him said, ‘Debnar, Debnar, you will be killed! What are you doing? You will be killed!’ It fell three or four times but he protected the flag and kept it there.”

Albert stated, “Fear never entered my mind. At that age, we went over there to fight. We thought nothing would stop us.” He credited basic training for preparing them to do whatever it

took to make sure they completed their mission. That wasn’t the only time Debnar encountered a life-threatening situation.

“I was driving a small truck in South Korea and ran over a landmine. It was a big bang,” Debnar said.

*“I love my country and I fought for it.”*

*~Albert Debnar*

“The military sent a note to his parents, thinking that he was surely dead,” Mrs. Debnar added.

“I woke up on a hospital ship and eventually came out okay,” Debnar shared.

Metal fragments from the explosion, or shrapnel, landed on several parts of his body. Albert’s family was re-

lieved to find out that he did indeed survive the landmine explosion. Till this day, he still has complications from the frostbite and the shrapnel is not removable. For this, Debnar was awarded the Purple Heart.

### A True Patriot

After surviving the landmine explosion, Albert continued to serve in the Marines, going back to Korea for a second tour and then doing two tours during the Vietnam War. He considers himself to be fortunate as he did not lose a major limb or make the ultimate sacrifice.

“Well, my day-to-day life didn’t change much. I love my country and I fought for it,” Debnar declared. Once his days on the battlefield were over, he served his country in the Foreign Service, performing his duties throughout Europe and Africa.

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# WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE A&E COMMITTEE?

By Marsha Ward, Committee Chair



We look forward to seeing the Cobra King (a M4 Sherman tank used in the Battle of the Bulge during WW2) in person once shuttle trips resume! Photo: National Museum of the U.S. Army

Season's Greetings! From the members of the Arts and Entertainment Committee, we send well wishes to all Watergate residents for a happy and healthy new year in 2021.

It's still too early to whip out the old crystal ball and foretell how the COVID-19 pandemic will affect us with shutdowns, or plague us (Ouch! Sorry for the bad pun!) with restrictions. And COVID-19 certainly did wreak havoc on A&E's plans for our popular Thursday Shuttle Excursions. However, the Committee is keeping its "eyes and ears open" for new venues whenever we receive the okay to officially resume this popular event. There will eventually be "places to go, people to see, and things to do" with the newly opened National Museum of the United States Army as well as some old favorites to include the Hillwood Estate, the Phillips Collection and museum gardens.

For those with internet access, many of the local places of interest have digital resources available. Here are three that may interest you: [www.thenmusa.org](http://www.thenmusa.org) (National Museum of the US Army), [www.nga.org](http://www.nga.org) (National Gallery of Art) and [www.folger.edu](http://www.folger.edu) (Folger Shakespeare Library).

With a little patience, copious amounts of hand sanitizer and always with a mask in public spaces, we welcome the 2021 New Year with good health and good cheer!

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# WATERGATE AT LANDMARK UPCOMING EVENTS



## HOLIDAY CAROLING

Friday, December 11, 2020  
Meeting Place TBA • 6 p.m.

The Youth Committee will sing holiday carols for those who'd enjoy a little holiday cheer. Please email the Activities Office (activities@watergateatlandmark.com) or call 703-370-7092 if you'd like to participate or have the carolers stop by your unit or by that of a friend's. Professional voices or holiday-themed sweaters are not required. Include your building and unit number in your reply.

## FREE MOVIE: CHICAGO

Friday, January 15, 2021  
Terrace Lounge • 3 p.m.

This Academy-Award winning musical is one you don't want to miss!

This event is limited to 25 residents to allow for social distancing. Reserve your spot by contacting the Activities Office. Early check-in starts at 2:30 p.m. on the day of the show. Masks are required and hand sanitizer will be available. Attendees must sign waivers prior to attending.



## YOUTH TENNIS TIME

Saturdays through March 27, 2021  
Racquet Club • 3 p.m. • FREE

Attendees must pre-register at the Activities Office and sign waivers prior to participation. Parents or guardians must remain in the vicinity for the duration of the session. Event sponsored by the Youth Committee. Equipment is not provided for this event.

## MARK TWAIN

Saturday, March 13, 2021  
Terrace Lounge • 7:30 p.m. • Tickets: \$10

Back for another visit, Allen Reece will give a one man live performance of "Mark Twain." Event limited to 25 people. Sign up at the Activities Office to reserve your spot.

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# DECEMBER 2020 EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Advanced Tennis Social - 10 AM - RC Chair Dance - 11 AM - TL HIIT- 6:30 PM - TL Covenants - 7PM - TC	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Tone/Balance/Stretch 12 PM - TL Intermediate Tennis Social - 4 PM - RC Recreation - 5 PM - TC Pickleball - 6 PM - RC Youth - 6 PM - TC Infrastructure - 7 PM - TC	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Water Aerobics - 7 PM - IP Pickleball - 7 PM - RC Virtual Town Hall: 1st Reading for PR 88 - 7 PM - TC Pet - 7:30 PM - TC	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Advanced Tennis Social - 10 AM - RC Water Dance - Noon - IP	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Pickleball - 11 AM - RC Youth Tennis Time - 3 PM - RC
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pickleball 2 PM - RC	Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL Chair Dance - 12 PM - TL Lions Club - 6 PM - TV	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Chair Dance - 11 AM - TL HIIT- 6:30 PM - TL	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Tone/Balance/Stretch - 12 PM - TL Intermediate Tennis Social - 4 PM - RC Pickleball - 6 PM - RC PRC - 7 PM - TC	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Water Aerobics - 7 PM - IP Pickleball - 7 PM - RC	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Advanced Tennis Social - 10 AM - RC Water Dance - Noon - IP Holiday Caroling - 6 PM - TBA	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Pickleball - 11 AM - RC Youth Tennis Time - 3 PM - RC
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Pickleball 2 PM - RC	Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL Chair Dance - 12 PM - TL Budget - 7 PM - TC	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Chair Dance - 11 AM - TL HIIT- 6:30 PM - TL Board of Directors Meeting - 7PM - TC	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Tone/Balance/Stretch - 12 PM - TL Intermediate Tennis Social - 4 PM - RC Pickleball - 6 PM - RC	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Water Aerobics - 7 PM - IP Pickleball - 7 PM - RC	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Advanced Tennis Social - 10 AM - RC Water Dance - Noon - IP	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Pickleball - 11 AM - RC Youth Tennis Time - 3 PM - RC  BOARD CANDIDATE PACKAGES DUE BY NOON
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# JANUARY 2021 EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					All Offices Are Closed for New Year's Day	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Pickleball - 11 AM - RC Youth Tennis Time - 3 PM - RC
3	4	5	6	7		8
Pickleball 2 PM - RC	Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL Chair Dance - 12 PM - TL Lions Club - 6 PM - TV	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Advanced Tennis Social - 10 AM - RC Chair Dance - 11 AM - TL HIIT- 6:30 PM - TL Covenants - 7PM - TC	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Tone/Balance/Stretch 12 PM - TL Elections - 1:30 PM - TC Intermediate Tennis Social - 4 PM - RC Recreation - 5 PM - TC Pickleball - 6 PM - RC Youth - 6 PM - TC Infrastructure - 7 PM - TC	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Water Aerobics - 7 PM - IP Pickleball - 7 PM - RC Pet - 7:30 PM - TC	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Advanced Tennis Social - 10 AM - RC Water Dance - Noon - IP	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Pickleball - 11 AM - RC Youth Tennis Time - 3 PM - RC
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Pickleball 2 PM - RC	Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL Chair Dance - 12 PM - TL	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Advanced Tennis Social - 10 AM - RC Chair Dance - 11 AM - TL HIIT- 6:30 PM - TL Social Committee - 7PM - TC	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Landscape - 11 AM - TC Tone/Balance/Stretch - 12 PM - TL Intermediate Tennis Social - 4 PM - RC Pickleball - 6 PM - RC PRC - 7 PM - TC	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Water Aerobics - 7 PM - IP Pickleball - 7 PM - RC	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Advanced Tennis Social - 10 AM - RC Water Dance - Noon - IP Free Movie: Chicago - 3 PM - TL	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Pickleball - 11 AM - RC Youth Tennis Time - 3 PM - RC
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Pickleball 2 PM - RC	Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL Chair Dance - 12 PM - TL Budget - 7 PM - TC	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Advanced Tennis Social - 10 AM - RC Chair Dance - 11 AM - TL HIIT- 6:30 PM - TL	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Tone/Balance/Stretch - 12 PM - TL Intermediate Tennis Social - 4 PM - RC Pickleball - 6 PM - RC	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Water Aerobics - 7 PM - IP Pickleball - 7 PM - RC	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Advanced Tennis Social - 10 AM - RC Water Dance - Noon - IP	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Pickleball - 11 AM - RC Youth Tennis Time - 3 PM - RC
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Pickleball 2 PM - RC	Pilates - 10:30 AM - TL Chair Dance - 12 PM - TL	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Advanced Tennis Social - 10 AM - RC Chair Dance - 11 AM - TL HIIT- 6:30 PM - TL Board of Directors Meeting - 7PM - TC	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Tone/Balance/Stretch - 12 PM - TL Intermediate Tennis Social - 4 PM - RC Pickleball - 6 PM - RC	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Water Aerobics - 7 PM - IP Pickleball - 7 PM - RC	Tai Chi - 9 AM - TL Advanced Tennis Social - 10 AM - RC Water Dance - Noon - IP	Tai Chi - 8 AM - TL Yoga - 9 AM - CR Pickleball - 11 AM - RC Youth Tennis Time - 3 PM - RC
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# PURRFECT FOR ME

By Eugenia Burkes, Pet Committee Member



Maji's presence may be a mystery but she's still oh so very beautiful! Photo: Eugenia Burkes

Meet Maji. That's short for Majirisan, a yoga term for the Cat Pose. Since she is a Himalayan (a mix of Persian and Siamese), the name seemed appropriate. She could be a "show cat" if she wasn't feral.

About twelve years ago the State of New Jersey closed down a breeder for abuse and neglect. Breeders up and down the east coast agreed to take some of the mama cats and their litters. At the same time we were looking for a Himalayan kitten and spotted an ad for a kitten in Waterford, VA. It was love at first sight - such a gorgeous, tiny kitten. The foster parent only said she might be hard to socialize. Little did they know!

After several months the poor little thing was still terrified of everything, especially people. A friend recommended a pet behavioralist, so we paid (and paid) for a trip to a kitty shrink

in Maryland. We described the circumstances of getting her and the doctor asked only one question: "How old was she when you got her?" The answer was 9 weeks. The doctor said "She's feral," meaning when a kitten does not have human contact during the first six weeks of life, they will be hardwired for life as feral. That ended a very short consultation which could have been done over the phone as the doctor never even looked at her.

After many years, she is comfortable with us and she even lets us comb her fur. However, only one pet sitter has actually seen her! Many friends, after numerous visits, remain highly skeptical that she exists. So, this photo of Maji is the only proof.

*Do you have a pet you'd like to write about? Send your story to [debfreile@gmail.com](mailto:debfreile@gmail.com). Please submit your story in first-person rather than your pet's voice.*

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