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Watergate at Landmark Unit Owners Association

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## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Gary Dahl, Board President

We are a community of neighbors who depend on each other. As we go about our daily lives, little things that aren't in order may frustrate some of us. Others may focus on the major issues. Since high-rise living

means residents live closely together, compromise and adaptation are key to an enjoyable experience. This month, I'm raising awareness of some issues to benefit all residents.

### Noise

Noise complaints are reported frequently in our community. Noise is generated from a variety of sources, to include construction, playing in units, running in hallways, bouncing a ball, playing music, moving furniture, pets being pets or just talking loudly. I encourage you to be kind to your neighbors by "keeping it down." Remember, if Patrol Services comes to your unit, it has gotten out of hand. The next step may be a referral to Covenants or Alexandria Police involvement.

### Trash Rooms

Policy Resolution #89 requires large boxes and other bulk items (furniture, plants etc.) to be taken to the Loading Dock. This doesn't always occur and the door to the Trash Room was blocked with large items in a couple of cases. So, don't be lazy by dropping off large items in the Trash Room. It's only a few more steps to put the item(s) on the Loading Dock, which is what's required by our rules.

### Washing Machine Hose Leaks

Several units experienced washing machine leaks recently, causing water to flow downward into units below them. Please note you are responsible for damage your washing machine causes. Inspect and ensure your equipment operates properly.

- Administrative Resolution #73 requires owners to be responsible for the periodic inspection of their unit's washer hoses, replacing them if necessary. Management keeps a stock of 6ft. water hoses with reinforced webbing, "L-shaped connections" and pressure tested at a minimum for 120 lbs.



*Inspect your washer hoses regularly to avoid leaks.*

PSI (per square inch). The Handyman Service can install these for you. Call 703-370-7000 and request such.

- Most Plumbing Associations recommend replacing washing machine hoses, regardless of age and assumed condition, every five years.
- Hoses are checked as a part of the resale process.

### Parking

Beware of where you park. Vehicles have increasingly begun to park in the wrong space or in a construction zone. These infractions waste valuable time, since Patrol Ser-

*Beware of where you park!*

vices must notify the owner to move the vehicle from the restricted space. Some vehicles are booted or towed, which can be inconvenient and costly.

### Rules and Regulations (R&R):

The new publication dated October 29, 2019, is located on our public website [www.watergateatlandmark.com](http://www.watergateatlandmark.com). This edition replaces all previous versions. Updates will be made as Watergate at Landmark policies change or are modified. Owners who rent units are responsible to provide tenants a copy of the Rules and Regulations.

I wish to thank our Vice President, Chief of Patrol Services, Deputy General Manager and our Personnel Director for methodically reviewing all policies and administrative resolutions while making sure the October 2019 R&R contained current information. They also reformatted the document, which placed like items near one another and included an index for easy reference.

### Election of Board Members

Many owners will select Board Members for the Watergate at Landmark Association Board of Directors this month. By now, you should have received the packet announcing the Annual Meeting on March 2 with the slate of candidates. This year we will elect three Board Members for a three-year term and one Board Member for a one-year term. There are five candidates asking for your vote. You can become familiar with their platforms by reviewing their documentation and attending the candidate events (p. 6). Vote early and don't wait until March 2!

Remember neighbors, we are a community and we need each other's support, fellowship and participation. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the February candidate events, Board Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Association on March 2.

# Inside the Wheel



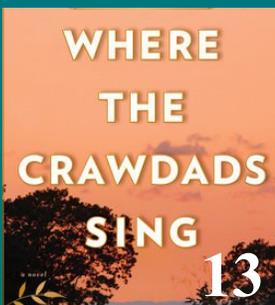
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## ON THE COVER: ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

*Watergate at Landmark has many interest groups you may want to join. From Legos to scrapbooking and chess to canasta, our community truly has something for everyone!*



*Photo: Wes Norman*



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# UPDATES AT WAL

By Rashawnda Atkinson

There's so much that's happened over the holidays and into 2020. Here's a recap of some key events and staff updates

## Rules and Regulations (R&R) Reformatted

Copies of the current R&R may be downloaded from [www.watergateatlandmark.com](http://www.watergateatlandmark.com). You can also pay \$5 for a hard copy at Resident Services if you prefer such.

The R&R document was reformatted to make accessing rules and guidelines for specific topics easier to find. Related topics were grouped near one another and some commonly used forms were attached to the document. We hope you enjoy and use the reformatted version.

## New Maintenance Coordinator

Shalayah Nesbitt became our new Maintenance Coordinator in December of last year. She has over a decade of customer service experience and four years of condo association service. Her background includes compiling resale packages, maintenance coordination, condo questionnaires and more. Shalayah says these experiences helped her learn how to "tactfully handle difficult situations."

Although being a Maintenance Coordinator for such a large community can seem overwhelming, she states that "enjoys the challenges that come with the position" and "remembers to keep the residents' needs a priority." Perhaps it's her background as a trained boxer that gives her the calm she needs to focus.

## Kat is Back!

Kat Robinson returned to Watergate at Landmark to serve as a Resident Services Representative. When asked about her return to WAL, she said, "It feels like home."

## Have You Met Becca?

Our Activities Director and Racquet Club Manager, Meena Paluvai, has returned to India to care for family. Her last day onsite for WAL was Saturday, January 25.

"Out of all the places I've been, everyone here has been supportive and helpful. I'll miss working here," she said.

Pro-FIT has selected Becca Spencer to replace her. She began working at WAL on Tuesday, January 28, and has nine years of professional theatre production and event management experience.

"I'm excited to provide a positive experience to everyone attending events here at WAL," the Arizona native said. When she's not working, Becca enjoys painting and read-

ing a good book. Give her a warm welcome!

## Staff Honored at Employee Banquet

Several staff members were recognized for their exceptional work at this year's Employee Banquet. Management and the Board of Directors attended the affair, where several employees were recognized for remarkable job performance and length of service.

Congratulations is extended to the following employees for their exceptional work ethic:

- **2020 Employee of the Year**  
John Cunningham, Covenants Enforcement Administrator
- **Management Staff of the Year**  
Bryan Fingers, Shop Foreman
- **Environmental Services Employee of the Year**  
Moises Rodriguez, Floor Technician
- **Maintenance Employee of the Year**  
Fredy Flores, Electrician
- **Resident Services Employee of the Year**  
Raul Mercado, Resident Services Representative
- **Rising Star Award for New Employees**  
Saul Benavides, Maintenance Painter

## End of Annual Re-registration

Accounts not re-registered by January 31, 2020 will have a \$50 registration service charge assessed as of Saturday, February 1, 2020.

Thank you so much to those who've completed re-registration!



Above: Bryan Fingers, Mgmt. Staff of the Year

Below: John Cunningham, Employee of the Year



# LET'S PARTY!

## PARTY ROOM RESERVATIONS

By Rashawnda Atkinson

One of the perks of living at WAL is the ability to rent one of four private party rooms. There's one in each of our four high-rise buildings, so if you're in the mood to celebrate, keep this option in mind.

### Reservations

Current WAL residents ages 21 or older may request a reservation for a private party as long as it's not for commercial or business use or on the behalf of a religious, charitable, fraternal or similar type of organization. Complete a [WAL Party Room Rental Request Form](http://www.watergateatlandmark.com/other-helpful-documents.html) available for download on our website <http://www.watergateatlandmark.com/other-helpful-documents.html>. Return the form with a security deposit

and room rental payment. Requests cannot be less than 72 hours before the desired date. Events cancelled less than 48 hours before the date reserved may forfeit the rental fee. Reservations are confirmed once the deposit is received, the rental and associated fees are paid in full, and the [Party Room Rental Form](#) is completed and submitted.

### Resident Responsibilities

Generally speaking, the reservation holder is liable for damages that occur to the Party Room, its furnishings or equipment as well as any extensive or unusual cleanup. The event must not extend beyond the Party Room and into other common elements. Before leaving the room, remove trash to the Loading Dock and return the Party Room to a broom clean condition. Failing to follow the Party Room Rules will result in forfeiting your deposit.

Please note that the reservation holder is also responsible for their

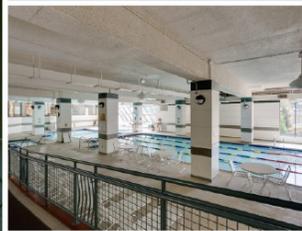


Reserve a party room for a future event!

guests' actions as well as any violations of Association policies, rules and regulations and laws.

### Before You Reserve A Room...

There are a few things people may forget when reserving a room. Provide an attendees list in alphabetical order no later than 48 hours prior to the event date to both the Activities Office and Patrol Services at the Front Gate. Include set-up and cleanup time in the reservation request as well as how many tables and chairs you'll need. Consider the desired Party Room location and the largest number of people allowed.



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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS 2020

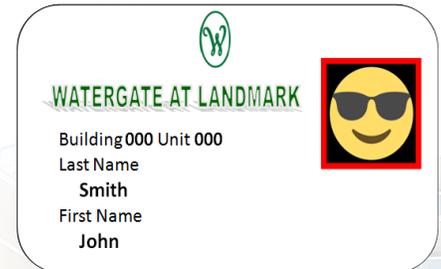
By Watergate at Landmark Election Committee

Let your voice be heard and vote in our upcoming WAL Board of Directors Elections! Board members are the Association's governing representatives and the decisions they make impact our lives daily. Responsibilities of the Board include:

- Adoption of an annual Association budget, unit assessments and a schedule of fees. Board members must manage stakeholders' money in responsible decisions that impact the financial circumstances of unit owners.
- Approval of contracts and capital expenditures that contribute to the maintenance and appearance of the property, improve home values and instill in residents a sense of pride in their community. Board members must endeavor to limit the inconvenience of major infrastructure projects on residents and ensure projects are completed on schedule, at budget and at a high level of quality.
- Proliferation of reasonable rules that promote the safety, health and well-being of residents and the peaceful enjoyment of their homes.
- Finally, Board members work closely with WAL Management to improve the quality of life for all residents.

The election of Board Members is an expensive and time-consuming enterprise. The Annual Meeting will be postponed if quorum is not reached by the evening of March 2. This may require a new election at a significant additional cost to the Association. Therefore, it is vital that all unit owners fulfill their ownership responsibility and VOTE!

If for some reason you are not ready to vote or do not wish to vote for any of the candidates on the proxy ballot, check Option 2 on the proxy ballot envelope which says, "Vote for quorum purposes only."



Bring your WAL ID with you to vote.

Helpful instructions for voting are included in the election materials, and you may vote as soon as you receive them. Included in the information are copies of candidates' biographies and campaign statements for you to review. The Elections Committee has coordinated several events for residents to meet the candidates and hear their ideas.

## WAL 2020 ELECTIONS FAQ

### What is the business of the Annual Meeting?

The primary business is the election of new Board members.

### How many candidates are there? How many can I choose?

Five unit owners were validated as candidates for the 2020 Board of Directors Election. This year, unit owners will elect four resident owners to the Watergate at Landmark Board of Directors. The three candidates with the greatest number of votes will be elected to three-year terms. The candidate with the fourth most votes will be elected to a one-year term.

### What is the Unit Owners Association?

The Association is made up of all owners listed on the deed for that unit. Renters are not Association members.

### What is the Quorum?

For the Association to conduct business, including elections, at least 25% of the total percentage interest, either by proxy or in attendance, must be represented. This is called quorum. It is outlined in our governing documents.

### What does Percentage of Interest Mean?

Each unit has a weighted interest (no matter how many owners are on the deed) in the Association, depending on the model you own. For example, if you own an A model, you have the smallest interest (.048%) and if you own a J or K model you have the larger interest (.092%).

## 2020 WAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION DATES TO NOTE

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING  
SPONSORED BY SEVERAL WAL COMMITTEES  
Tuesday, February 4 • Terrace Lounge • 7:30 p.m.

"MEET THE CANDIDATES" TOWN HALL  
Tuesday, February 11 • Terrace Lounge • 7:30 p.m.

BUILDING LOBBY VOTING  
Tuesday, February 18 •  
Bldgs. 1 & 2 • 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19 •  
Bldgs. 3 & 4 • 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY HAPPY HOUR VOTING  
Friday, February 21 • Terrace Lounge • 7 – 9 p.m.

43RD ANNUAL MEETING  
Monday, March 2 • Terrace Lounge • 7 p.m.  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

In voting, only one vote per unit is accepted, but it is weighted. What does this mean? Your vote is not a one-for-one vote like it is in an election for the governor or the President of the United States. Although your vote in the Association may be weighted, it is extremely important that enough owners attend or submit a proxy for the Association Annual Meeting to meet quorum.

### **What happens when I attend the Annual Meeting if I haven't voted yet? May I still vote?**

When the polls open, you will check in with the League of Women Voters. You must show your ID. You will receive a colored ballot depending on your unit model. The color makes it easier for the League of Women Voters to count the votes by model and calculate the percentage of interest.

### **How will the votes be counted?**

Election results will be tabulated under the guidance of the League of Women Voters. Results will be announced at the end of the Annual Meeting and posted in each building following the Annual Meeting. The Elections Committee encourages you to please vote!

### **What if I can't attend the Annual Meeting?**

If you cannot attend the meeting, you are encouraged to vote by filling out the Proxy Ballot & Proxy Envelope, then:

- Mail the envelope to the League of Women Voters to arrive no later than noon on March 2.
- Present the envelope to an Election Committee member on the date and time they will be in the lobby of your building from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. For Bldgs. 1 and 2, that will be on Tuesday, February 18. It will be on Wednesday, February 19, for Bldgs. 3 and 4.
- Place the envelope in the ballot drop box at Resident Services no later than noon the day of the Annual Meeting, Monday, March 2, or
- Vote during the Community Happy Hour on Friday, February 21, in the Terrace Lounge.

### **What are the three ways that the proxy envelope can be completed?**

- Complete the ballot and put it in your proxy envelope if you want to vote for a candidate(s);
- You can have your proxy count for quorum. You don't want to vote for any candidate(s) but want to help establish quorum (no ballot); or
- Appoint someone to act on your behalf at the meeting and vote for a candidate(s).

### **What are the most common mistakes unit owners make which may invalidate a ballot?**

Two issues commonly arise that may invalidate a ballot.

The first issue is write-in votes. Write-in votes, erasures or cross-outs are not allowed. Doing any of these will invalidate your proxy ballot.

*Please vote or submit a proxy. If quorum is not met, the Association cannot conduct any business, including elections.*

Another common mistake made is missing signatures. The printed names of all owners is required but only one signature of an owner is required on the proxy ballot envelope. Why is this so important? In 2019, WAL had 42 invalidated ballots because:

- Owners did not write their names at the top of the proxy envelope.
- No unit owner signed the proxy ballot envelope.
- Some handwriting was illegible.
- Ballots from previous elections (e.g. 2016-2019) were submitted.

Please read over the election materials or come out to one of the scheduled events. Don't forget to vote!



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# THE CHAMP IS HERE

## “CHOPPED” WINNER MAKES WAL HOME

By Rashawnda Atkinson

*How would you like to win \$10,000?*

Michael Bonk, Chef de Cuisine at upscale steakhouse and raw bar BLT Steak and WAL resident, did just that.

Putting his culinary skills to the test, Bonk won the “Entrée Basket Blues” episode on Season 31 of “Chopped”, a popular show on the Food Network. His style of cooking is inspired by his Polish heritage, farm-life roots and appreciation of food in season and on hand.

The expert whole-animal butcher loves to cook “food with soul” according to his restaurant’s website. He’s intentional about where the food in his restaurant comes from, how it’s prepared and the way it’s served to guests. The chef life is more than a job for Bonk. It’s what he loves to do.

### How *Not* to Get Chopped

The Food Network reached out to Michael while he was working as a corporate chef in D.C. and asked him to come on the show.

“It was a pretty lengthy process, but the money was a good motivator. Where I was working at the time, the menu changed daily. We only cooked what we bought, and butchered the whole animal right there that day. Every day was like ‘Chopped,’” Bonk shares.

A few friends predicted how he’d do on the show.

“They said I’d kill the appetizer and entrée rounds but bomb dessert be-

cause I don’t do that. Pastry chefs do things completely different from what I do,” Mike states.

“The time [limits] you see on the show are the actual times. You really have 20 minutes to cook the appetizer and 30 minutes to do the entrée and



*Chef Michael Bonk at BLT Steak restaurant. Photo: BLT Steak*

dessert. The time gets stretched out because of all the set up in between.”

For example, Mike shared that it took about 20 minutes to reveal who was eliminated from each round because of the different camera angles the camera crew needed to take. This didn’t phase the DC chef much, as he cruised through the appetizer and entrée rounds. “I was actually asking to help others out because I finished early. I guess that made me a bad competitor but that’s just how it is when you’re in the kitchen,” Bonk says.

“I was excited the first two rounds, but by time the dessert round came I was like ‘I’ve gotta win this.’ I didn’t want to walk away with nothing after all that hard work.”

It wasn’t until about 8 p.m. that night that Bonk found out he was the “Chopped” Champion and winner of the \$10,000, even though the blueberry dessert he created wasn’t his strongest meal of the day.

So how did the champion get his start as a chef?

### 2 a.m. Wake-up Call

“I went to college for finance, but it really wasn’t exciting for me, although I was doing pretty well for myself. One morning I woke up at 2 a.m. and saw one of those culinary school commercials come on TV...I was 25 at the time...and I just knew that’s what I wanted to do,” Mike shares.

Bonk went to the Art Institute of Philadelphia for culinary school in 2005, studied in Paris for a while, and then graduated in 2009.

“Although the food scene back home [in Philly] is pretty good, I wanted a change. I happened to have a friend in D.C. I got on the bus and came down here. I looked up the top 10 restaurants in the city and then began knocking on the doors of each one until I got a job.”

And that’s how the finance guy became a chef.

### Farm Guy at Heart

Don’t get it twisted though. Food has always been an integral part of Mike’s life.

Growing up just outside of Wilmington, D.E., Bonk’s mother raised him as a single parent and spent lots of time on his grandma’s farm. He enjoyed the benefit of having food within reach.

“On her farm, I’d eat whatever she grew out there. No washing things off. I’d just go on and pick the blueberries and eat them fresh. I’d eat the peas she grew out there, too,” he says.

Sometimes though, he’d get a bit carried away.

“My grandma would grab the fire hose, turn it on and spray me with water so I wouldn’t eat it all!”

These fond memories of Mike’s early years created his love for food. It didn’t matter if it was cake or kielbasa. Food was made from scratch and from whatever his grandma grew and canned in season. He eventually experimented with cooking for himself, although he made some blunders along the way.

“My first culinary ‘blunder’ was topping an Ellios pizza with cinnamon as a kid!” Mikes says with a chuckle.

Mistakes and life’s challenges—including working with a broken ankle at a restaurant in Hawaii—didn’t stop Mike from pursuing his goals. Rather, it was the lessons he learned all throughout life, culinary school

*My first culinary ‘blunder’ was topping an Ellios pizza with cinnamon as a kid!*

and knocking down doors at restaurants to learn the craft that helped Bonk’s career and reputation soar.

“I looked for someone who knew more and wasn’t afraid to ask for advice. I had a group of mentors experienced in the industry who gave me advice,” he said.

His BLT Steak restaurant biography credits renown D.C. chefs Jeffrey Buben and R.J. Cooper from Vidalia—where Bonk got his first job—as well as Chef Nicholas Stefanelli for influencing his cooking style and philosophy along with his grandmother.

**Chef in Charge**

His life now as the Chef de Cuisine is still as busy as it was when he began his chef journey 15 years ago.

“Even though I’m the boss now, I still sometimes work seven days a week. I have 15-, 16- or 18-hour days still. I still help in the kitchen because it’s about creating the best experience with fresh food. I just love what I do each day,” Bonk says.

*Please bring any potential stories by and about residents at WAL to the Resident Services office or email [commgr@watergateatlandmark.com](mailto:commgr@watergateatlandmark.com).*

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C (1 BR, 1 BA) 986 SQFT	Bldg 2	Floor 12	\$269,500	No Garage
F (2 BR, 1.5 BA) 1211 SQFT	Bldg 1	Floor 11	\$259,900	No Garage
G (2 BR, 2 BA) 1309 SQFT	Bldg 4	Floor 16	\$275,000	No Garage
G (2 BR, 2 BA) 1309 SQFT	Bldg 1	Floor 6	\$285,000	One Garage
G (2 BR, 2 BA) 1309 SQFT	Bldg 1	Floor 2	\$310,000	One Garage
G (2 BR, 2 BA) 1309 SQFT	Bldg 4	Floor 17	\$315,000	No Garage
J (3 BR, 2 BA) 1621 SQFT	Bldg 1	Floor 2	\$340,000	One Garage
J (3 BR, 2 BA) 1621 SQFT	Bldg 2	Floor 12	\$349,000	One Garage

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B (1BR, 1BA) 881 SQFT	Bldg 3-1201	\$1,650	Pool View - New Carpet/Paint
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●●● **FOR SALE** ●●●

G (2BR, 2BA) 1309 SQFT	Bldg 2-522	\$285,000	Park View - Updated Kitchen
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\* Properties on the list have been listed and sold by various participants in the MLS. See our Watergate Updates (blue newsletter) for recent sales and listings at Watergate.



**Employee Banquet**



**Employee Banquet**



**Spreading Holiday Cheer!**



**Science Club with NSBE**



**American Red Cross Disaster Team—Smoke Alarm Installation**

# 2020 Activities Fair



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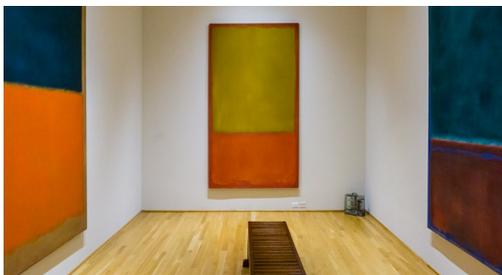
## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT UPCOMING SHUTTLE TRIPS

*Shuttle trips depart at 9:30 a.m. from your building's lobby and return by 3 p.m. unless noted. **Please contact the Activities Office for the sign-up, waitlist and cancellation deadlines.** Activities Office Phone: 703-370-7092.*

### PHILLIPS COLLECTION

**Thursday, February 6**  
**WAITLIST ONLY**

\$10 Tour Fee • \$10 for Shuttle • 9:30 a.m. Departure



The Phillips Permanent Collection possesses over 4000 art creations. Picasso, Jacob Lawrence and Georgia

O'Keefe are just some of the artists whose works are on display. Lunch is at your own expense at Bistrot Lepic.

### MGM GRAND NATIONAL HARBOR

**Thursday, February 20**

\$10 for Shuttle • 10:30 a.m. Departure



MGM National Harbor is a premiere entertainment destination located just outside of the nation's capital. It features a 3,000 seat theater, 308 hotel rooms, restaurants owned by acclaimed chefs and a gaming floor bigger than the White House! So while you're exploring all MGM National Harbor has to offer, plan to dine at your own expense at one of the site's many restaurants. **Note the departure time change.**

### NATIONAL FIREARMS MUSEUM

**Thursday, March 5**

\$10 for Shuttle • 9:30 a.m. Departure



Learn about the nearly 700-year history of firearms and how they were used in the American experience to gain, protect and defend freedom. The NRA National Firearms Museum has 15 galleries comprised of 85 exhibit cases housing 3,000 firearms. Each gallery represents some point in American history, from the stockade fort at Jamestown to the gun factories of New England. It also shows how guns are used in a variety of ways as well as firearms used in notable Hollywood entertainment. After the group visit to the museum, you can dine at your expense in one of Fairfax Corner's many restaurants!

### GUNSTON HALL

**Thursday,**

**March 19**

Adult Ticket: \$10

Seniors Ticket: \$8

\$10 for Shuttle

9:30 a.m. Departure



Gunston Hall is an 18th-century Georgian mansion near the Potomac River in Mason Neck, VA. The house was the home of the U.S. Founding Father George Mason and is at the center of a 5,500 acre plantation. Plan to eat lunch at one of Fox Chase Shopping Center's many eateries!

*For any shuttle trip reserved, cancellations must be no less than four business days prior to the trip in order to receive a refund.*

## WATERGATE AT LANDMARK EVENTS

### GREEK NIGHT FEAT. RICK BARRY

Saturday, February 1

Dinner and Performance Ticket: \$45

Performance Only Ticket: \$20

Terrace Lounge

Dinner: 6:30 p.m. • Performance: 8 p.m.

Be whisked away to the Mediterranean for an evening of food and fun at this elegant casual dress event sponsored by the Social Committee! Enjoy Greek cuisine prepared by Aldo's Italian Kitchen and afterward be entertained by accomplished guitarist Rick Barry. It's okay to BYOB, however, you alone are responsible for such.



Early check-in will be offered in the Library on the day of the show from 1 – 2:30 p.m. Doors open to attendees at 5:45 pm.



### "BIG GAME" VIEWING PARTY

Sunday, February 2

Terrace Lounge

Kickoff: 6:30 p.m.

Come watch the football game of the year on the big screen! Sponsored by the Youth Committee.

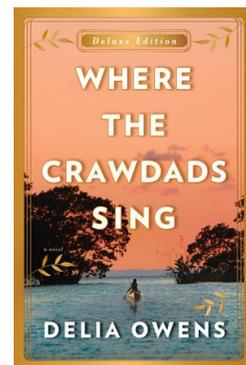
### EVENING BOOK CLUB:

#### "WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING"

Thursday, February 6

Library • 7:30 p.m.

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# WATERGATE AT LANDMARK EVENTS

## FREE MOVIE: DOWNTON ABBEY

Thursday, February 13  
TV Room • 2 and 7 p.m.  
Rated PG



Based on the popular television series two years after its conclusion, the Crawleys prepare for the most important moment of their lives to date. Visits from the King and Queen of England soon leads to scandal, romance and intrigue. What will happen to Downton Abbey as a result? Bring a few friends to our TV Room and find out!

## WEBSITE REVIEW PRESENTATION



Thursday, February 13  
Terrace Lounge • Noon

You're invited to attend a presentation hosted by the Communications Committee and Rashawnda Atkinson, WAL's Communications Manager. For about an hour (or less), she'll review

the new features of the community's public website [www.watergateatlandmark.com](http://www.watergateatlandmark.com). Opportunities for questions as well as light refreshments will follow. An RSVP via email to ([commgr@watergateatlandmark.com](mailto:commgr@watergateatlandmark.com)) or by phone message (703-370-7000) is appreciated.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION FOR BLDGS. 3 AND 4

Saturday, February 15  
307 and 309 Yoakum Parkway • 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Residents who pre-registered should plan to be available during the date and time listed so that the American Red Cross Disaster Team can evaluate and install new smoke alarms in your unit at no cost to you. *Although no additional registrations are guaranteed, you may sign up on the wait list at Resident Services in the event that a registrant drops out.*

## COMMUNITY HAPPY HOUR AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTING

Friday, February 21  
Terrace Lounge • 7 – 9 p.m.



Sponsored by the Board of Directors  
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## PET OWNER INFORMATION SESSION

Friday, February 28  
Terrace Lounge • 7:30 p.m.



Do you have a snake, bird, dog, hamster, cat or another precious pet living with you? The Pet Committee is planning an event that aims to inform new, current and future owners of all pet types how to navigate life for your pet and you in our community. More information will follow.

## LEAP YEAR PAJAMA PARTY AND MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday,  
February 29  
Party Room 1  
Doors Open: 7 p.m.  
Start Time: 7:30 p.m.



The Youth Committee wants you to join them for a night of fun and movies! Bring your own everything—snacks, blankets, pillows, stuffed animals and drinks. They'll show a movie that attendees of any age can enjoy!

# RACQUET CLUB NEWS

## Racquet Club Hours

Mondays	3 – 9 p.m.
Tuesdays	10 a.m. – Noon and 3 – 9 p.m.
Wednesdays	3 – 9 p.m.
Thursdays	3 – 9 p.m.
Fridays	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Saturdays	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sundays	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Join in weekly tennis socials at the Racquet Club! Please RSVP to the Racquet Club if you would like to join in and play. Are you a beginner tennis player and want a coordinated weekly tennis social? Let us know at the Racquet Club and we will get one organized!

## Tennis Lessons

Group Type	Lesson Cost	Minimum No. of Enrollees
Youth Clinics	\$25/person	3
Adult Clinics	\$25/person	3
Cardio Clinic	\$25/person	3
Private Clinic	\$65/hour	1
Semi-Private	\$70/hour	2

## Reservations

Reservations must be made by WAL residents and can be made up to one week in advance. Sorry, we cannot accept reservations by email. Please call the Racquet Club to make a reservation.

## WAL Weekly Tennis Socials

Skill Level	Day and Time of Play	Fee
Intermediate	Wednesdays, 4 – 5 p.m.	Residents: \$2.50 Guests: \$9.50
	Thursdays, 7 – 8 p.m.	Residents: \$3 Guests: \$10
Advanced	Tuesdays, 10 a.m. – Noon	Residents: \$6 Guests: \$13
	Fridays, 10 a.m. – Noon	Residents: \$6 Guests: \$13

## Pickleball Play

Everyone is invited to play Pickleball on Sundays from 2 – 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Racquet Club. Just drop in for \$4 a player. No experience needed!

Call the Racquet Club at 703-370-7047 to enroll today!

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## PRO-FIT NEWS

### Winter Group Exercise Schedule

*Session Ends March 31, 2020*

Call 703-370-7092 to purchase your class today!



#### **Mondays**

Pilates • 10:30 a.m. • Terrace Lounge

#### **Tuesdays**

Chair Dancing • 11 a.m. • Terrace Lounge

High Intensity Training • 6:30 p.m. • Terrace Lounge

#### **Wednesdays**

Tone/Balance/Stretch • 12:00 p.m. • Terrace Lounge

#### **Thursdays**

Aqua Zumba • 7 p.m. • Indoor Pool

#### **Saturdays**

Yoga • 9 a.m. • Terrace Lounge



### Want to Attend a Fitness Class?

Buy a class pass and use it to attend any of the fitness classes offered at Watergate at Landmark!

**10 Classes: \$95 \* 20 Classes: \$179 \* 30 Classes: \$209**

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**Drop-In Rate: \$10 per class**

The Fall Group Exercise Class Schedule will run through December 31, 2019. After that, the Winter Group Exercise Class Schedule will begin. You may join classes at any time but classes purchased must be used during the schedule in effect. For example, classes purchased in the fall must be used during the fall class schedule.

### ProFIT Referral Program

Don't keep a great thing to yourself! Refer a friend, family member or neighbor to join ProFIT's Group Exercise Program! **If they commit to a class pass and mention you as a referral, they receive 35% OFF the price of their class pass AND you get two FREE classes!**

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# IF YOU BUILD IT...THEY WILL COME!

## NSBE VOLUNTEERS TEACH CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN AT WAL SCIENCE CLUB

By Zohreh Khoshnamak, Youth Committee Member.

What do you do with 60 children on a Friday evening?

Teach them how to build and design!

Watergate at Landmark Science Club began its 2020 meeting with six volunteers from the DC Metro Area Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE DC).

Attendees rotated between two activities prepared by the volunteers. Tianna Cook, Alicia Lane and Harold Goodridge represented NSBE DC as volunteers for the first station. They taught our kids the principals of construction and design using modeling clay and toothpicks. They learned about designing stable structures using various geometric patterns.

"I felt the Science Club was fun because the modeling clay was very new to some kids," Nik Pirouz, Science Club attendee, shared.

In the other group, NSBE DC members Jesse Fenty, Ken Williams and Lauren Davis led attendees in a



NSBE DC Volunteers instruct WAL Science Club attendees in STEM activities.  
Photo: Zohreh Khoshnamak

branding and intellectual property exercise. They guided Club members in brands and bottles. Participants also created paper cups that were tested by adding water to them to see if they'd hold up.

In its third year, the Science Club now has national organizations coming in to provide learning experiences at our meetings. This allows us to elevate the quality of our sessions and ensure that they stay fresh, interesting and educational.

## CLASSY LITTLE GUY

By Cris LaVenia, Pet Committee Co-Chair



Don't you just love the way Frazier looks? Photo: Cris LaVenia

Have you ever seen a dog so adorable?

If not, it's because Frazier, our February 2020 Pet of the Month, is a whopping five pounds and seven inches tall! He's more likely to spot you first before you even see him!

My black and tan Yorkshire Terrier was born in West Virginia and came to live at Watergate at Landmark with me when he was seven months old.

Frazier's gone through basic and advance obedience training that includes on-leash and off-leash wheelchair training. The American Kennel Club (AKC) registered him as "The Classy Little Guy" in 2018.

I agree with their sentiments. My nine-year-old fur baby is still a classy canine. But don't let his size fool you. Frazier's pretty confident too!

Have a pet (dog, cat, lizard, bird, etc.) you want to feature as the Pet of the Month? Send your story to [scunn@yahoo.com](mailto:scunn@yahoo.com). or drop by as a guest at the Pet Committee meeting the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

# BLIND WINE TASTING

By Rance Willis, Social Committee Member

At the Activities Fair last month, the Social Committee held a Blind Wine Tasting. The Committee collaborated with Total Wines at Landmark Plaza. Erwan, a Total Wines employee, guided us. He also advised us on wine selections and helped us choose the ones we'd use for the event.



Attendees sample three different wines at the Activities Fair. Photo: Susan Day

A special note of thanks is extended to these members and friends for helping me with setting up and running the tasting: Rob Blitzter, Pat Espinet, Theresa Mulrane, Carolyn Winters, Frank Winters, and Sylvia Linke.

This is the list of the three wines as they were numbered for the tasting along with a description, price and number of votes in parenthesis:

1. "A3" California Cabernet Sauvignon, 2017 vintage, Central Valley, Lodi, CA, price: \$6.99 (10 votes)
2. Porta, Single Vineyard 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon, Gran Reserve, D.O. Marpe' Valley, Chile, price \$16.99 (11 votes)
3. Crossfork Creek, 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon, Sheridan Vineyards, Yakima Valley, WA. Price: \$21.99 (17 votes)

The priciest wine was the favorite at this Blind Wine Tasting. Thanks to all who participated in this event's success!

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## WATERGATE CLUBS AND GROUPS FOR ALL INTERESTS!

### Bridge

Wednesdays • 2 p.m. • Card Room

### Card Game Variety

Wednesdays • 4:30 p.m. • Card Room  
Thursdays • 4 p.m. • Card Room

### Canasta

Mondays • 4 – 6 p.m. • Card Room

### Chess

Sundays • 2 p.m. • Card Room  
Thursdays • 7 p.m. • Card Room  
Contact Phil Mullens at [pgmullens@comcast.net](mailto:pgmullens@comcast.net).

### Duplicate Bridge

Wednesdays • 7 p.m. • Card Room  
Contact Phyllis Spinck (703-212-8926) or Myra Roney (703-823-8752).

### Knit and Stitch

Fridays • 10 a.m. • Card Room

### Mahjong Group

Tuesdays • 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. • Card Room

### Party Bridge

Mondays • 12:30 – 4 p.m. • Card Room  
For more please call Kris Sarma at 703-751-3966.

### Pickleball

Sundays • 2 p.m. • Racquet Club  
Wednesdays • 6 p.m. • Racquet Club

### Pinochle/Rummy Royale

Mondays • 6 p.m. • Card Room  
Contact Mary Jane German, 703-256-4844.

### Robotics Club

Email [khoshnamak@gmail.com](mailto:khoshnamak@gmail.com) for details.

### Scrapbooking Club

Saturdays • 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. • Card Room

### Science Club

Second and Fourth Fridays • 5:30 p.m. • Card Room

### Watergate Evening Book Club

First Thursday of the month • 7:30 p.m. • Library

# FEBRUARY 2020 EVENTS

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>LOCATION KEY</b> BL= Building Lobby; BP=Billiard and Ping-Pong Rooms; BR=Blue Room; CF1=Conference Room 1; CF2=Conference Room 2; CR=Card Room; FC=WAL Fitness Center; IP=Indoor Pool; LB=Library; LD= Loading Dock; LT=Lower Terrace; M=Market; MA=Multi-purpose Area; OP=Outdoor Pool; OT=Outdoor Tennis Courts; P=Playground; PG=Putting Green; PR=Party Room; RC=Racquet Club; TL=Terrace Lounge; TS=Town Square; TV=TV Room; UT=Upper Terrace						1
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