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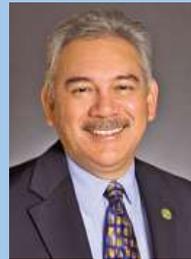
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Exploring the Past, Present and Future *in*Gaithersburg

One of the reasons Gaithersburg is a special place is because we combine a respect for our heritage with thoughtful planning that fosters a dynamic future.

In this edition of *in*Gaithersburg, we invite you to step back 150 years to learn about Gaithersburg during the Civil War. On his way to threatening Washington, D.C., Confederate General Jubal Early commandeered Summit Hall in 1864. The land is now home to Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm and its many indoor and outdoor recreational amenities.

Or step back a mere quarter century, to 1988, when a vision for a new urbanist community took hold, and the Kentlands became a reality. It's a mature community now, but it remains innovative in its approach to using physical space to foster human connections.

Looking to the future, we're excited that a new interchange at Watkins Mill Road and I-270 and progress on the Corridor Cities Transitway were part of a recently announced state wide transportation funding commitment.

There's much more to explore in this issue, from a holistic approach to life at our Senior Center to teaching young summer campers the ins and outs of video production, to living in harmony with nature in an urban setting.

You'll find it all *in*Gaithersburg!

Sincerely,
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Mayor



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CONNECTING THE DOTS *in* Gaithersburg

STATE COMMITMENT MOVES ROAD PROJECTS FORWARD



Spectrum at Watkins Mill is a 27-acre mixed use village currently under construction at the intersection of Rt. 355 and Watkins Mill Road.

From a vantage point high atop the Kaiser Permanente Building adjacent to I-270, the situation is obvious. Look to the west and you'll see Watkins Mill Town Center. Look east and rising from the ground is Spectrum at Watkins Mill. Both new developments are on Watkins Mill Road – but you can't get there from here since the road dead ends at I-270 on either side.

"Connecting these two communities and providing a vital east-west access in the northern part of Gaithersburg has been a priority for quite some time," said Gaithersburg City Manager Tony Tomasello. "For a while it seemed that we'd have to be content with a bridge over I-270 to complete Watkins Mill Road. We were thrilled when Governor Martin O'Malley confirmed that an inter-

change would be one of the transportation priorities funded by the recently adopted gas tax increase."

Parklands at Watkins Mill Town Center, accessible from Clopper Road, opened for sales in the summer of 2010. It's the residential piece of the larger Watkins Mill Town Center, a 125-acre mixed use development. When fully built out, Watkins Mill Town Center will include 1,123 residential units and nearly 1.2 million square feet of Class A office, hotel and restaurant space.

Spectrum at Watkins Mill is a planned 27-acre mixed-use urban village along Route 355 and Watkins Mill Road. It's slated to have 678 multi-family dwelling units and nearly 215,000 square feet of commercial space. Performer's Park will be its centerpiece, featuring an out-

door stage and dining area, a splash fountain, and a landscaped green that can be used for entertainment and special events.

"These communities are developing vibrantly on their own, but imagine how much more attractive they'll be when they're easily accessible off of I-270," says Gaithersburg Economic Development Director Tom Loneragan. "The Watkins Mill interchange will not only enhance these two developments, it will tremendously ease the pressure at Montgomery Village Avenue and Route 355, certainly one of the busiest intersections in Montgomery County."

The interchange at I-270 and Watkins Mill Road is expected to cost \$165 million. With \$40 million pledged earlier in the year and the Governor pledging an additional

\$125 million from the gas tax for final design and construction, the project is poised to begin.

Connecting a number of neighborhoods on the west side of I-270 with the Shady Grove Metro Station may also become a reality. Phase I of the Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT), envisioned as a 9-mile, 12-station Bus Rapid Transit route, will provide a mass transit alternative for residents, employees and patrons in the King Farm, Crown, the Life Sciences Center, Kentlands, and the Watkins Mill Town Center, also connecting with MARC Rail at the Metropolitan Grove station.

The project carries a hefty price tag of \$545 million (in 2012 dollars). The gas tax increase is anticipated to provide \$100 million in funding for right-of-way acquisition and final design for the Phase I portion extending to the Metropolitan Grove MARC Station in Gaithersburg.

“The CCT is an important public transit alternative for an increasingly dense community,” says John Schlichting, Director of Gaithersburg’s Planning and Code Administration. “As Gaithersburg becomes more urban, it is important that we have in place a modern, enhanced infrastructure that caters to those who live and work in this area. The CCT, the new highway



The main thoroughfare through the Parklands at Watkins Mill Town Center will connect to Watkins Mill Road east of I-270.

interchange, and planned improvements to key roadways and bikeways will ensure that you really can get from ‘here to there’ with ease.”

“Gaithersburg sends a huge ‘thank you’ to the Montgomery County Delegation and other state representatives who advocated on our behalf, helping to ensure that these vital transportation projects rose to the top of the State’s funding priorities,” said Mayor Sidney Katz.

On July 1, 2013, the Maryland gas tax increased from 23.5 cents per gallon to 27

cents per gallon. It is the first increase in the tax since 1992. The tax will start being adjusted annually to reflect the Consumer Price Index. In September, the Maryland Department of Transportation will issue its draft six-year budget, detailing all of the projects funded by the new Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2013.

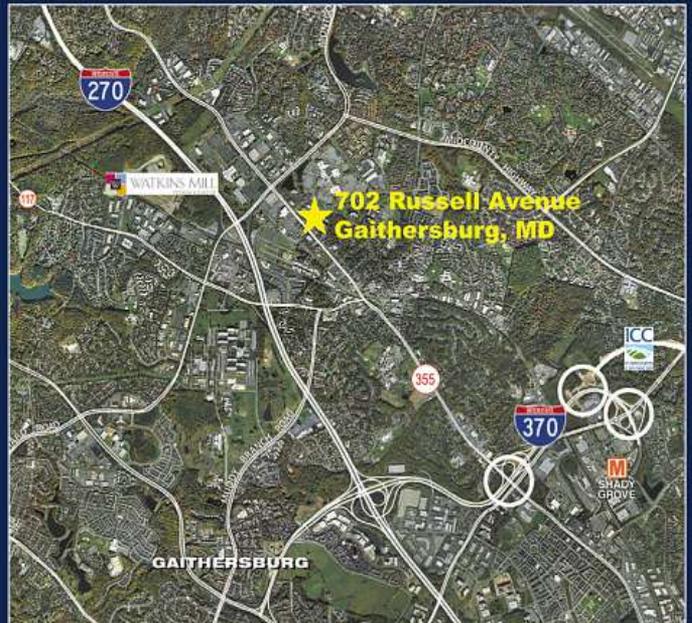
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CAMP INNOV8

BRINGS HOLLYWOOD TO GAITHERSBURG

"QUIET ON THE SET...AND ACTION!"

Camp Innov8 is not your typical summer camp. While swimming and field trips are on the weekly roster, middle schoolers attending this highly creative program mainly focus on all aspects of digital video production, including scripting, directing and editing commercials, music videos and short films.

The camp, which first premiered in 2006, is broken into three two-week sessions at the Olde Towne Youth Center, and offers a glimpse into the field of television and filmmaking, with hands-on experience for aspiring filmmakers. For camp counselors Emily Hickey and Brittany Dorsey, the camp is a foot in the door into an extremely competitive industry.

Hickey, a freelance event videographer who graduated from Towson University with a Bachelor's degree in Electronic Media and Film, returns to Innov8 each summer to share her expertise and skills and gain experience teaching and mentoring children in her chosen field. But it's not just the work experience that draws Hickey back every year. "I love this camp because we have a lot of creative freedom and are able to form relationships with every camper," says Hickey. "This is incredibly rewarding because the trust that is created makes for col-



Brittany Dorsey offers a few camera tips as Jazmine prepares for a shoot.



Emily Hickey reviews camera shots with Jessica before a shoot.

laborative projects that everyone can take pride in."

"I enjoy working with such creative kids," says Dorsey, a Grambling State University graduate who has been with Innov8 for six years. "It's always fun to see what they come up with."

Just as Innov8 is not your average summer camp, these kids are not necessarily your average summer campers. Young "Innov8-ers" want to create rather than participate. "Our kids prefer mental stimulation to physical," says Hickey. "These kids have ideas and creativity and need a place to channel that." And that's where Camp Innov8 comes in, providing the perfect artistic outlet by encouraging campers to be themselves and to appreciate their differences. "We respect each other's ideas and constructive criticism, creating an environment of acceptance and support. We want everyone to feel comfortable sharing their ideas without judgment."

While most summer camps start the day with sports, arts and crafts or games, a typical day at Innov8 begins with a brainstorming session. Campers break into groups and bounce ideas back and forth as they plan their weekly video projects. Their concepts are captured on storyboards and scripted before filming begins. Campers

also put their acting abilities to the test as they play the starring roles in their films.

Once shooting is complete, footage is edited using non-linear editing software. Long gone is the use of videotape as campers shoot in high-definition directly on to SD cards. The City keeps the equipment updated so participants are always gaining basic video production knowledge while using cutting-edge tools.

Kids who attend this state-of-the-art program are already computer savvy and are incredibly quick to learn new software and the concept of editing. "It blows me away to see 13-year-olds editing as well as 20-something college students," says Hickey. "They truly have a knack for technology, and watching them successfully master that skill brings me joy."

Hickey and Dorsey's main goals are to keep the kids on task while encouraging creative thinking and problem solving. On one particular day, they are working with campers on filming scenes for their "Songs in Real Life" project. As the young director yells "Action," the campers become silent and fully focused on what's happening in front of the camera. Without missing a beat, the two actors immerse themselves into the roles of a young couple as they sing their lines. Though there is some giggling and laughter between takes – it is, after all, summer camp – the group always refocuses for the next shot. After multiple takes, it's a wrap. In addition to technical skills, it's obvious these kids are learning the importance of being patient, professional and respectful.

Campers work on many types of projects to ensure they learn a variety of filming techniques. Producing commercials provides lessons on how to convey a message and introduces them to marketing skills and audience persuasion. Studying and replicating popular films teaches them about shot types and camera moves. They



Devin hams it up for the camera.

tell their own narratives with short films, creating something purely from their collaborative imaginations. At session's end, campers walk away with the ability to tell a story in a whole new way.

While the kids who attend Innov8 have plenty of time to settle on a professional career, the experience has already influenced a few choices. "I want to be a director because I enjoy the process," says Jazmine Torres, who has learned how to edit video under tight deadlines and whose favorite part of producing is writing scripts.

As for Hickey, being a camp counselor at Innov8 is fulfilling work. "I love being able to share my skills and knowledge," says Hickey. "The talent they show in filming and editing makes me happy because I know it is a skill they will always have."

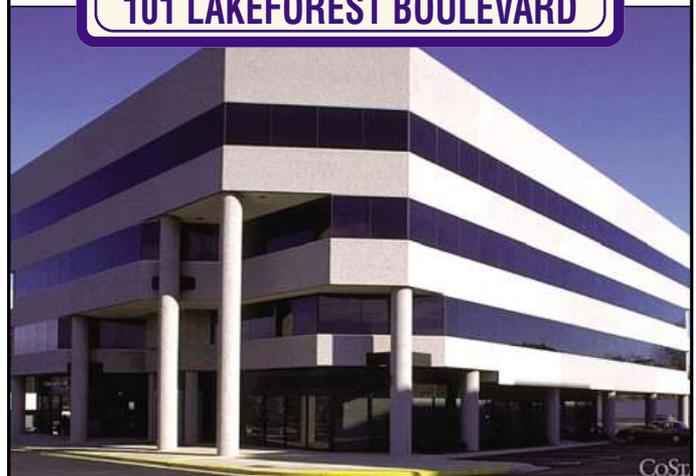
Since 1961, the City of Gaithersburg has provided fun, safe and educational summer camp programs for area youth. Elementary and middle school participants take part in action-packed programs featuring sports, games, special events, arts and crafts, field trips, and swimming while learning teamwork and good character. For more information on Gaithersburg's summer camp program, please visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov/camps or call 301-258-6350.

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KENTLANDS IS TURNING 25

BY CLAIRE LANE AND JOHN SCHLICHTING



The visionary new urbanist design of Kentlands garnered national media attention.



The Gaithersburg neighborhood of Kentlands is approaching its 25th anniversary. A quarter century ago, a group of innovative town planners and developers had a vision for a “new old town” on the large parcel of land off Route 28 that had been in the Kent family for generations. Today, Kentlands is known worldwide as the first year-round new urbanist community. The successful development of Kentlands is a testament to the tireless support of the late Mayor Ed Bohrer and other City staff who wholeheartedly embraced the idea that the American suburb could be reimaged as a walkable, front porch community.

Twenty-five years ago this past June, the vision for Kentlands took shape during a week-long planning process called a charrette, where key stakeholders work together to develop ideas in an interactive, collaborative process. The Charrette for Kentlands was a groundbreaking event of international significance in urban planning circles. National newspapers covered it extensively, and Kentlands continued to garner national media attention as the neighborhood took shape. The new urbanist principle of mixed-use planning utilized in the Kentlands Plan shattered the existing standards of “Euclidean” zoning, which com-

pletely segregates development uses and was prevalent throughout the United States at the time.

The June 1988 charrette was a collaboration of a cutting-edge planning team led by Andres Duany and Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, the risk-taking young developer Joe Alford, and a visionary City government led by Mayor Bohrer. Many people involved at the time credit the passion of Mayor Bohrer as the driving force for the creation of Kentlands. Team members still involved in the community include Mayor Sidney Katz, a Council Member at the time, Kentlands’ first Town Architect, Mike Watkins, and former Director of Planning and Code Administration Jennifer Russel.

“What I recall most about the charrette was how unifying it was,” says Mayor Sidney Katz. “In the room we had planners, business owners, residents, transportation specialists, and a host of other players who didn’t hesitate to think big. We’ve used the charrette process many times since throughout the City, and it’s proven to be an effective way to create a vision.”

In order to process the development plans for Kentlands, the City of Gaithersburg created a new flexible mixed-use zone (MXD) which allowed for nearly any use in the City (single-family residential, townhouses, multi-family



The creation of an MXD zone allows for multiple uses, including single and multi-family homes, offices and restaurants.



Kentlands – 1994. Five years into the development, a new neighborhood is coming to life.

residential, retail, restaurants and offices), eliminated most set-backs and front yard requirements, and allowed for denser development while promoting communal open space. Without this zone, Kentlands could never have been developed in Gaithersburg, and to this day could not be developed in Montgomery County or, in fact, most of the United States

In December of that same year, the City of Gaithersburg approved the plan for the Kentlands development. Ground was broken for the first homes in 1989. A generation later, the success of the Kentlands vision is manifest in many ways...from resi-

dents walking to dinner and the movies in sun or snow, to social gatherings in alleys and on porches, to the number of families who trade up or down to different-sized homes to remain in the neighborhood despite the relatively high property values.

To celebrate the significant planning achievement that is Kentlands and to help educate a new generation of Kentlands and Lakelands residents about the principles of new urbanism, a celebration of Kentlands' 25th (K25) anniversary is underway. K25 events will cover the period from just after City approval through the anniversary of the first resident moving

in. Twenty five events will take place over 25 months, with a New Urbanist Planning Symposium in June 2014 and a gala celebration in February 2016 essentially "bookending" the project. A kickoff concert and reception was held this past June at Kentlands Mansion and the Arts Barn to raise funds for K25. The evening featured musical performances by local artists and a special video prepared by Joseph Alfandre in honor of the anniversary of the charrette. For more information on K25 events, and to watch the video, visit www.kentlands25.org.

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NOT THE "SENIOR CENTER" OF YOUR DADDY'S DAY



Members enjoy an outing to a venerable Washington institution – Ben's Chili Bowl.

What do you call a place where your morning consists of a low impact, high intensity aerobic workout, your mid-day includes a rousing discussion of the future of marriage in America, and your afternoon is spent on the computer connecting with family and friends?

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New experiences stimulate the mind, body and spirit. Susan Gruen explores the world from a whole new vantage point.

For now it's called the Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Center. But that may soon change.

"This is not the 'Senior Center' of your daddy's day," says member Henry Harris. "It's where I go for the most awe inspiring athletic workout of my life. It's what I like to think of as the 'achievement center.'"

"We're increasingly catering to the Baby Boomer population," says Community Facility Manager Grace Whipple. "There's more emphasis now on fitness and technology, and on a holistic approach to health. The programs

we're planning run the gamut from challenging political discussions to adventure tours to lifelong learning. 'Senior Center' doesn't really encompass all that we're doing, so we're contemplating a new name to capture the essence of this dynamic facility."

Opened in 1991, the Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Center is an ever-changing community center that challenges the mind and body and enhances the spirit of those 55 and better.

"We recognize that healthy, active aging requires a multi-pronged approach," says Whipple. "A creative volunteer advisory committee works with engaged members and a dedicated staff to continuously plan programs that touch on all aspects of life – physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual."

A series of exercise programs, some free, some for a nominal fee, offers flexibility and strength training, Yoga, Tai Chi, weight training and more. "Like many retirees, the image that I had of a Senior Center was just a lot of old people sitting around. But I could not have been more wrong," says member Daniel Fried. "I took a couple of exercise classes twice a week, and over the past two and half years my bal-

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ance, strength and stamina have all gotten much better. I actually started running 5K races at the age of 70!"

For healthy living, challenging the mind is equally as important as challenging the body. Socrates' Roundtable, a popular monthly program, tackles some of the most controversial topics of the day. Recent discussions have included the future of marriage in America, the pros and cons of the legalization of marijuana (by the way, the majority of those participating in the discussion favored it), gender discrimination, and government surveillance.

Husband and wife members Jay and Connie Choudhry view the Center this

way: "Immediately after our retirement we were in a great dilemma as to how we were going to pass our time in a way that would keep us busy and healthy without any stress or boredom. This Senior Center is a place that seniors of all ages, of different ethnicity, or national origin or different genders, can enjoy together under the same roof."

With a membership that mirrors the cultural diversity of the surrounding community, the Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Center embraces ethnic similarities and differences. "In addition to the simple act of being welcoming and respectful

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also pet licensing and ordinance enforcement. All this is done in an effort to maintain a peaceful harmony between Gaithersburg residents, pets and wildlife.

As for the typical day of an animal control officer, one thing is certain - there isn't one. "As an animal control officer you never know what your life will be like on any given day," says Sylvester Ferguson. "One minute you could be in a storm drain rescuing ducklings and the next minute you are

capturing a rabid animal." This uncertainty is what draws these City employees to their profession. "Some days have happy endings and some days do not, but one thing is certain, your job is never boring," echoes Lisa Holland, Animal Control Division Chief.

Holland, who grew up raising orphaned wildlife and has been with the City for 26 years, tells a story of rescuing a female Hereford cow who decided to make Gaithersburg her new home. "Every night she would take a refreshing dip in the pond behind Lockheed Martin before sauntering home to the woods behind the Humane Society building via Route 355, causing quite a nightly stir for motorists," says Holland.

"Lisa Marie," as the cow became known, was impossible to catch, until Holland formulated a plan consisting of corral fencing and sweet feed. "I knew the way to win a cow's heart was through her stomach." Holland set up a feeding station where Lisa Marie could enjoy her delicious meals. As she became more comfortable, fencing was gradually added around the station. She was finally contained and transported to a large animal sanctuary where, according to Holland, she lived "a life of luxury."

Animal rescue is a large part of the job. Orphaned and rescued wildlife is taken to Second Chance Wildlife Center, where animals receive medical treatment and care before being released back into the wild. Operating in a facility owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the nonprofit organization treats an average of 3,500 animals per year. Squirrels, songbirds, groundhogs, bats, rabbits, and turtles



Animal Control Officer Jorge Esmieu checks pet licenses at the fenced dog exercise area in Green Park, where dogs have more than an acre to run off leash.

are among the host of native species the facility rehabilitates.

In one particular instance, Holland received a call about an alligator at a home on South Summit Avenue. Upon her arrival, there was indeed a live, foot-long baby alligator in the backyard. "No one knows where it came from but it certainly frightened the men who were playing soccer that morning," says Holland. The alligator was transported to Second Chance Wildlife and was returned to its natural habitat in Florida.

In instances of severe illness or injury, rescued wildlife must be taken to the Montgomery County Humane Society to be humanely euthanized. In cases where animals do not appear to be injured, sick or too young to fend for themselves, they are returned to their home in the wild.

Domestic animal rescues are assessed for illness or injury and taken to a veterinarian if treatment is needed and the owner is not located. Most will go to the Montgomery County Humane Society to be reunited with their owner or adopted by a new family.

In some cases, though, it is not always an animal that needs rescuing. "I received a call from a woman saying she was un-



Animal Control Division Chief Lisa Holland (right) assists at a rabies clinic.

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able to leave her home because she was trapped by a snake at her front door," recounts Ferguson. "The woman has a snake phobia and was crying so loud, neighbors could hear her." Upon entering her apartment, Ferguson discovered the frightening "snake" was made of rubber and deliberately left as a joke by the woman's boyfriend.

In all seriousness, officers must know how to deal with aggressive animals and how to assess potentially dangerous situ-

ations. "I handle all animals with a good amount of respect for the fact they are animals and are capable of inflicting some kind of damage if pushed," says Animal Control Officer Gerrie Gooch. Officers must be diligent, patient and aware of their surroundings and of an animal's behavior.

To be an animal control officer, you must have the ability to adapt, problem solve, improvise, make quick decisions, and, yes, have good people skills. "Some think this is a position where you don't have to deal with people, but you spend a lot of your time providing direct service and education to residents," says Gooch. Of course, animal handling skills and animal care knowledge are essential.

It also takes compassion. "Animals are constantly being abused and they cannot talk back," says Ferguson. "They have all the right to be here just like you and me, and I know I can make a difference." "Fighting animal cruelty and helping hurt animals is what drew me to this career," says Animal Control Officer Jorge Esmieu.

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The Civil War erupted in April 1861. For four long years, large armies crossed back and forth through the South and the border states, including Maryland. For most of the war, Gaithersburg was affected by the almost constant movement of Union forces and war-related traffic. With strong family and economic ties to southern states, Montgomery County residents overwhelmingly supported the new Confederate States of America (CSA), while northern Maryland counties supported the Union.

Within two months, 10,000 federal troops were camped on the county's agricultural fairgrounds, which is now Richard Montgomery High School. The original force moved later that year, but Union soldiers continued to occupy the county. The impact on local residents was significant, with the soldiers needing food and water, entertainment, and other basic services. Some stole pigs, chickens and eggs to supplement their Army diet. Others fought with local residents.

Government employees who did not swear an oath of loyalty to the Union lost their jobs. Civil liberties were revoked and marshal law was declared. People could be arrested based on rumor or a likely charge of aiding the enemy. Residents needed a pass to travel, which could be voided at any time without reason.

In 1862 a draft began for men be-

tween the ages 20 and 45. Rockville residents Lawrence Dawson and John Higgins were appointed Union enrollment officers, and John DeSellum of Gaithersburg drew names for the draft. Several county residents left to join the CSA army.

In August 1862, Union General George McClellan's Army of the Potomac camped in Rockville. A month later, DeSellum learned of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's troop movements, which were reported to Union soldiers at Watts Branch. McClellan marched his troops through Gaithersburg towards Antietam, where they engaged Lee's forces in the bloodiest single day of battle in American history.

While attending church in Rockville on June 28, 1863, DeSellum and other Union supporters were arrested



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On July 10, 1864, Confederate General Jubal Early commandeered Summit Hall Farm before his attack on Fort Stevens.

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by Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart, who had come with a large force of 5,000 cavalymen. Capturing a Union wagon train on the Rockville Pike and paroling prisoners in Brookeville delayed Stuart, who was Lee's "eyes and ears." As a result, he did not arrive at Gettysburg until the second day of battle, after it had begun to take a turn in favor of the North. The Union victory at Gettysburg marked the turning point in the war.

Leaving the Shenandoah Valley, Confederate General Jubal Early ransomed Hagerstown and Frederick, then engaged Union forces at Monocacy on July 9, 1864. His advance cavalry came to Gaithersburg, encountering Union scouts. They engaged about 500 federal cavalry troops in a skirmish at Derwood, pushing them back through Rockville.

The next day, Early commandeered Summit Hall, DeSellum's farm. Soldiers searched the house for weapons but missed \$3,000 hidden in the skirts of DeSellum's sister, Sarah. Foraging troops took everything they could – horses, livestock and grain. Early went on to threaten the District of Columbia at Fort Stevens before retreating back through Rockville.

The Union prevailed and the war ended

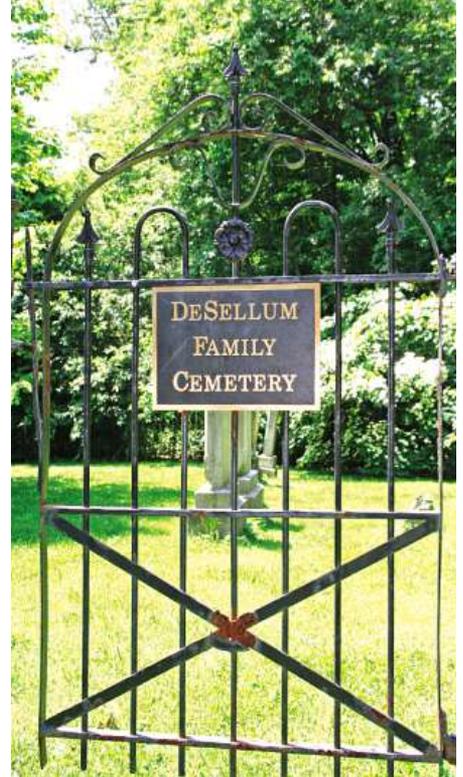


Gaithersburg resident John DeSellum owned what is now Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm. The family cemetery can be found there.

at Appomattox Courthouse in April 1865. When President Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth, one of his accomplices, George Atzerodt, fled by stage coach, then by farm wagon, then on foot to reach his cousin's farm north of Gaithersburg, where he was arrested.

With the war over, residents turned to rebuilding, reconciliation and an optimistic future.

For more information on the Civil War in Montgomery County, visit www.heritage-montgomery.org. You can explore more



about Gaithersburg's history at the Community Museum, located next to the train station in Olde Towne. It's open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov/museum for details.

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along the trail that is now Rt. 28. Twenty five years ago it became a vision for a reimagined way to live. Today it is a mature yet ever-changing community, standing as a testament to Gaithersburg's commitment to preserving its history while innovating for a bright future.

of all, our program committee plans monthly activities that encourage cultural exchange," says Whipple. What is the influence of African American culture on American music? How does your culture celebrate the arrival of spring? What are the marriage traditions in your native country? Where you come from, what foods are considered healing foods? "These facilitated discussions help us explore what makes us unique," says Whipple. "Together with culturally diverse music programs, dining excursions and food exchanges, members travel the world from our little corner of Bureau Drive."

Activities are not just confined to the Senior Center, though. Members are invited to participate in at least six day trips each month, catering to a range of interests. Horseback riding,

whitewater rafting, canoeing, a walking tour of Annapolis, tea at the National Cathedral, and a tropical picnic were among the recent adventures.

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