

# The MONTEBELLO VOICE

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## Location of temporary amenities during Community Center closing

By Matthew Marlay

Reading through the “CCMP Final Words” document that was distributed on 2/6, I noticed a somewhat concerning sentence: “Most CC services and amenities will be maintained, likely by relocation to temporary space near the back gate.” Presumably this “space near the back gate” refers to the section of the Building 1 parking lot that is currently blocked off by the equipment for the light pole replacement project, and was previously blocked off for the fence replacement project.

In fact, this large portion of the parking lot has been out of commission for much of the past several years, first for the fence replacement (which took much longer than we were told), then for the lighting replacement (which is taking much longer than we were told), and soon for the CC replacement (which will undoubtedly take much longer than we have been told).

While maintaining amenities during construction is important, is there really no other location on the entire 35-acre Montebello campus that can be used for this purpose? Parking around Building 1 has become much tougher in the past few years, largely due to the loss of such a large part of our lot. Additionally, this location will put the temporary Community Center amenities inconveniently far away from most Montebello residents, except those of us who live in Building 1. A more centralized, accessible location would make residents much more likely to take advantage of those amenities for the duration of the construction. 🏠

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## Why I will not be voting on the CC ballot

By Matthew Marlay

As an avid user of the Community Center and its many amenities, I have been closely following the discussion of plans for the refurbishment. I am very pleased with what I’ve seen and am eager to see the space renovated, an improvement that is sorely needed.

Why, then, am I not planning to vote for the changes in the upcoming special election? Simple: Voting in Montebello is an absurdly cumbersome process, involving multiple envelopes, witness signatures, etc. This is ridiculous. I am not sure who I would get to witness my signature (I live alone, and I am not about to attempt to explain the whole thing to friends or coworkers), and my work schedule doesn’t align with times when there are assistants in the lobby of each building. Therefore, I have made the decision to boycott Montebello elections until voting in them isn’t such a chore. The fact that it is easier to vote in a presidential election than in a condo election highlights the unnecessary burden of our current rules.

I assume the rationale behind these precautions is to ensure the integrity of the voting process, but let’s be real: Who is conspiring to undermine a condo election? The Russians? Our rivals at nearby condominium developments? This seems to be an area in which we could safely give up a slight amount of electoral security in order to ease the burden of voting and thereby increase voter turnout.

If the paper voting process cannot be changed for whatever reason, then how about adding an electronic voting option via the Montebello website? You already have to sign in to access the resident section of the site, so putting a ballot there would keep the electoral security in place while modernizing a wholly obsolete process. Plus, since the paper ballots contain our building

and unit numbers, how you vote is not secret, so adding an electronic voting option will not change the level of anonymity associated with your vote.

Every election, the board always beseeches residents to vote, with dire warnings of what will happen if we don’t have a quorum and therefore have to re-vote. Making voting more accessible would go a long way toward accomplishing this goal. 🏠



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### Let's go shopping!

By Andrew Byro

One of the aspects of Montebello life that I love the most is our shuttle bus. In fact, the shuttle bus was a major selling point for my wife and me when we were looking to buy our first home here. But the truth is, there is something of an unspoken problem with the shuttle bus shopping schedule, which is that it is designed solely around the convenience of members of our community who do not work a 9 to 5 schedule.

I have tried sounding out others in the community about even occasional (once or twice a month) weekend shopping service for those of us who work M-F. The response from those who don't work M-F typically (though by no means exclusively) ranges from reluctant agreement to near-hostile rejection. In contrast, when speaking with folks who do work M-F, the response has universally been a loud and resounding YES! I think that the two groups perhaps do not intermix as much as they might, and so the folks I talk to think that this is only an issue for one isolated person (me) rather than a systemic problem that affects many.

Putting aside questions of fairness of access to those who pay for but cannot use the benefit, and forgetting for a moment about the curb-cut effect (where everybody benefits from improved access, not just those who were initially targeted – after all, retirees might also like shopping on a weekend when there might be more folks capable of helping them with their groceries aboard the shuttle), I know that there is concern about money. All I can say is – yes, it would cost more. But less than you think. We aren't talking about a full day schedule, we are talking about a drop-off and return cycle – an hour, maybe two, perhaps on alternate weeks. I just don't see that costing more than a couple of hundred dollars per month, an amount so trivial that I think it is a non-issue. In which case, this is more

about resistance to change than objection to the change itself. And that is a much more uphill battle to fight.

But I am nothing if not practical. Those running the community are hostile to the idea? Fine. In that case, let's try something else. The fundamental problem has not been addressed, so let's see if we can at least put a crutch on this broken leg. I propose some of us who normally do weekend shopping organize a carpool. People can take turns driving, and those who don't drive can chip in a few bucks for gas. In addition, I have a Costco card that I am happy to use to bring in neighbors as guests. I'm sure that many of us have various memberships to other places that we are happy to share. Why not coordinate that and save some money? And I don't know about you folks, but I'd love to have a shopping buddy to chat with while I shop, to help stop me from buying that thing that I want so much but don't need, or to marvel over that great sale.

If this works out well enough, we can potentially expand a bit. For example, we should not feel obligated to solely visit the stores normally visited. There's an entire mall down in Springfield with everything from some surprisingly pleasant restaurants to a Kaiser Permanente. Or we can stop at the Aldi's when it finally opens. Perhaps when the weather is nice, we can arrange a trip to fun historical sites. Why not do trips to the farmer's market in Old Town on Saturdays? Concerts at National Harbor? Trips to movie theaters like the AFI in Silver Spring or Alamo Drafthouse in Loudoun (and in a couple of years, Crystal City), where they have special nights to play old favorites and meet the makers?

If you are interested in joining the carpool, please email me at [andrew.byro@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.byro@gmail.com) so that we can start to coordinate. If anybody else would like to coordinate the carpool, please be my guest; while I want to get the ball roll-

ing, I am not the sort who feels it necessary to that I and only I run things. Remember: if they don't want to let us use the shuttle, we can create something better than the shuttle. 🏠

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### Cost concerns about CC renovation

By Rivers Hanson

I'd like to share a few additional thoughts on Community Center remodeling with emphasis on cost factors.

The board controls the condo fee, which will be increased on a delayed basis to replenish the reserve fund. About 3/4 of the reserve fund will be expended on the Community Center project if all components are accepted and carried out. Tax changes will also occur on a delayed basis. After completion, tax assessors will increase the assessed value of the Community Center, to be followed a tax increase.

Montebello's competitive position should be considered at this point since taxes are an important component of every condo's monthly fee. The competitive position of our condo vs. those in the City of Alexandria has not been addressed. We should compare our monthly condo fee to that of a basket of condo fees taken from competitors nearby. Don't be surprised if we come out higher.

A ranking system for various components will help keep lid on costs. At some point condo fees could become high enough that some residents would seek extra income through a rule change allowing short-term rentals. Some untoward results could follow large cost of living increases.

I suggest an attempt to project the condo fee 2-5 years ahead using various combinations of cost factors. 🏠

## in memoriam

### James G. Apple

September 20, 1937 – January 22, 2019

Montebello resident and husband of Penny Jones, James Apple, 81, passed away peacefully on January 22, with his children by his side after a courageous battle with heart disease. He was born in Huntington, West Virginia on September 20, 1937 to Bernice Stewart and David French Apple, Sr.

Jim was a dedicated father and grandfather, an extraordinarily compassionate lawyer, author, speaker, adventurer, fervent reader and traveler. A true gentleman to the end, he was known for his keen intelligence and humor, love of education, research and knowledge, and a kind and caring nature.

He grew up in Fort Thomas, Kentucky, attending Highlands High School. He graduated from the University of Virginia with Honors, was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, the Raven Society, The Z Society, Omicron Delta Kappa, and the Editor-In-Chief of *The Cavalier Daily*. After college, he attended the University of Virginia School of Law, serving as managing editor of the *Virginia Law Review* and a member of the Order of the Coif.

Following graduation, Mr. Apple was a 1st Lieutenant, special intelligence, with the U.S. Army Reserves at both Fort Knox and Fort Meade. After military service he moved to Paducah, Kentucky to practice law.

Moving to Frankfort in 1967, he was a member of Governor Louie B. Nunn's "Kiddie Corps," serving as administrative assistant for transportation affairs and in 1969 was named Executive Assistant to the Kentucky Highway Commission.

After his tenure with state government, he moved his family to Louisville, where he had a successful law career with Stites & Harbison, arguing approximately 97 cases. After 20 years



with the firm, he attended the University of Edinburgh, earning a Master of Laws (L.L.M.) degree in international and comparative law. He then joined the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, D.C., the education, training, research and development arm of the federal court system in the U.S., as Special Assistant and Counsel to the Director. After a decade with the FJC, he helped found and was president of the International Judicial Academy, until his semi-retirement in 2017. He counseled and mentored hundreds of lawyers and judges throughout his career.

Having served on the Transit Authority of River City (TARC) Board for nine years, chairman from 1981 to 1985, he established the Toonerville Trolley in Louisville. He was a 1984 graduate of Leadership Louisville, former member of the Pendennis Club, and member of the Cosmos Club and National Press Club (both in Washington, D.C.), and the Kentucky, Louisville, Virginia and American Bar Associations, having founded the Young Lawyers Section with the ABA. He was an elder at Second Presbyterian Church in Louisville, and affiliated with the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in

Alexandria. He received many awards and accolades throughout his 50-year career.

He was an avid reader, enjoying his membership with the "Serious Book" Club, amateur photographer, traveler, traveling to 58 countries in his lifetime, and former tennis player and mini-marathoner. A prolific writer, he authored numerous award-winning articles, founded an internationally recognized legal blog, the International Judicial Monitor, and co-authored three children's books with his daughter, *Henry the Doggie Detective*. He enjoyed spending summers with his children and grandchildren in Kiawah Island, South Carolina.

Jim is survived by his brother, David French Apple, Jr. MD (Jane), of Atlanta, Georgia, his daughter, Meredith Lambe (Thomas) and son, Miles Apple (Sandy), his grandchildren, Philip, Marshall and Malcolm Gault, and Stewart, Eloise and Iris Apple, all of Louisville, three nieces, a nephew, extended family, his wife, Elizabeth Jones, of Alexandria, and stepchildren, Megan Fitzpatrick and Ian Jones.

Memorial and dedication services will be held at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria, on Saturday, March 23 at 1 p.m.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Ft. Thomas Education Foundation, P.O. Box 75090, 28 N. Ft. Thomas Ave., Ft. Thomas, KY 41075; Louisville Bar Foundation, 600 W. Main St., Louisville, KY 40202; University of Virginia School of Law, 580 Massie Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903-1738. 📧

*From The Courier-Journal, January 25, 2019*

## Mildred and Harold Lamm

Long-time Montebello neighbors remember their friends, Millie and Hal Lamm. They had been living in Greenspring Village in Springfield and had been married for 50 years.

Millie died peacefully at home on August 14, 2018. She was born on October 7, 1928 in Brooklyn, NY, daughter of Egil Gahrson and Mildred Clason Gahrson.

Millie was a graduate of Parson's School of Design in New York in 1950 and received her bachelor's degree from New York University School of Education in 1951. She then was a member of the faculty of Parson's School of Design from 1951-1954. She received her MA Degree from Columbia University in 1954 then went to the University of Wisconsin-Madison as a professor from 1954 to 1968. During that time she also received a Diploma in Swedish Design and Architecture in Stockholm, Sweden in 1960. In 1973 she earned her Doctor of Education from Columbia University and received her Qualification for the National Council for Interior Design in 1981. She was a professor at Mt. Vernon College in Washington, D.C., from 1975 to 1988.

Mildred was a professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and past president of the Washington Metro Chapter. She received a Certificate of Appreciation from ASID in 1992 and was honored with the Sarah Boyer Jenkins FASID APEX Award in 2012.



Harold "Hal" C. Lamm, Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.) passed away peacefully on Friday, February 8, 2019. Born in Wernersville, Pa., he was the youngest and last surviving son of the late Alvin and Mary (Feeg) Lamm.

Chaplain Lamm was an ordained clergyman of the United Church of Christ (Evangelical and Reformed). He attended Franklin and Marshall College, in Lancaster, Pa., graduating in 1953 with a B.A. in history. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1956 from the Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pa., and in 1967 he received his M.A., (Educational Psychology) from Teachers College, Columbia University, NY.

A Vietnam War veteran, Chaplain Lamm entered active duty with the Army in June 1956 and attended the U.S. Army Chaplain School, Fort Slocum, NY. Tours of duty included assignments in Georgia, New York, France, Germany, and South Korea. In 1974, he was assigned as Director of Personnel and Ecclesiastical Rela-

tions at the Pentagon and later as the Executive Officer, Office of the Chief of Chaplains. In 1980, he was assigned as Executive Director of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board, OSD, (MRA&L) until 1983 and later served as Staff Chaplain, First United States Army, Ft. Meade, until his retirement from the U.S. Army in 1986.

Chaplain Lamm received the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (4 awards), Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. After his military service, Chaplain Lamm served as Interim Senior Minister and Interim Associate Pastor at Little River United Church of Christ in Annandale, Va., and in interim pastor roles at the United Church of Christ of Seneca Valley, Germantown, Md., St. John's United Church of Christ in Cantonsville, Md., and Bethel United Church of Christ in Arlington.

Memorial contributions can be made to Little River United Church of Christ, 8410 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003 or to St. John's (Hains) United Church of Christ, 591 Church Road, Wernersville, PA 19565.



*Adapted from Legacy.com*

## Officer Ed Hill sends his affection to Montebelloans

By Sue Allen

Six days a week for the past 28 years, Officer Ed Hill has dutifully reported in for his 4 p.m. to midnight shift as an officer with Montebello's Safety and Access division. Though the 38-mile drive from his home in rural St. Charles County is long, he didn't mind it. "When you're doing something you love, the drive isn't a problem," he said. "I love everything about Montebello. It's my second home."

Since taking ill in December, Officer Hill has been under hospice care at his 3-acre paradise near Brandywine, far from the traffic on I-495 and Richmond Highway.

Family surrounds Ed, and there are a lot of them: 9 siblings, 6 children, 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He and his wife, Millie, have been married nearly 60 years. The Hill presence is strong in the neighborhood: one of Ed's brothers married Mildred's sister and they live right down the road.

In addition to human company, his two ever-faithful dogs, Roxy and Myra, attend Ed. Roxy came from Montebello. Ed recalls that when he first met the black and white Boston terrier, she jumped up and licked him. "The owner told me she was taking Roxy to the pound because she didn't get on with the woman's other dog. I took that dog home and have had her ever since." It turned out that Roxy had severe allergies requiring two pills a day and shots every two weeks. Ed admits it's a lot of work – not to mention expense – but he loves her, and by her worshipful licking and snuggling up to him, you can tell she adores him. Myra, too.



**Ed Hill at home with his family.**

*Photo by Azita Mashayekhi*

Montebelloans miss Ed, and have sent packages, flowers and contributions to him; many co-workers and Montebello friends have visited.

Montebello resident Rebecca Bennett said, "Officer Hill is a fantastic guy. He not only knows the residents, but he also knows their children and grandkids. He knows my son and my grandson. He has a loving and vibrant personality. We love him and wish him all the best."

According to Ed's supervisor, Earl Roberts, Ed also knows the names of nearly every Montebello dog. "I was talking to him recently and he was asking about someone – or so I thought. Then I realized he was referring to a dog, not a resident," said Roberts. A true dog lover, Ed carried dog biscuits and distributed them on his daily rounds throughout the community.

Co-worker "Hutch" Hutcherson who worked in security with Ed more than 19 years, said Ed is also a practical joker. "The guys on the shift getting ready to leave, he'd hide their car keys. It got to the point when the guys couldn't find their keys, they'd automatically turn to him."

Montebello resident Bill Begel said that Officer Hill saved his life. "A few years ago I was walking a dog in the snow when I fell down," said Bill. "I'd hurt my shoulder and I couldn't get up. I thought I was going to get run over. Officer Hill found me and called 911. He even returned the dog to its owner."

Born and reared in Charles County, Ed did not have it easy as a youngster. His mother had to work two jobs to provide for her 10 children after his father left.

He began working at age 12 at a corner grocery in the District of Columbia when he wasn't attending school. He took home \$4 a week.

A lover of the outdoors, he enjoys planting flowers and trees at his home in Brandywine. The grassy expanse around the home is dotted in dogwoods and crepe myrtle. The back slopes gently to a hardwood forest of oaks, walnuts, and maples where a stream runs through.

When recently asked if he would like to say anything to Montebelloans, he said, "Tell them that I love each and every one of them." That sentiment is reciprocal. 🐾

*Mail your cards or contributions to:  
Ed Hill  
16135 Inheritance Drive  
Brandywine, MD 20613*

## board candidates Q & A

### Heather Click

**Describe what you see outside your window.**

**A:** The view from our balcony is a small slice of Montebello's lovely woodlands and the morning sunshine. We enjoy our breakfast there.

**Q. What books or magazines are on your nightstand or e-reader?**

**A:** One of the books on my nightstand now is *Journeys, An American Story*, a collection of personal essays that describe the myriad ways the writers' families arrived in America, what drove them to seek a better life, the challenges they had to overcome to survive and succeed in their new land, and the legacy felt by their American-born descendants.

**Q. Do you have a pet?**

**A:** Yes, we have a yellow Labradoodle (?) named Cricket. You may have seen me walking her in the cold weather bundled up in my husband's old olive green winter flight suit – not very fashionable but very warm!

**Q. What is your favorite spot at Montebello?**

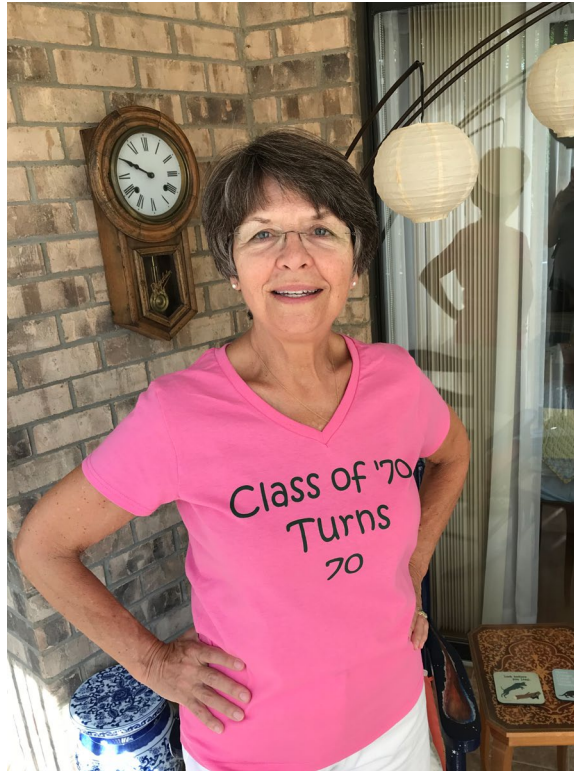
**A:** Although I love our woodlands, my favorite spot to sit is in the Village Green in front of Buildings 1 and 2.

**Q. What are your childhood comfort foods?**

**A:** Does anyone eat Cream of Wheat anymore?! My mother would put crumbled bacon in it and my siblings and I loved it.

**Q. Where did you grow up?**

**A:** I grew up in a military family (Navy) so we moved every 1-2 years. We were lucky enough to be stationed twice in Sanford, Florida and Washington, D.C., so we returned to the same neighborhood and school both times.



**Q. What Montebello events do you attend?**

**A:** Of course, I attend a lot of Grounds Committee meetings and activities as well as Board meetings and related events. I also enjoy the Stretchnastics group and Water Aerobics. The Montebello resident volunteers who lead our activities groups are amazing! I have bowled, use the gym regularly, been to the movies and concerts, attended the Ladies Luncheon and the Speakers Series, taken the shuttle bus, had a family cook-out at the gazebo, spent summer days at the pool, walk the trails, enjoy the café and the art displays. And wasn't that country music duo awesome last Saturday night in the Community Center?!

**Q. How did you hear about Montebello? Why did you decide to make it your home?**

**A:** We found Montebello by doing our own online research and then asked the Realtor with whom we were working to show it to us. As soon as we came up

long Mt. Eagle Drive we looked at each other and said, "This is it!" What clinched the deal was walking into a unit and being able to see all the way through the balcony to the outdoors. The secure wooded campus, the distinctive architecture of the buildings, the attractive units and large balconies as well as the extensive amenities, the location near Old Town and Huntington Metro, and the reputation of Montebello as well managed and fiscally sound all played a part in our decision. At the time we didn't know how friendly and welcoming our Montebello neighbors would be, but now I can say that the community of people at Montebello has confirmed that we made the right decision! (Did I mention that our two children and four grandchildren reside in Old Town?)

**Q: Anything else you'd like to add?**

**A:** In recent years I have set a goal of doing something a little outside my normal comfort zone to commemorate my birthday. Last year I joined a dojo and participated in karate instruction earning my yellow belt. One year I took a flying lesson but discovered I could only fly straight and level without getting air sick. My most memorable birthday challenge was hiking to the top of Mt. Fuji in Japan. My least fun was running a 5K race; and yet that runner's high had me signing up for another one! (I don't do that any more. )

This year's challenge is seeking a position on Montebello's Board of Directors. 🍷

## board candidates Q & A

### Tom Harrelson

**Q: Describe what you see outside your window.**

**A:** We are fortunate to have a “J” unit with two balconies. From the one facing East, we see the Potomac River with its maritime traffic and also the airplanes using Reagan Airport and Andrews AFB. That relates to my maritime and transportation background and was a reason for selecting our unit. The one facing West overlooks Picnic Hill and the Community Center and our neighbors for a true reflection of our outstanding community.

**Q: Netflix or other TV recommendations?**

**A:** We watch very little television other than news as we primarily are readers of books and periodicals.

**Q: Books or magazines on your nightstand or e-reader?**

**A:** Current books are *Brilliant Beacons – A history of American Lighthouses* and *World War II At Sea – A Global History* plus assorted mystery and thriller books from the library. Some of my magazine subscriptions include *Fortune*, *Naval Institute Proceedings*, *Golf Digest*, *Dividend Investor*, and *Wall Street Journal*.

**Q: Do you have a pet?**

**A:** We do not currently have a pet. In the past we have had both dogs and cats. We enjoy petting and conversing with those being walked by their owners.

**Q: What is your favorite spot at Montebello?**

**A:** All of it – the Community Center, the Café, the peaceful woods, Picnic Hill, etc. The amenities of Montebello are a primary reason we moved here.



**Q: If money were no object, what amenities would you like to add to Montebello?**

**A:** I would add facilities to increase our attractiveness for families of all ages and which will increase the value of our homes such as the redo and expansion of the Community Center and Picnic Hill. At minimal cost, I would enhance one tennis court so when it is not being used for tennis, it could be used for Pickle Ball or basketball or shuffleboard or volleyball or sleep-outs thus serving all ages.

**Q: Where did you grow up?**

**A:** In eastern North Carolina in a small town of 23,000 people on the Neuse River until age 18 when I boarded a Trailways bus to New York to report to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

**Q: Who would portray you in a biopic?**

Why, me of course. A self-portrayal (but with a good makeup artist!)

**Q: What Montebello events do you attend?**

**A:** On occasion, Cup of Joe, classic movies, popular movies, Friday Night Follies, community forums, music nights, etc.

**Q: What music did you dance to at your high school prom?**

**A:** 1955-1960 rock and “shag” music.

**Q: Do you have any creative pursuits or avocations?**

**A:** I have been the class agent for the “Great Class of 1966” at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy for 53 years and I write a quarterly magazine article and co-manage reunions to keep them together. I am avid supporter of the U.S. maritime industry and the Academy and will now be an avid supporter of Montebello. I would like to be an avid good golfer but have only achieved the avid portion!

**Q: What is your idea vacation spot – past or future?**

**A:** Where ever I happen to be (hopefully with warmer temperatures) accompanied by my lovely bride with fun things to do and learn.

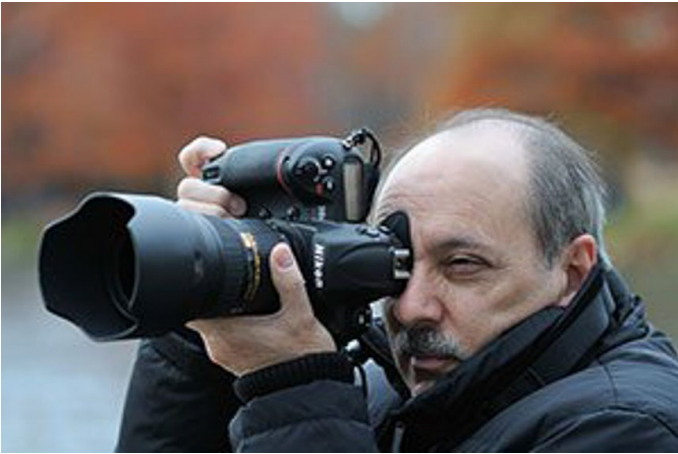
**Q: How did you hear about Montebello? Why did you decide to make it your home?**

**A:** We heard about Montebello from friends and acquaintances. When we decided to downsize from a big house and big yard, we looked at various condominium complexes in Northern Virginia. We did not find any other complex that offered the amenities of Montebello (the Community Center with restaurant and pools and fitness center and market and bowling alley, the many club activities, etc.), its superb location and it has never had a special assessment unlike many other condominiums. 🏠



## board candidates Q & A

### Jon Kandel



**Q: Describe what you see outside your window.**

**A:** My inside view looks over the outdoor pool and tennis courts, where I get great sunsets. The other view is north: over the woodlands and the path; with Alexandria behind; and in the background the Potomac, the Washington Monument, and the Capitol.

**Q: Netflix or other TV recommendations?**

**A:** I rarely stream.

**Q: Books or magazines on your nightstand or e-reader?**

**A:** *Citizen Washington* by William Martin; *Fascism* by Madeleine Albright; *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

**Q: Do you have a pet?**

**A:** A female dog, Pepper, rescued 13 years ago, part Chihuahua and part Boston Terrier.

**Q: What is your favorite spot at Montebello?**

**A:** Either the Café or my balcony that overlooks Alexandria and Washington, D.C.

**Q: If money were no object, what amenities would you like to add to Montebello?**

**A:** Underground passageways from the four towers to the Community Center; solar panels.

**Q: What are your childhood comfort foods?**

**A:** Peanut butter on toast.

**Q: Where did you grow up?**

**A:** Shaker Heights, Ohio (suburb of Cleveland).

**Q: Who would portray you in a biopic?**

**A:** Martin Sheen

**Q: What Montebello events do you attend??**

**A:** Holiday picnics; most of the Activities Committee's major events (Hawaiian Luau, Country Music Night); the Café Holiday Specials; some of the movies.

**Q: What music did you dance to at your high school prom?**

**A:** '60s Rock.

**Q: Do you have any creative pursuits or avocations?**

**A:** Photography and travel.

**Q: What is your idea vacation spot – past or future?**

**A:** Too many good ones to pick from.

**Q: How did you hear about Montebello? Why did you decide to make it your home?**

**A:** Stumbled upon it on the web. First visit sold us! 🏠



**Certified financial planner Paula Pass gave an overview to a disciplined approach to financial investment and tax analysis to achieve financial goals. Her February 4 presentation was part of the Speaker Series.**

**Photo by Dian McDonald**

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**Shooting Into the Sun**  
 Sunsets, Sand and Water  
 Siesta Key, Florida

Photographs and Poems by Bonnie Jacob  
 Production and Printing by Jeanne Tiffit

Montebello Café  
 February 16 – March 29

**Invite you to our film & discussion**

**BREAD AND CHOCOLATE**  
 THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28 7:30 P.M. PARTY ROOM 2

**"A WONDERFUL FILM"**  
 inspired, profoundly original, deeply touching and filled with humor. —*Rolling Stone*

"Delicious, absolutely delicious."  
 —*WGBH-TV*

Francis Bruniotti's  
**BREAD and CHOCOLATE**  
 You'll Laugh Till Your Heart Breaks.  
 Starring Nino Manfredi and Anna Karina. A WILD/NORTAL FILM.

Italian comedy-drama about clashing cultures when a hardworking Sicilian goes to Switzerland to find a job. The contrast between the cool elegance of the Swiss and the unpolished style of the Italian immigrant conflict to create laughs and tears. This touching film is a "hidden gem" with some unforgettable images that reveal the gap between the wealthy and the working poor. The film won the New York Film Critics Circle Award for best foreign film in 1978.

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

**Calling Montebello artists:**  
*Art in Many Forms*



Art in Montebello is looking for jewelers, potters, quilters, needlepointers, knitters, fabric artists, clay creators, shoe designers, clothing designers and makers, ceramicists, sculptors, floral arrangers, wood carvers, metal crafters, paper artists, printers, and

upcyclers to showcase their work in the art show on April 28 in the Community Center. AiM plans to feature the work of resident artists whose work cannot be displayed on the walls of the café.

Applications to participate will be posted online as well as available in the lobby mail slots and at the office.

For more information, please contact Harriet Duval at [haziduvall@gmail.com](mailto:haziduvall@gmail.com) or at 703-329-1342 or Pratibha Srinivasan at [Psrinivasan@icloud.com](mailto:Psrinivasan@icloud.com).

**Chess Game Night with Chess Club**

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

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

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. Sledge at [lisa@stedge.com](mailto:lisa@stedge.com) and/or Nick Nickerson at [fxnixson@gmail.com](mailto:fxnixson@gmail.com) for more information.  
 \* (e.g., most holidays and holiday periods are excluded.)

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

## final glance



*The Millers have been put on **warning** again*

*By Joel Miller*