

A Day in the Life of
Montebello

July 4, 2020





hat is the significance of one day in someone's life? Halfway through 2020, when *so much* can go wrong, each day is a gift.

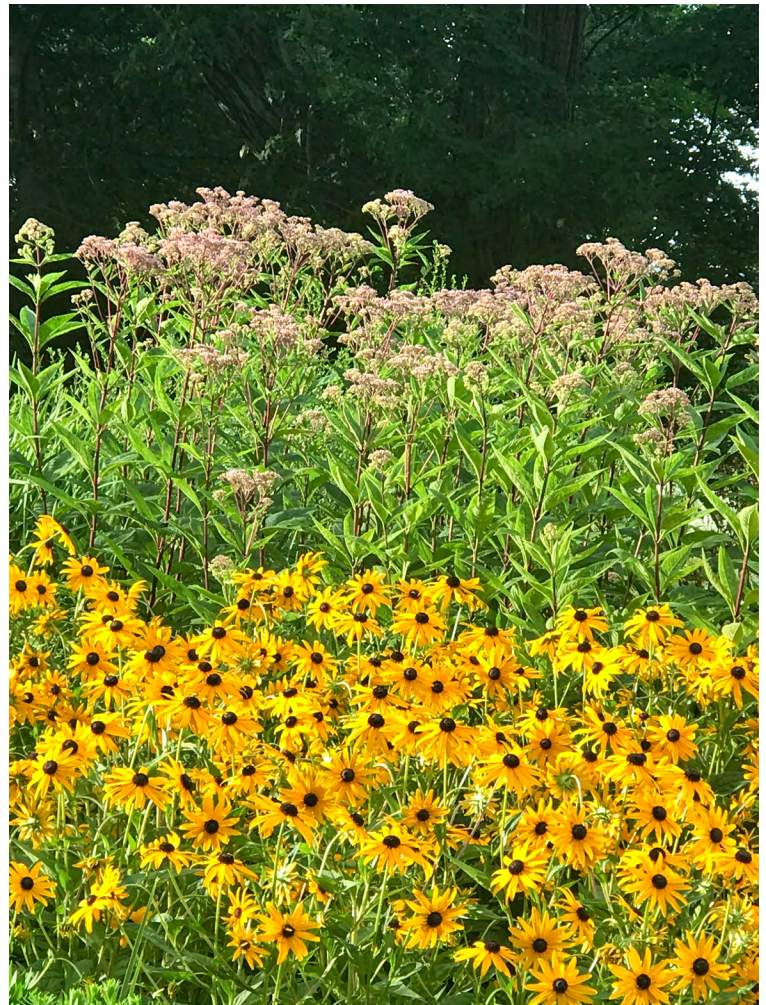
Our beloved Montebello has been a haven to nearly 2,000 residents during the pandemic. Neighbors have been helping neighbors with shopping and phone companionship. Our woodlands and walkways have been our outdoor exercise and meditation spaces. Nightly drumming, banging, ringing, whistling, and clapping let people know they are still here and fighting.

Yet, in spite of our confinement, life goes on – seasons change, birthdays come around, flowers bloom, jigsaw puzzles are put together, dogs must go on walks, stacks of books beckon into unknown worlds, artists create new works, remodeling projects get completed (or not), and neighbors smile at each other from a distance under their masks.

This publication captures life at Montebello on a single day during the worldwide pandemic. It's a photographic time capsule of the mundane, such as dirty dishes, and the heart-warming, such as spending time with family. Thank you to all the Montebello photographers who let us see the world through your photo lenses on this oddest July 4 – you made it seem normal.

The cover photo of Rebecca “from Texas” Long Hayden is by Dian McDonald. Her ironic T-shirt (are clams *really* happy?), insouciant pose, and enigmatic expression represent the sign of the times...interpret it as you wish. – *Mikhailina Karina*

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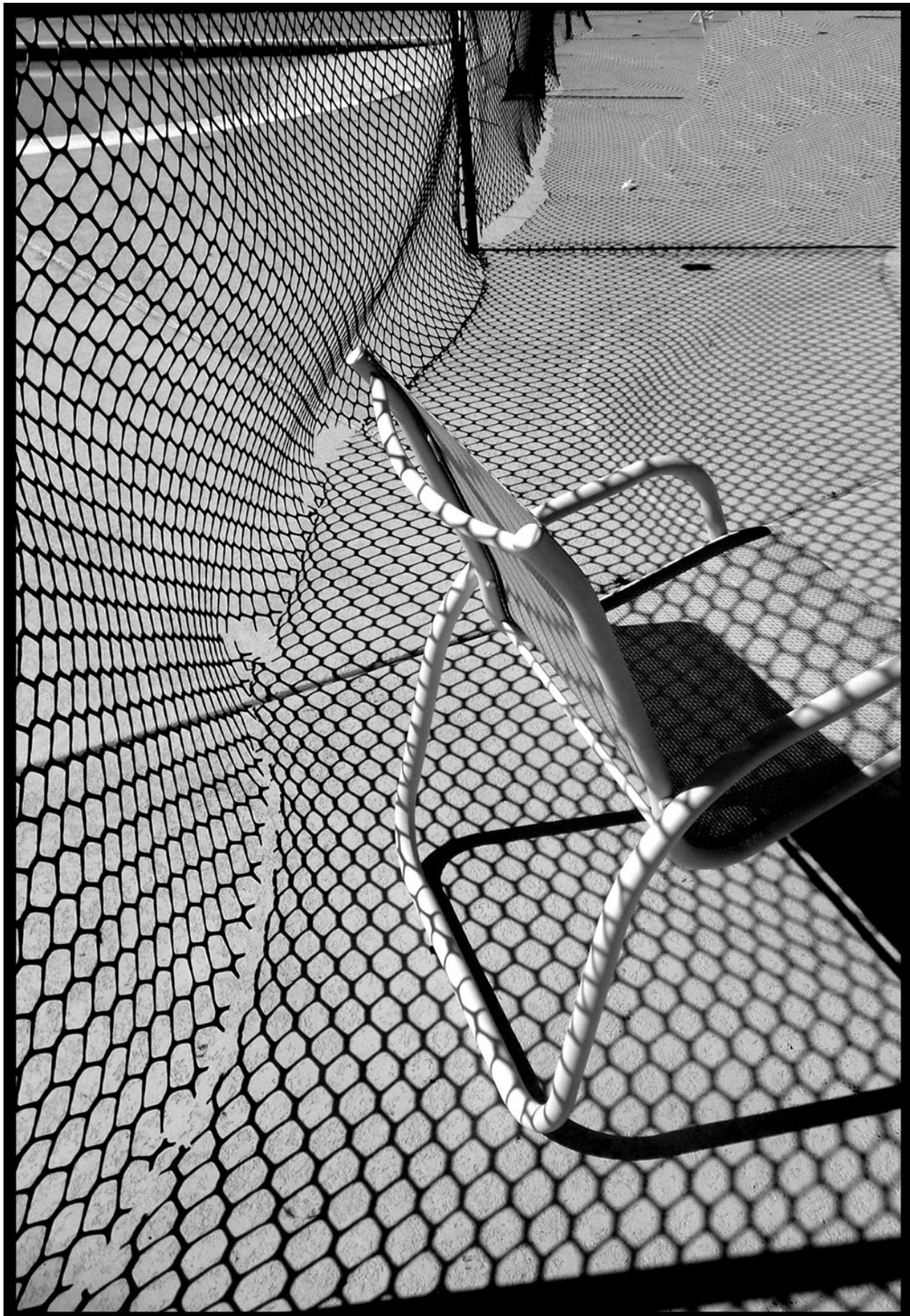
Butterfly garden

Photo by Dian McDonald



Cerie's balcony
Blue, white, and red
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Shadow-veiled chair on pool deck

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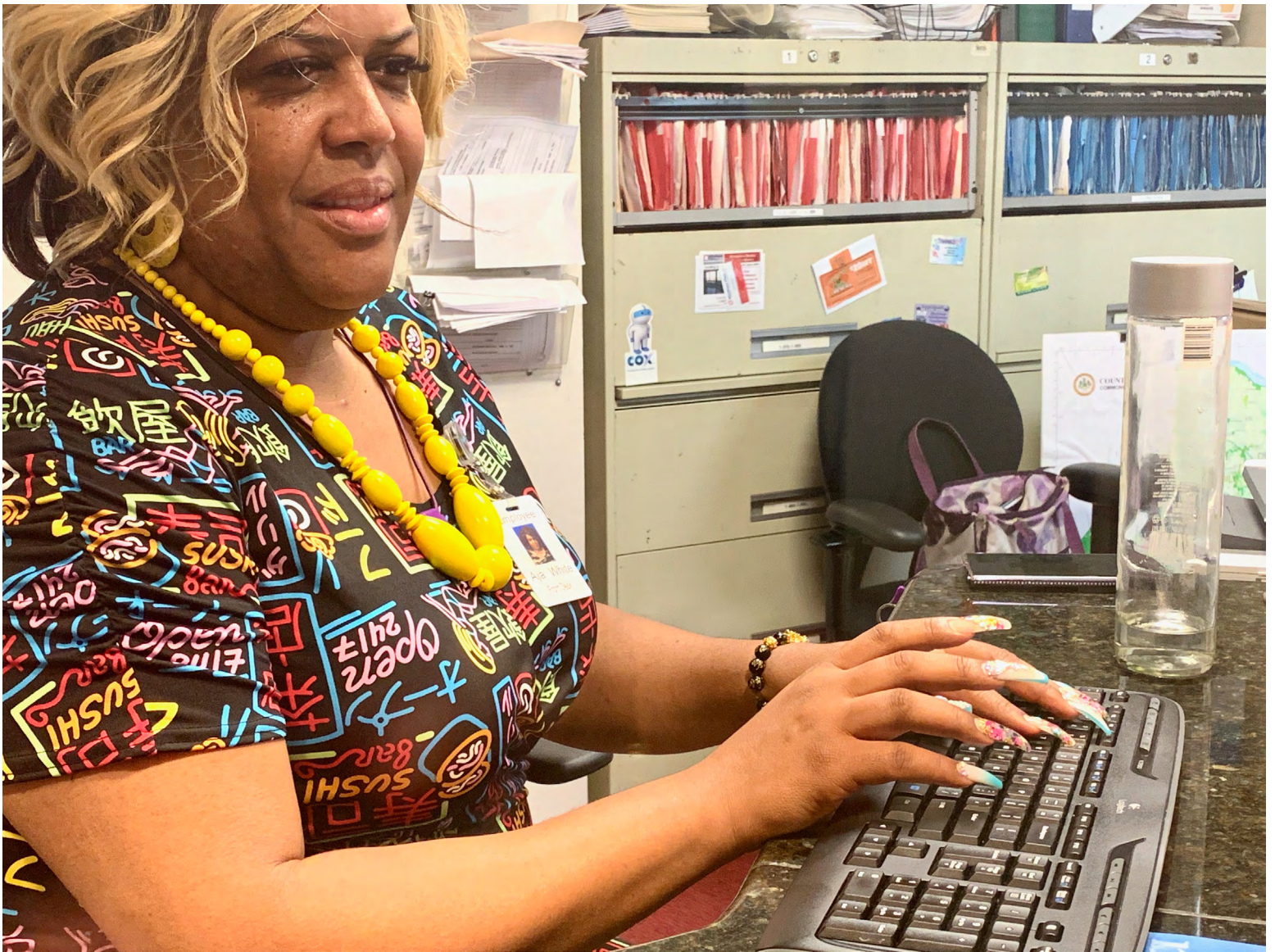


*Sunbathing beauties: Audra Woodley and Anna Giannori
Photo by Mikhailina Karina*



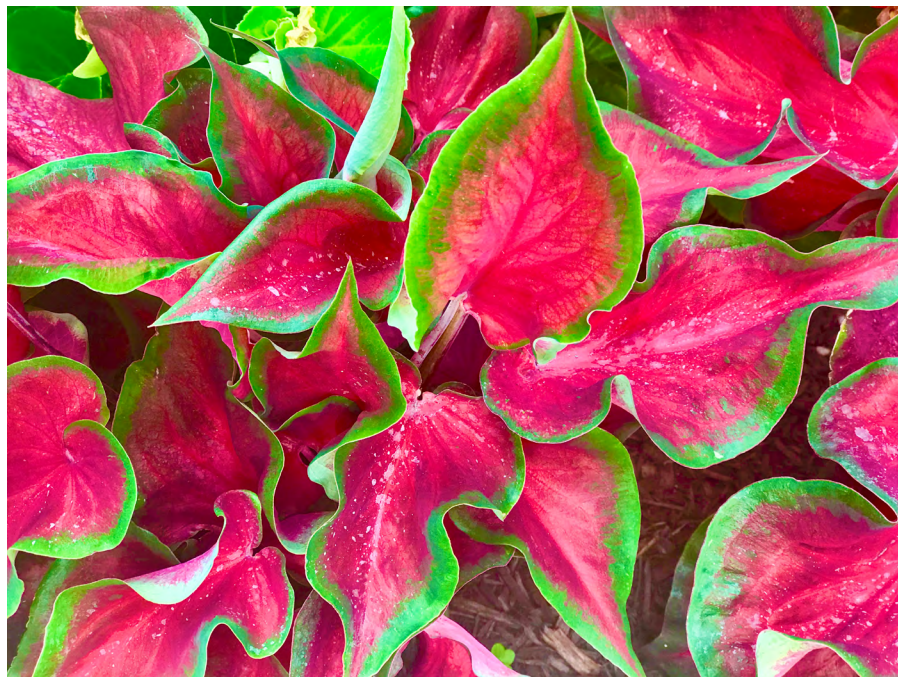
Closed pool. Noooooo.

Photo by Linda Brownlee



The office: Weekend concierge Aja White

Photo by Mikhailina Karina



Bloomers

Photo by Dian McDonald





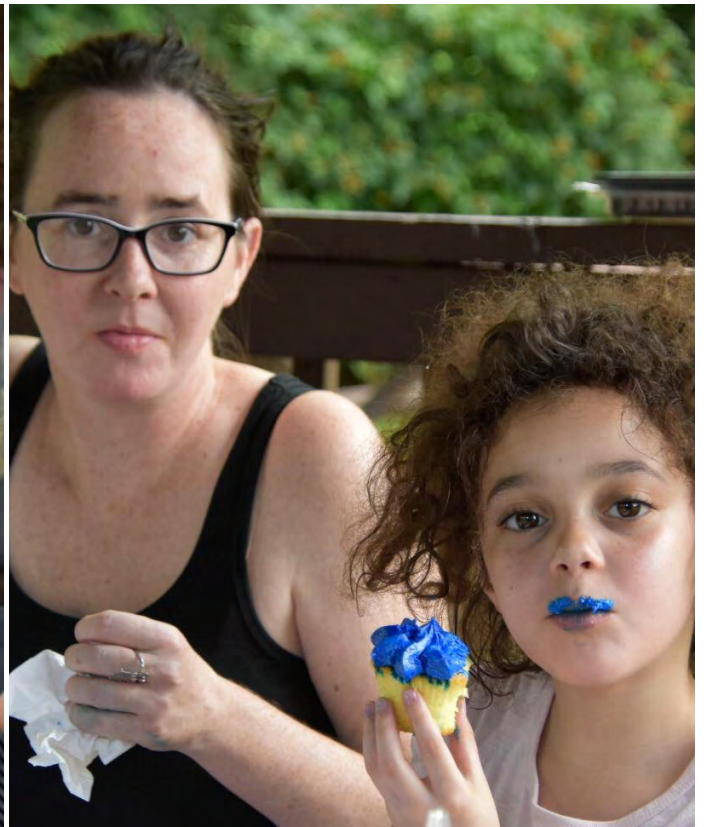
*Dirty dishes await cleaning
Home-made banana bread with strawberries*

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Going about life: Kulsum Omer and Tahir Sait, Jenifer Ehrlich and David Hochberg, Terry and Prudy Stefanik, and Maureen and Bob Kuletz

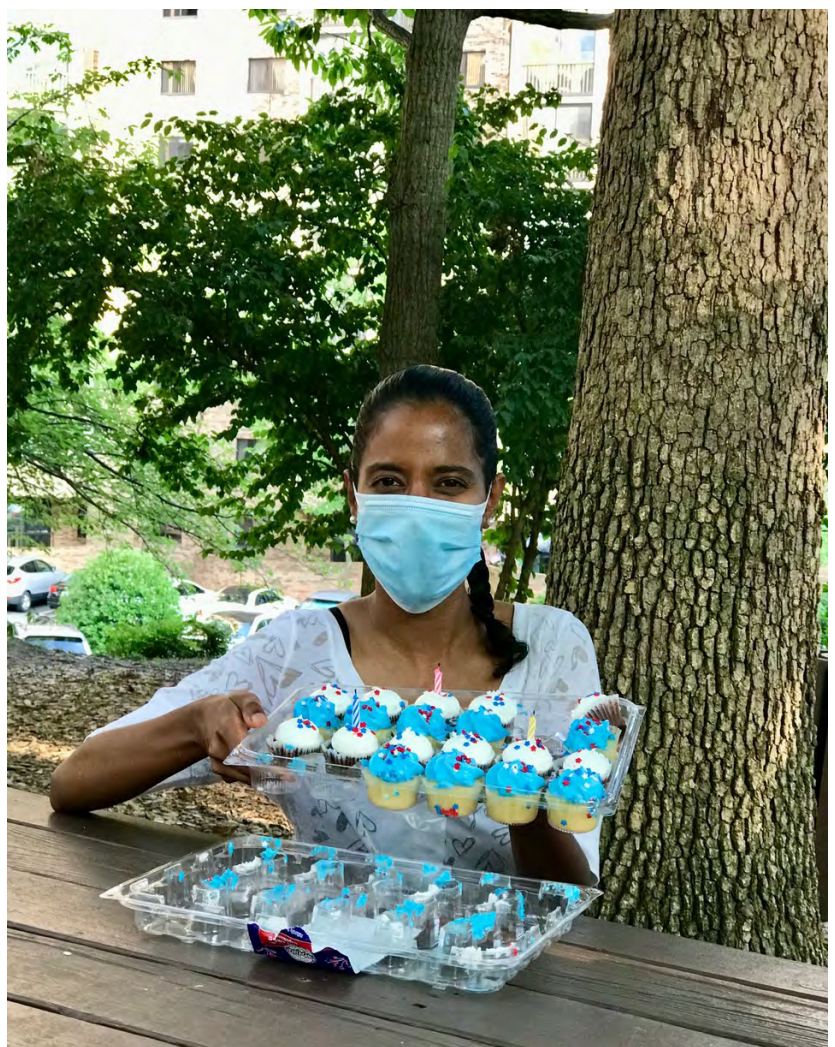
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*Family
Photos by
Linda
Brownlee*



*Red & blue cupcakes
Photo by Angel Jensen*



*Purnima's social distance
birthday celebration
Photo by Dian McDonald*



*Freshly cut 4th of July
watermelon
Photo by Jenifer Amie
Ehrlich*



Margarita Barritt, David Barritt, Eric and Liszt Dittmier

Photo by Linda Brownlee

Dustin Hegwood and fiancée Prachi Sharma
Photo by Dian McDonald



*Montebello Café and Store: Owners José Zelaya and Ugur Gokova, Delmi Sorto, and Giovanni Hemerson
Photos by Dian McDonald*



Puzzle master

Photo by Jeanne Tiffit



Deborah Rowell with Sadie

*Maya Wheeler, holding Rosie,
and Diane Wheeler*

Getulio and Maria Carvalho

Photos by Dian McDonald



*Mike Brownlee's new door closet
project
Building 2 balcony
Photos by Linda Brownlee*

*Flowers
Photo by Dian McDonald*

*Invigilators
Photo by Jeanne Tift*

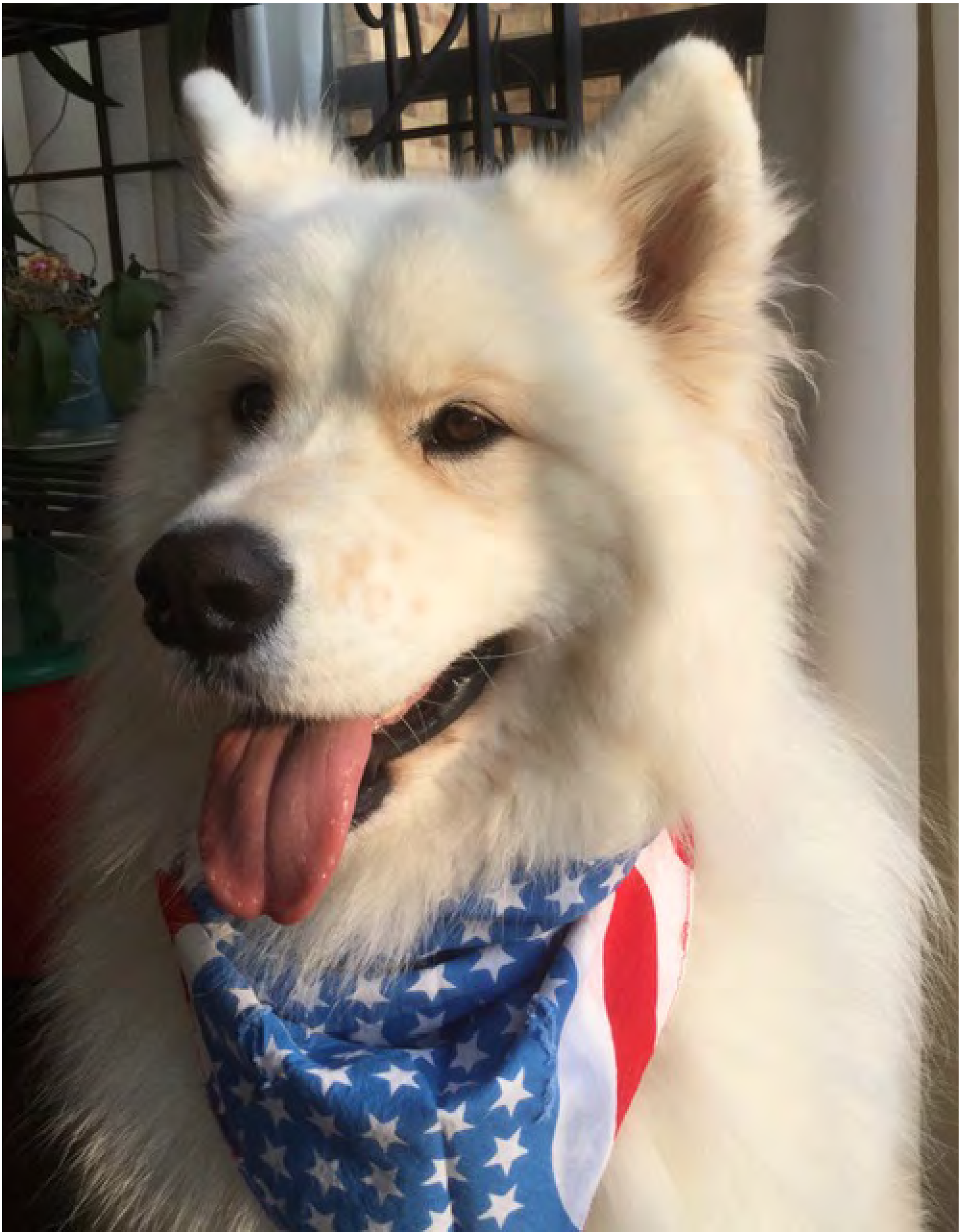




Inspired to paint
 Photo by Dian McDonald



Amédé Karina-Plun customizes sneakers
 Photo by Mikhailina Karina



Misha the Magnificent

Photo by Lisa L. Stedje



Reading list

Photo by Linda Brownlee



Don't leave home without it

Photo by Linda Brownlee

Cerie's balcony
Cerie's door

Photo by Dian McDonald
Photo by Joel Miller



Andrew and George Masiuk

Photo by Dian McDonald

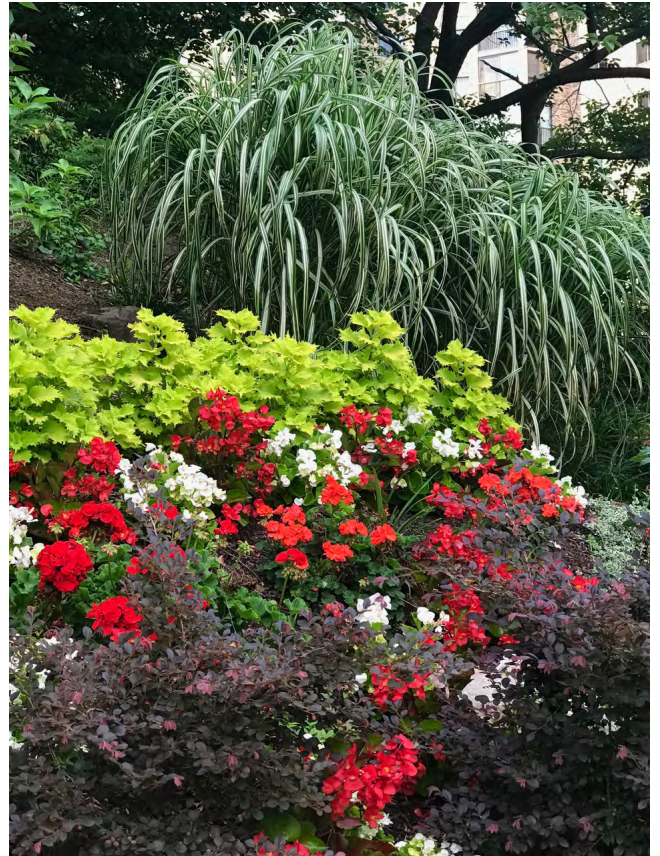


Diane Fitzgerald

Photo by Dian McDonald



*Building 1, first floor neighbors on the Village Green: Bob and Lisa McClure, Rebecca and Brian Hayden
Photos by Dian McDonald*



Flowers
Photos by Dian McDonald

Trees
Photos by Jeanne Tiff



*A Capitol Fourth on PBS
Photos by Dian McDonald*



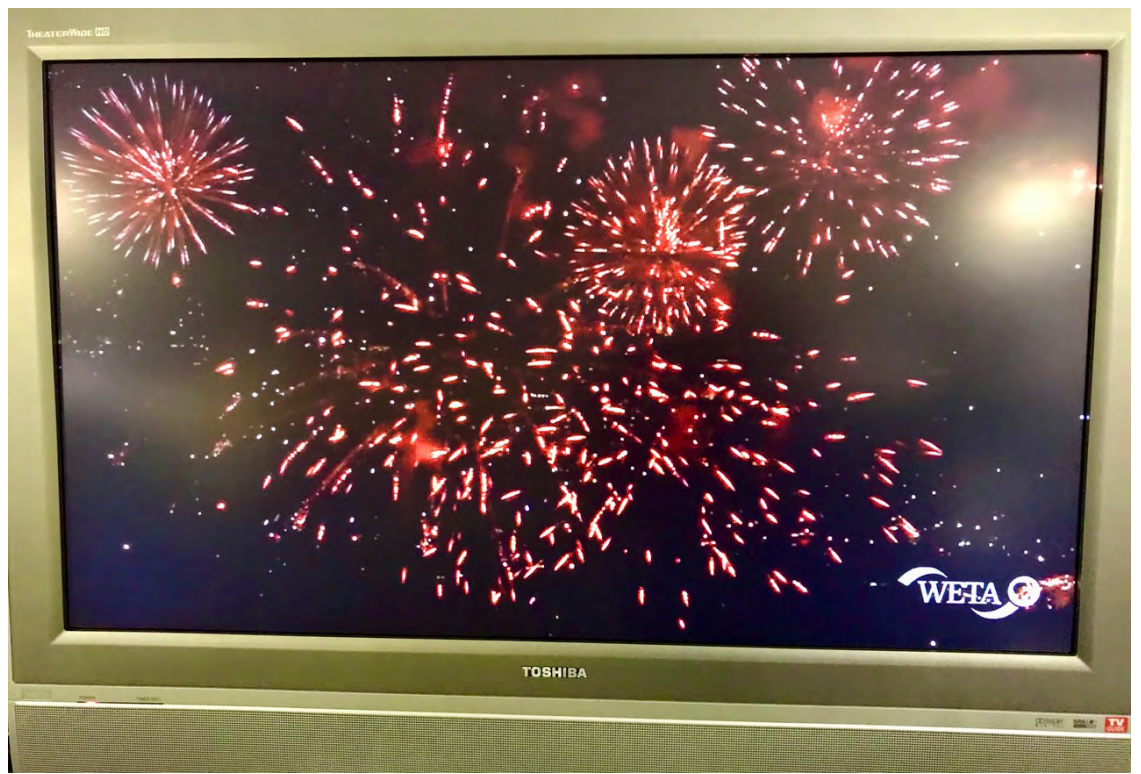


*Fireworks
Photos by Eileen Jameson*



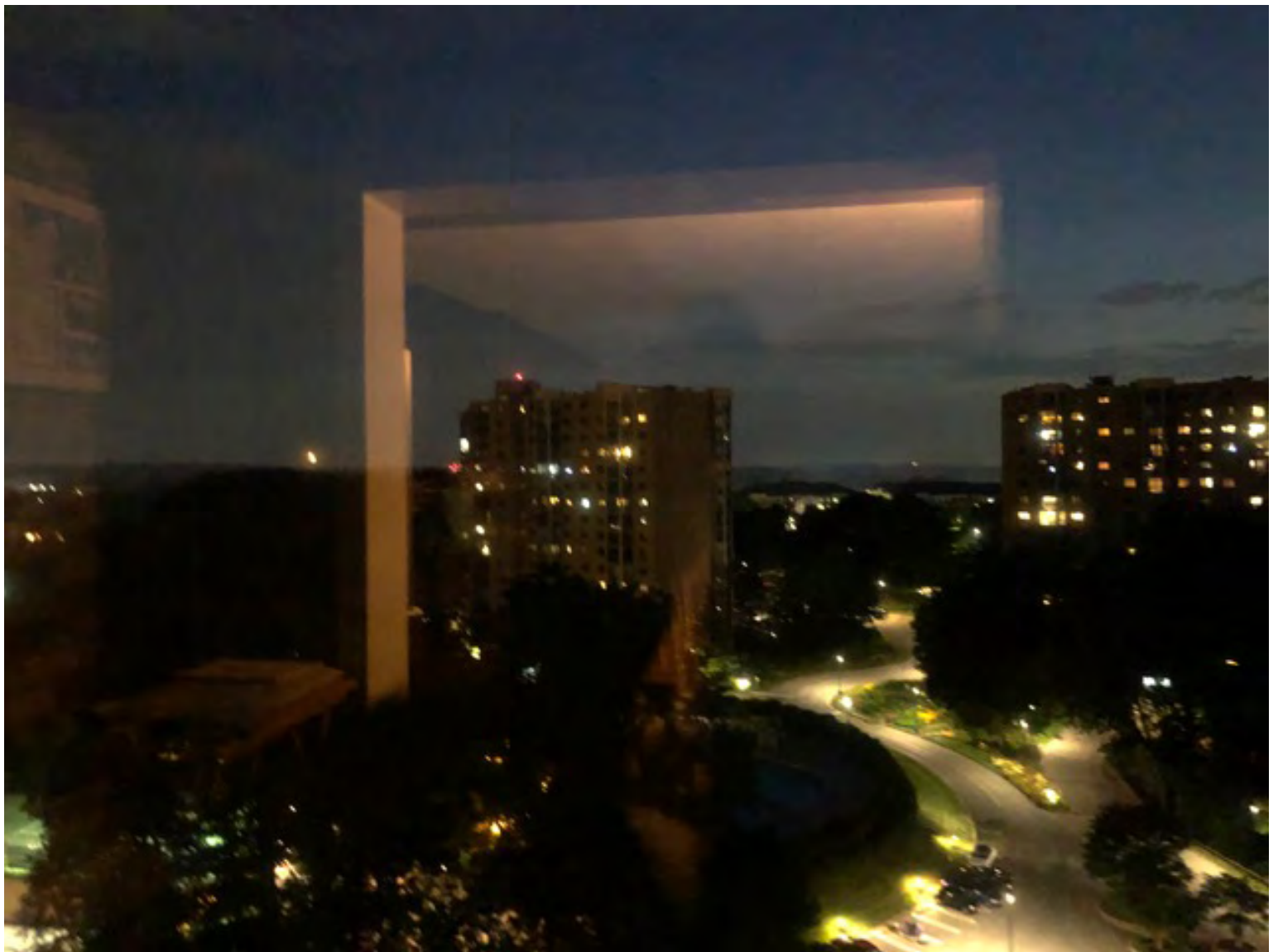
Fireworks

Photo by Eileen Jameson



Rockets red glare
Photo by Dian McDonald

Nightfall
Photo by Lisa L. Stedge





End of the day

Photo by Karen Shaw