



Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22nd. Worldwide, various activities and events are held to help demonstrate support for environmental protection. Earth Day was first celebrated in 1970 in the United States. Today, events and activities take place in over 200 countries around the world.

Earth Day serves to educate communities on sustainability, raise awareness about the impact of our actions on the environment, and remind us that we must take action now to protect it before it may be too late. As you read through this newsletter, we encourage you to think about simple ways to give back to our planet—whether it’s educating yourself about composting, planting greenery, or participating in recycling initiatives.

Together, small actions can make a big difference.

**From your HOA Board of Directors:**

President - Gavin Green  
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Asst. Treasurer - Mark Sagarin  
Director-At-Large - Karen (Kay) Lamanna

**Board Working Session Highlights – April 2nd**

Your Board met on Thursday, April 2nd, for a working session covering several ongoing priorities. Here’s where things stand.

### **Architectural Guidelines**

The Board is continuing its efforts to revise the Architectural Guidelines for the Waters Landing community. This is being done to update the Guidelines' legal compliance with county and state laws, bring them up-to-date, and to make them clearer to understand. Using the proposed draft of new AERC Guidelines submitted by the Guidelines Review Committee last year, the Board's ongoing effort will review and revise sections of the guidelines over a period of time. Residents will be kept informed.

### **Parking Policy Under Review**

The Board of Directors has asked the Office to compile the various existing parking policies and resolutions. The current parking policy has not been updated since 2012, and several related resolutions have been adopted over time. This effort is intended to organize those materials in one place for easier reference. At this stage, no changes to the policy are being proposed, but this may serve as a foundation for future discussion.

### **How to Reach the Board**

A quick reminder of the process: All resident correspondence intended for the Board should be submitted through the management office, which will route it accordingly. This ensures nothing falls through the cracks and that every message gets a proper response.

### **From your Management Team:**

General Manager           - Ben Deering  
Asst. General Manager   - Luisa Chavez

Management would also like to share a few exciting updates happening in the community:

### **Tot Lot Improvements – Complete**

The Tot Lot upgrades are done and ready to enjoy. All planned enhancements to the play areas have been completed, and we hope everyone is already making good use of the refreshed space.

### **Basketball Court – Phase I Starting April 13th**

We're excited to share that Phase I of the basketball court expansion is officially getting underway on April 13th. More details on the full scope of the project will be shared as work progresses.

### **Pool Opening – Coming Soon**

The countdown is on. Detailed instructions for obtaining your pool passes will be going out next week. Keep an eye on your inbox.

### **Community Meeting: Waters Landing Drive Speedhumps – April 20th**

Montgomery County has scheduled a community meeting for Monday, April 20th at 7:00 PM via Zoom to discuss the proposed addition of speedhumps on Waters Landing Drive. Residents are

encouraged to attend and share their perspective. [[Register here](#)] If you have feedback but can't make the meeting, you can also reach out directly to Andy Williford at [director2@waterslanding.org](mailto:director2@waterslanding.org).

## **Spring Is Here – Let's Keep It Beautiful**

### **Exterior Maintenance & Community Standards Reminder**

As the season changes and temperatures rise, now is the perfect time to take a fresh look at your home's exterior. Community wide inspections will be commencing soon, and we want every resident to feel prepared and informed before our team comes through.

A Few Things to Check Before Inspections Begin:

**Lawn & Landscaping** – Mow regularly and edge along walkways and driveways. Remove any dead plants, debris, or overgrowth that accumulated over winter. Mulch beds should be refreshed and tidy.

**Driveways & Walkways** – Clear any oil stains, weeds growing through cracks, or debris. Confirm that trash and recycling bins are stored out of sight when not in use on collection day.

**Fences & Gates** – Inspect for leaning posts, broken boards, or peeling paint/stain. Repairs should be consistent with your original approved materials and colors.

**Exterior Surfaces** – Look for peeling paint, mold or mildew buildup, damaged siding, or visible storm damage from winter. Power washing can go a long way.

**Vehicles & Parking** – Only registered, operable vehicles should be parked on association property. Inoperable or unregistered vehicles are a common violation and should be addressed promptly.

**Decorations & Personal Items** – Seasonal decor, sports equipment, and other personal items should not be left in front yards or visible common areas on a permanent basis.

If you have an outstanding improvement or repair project that requires association approval, please submit your Architectural Request application prior to beginning any work. Unapproved modifications discovered during inspections will be subject to the standard compliance process.

Questions? Contact the management office at 301.972.3681 or [wla@waterslanding.org](mailto:wla@waterslanding.org).

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

#### **Monthly Board of Directors Meeting**

Time: Thursday, April 16, 2026, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Format: Hybrid, in-person, and via Zoom

Frequency: Typically, the 3rd Thursday of each month

Registration Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkd-6hrjkiHdHc-5tU7Yvo-4dAGh4B9GJF>

Note: For this upcoming and all future Board Meetings, registration is required. Please use the link provided to pre-register.

### **Community Meeting with Montgomery County Department of Transportation – Waters Landing Drive Speed Hump Discussion**

Topic: The Montgomery County Department of Transportation will meet with the Waters Landing community to discuss the potential addition of speed humps on Waters Landing Drive. Residents are encouraged to attend. All residents are requested to register in advance to participate in the meeting.

Format: Virtually, via Zoom

Time: Monday, April 20, 2026, 7:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Registration Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/fuDHrV9XQyyOEzbkmlHenw>

Agenda: [Click Here!](#)

### **Community Engagement Committee Events:**



Our annual Community Yard Sale will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-2:00. Please email [CEC@Waterslanding.org](mailto:CEC@Waterslanding.org) with your address if you wish to participate so your home will be put on the map. The parking lots at Pool A and B will not be available for set up due to the bathroom renovations.

Do you want to lead an activity or have ideas for a fun community event? Now is your chance to share your input! Watch for the CEC survey coming out in the next few days. Questions? We're happy to help—email us at [CEC@Waterslanding.org](mailto:CEC@Waterslanding.org).

**Community Corner (Brought to you by the Community Engagement Committee)**

## **Resources and Information**

### **Beware of Scams Tied to Tax Season**

Every year, thieves use tax season as a reason to reach out to potential victims with promises of big returns, quick cash, or to steal their tax refund. They also know that some victims may be worried about the tax bill they owe and use that to threaten and intimidate victims.

If you get an unexpected call, email, or text claiming to be from the IRS—especially one demanding payment or personal information—it's likely a scam.

The IRS will not call to threaten arrest or demand immediate payment. They will not ask for payments by wire transfer or prepaid card. When in doubt, hang up and contact the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040.

#### **Common Scams to Watch for:**

- “You owe back taxes” phone calls.
- Fake IRS refund emails or texts.
- Requests to “verify” personal, payroll, or W-2 information.
- Threats that your Social Security number will be suspended.

#### **How to verify an IRS Contact:**

- Hang up and call the IRS directly at the official number: 1-800-829-1040.
- Check your online IRS account for any real notices or balances.
- Never use phone numbers given by the caller.

### **Applicants Sought to Join the County’s Historic Preservation Commission**

County Executive Marc Elrich seeks applicants to fill three vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission. Applicants should be Montgomery County residents and have expertise in the field of history, architecture, preservation, or urban design, or should represent a special geographic area, or a social, economic, or cultural interest in the County.

Owners of historic homes or residents of historic districts are also encouraged to apply. One incumbent may seek to retain their seat.

The nine-member Commission is responsible for approving Historic Area Work Permits and for recommending historic sites and historic districts to the Planning Board and County Council for placement on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

The application deadline is Friday, April 10.

To apply go to: <https://cexbcc.montgomerycountymd.gov/board/4113>

### **MCPS Survey on New Initiatives**

Earlier this year, MCPS implemented significant operational changes and shifts — affecting topics including grading, safety (including police in schools), the Student Code of Conduct, open lunch and cell phones in schools. MCPS is distributing surveys on several of these issues important to families, students and school-based staff; we want to know how they are working for you in practice. The survey is available at:

<https://sharedaccountability.mcpsmd.org/NewInitiativesSurvey/>

Not everyone will receive the same set of questions. If you are a member of more than one group (for example, a staff member who is also a parent) you will be able to take the family survey and the staff survey, and potentially receive different questions. You will be asked to

self-identify both times. Participation is confidential. No individual responses will be shared; only summarized data will be used to guide districtwide improvements.



### Montgomery County Executive Candidate Forums

*Save the Date | Share your concerns with your future Montgomery County Executive*

**What:** Montgomery County Executive Candidate Forum—Perspectives on the Issues Facing the Ag Reserve

**When** (two dates):

- **Democratic Candidate Forum** on Thursday, April 23, 7 – 8:30 PM
- **Republican Candidates Forum** on Thursday, May 7, 7 – 8:30 PM

**Where:** Both forums will be held in the Clarksburg High School Cafeteria, 22500 Wims Road, Clarksburg, MD 20871

**Event sponsored by:** Sugarloaf Citizens Association and the Montgomery County Farm Bureau

**Registration is encouraged** to help us plan for attendance.

[https://www.sugarloafcitizens.org/forum?fbclid=IwY2xjawQ\\_Qx5leHRuA2FlbQlxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzIxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEeA53ig0RX6O69ETE7hu0ViUW\\_JDGzhuyOC0OBaYEKtmhWZ4-CLvASyDs5Ryk\\_aem\\_s73EqAjghx7H3aPzdUtBHg](https://www.sugarloafcitizens.org/forum?fbclid=IwY2xjawQ_Qx5leHRuA2FlbQlxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzIxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEeA53ig0RX6O69ETE7hu0ViUW_JDGzhuyOC0OBaYEKtmhWZ4-CLvASyDs5Ryk_aem_s73EqAjghx7H3aPzdUtBHg)

### Activities



#### The National Cherry Blossom Festival

April 11, 2026 10:00-1:30

16<sup>th</sup> St NW & Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC

The National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade is the nation’s most beloved springtime parade. A procession of pink and petals, giant helium balloons, stunning floats, electrifying celebrity

performances and more than 3,000 participants from across the country parade down the iconic Constitution Avenue. Marching bands from across the country also bring their drumlines, bass, and dance teams. The event is FREE for viewing on the street, but limited Grandstand tickets are also available.



### **Free Sunday Morning Concerts in the Spring**

**Sunday Serenade Series** returns with live performances from talented local musicians the whole family can enjoy. Settle in, sip a cup of coffee, tap your toes—or get up and dance—and soak up the music. It’s the perfect way to wrap up your weekend on a high note. Each Sunday features a different local artist or group, showcasing a variety of musical styles throughout the season.

**When:** April 19 and 26, 2026 10:00 to 11:30 am

**Where:** Cabin John Regional Park Amphitheater 7400 Tuckerman Ln, Bethesda, MD 20817

Ella’s Bakeshop will be on-site with fresh breakfast treats and coffee available for purchase.

**April 19 - Sol Roots Band** blends raw funk, deep blues, rock, soul, and hypnotic grooves. With a unique voice and top-tier musicians, Sol honors musical legends while forging his own powerful sound.

**April 26 - Love Riot** is a Baltimore-based indie rock band started in 1993. In 1994 Love Riot won MusicQuest, a worldwide contest sponsored by Yamaha, traveling to Japan and taking grand prize. They released four critically acclaimed albums before going on a hiatus in 2000. Now Love Riot is back, with a new album, Better Now, set for early 2026 release.

### **BUNNYLAND AT BUTLER'S ORCHARD**



**Where:** Butler's Orchard Farm Park 22222 Davis Mill Road, Germantown

**When:** April 2-4, 6, 11-12

Hours: 9am-6pm *Last reservation at 4pm Last entry at 4:30pm*

### What's Included?

Egg Hunt (eggs are NOT filled and are returned)  
Goodie Baskets, for children 12 years old and younger  
Giant Slides  
2 Hilltop Hop Jump Pads  
Farm Animals in our Hayloft and Barnyard Buddies  
Pedal Tractors  
Playground  
Combine Slide  
Straw Pyramid  
Farm Fun Zone (Ball Tosses, Cornhole, Horse Hoop Toss)  
Hayride through our decorated Day Trail  
Tractor Pull

Online Pricing	Gate Pricing
<b>\$13.50-16.50/person</b>	<b>\$15-18/person</b>
<small>Easter Weekend (Friday April 3, Saturday April 4 &amp; Monday April 6) pricing is \$16.50/person</small>	<small>Easter Weekend (Friday April 3, Saturday April 4 &amp; Monday April 6) pricing is \$18/person</small>
<small>New in 2026: All online pricing includes processing fees</small>	

Under 12 months old are FREE

Note: Making a reservation ahead of time is STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. We can sell out and are not allowing walk ins unless there is ticket availability.  
*You will not be admitted if we are sold out.*

For tickets go to: <https://butlersorchard.ticketspice.com/bunnyland-2026>

### Black Rock Center for the Arts is CELEBRATING JAZZ DURING JAZZ MONTH



#### Peña, Prince, & Keys

APRIL 9, 2026 - 8 PM

Our weekly Jazz Series kicks off with a performance by Pena Prince & Keys! Alto and soprano saxophonist Marshall Keys has a solid, soulful tone and a knack for lines that start out as simple lines and seemingly take on a life of their own, developing into elaborate, smartly constructed melodies. He's a true virtuoso musician who has something personal and erudite to say on the instrument.

#### The Joshua Jenkins Quartet

APRIL 16, 2026 - 8 PM

Chosen as one of six artists to participate in Strathmore's Artist in Residence program in 2022-2023, Joshua has been an active and innovative part of DC's jazz scene since 2019. With explosive energy and a penchant for performing the music of Latin America and the African diaspora,

**Leigh Pilzer**

APRIL 23, 2026 - 8 PM

Washington, DC native Leigh Pilzer is a baritone saxophone specialist, composer, arranger, and educator. Her performance resume includes appearances with the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra, The DIVA Jazz Orchestra, the Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra, the National Symphony Orchestra, Baltimore's Soulful Symphony, and more.

**The Eric Byrd Trio**

APRIL 30, 2026 - 8 PM

The Eric Byrd Trio (EBT) have traveled the world as enthusiastic ambassadors of jazz. Rooted in swing and bebop, The Trio also embraces gospel and the blues as core elements of their expansive performance style.

To order tickets go to: <https://www.blackrockcenter.org/jazzfest>

**Fierce Planets - SAQA**



A diverse group of artists from 11 countries present their views of the universe in this fascinating collection of contemporary fiber artwork. Earth, from space, looks like a shimmering gem suspended in an inky, infinite expanse. But this serene image masks the magnificent and volatile interior forces that make life possible on the surface. The placid appearances of our neighboring planets similarly belie their powers — and science fiction-worthy features. This exhibition is a collaboration with the Johns Hopkins Wavelengths™ research communication program. Artists drew their inspiration from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg Distinguished Professor Dr. Sabine Stanley's work in planetary science and her book, What's Hidden Inside Planets?