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Tight Finish at Gran Prix du Montebello

By Joel Miller

Resident offers personal fitness services



By Michael Bradley

As a resident fitness trainer, I have multiple certifications, including senior fitness, general fitness, group exercise, balance, weight loss, and strength training. I work with a variety of clients, including individuals from injury and physical therapy. I work Monday through Friday and some weekends, too.

I am certified and fully insured. My website is www.fitnesstrainingwithmichael.com, email brad6078@aol.com, and phone 407-760-6474.



Do you need a chemistry tutor?

By Mala Kalyan

I am a retired college instructor. If your child needs high school chemistry tutoring or any tutoring of lower grades, please contact me at 571-384-6689 or at malakalyan@gmail.com.

voices on the 37

Dearest Mikhailina, please print this in *The Voice*:



I wish to honor the generosity of time and talent that Mikhailina gifts to AiM and our members. She artistically creates the notices that are placed on our mail room bulletin boards as well as those included in our monthly Montebello notices.

For my art show in the Café, Mikhailina took my painting images with my explanations and created an AMAZING announcement and then double-sided fliers for the Café. THANK YOU!!! Your gifting has enabled viewers to still understand Fauvism even if they were unable to attend the reception.

For those who might not be aware, Mikhailina is a talented artist in jewelry creations, interior decorating, parenting and news sharing in addition to her skills with her professional job. She is also beautiful both within and outward!!

Thank you Mikhailina!!!!

Best regards,
Anna Schalk

Today's Cargo jewelry store revamps its website

Today's Cargo, an Alexandria landmark jeweler, announces the launch of their new website. The beloved retailer has enjoyed most-favored-status in the region for over four decades. The business developed a loyal clientele by offering uniquely curated original jewelry and gifts, and by providing services that were not readily available elsewhere. Store manager (and longtime Montebello resident) Donna McIntyre says, "Everything we offer is hand-selected, all quality merchandise we stand behind. You will never be intimidated here. We treat our customers how we want to be treated."

Visit Today's Cargo's new website at www.todayscargo.com, where you can stay on top of new product offerings, special events, sales and more. Or stop by the store at 1102 King Street in Old Town.

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Bowling League end of season update

By Mark Woods

The Montebello Bowling Leagues recently crowned their League Champions for both the Monday and Wednesday night leagues. The Monday Champions were Nobuko Nakatsuka, Suzanne Beerthuis, Bill McNary and Mark Woods. The team won the first half of the league, finished 2nd in the second half and then came out on top at the end of the season roll-off.



Monday Night League champions: (from left) Mark Woods, Nobuko Nakatsuka, Suzanne Beerthuis, and Bill McNary

The Wednesday Night Champions were Stacy Dawn, Scott Choinski, Jim Weatherly and Bill McNary. The Wednesday Champions faced down a roll-off against the first half champions to win the league. As you can see, Bill McNary must have been the “secret ingredient/MVP” since he was a member of both the Monday and Wednesday championship teams.



Wednesday Night League champions: (from left) Jim Weatherly, Stacy Dawn, Scott Choinski, and Bill McNary

The Bowling Leagues would also like to thank our Lane Mechanic, Jerry Judy, for all the work he does for the lanes for both the leagues as well as the residents!

Both leagues came down to the final weeks to determine champions. If you

would like to join the fun in September, when the leagues start up again, as either a sub or a regular bowler, please contact Mark Woods at 703-498-0143 or mjddwoods@earthlink.net. Enjoy your summer! 🍷



Jerry, the Montebello lane mechanic, who keeps the lanes up and running not only for league bowling, but for everyday residential bowling as well.

The future of Richmond Highway

Fairfax County has just released a video explaining how the Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project will transform transportation between Huntington and Fort Belvoir.

Check it out at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hq9druGj2t8>

The Montebello Voice wants to hear from you

Silent nights, boring nights

By *Mikhailina Karina*

Genuine interest flavored with a hint of apathy reigned at two recent public gatherings held to solicit residents' questions about two important issues: the redesign of the community center and board elections. Both events discouraged direct audience participation by requiring that questions and comments be submitted in writing. However, the organizers' fears of uncivil outbursts were not warranted and everyone was on his or her best behavior, appropriately attired, speaking in an indoor voice, and treating fellow Montebelloans with friendship and civility.

Our leadership often wonders why more people don't participate in governance or join committees. Maybe one solution would be to treat residents as mature, intelligent adults who have something to contribute who may be trusted to express their views politely in public. Assuming that every open forum carries the risk that people will start attacking the board or management shows how little we are trusted to behave as mature, intelligent adults. Is it surprising that many residents – accomplished individuals who have managed companies and agencies, held high professional positions – don't want the humiliation of scribbling and passing a note on a little card? So when they say that board and management don't listen to the residents, it is literally true because the residents are not allowed to speak in public meetings.

Both nights should have been important to the future of our community: the hub of our administrative and social life and our elected officials. All the familiar faces who come to Cup of Joe and other events were in attendance. No one under the age of 50 was visible. Not much happened and everyone went home content, knowing that the status quo would be comfortably, quietly maintained.

While all four gentlemen running for the board are worthy, qualified candidates, it would be more fitting to call this election a nomination or appointment, because like in certain undemocratic societies, Montebello voters are *approving*, rather than *choosing*, their powerful governing board. But how can more people be encouraged to run when board meeting attendance is the same two dozen regulars in their favorite seats and perceptions of how the board's longtime members make decisions are tinged with mistrust, apathy, and resignation?

The yellow ballot form has spaces for write-in candidates. There is still time to throw your hat in the ring with an independent campaign. Please consider giving Montebello different voices and real choices and run for the Board of Directors. 🗳️

SloMo 2.0

When the Montebello Community Center Master Plan (CCMP) 1.0 was created, my younger son was in elementary school. Whenever CCMP 2.0 is eventually approved and construction begins, he will be in college. "I won't live long enough to see any of this," an elderly gentleman next to me whispered.

A high turnout of residents attended the CCMP update presentation at the April 19 town hall meeting. True to tradition of avoiding potential negative comments, people had to submit their questions in writing.

Board member and co-chair of the Ad Hoc Committee for Community Master Plan Update, Guido Zanni, read the information on a projected PowerPoint presentation. Copies of the PowerPoint and CCMP summary were available as hard copies. Attendees followed along with the presentation and submitted only a handful of questions.

A few proposed ideas were rejected by the residents in 30-second surveys: day spa, business center, relocating offices to lower level, and holding all activities on the main level. Some new projects were accepted: center-wide WiFi, coffee bar (only when the café is closed), children's play area (with wholesome activities such as riding tricycles, hop-scotch, or table games), and electric car charging stations. No specific

The winners take it all

Four candidates for four open Board of Directors positions are on the ballot for the upcoming election. Three candidates are incumbents. All of them are presumed to get elected with results announced at the May 10 annual meeting.

Last Sunday night, incumbents Lynn Tjeerdsma and Raymond Goodrich, along with newcomer Jon Kandel, participated in the hour-long Meet the Candidates forum. Another incumbent, Bruce Shaw, was called away on family business. Elections Committee Vice-Chair, Joel Miller, once again emceed the night with light-hearted humor.

The community center lounge was nearly filled with more than 50 residents who wanted to hear the candidates' views on improving committee participation, recent staff firings, upgrading accessibility, promoting Montebello, and rental units. As in the past, to avoid potential negative comments or personal attacks, all questions had to be submitted in writing and then read by Miller. No resident used his or her voice to directly address the candidates or the audience.

Raymond Goodrich, who was appointed to the board last year after Jerry Stedge's sudden resignation, told the audience he was a non-resident owner who bought the first of his four units in 1991. A banker, he wore an open-collar

SloMo 2.0, cont'd

information was presented about any of these projects.

Other proposals include adding a break room with running water and a refrigerator for association staff, installing a “modest” AV system and a unisex bathroom on the lower level, fully renovating the bowling alley, and adding a mani-pedi station at the hair salon.

The café would undergo extensive renovation by extending into a portion of what is currently the store and remodeling the outdated kitchen.

A multipurpose room, whose location was not specified (“on the ceiling,” quipped a woman next to me) would have space for 20 people and be equipped with telephone conferencing, data, and AV.

The main lounge may or may not lose the raised platforms and could possibly gain a raised platform (not a stage) for presentations and performances. In addition, the room would be sliced into smaller units with movable partitions to create smaller spaces for multiple (quiet) functions. Somewhere in this space could be a small kitchenette and storage credenzas. The AV system will be upgraded and a larger TV will be installed.

The proposed changes would eliminate the current gazebo on the smaller picnic hill; the main Picnic Hill will have improved accessibility and a pavilion, gas grills, and a gas fire-pit conversation area.

The open space in front of the locker rooms would be enlarged when the storage closet that doubles as office space is opened up to create a game room with more game tables.

No costs or dates were mentioned. The next step is to give the revised wish list to Kerns Group Architects, who have worked on Montebello’s other design projects. In a few months, Kerns will come up with a design proposal, estimated costs, and construction documents. After more surveys, focus groups, and silent town hall meetings, the board will accept all or some of

the proposals. This will be followed by obtaining construction documents, bids, and zoning permits. In the best-case scenario, construction will begin in 2020 ... (when my younger son will be off to college). – *Mikhailina Karina* 📧

The winners take it all, cont'd

blue-and-white checkered shirt and dark separates. In his opening remarks, Goodrich reiterated his platform from his campaign statement – increasing owners’ equity, keeping the board focused on strategy, and attracting and retaining excellent staff. Although unfamiliar to many recent residents, Goodrich is well-versed in Montebello’s governance with years-ago stints as board president, board treasurer, and Finance and Budget Committee chair.

A retired executive from a printing/ mailing company and a professional photographer, Jon Kandel and his wife moved to the 16th floor of Building 3 from Manhattan last November. Dressed in a navy blue suit, he spoke of his accomplishments as president of the 1270 Fifth Avenue Cooperative, a 201-unit building at the top of Central Park, where he led the co-op through a series of major capital improvements.

Wearing shiny black cowboy boots and a jeweled-tone paisley tie, second-term candidate Lynn Tjeerdsma, who also resides on the 16th floor of Building 3, said he would continue to represent Montebello residents in a fair, equitable, and sensible manner. Tjeerdsma is a senior policy advisor to Sen. John Thune of South Dakota.

The first question came from Bonnie Jacob, who asked the candidates how they would develop new leadership by encouraging more women and other under-represented groups to run for the board or join committees.

“The answer is you,” Kandel motioned at the audience. Step up and get more engaged and interested, he said, because there is no magic solution.

Tjeerdsma acknowledged that in a community of 2,000, people come

to Montebello for different reasons. Living in a high-stress D.C. area with demanding jobs, many want to come home and not think about committees or more meetings. “We need to respect those who just want to live here without getting involved.” For him, serving on the board in addition to his full-time job on the Hill has been a very rewarding experience.

At the beginning of the meeting, Miller read a statement from management that Montebello’s employment policy was followed in accordance with Virginia and federal labor laws and with full knowledge and concurrence of the board when two long-time employees were recently dismissed. There were no specifics regarding the reasons for termination. Two questions regarding the firings received vague answers from the candidates. “How will you reassure Montebello employees that it’s a good place to work?” asked Noel Sipple.

The association needs to be sure it has a good general manager whose decisions the board needs to support, Tjeersma said. Goodrich added it was important for management to have proper resources for the training of its staff. “Firing occurs everywhere,” Kandel said. He does not believe the board should get involved between management and employees.

Three questions addressed Goodrich’s non-resident status. “Why do you want to serve on the board if you live in Vienna?” asked Karen Barnes. Goodrich’s biographical information lists his mailing address as a P.O. Box in McLean; he declined to share his home address. “As an absentee landlord who has not lived at Montebello in about a decade, do you feel you truly understand the essence and needs of our community if you don’t walk the grounds, attend events, and socialize with your neighbors?” was the last part of this writer’s submitted written question that was not asked aloud.

“Why do people want to serve?” Goodrich shot back. As an experienced banker with decades of expertise in finances and human resources, he said

he had a lot to contribute to Montebello. Owning four units “shows my commitment to Montebello,” he said. Serving on the Promoting Montebello Committee and developing a comprehensive marketing campaign was the result of his interest to promote Montebello to potential investors, not because he wants to make a profit from selling his units, he said.

Both Tjeersdma and Kandel said they did not see Goodrich’s non-resident status as a negative or conflict of interest, but appreciate the considerable skills he brings to the table. “There is no difference between living here and not living here,” Kandel said. In fact, not living here makes it more difficult for Goodrich to devote energy to take on projects. “If our apartment values go up, it’s a good thing.”

Carole Appel asked about making every building lobby accessible with ramps to accommodate those who cannot walk up the stairs and are forced to use the B-3 entrance.

Tjeersdma agreed that lobby accessibility has been brought up numerous times and it’s been deemed “very cost-prohibitive.” Kandel said that besides the cost issue, the ramp is also a technical issue that may not be feasible for our lobbies.

After enjoying some post-meeting Costco chocolate chip cookies and soft drinks, people dispersed to their homes to mull over what they heard from three dapper, well-spoken gentlemen who will join in governing Montebello in the coming years.

According to our bylaws, at least 25 percent of unit owners (approximately 250 units) need to vote in order to have a quorum. People with smaller units have a smaller share of the vote; people with larger units have a larger share (it’s the number at the bottom of your ballot); people with multiple units have more votes. Everyone went home a winner. – *Mikhailina Karina* 📍

Enjoy and learn about Montebello’s birds on April 28

By Paul Zeisset

The Montebello Grounds Committee is sponsoring a Spring Bird Walk, Saturday, April 28, from 7 to 9 a.m. The group will meet on the Village Green and then proceed around the grounds. At least part of the group will stay within the developed area on paved surfaces for those with mobility concerns.

group who can share their knowledge and tips on how to recognize particular birds.

We will start early, at 7 a.m., because birds are generally more active then. But, if you can’t make the 7 a.m. start, join us as soon as you can. Children are welcome when in the company of an adult, but, please, no pets.

Bring your binoculars if you have them. If you don’t, there will probably



Last December, as part of the national Christmas Bird Count, 10 birders on the Montebello grounds found 26 different species of birds. Now, with many other species migrating through this spring, we should be able to see different birds as well.

No birding experience is required to participate in this walk. There will be several experienced birders in the

be a couple of loaners floating around.

The event will be held rain or shine, so dress for the weather.

If you need more information contact paul@zeisset.com. We look forward to seeing you on the Village Green early this Saturday! 📍

Q and A with board candidates

To complement the election materials we received two weeks ago, I asked the four Board of Directors candidates to give the residents some additional information about serving on the board as well as some human interest bits. This is not an endorsement of any candidate and includes only the information each chose to provide. – MK

Jon Kandel

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: Shaker Heights, Ohio

Q: How did you discover Montebello?

A: Web search while looking for an apartment in the D.C. area. Our real estate agent had never heard of Montebello.

Q: Why did you decide to buy your home here?

A: Liked the amenities, the shuttle, and proximity to the Metro by foot. Loved the apartment!

Q: How long have you lived here?

A: Since November 2017

Q: What amenities do you currently use?

A: Fitness center, restaurant, ping pong, bowling. Will use the pools occasionally.

Q: Do you belong to any clubs at Montebello?

A: Not yet.

Q: What social/cultural events do you attend at Montebello?

A: Several of the holiday and special events, some of the movies, some of the speakers.

Q: What books or magazines are on your nightstand or Kindle?

A: With examples in parentheses: lots of non-fiction (photography and physics); biographies and memoirs (Tom Brokaw, *A Lucky Life Interrupted*); politics (Madeleine Albright, *Fascism: A Warning*); fiction (Andy Weir, *The Martian*, much better than the movie, which was great); wine-related (Dorothy Gaitner and John Brecher, *Love By the Glass*)

Q: What do you hope to accomplish during your term on the board?

A: To continue prudent management of the annual budget

and investments; to develop and critique the plan to renovate the Community Center; to promote more involvement by members of the community.

Q: How would you describe the decorating style of your home?

A: Mostly antique furniture with displays of antique games, antique samplers, items collected in our travels, my photographs, my wife's embroidery. The apartment design and style is unchanged from the previous owners.

Q: How can we get more residents to attend board meetings or serve on committees?

A: No concrete ideas – but this is a problem endemic to almost all condos and coops.

Q: What three words describe Montebello?

A: Friendly. Friendly. Friendly.

Q: Name three positives and three negatives about Montebello.

A: Pluses: a world of its own; wonderful views (I'm on the 16th floor); did I mention friendly? Minuses: the immediate area of Richmond Highway; the lack of good restaurant until you go to Old Town or farther; the lighting in the game room (sorry, had to get that in).

Q: What is your favorite spot at Montebello?

A: Tough choices: walking the trail; the café; behind the ping pong table.

Q: What dish(es) do you recommend at the Café?

A: Always: the chicken brochette. When available: the ribs and the honey-lime shrimp.

Q: How accessible do you plan to be to the residents?

A: Anytime, anywhere.

Bruce Shaw

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: New Jersey

Q: How did you discover Montebello?

A: Rented here 1990-93 for work assignment, then bought in 2006

Q: Why did you decide to buy your home here?

A: Past experience...great community...wanted one-floor living

Q: How long have you lived here?

A: Since 2016

Q: If you've lived here a long time, what changes have you observed?

A: Pleased to see (and participate in) all the efforts keeping things at a premier level

Q: What amenities do you currently use?

A: Café, fitness center, community center, party rooms

Q: Do you belong to any clubs at Montebello?

A: Too busy with Board activities

Q: What do you hope to accomplish during your term on the board?

A: Assure facilities are up to date and maintained effectively and economically

Q: How can we get more residents to attend board meetings or serve on committees?

A: Wish I knew

Q: How accessible do you plan to be to the residents?

A: Fully

Lynn Tjeerdsma

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: I grew up on a farm in South Central South Dakota near the Missouri River, attended a one-room country school with one other person in my class for grades 1-8, and graduated from Platte High School in a class of 45 students.

Q: How did you discover Montebello?

A: We were living in Belle Haven, about a mile from Montebello, when my wife, Mary, met Mikhailina at Gold's Gym. Through their friendship, Mikhailina invited us to Montebello and then we decided to sell our house – the rest is history.

Q: Why did you decide to buy your home here?

A: We really liked the entire community and its amenities when we first visited Montebello, and the spaciousness of the units. We especially fell in love with the views from certain units. I also remember being impressed by the fact that Montebello had an on-site restaurant and outdoor seating area.

Q: How long have you lived here?

A: We have lived in Montebello since July of 2012.

Q: If you've lived here a long time, what changes have you observed?

A: The biggest change since we moved to Montebello has been the addition of the fitness center. The stone path in the woodlands was a great addition, too, as it makes the woodland path walkable regardless of weather.

Q: What amenities do you currently use?

A: I use the workout center, the restaurant, the walking trails, picnic hill, and the outdoor swimming pool.

Q: What amenities or activities would you like to see added?

A: Electric car-charging stations is my top priority – and I'm always open to suggestions from others, as we all have different interests.

Q: Do you belong to any clubs at Montebello?

A: I do not belong to any clubs at Montebello, but am liaison to the Grounds Committee. Because I am still working full-time, I do not currently have time for clubs.

Q: What social/cultural events do you attend at Montebello?

A: Dances, Art in Montebello, special event meals at the café.

Q: What books or magazines are on your nightstand or Kindle?

A: I am a David Baldacci and James Patterson fan.

Q: What do you hope to accomplish during your term on the board?

A: I hope to improve the grounds, woodlands and landscaping at Montebello; complete community center renovation; continue to timely pursue infrastructure updates and maintenance – and of course, keep condo fees reasonable and competitive.

Q: How would you describe the decorating style of your home?

A: Modern yet comfortable and homey.

Q: How can we get more residents to attend board meetings or serve on committees?

A: As a board, I think we need to examine how we do things and how we can improve the board meeting process so it is less cumbersome. By eliminating unnecessary attempts at imposing new rules, regulations and fees, and other minutiae, we can focus more on strategic planning and big-picture projects at Montebello. I also think we need to respect those who come to Montebello to live and may not want to engage in board meetings and committees. Whether board members or committee chairs or members, we all need to be open to new ideas and concepts at Montebello and invite those with different ideas and suggestions to feel welcome at meetings.

Q: What three words describe Montebello?

A: Community, convenient, safe.

Q: Name three positives and three negatives about Montebello.

A: Positives: Spacious units, friendly community, excellent amenities. Negatives: Located on Route 1 (although Route 1 is improving).

Q: What is your favorite spot at Montebello?

A: Woodlands.

Q: What dish(es) do you recommend at the Café?

A: The café has an excellent menu – but I really like the various lamb dishes it occasionally offers.

Q: What would you like as your superpower?

A: Wisdom.

Q: If you watch TV, what streaming services shows are binge-worthy?

A: Netflix – “Hell on Wheels,” a series about building the transcontinental railroad.

Q: How accessible do you plan to be to the residents?

A: I plan on being as accessible as possible to the residents of Montebello.

Q: Khakis or chinos?

A: Khakis.

Q: Who would play you in a biopic?

A: It's easier to think of who could not or would not play me in a biopic – just about everyone. Maybe Dwight Schrute (The Office TV Series).

Q: Any parting thoughts?

A: Montebello is a wonderful community nestled into a woodlands – and one of the best kept secrets in the Washington, D.C. Metro area – I look forward to working with my colleagues on the board and Montebello owners and residents to make it even better!

Board of Directors
Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association
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17 April 2018

We, as long-term residents of Montebello, would like to make the Board of Directors aware of a recent situation where we learned that George Gardner, the General Manager of the Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association (MCUOA), abruptly fired two long-term loyal employees. The first employee was Mr Jenkins, one of our guards who has been employed here for 13 years and has served honorably. Then, approximately 10 days later, Mr Gardner with no notice, fired another employee, Mr T, who oversaw and skillfully managed Community Center activities for 24 years.

We are concerned about Mr Gardner's alarming trend. Under the two previous general managers, there have been no such abrupt firings of loyal, dedicated, long-term employees. As the result of these sudden firings, there has been many conversations amongst residents and staff concerning who might be next.

As such we request the following:

- A policy be implemented requiring employment terminations to be approved by the Board.
- A policy be implemented whereby MCUOA staff who have differing opinions regarding the efficient and effective operation of the MCUOA can be brought to the Board without fear of retaliation.
- A policy be implemented where by employee actions can be appealed to the Board before becoming effective.
- The Board discusses with Mr Gardner the recent, short notice firings of long term MCUOA staff who apparently performed satisfactorily under previous managers.

A reply to this letter would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Last week, Mary Quinn wrote a letter (above) expressing concern over the termination of two long-time Montebello employees. A dozen residents signed the letter that was delivered to the association office.

In an official response, General Manager George Gardner wrote the following:

"I appreciate your inquiry concerning these individuals.

Montebello's policy regarding employment is to act in accordance with Federal and Virginia Labor Law and in accordance with the Virginia Condominium Act.

The recent personnel actions were taken in accordance with the above policy after careful consideration of all the factors involved in each situation and were done with the full knowledge and concurrence of the Board."

coming attractions

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Montebello CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT

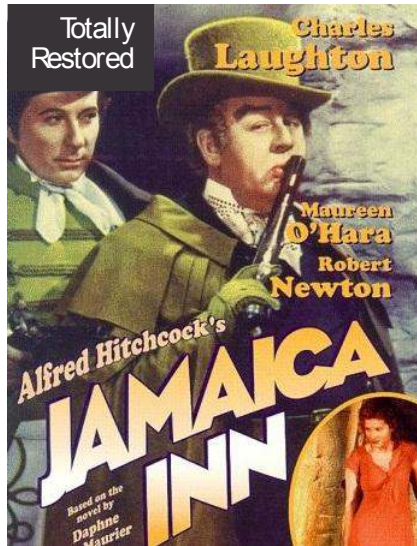
On the Big Screen in the Community Center at 7pm

*Don't Butcher
and Baker me!
I need Money!*

... says villain Charles Laughton

Chilling Charles Laughton as the Squire. Who could be better in her first major screen role than beguiling Maureen O'Hara at age 19?

Rarely shown, but once you've seen it, Jamaica Inn will be one of your all-time favorites ...



With a brief introduction and back-story on this 1939 movie by Pamela Copley, in this, the ninth of our regular Classic Movies at Montebello! Contact PoonGruber@aol.com for more details.



FREE old-time Movie Night refreshments, popcorn, and confectionary

Polymer Clay Play Let's Create!



Polymer Clay is a synthetic clay that can be cured in a home toaster oven. You can make home decor, jewelry, gifts for the holidays — anything you can imagine with ease!!! Anyone can do it!

We will be making small decorative items you can display around your home! You can even make a decorative switch plate for your light switch.

Join us — even if you have never used clay before!

Email me for a supply list. If this is your first time and you want to just check things out, just bring yourself!!!

If you have any questions, please email me at psrinivasan@icloud.com.

Hope to see you in May;

Tuesday May 1

Party Room 4 6:00pm - 9pm

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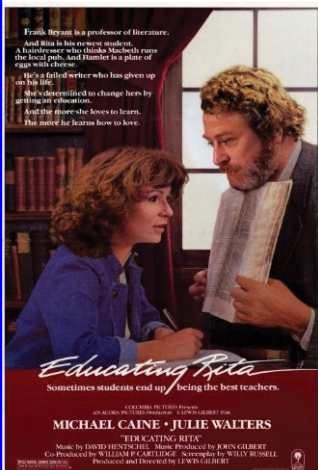


Invite you to our film & discussion



EDUCATING RITA

THURSDAY MAY 31 7:30 P.M. PARTY ROOM 2



This 1983 comedy/drama earned various awards, and was voted one of the Top 100 British Films by The British Film Institute. Working-class hairstylist Rita (Julie Walters) with a passion for learning is tutored for university entrance exams by Frank (Michael Caine), a disillusioned, alcoholic professor of literature. Their interaction transforms both their lives. The film quietly treats issues of marriage, the class system, the joys of literature, independence and its ramifications, as relevant today as they were in the 1980s. It's Michael Caine's favorite of all his films.

Caryl Curry will introduce the film and lead the post-movie discussion.

Come Dance with AiM's Art Dance - Movement Expressed in Art

Group Show Curators: Jeanne Tift and Nancy Vogt



May 12 - June 29

Montebello Café

Opening Reception on Saturday, May 12, 4 to 6 p.m.



Anna Schalk

Abstract Exploration of Fauvism



Montebello Café
April 7 – May 11

opening reception on April 7 from 4 to 6 p.m.



Just a Housewife?

By A.L.Mason

“I’m just a housewife,” that’s what she said.
And apologized with a toss of her head.
Just a housewife? I don’t agree.
I’m glad this position was open for me.

Our duties are different as occasions arise.
Do I have your permission to open her eyes?
She’s a housekeeper, homemaker, warm-hearted friend,
Dietitian, nurse with patients to tend.

She’s a mediator, manager, booster, chef,
Critic and agent, both in a breath;
A chauffeur, listener, counselor, judge...
With a faith in her family that nothing can budge.

She’s “the lady of the house” to the passerby,
A hearer of lessons, a private eye.
She’s a wealth of suggestions, someone who cares,
A kisser of bruises, a listener to prayers.

She’s a master at making the little things do,
From last year’s pajamas to leftover stew.
A homemaker? Yes! Just a housewife? Never!
To hold down this job you’ve got to be clever!

Sent in by Virginia Nickich

YOGA CAN BE FUN

HATHA YOGA FOR ALL LEVELS
TUESDAY EVENINGS @ 7 PM - PARTY ROOM 1



- ❖ SMILE
- ❖ STRETCH
- ❖ BREATHE
- ❖ RELAX

Feel your flexibility with SUN SALUTATION, Feel the strength of Warrior I & II,
Enjoy the stretch of forward and backward bends.

Special Attention Given for Your Needs
by a Practicing - Certified Instructor: Virginia Nickich

Questions? just call Cell: 516-459-8504 or email: virgyoga@verizon.net

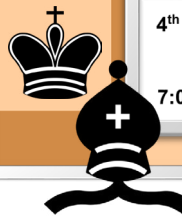
First class is always free
(\$8/pp per class)



Chess Game Night with Chess Club

All Levels & All Ages!
All Welcome!
Beginners to Grandmasters!
Play! Share! Learn! Practice!

4th Thursday, Each Month
(generally*)
C.C. Card Room
7:00pm to 9:30pm (latest)



Make your move and
stop by to see a joust!
The Queen doesn't
even mind tardiness!

Bring your own Chess Set if you like! – And, if you're brand new to Chess, but you'd like to check out our Chess Club while playing a relatively "quiet" or "cerebral" game that *doesn't* "compete" with the ancient game of Chess from a *noise* perspective, you may bring such a game and hang out with us! (Examples of Games that partner well with Chess: Scrabble, Checkers, Othello, etc.)

Contact Lisa J. Stedge at lisa@stedge.com
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for more information.

*(e.g., most holidays and holiday periods are excluded.)

