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ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 4TH

eligible BCA members will vote on the Board slate for 2022–2023

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Dear Neighbors,

I hope everyone is doing well as the city and region slowly re-open. With the on-going concerns about the delta variant (and maybe others), we are not quite back to normal. Due to these concerns, the BCA decided to cancel our postponed summer picnic back in September. We are also not going to host an in-person Halloween party for children or an annual meeting, which will once again be online. But, both our Halloween and holiday decorating contests will be repeated. More details will be forthcoming via email and our website. Also, we have scheduled our biannual community cleanup on Saturday, November 6th at 9 AM (see elsewhere in the Bell for more details).

The **2021 BCA Annual Meeting** will take place on Thursday, November 4th from 7:00-9:00 PM online via Zoom. Invited speakers include Mayor Muriel Bowser, Councilmember Brooke Pinto, ANC Commissioner Kishan Putta, representatives from Georgetown University and the hospital, as well as the police and other local officials. We will also have an opportunity to hear about local issues of great import such as DPR plans for Ellington Field, the proposed bicycle lanes on 37th Street, progress with the hospital's construction, and on-going hospital parking and trash issues in the neighborhood. We should have ample time to discuss any other issue our members would like to raise. The BCA's finances are doing very well because we have not had any of our regular expenses, especially the summer picnic. Our healthy

balance means that we will be able to do more in the future.

Eligible BCA members will also vote on the **Board slate for 2022-2023**. Please note that each board member has a two-year term and half of the board is elected every year (unless there is an unexpected vacancy). Details on the board members and the election are here in the October Bell and will be distributed online. I would like to thank the entire slate, and would like to acknowledge in particular John McGeary and Sarah Wetzel for agreeing to run for the first time. I would also like to express my gratitude to our two outgoing board members, Michael McDuffie and Rob Russell for their many years of dedicated service to the neighborhood.

One big item on the agenda of the annual meeting and going forward will be plans for **Burleith's centennial** in 2023. The Board has discussed three ideas. First, we think permanent welcome signs at various entrances to the neighborhood would be nice. We will look into commissioning an artist/designer and will need to do fundraising for this. The Burleith Community Fund (BCF), where donations are tax deductible, has agreed to work with us on this. Second, we would like to plan a larger scale gala in the late winter or early spring of 2023. This will be reminiscent of the Burleith winter picnic of yore, which took place in amazing venues like the Embassy of France or Dumbarton House. Third, some neighbors have expressed interest in revising and up-dating a history brochure or short book, along the lines of earlier efforts (<https://www.burleith.org/burleith-history>). Many volunteers

(and donors!) will be needed for these initiatives, so please be on the lookout for our communications about convening various committees.

As for the other issues currently affecting the community, residents on 35th Street have finally gotten relief from the intrusive noise caused by the **temporary A/C unit** installed in front of Hardy Middle School. After much pestering, the system was shut off around October 15th and the temporary unit was removed a few days later. Hopefully the permanent unit is now fixed and this noise will not reoccur. I have not heard anything recently about the DDOT proposal to eliminate all of the parking places on **37th Street** between Whitehaven and Reservoir to install protected **bicycle lanes**. I believe they may be collecting additional data, which will hopefully be more accurate than what they presented earlier this year. I am hopeful that they will seriously consider **advisory bike lanes** that would not eliminate any parking. There has been substantial pushback on DDOT plans for bicycle lanes in Glover Park and Georgetown, as well as in other neighborhoods like Dupont Circle (where 17th Street has been greatly altered).

There have been several meetings on DPR's plans for **Ellington Field**. I hope that future meetings will be announced further in advance and that they will provide more opportunities for neighbors' feedback. I am still rather concerned about impacts on traffic and parking, which should be addressed specifically at a DPR meeting mentioned for some time in November. Representatives have said that they expect users to bike or

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use scooters to travel to and from the field, but I am highly skeptical and would like to see some data to back up this assumption. Minimizing impacts on the neighborhood and maintaining community access continue to be top priorities.

Finally, the discussion about **redistricting** the boundaries of all 8 wards in the city is on-going and will be concluded by the end of the year. The process is being led by Councilmember Elissa Silverman and there will be a subcommittee hearing for Ward 2 on October 25th at 2 PM. Details are here: <https://www.elissasilverman.com/redistricting>. Our strong preference is to stay in Ward 2 and the census data shows that, if anything, Ward 2 should gain and not lose some residents (<https://ggwash.org/view/82471/public-hearing-on-dc-redistricting-set-for-end-of-september>).

As autumn progresses, I would like to remind everyone that each resident is responsible for **raking leaves** around their property. The city will come by twice between November and January to collect everything. Information will be available here: <https://dpw.dc.gov/es/service/leaf-collection>. I would also like to reiterate that the **trash bins** in the neighborhood are looking haggard. Despite delays, please consider requesting a new lid free of charge from 311: <https://dpw.dc.gov/service/trash-container-repair-and-purchase>.

Stay well,

Eric
BCA President

Burleith Citizens Association (BCA) Board Slate

At the annual meeting on November 4th, eligible BCA members will vote on the Board slate for 2022–2023. Specific instructions for how to cast your vote during the pandemic will follow soon, but you will have to attend the Zoom annual meeting. As per the bylaws, each board member will have a two-year term and half of the board is elected every year (unless there is an additional vacancy).

Here is the slate for 2022-2023:

Up for election in 2021

OFFICERS

Vice President: Nan Bell. Before becoming vice president of the BCA, Nan served as president and treasurer. As VP, Nan sits on the Georgetown Community Partnership (GCP) steering committee and works closely with the six GCP working groups that have Burleith representation. Most of Nan's professional career has been in the field of international educational and professional exchange at the U.S. Department of State. She holds an MA in French literature from George Washington University, a BA in French from Rhodes College in Memphis, and a certificate in executive international business from Georgetown University. Nan travels to France with her partner, Robert Kane, whenever possible and has lived in Burleith since the late 1970s.

Co-Recording Secretary: John McGeary (new nominee). John and his wife Lauren moved from their residence in Fairfield County, Connecticut to T street here in Burleith in August of 2020. John and Lauren are originally from White Plains, New York where Lauren worked at IBM for over 13 years and John worked for Reed Elsevier and Emerald Expositions in business development and event management for over 25 years. John currently is the SVP of Brand Strategy & Business Development for the National Association of Home Builders here in the district.

John has an undergraduate degree in business administration from Marist College and an MBA from the University of Bridgeport. John and Lauren have 3 children; Jack, Julia and Caroline. John is looking forward to serving on the Burleith Citizens Association board and working to help improve the overall quality of life in our community

Treasurer: Linda Dager Hall. Linda moved to DC in 1999 and to 39th Street in 2011. She has a PhD in mathematics education, and has spent her career teaching and conducting research in the field of mathematics education. She taught mathematics at the elementary, secondary, and college levels, most recently at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School. She is also a researcher, most recently at the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Currently Linda does consulting work on national and international mathematics tests. Her husband, Dick, a retired English teacher, moved to Burleith in 2014, when he and Linda married. Together they have four children and four grandchildren. Linda enjoys gardening, hiking, playing piano, knitting, and reading.

NON-OFFICER DIRECTORS (AT-LARGE)

Andrew Dunnville. Andrew has been a Burleith resident since February 2014. He grew up in New Jersey and attended Amherst College and the University of Virginia School of Law. After law school, he served as an Air Force JAG (military lawyer), and was stationed in Ohio and Colorado. Andrew returned to the East Coast in 2007 and is currently an Administrative Judge for the Federal government. Before moving to Burleith, Andrew lived in Van Ness. While in Van Ness, he served as vice-president for his condo board. Andrew and his wife, Massa, and son, Zayn, love the walkability, charm, and sense of community that Burleith offers.

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Brian Garback. Brian and his wife, Alison, moved to Burleith in 2013 shortly after being married. After renting a lovely house on T Street and the arrival of their first child, they decided to join the other 535 homeowners and buy a place of their own. Today, after a full home renovation and with children Eloise (7), Gwyneth (5), and Ned (2), Brian and Alison are looking forward to a lifetime of memories in Burleith. Brian earned a 5-year Master's in Computer Science at UVA, and spends his days working at IBM in Analytics Solutions. You'll catch him tending his garden, chanting om at Down Dog Yoga, and biking his girls to school. He's committed to building a tighter community among Burleith's young families with a focus on social activities, "bikeability," parks, and schools.

Sarah Wetzel (new nominee). Sarah, along with her husband Bryan and 15-year-old son Mason moved to Burleith in 2017. After renting for 2 years, they put down roots in the neighborhood and purchased a home of their own on T St. Originally from the PNW, Sarah has a degree in Political Science from the University of Washington (Go Huskies)! After graduation, she served as an Intelligence Officer in the Air Force before returning to school for a second degree in Nursing. She has been a nurse for 9 years and currently works at Sibley Memorial Hospital in the surgery department. On her days off she loves to play tourist in our incredible city and cheer on Mason at Wilson's football games

Not up for election this year Officers

President: Eric Langenbacher. Eric and his wife, Kayoko (Kay), have lived on T Street since 1997, a year after they moved to Washington. They have two sons, Adam, who recently finished a business degree at the University of Colorado at Boulder, and Max, who is a sophomore at Georgetown University. Eric is the director of the Honors Program and a teaching professor in the Department of Government, Georgetown University, as well as a Senior Fellow with the American Institute of Contemporary German Studies. He studied German and political science in Canada before completing his PhD in government at Georgetown in 2002. He spends his free time gardening.

Corresponding Secretary: Linda Brooks. Originally from Southern California, Linda moved to Burleith in 1983. She holds a master's degree in mathematics and worked in software development, metrics, cost estimation, and process improvement for many years before retiring from Northrop Grumman. In 2009 she set up Burleith's online membership database and joined the board in 2012 as corresponding secretary, responsible for membership. Since then BCA membership has increased 35%. Linda's other two passions are hiking and Scandinavian folk dancing. She was part of the startup of the Burleith Special Interest Groups, co- led the BCA's initial fire call box restoration project, and hosts the Winter Gløgg Party. She also represents Burleith on the GCP Metrics and Data and the Safety and Student Life working groups.

Co-Recording Secretary: Gail Juppenlatz was born and grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, graduating from the University of Michigan with BS degree in dental hygiene as well as a Masters degree from Central Michigan University in healthcare administration and business. She was a clinical dental hygienist for 50 years working part time for half of those years, retiring 7 years ago. Gail was the first dental hygienist to be appointed to the DC Board of Dental Examiners and consequently a dental hygiene examiner for over 30 years for the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments. She has lived in a DC since 1965, first in Glover Park and now in Burleith for over 10 years. Gail is a volunteer for Georgetown Village and has been active in some neighborhood projects.

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Melanie Gisler has been a Burleithian for 39 years since moving here as a Georgetown student in August 1982. She and her husband, Mark, have raised Sylvia, who graduated from University of Michigan, and Max, a recent high school graduate, in the neighborhood. Melanie has been involved in many aspects of neighborhood life, including organizing the Tot Lot Halloween Party for several years and co-organizing the Burleith Summer Picnic. She also has an understanding of issues facing the neighborhood gleaned from working as ANC2E's Executive Director for eight years, such as parking, home renovation, Duke Ellington's modernization, and town-gown issues with Georgetown University and the hospital. Melanie also has experienced District issues outside of Burleith. She served as the Home School Association president for three years at the School Without Walls High School during the controversial move to annex Francis-Stevens Elementary and Middle School. Melanie is currently a Director at the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Dupont Circle and looks forward to planning the next picnic when neighbors can gather safely again.

In addition, we would like to remind members of this stipulation:

"Section 2. Nomination by Petition. Any individual not nominated by the Nominating Committee, who is eligible for an officer or non-officer director position under these Bylaws and wishes to be considered for such position by the membership at the Annual Meeting, shall be deemed nominated for such position if he or she submits a written petition signed by persons representing no fewer than 20 votes entitled to be cast on the date of submission of the petition, to the Corresponding Secretary of the Association no later than 14 calendar days before the date of the Annual Meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly notify the members of the Association of any candidates nominated by petition by the means set forth in Article II, section 5. Nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting are prohibited and shall not be recognized."

No Annual Burleith Picnic but we walked anyway!

Dwane Starlin, Burleith resident since 1999 & DC licensed professional tour guide.

Last month on Saturday, September 18, 2021 I lead a walking tour of Burleith & nearby Holy Rood Cemetery via Cultural Tourism DC's WalkingTownDC annual program. I had agreed to do the walk to occur just before the Burleith Annual Picnic. When the cancellation of the picnic was announced I debated whether to also abandon my plans for the walk.

My decision was reinforced when 30 people signed up. My spirits were also bolstered by great weather & the appearance of over 2 dozen folks at the gathering point at Hardy Middle Scholl. As luck would the community was featured in the Washington Post's "Where We Live" Column that morning.

Taking all of this into consideration I went ahead and guided the group on an hour & one half journey of the "Village in the City."

One highlight was a visit to the newly renovated & recently reopened Holy Rood Cemetery by the Trinity Catholic Church & Georgetown. The burial grounds had been furnished with a new columbarium & crypt. I had contacted a representative of the cemetery and learned that the columbarium will hold 645 niches as well as 99 niches in the crypt. Since reopening in 2019 there have been over 30 burials.

Thanks to much rain & good maintenance my group was impressed by the current conditions as well as the impressive view back down in Burleith.

Other highlights included inspecting all the refurbished call boxes along with an overview the known public figures who either resided or spent considerable in Burleith such as Katherine Graham, Joseph Lieberman, Rich Ames & Mia Hamm.

I spent a great of time fielding questions including: "doesn't Hillary Clinton live here?" My answer: "Well she does live on Whitehaven but it is across Rock Creek near the Danish & British Embassies."

Best comment from a couple on tour: "We were holding our breath. We live in Burleith & wondered what you might be saying about our house!"

Hopefully both my tour & the Burleith Annual Picnic will be back in 2022.



Welcome to Hood Cemetery!



Viewing Divine Science Church



"That's a good question!"

FOCUS ON Eggie Razi

By Forrest Bachner



Walking into Eggie Razi's Burleith living room is to enter a sophisticated, old-world elegance of books, sculpture, Persian rugs, charcoal studies, and family photographs. It's a room of refinement, history, and travel arranged with deeply personal care and thought. No decorator could have put this room together. It's also a room that makes you want to ask questions.

Eggie has piercing eyes, a quick laugh, timeless style, and a certain tilt of her head that signals you really should think before you speak. And that she's in charge. "Forrest, you must read this! You must eat that!" And I always do. Though I've known Eggie for some forty years, it's only been recently that I've asked Eggie to tell me her life story. And what a story it is. A story mirroring much of the tragedy and glory of the twentieth century, from the horrors of World War II, the lowering of the Iron Curtain, to US postwar leadership efforts in Europe and Africa.

Born in 1926 Romania, Ioana (nicknamed Eggie) Heliade-Radulescu's family was composed of half-sister Josette, her mother, Ecaterina, and father, Longin, a lawyer. Cultured and prominent (a statue to her great grandfather, Ion Heliade-Radulescu, a renowned polymath, stands in front of the University of Bucharest), the Heliade-Radulescus lived a life most of us have only read about in novels. There was a country house, very Romanian with covered terraces and vine-covered arches three hours by train from Bucharest in the Oltenia region, where the family would be met by horse-drawn carriages at the station. Eggie recalls the times in the country with her mother as among her favorite memories, picking mushrooms, riding horses, pumpkin time in the fall, and wine making. Everything the family ate came from the garden. A poignant memory is as a four-year-old seeing King Carol walking in the mountains nearby and

saluting him with "Long Live Your Majesty." (I contrast that with her salutation "You bastard!" to Alex Trowbridge, a one-time Burleith neighbor and former producer for The Colbert Show when he surprised her for her 90th birthday.)

Life in Bucharest was likewise happy. Eggie remembers a light-filled, two-story house, with balconies overlooking a public garden and staffed by a maid and cook. Her daily routine included English nannies, rigorous public schools, large European lunches at home, and many, many friends-- one in particular, a friend of her sister Josette, a young lawyer named Gerasimos Michael (Maki) Razi. Although she recalls a general sense of the far right rising, Eggie believes that, owing to her youth, she was not that scared in the years leading up to WWII. When a friend of her sister's appeared at the house one day in the uniform of the fascistic Iron Guard, the family was taken aback in a "what the hell" kind of way. She also remembers the family listening to English and French radio at increasingly lower volumes as these stations were prohibited due to the Romanian alliance with Germany. When the news of the fall of France came over the radio, Eggie saw her mother really cry for the first time.

Reading the history of Romania from the period after WWI to 1944 was a near-migraine for this Burleith resident, but after multiple changes in government and shifts in alliances, King Michael's Coup was announced in 1944, the same year Eggie's mother died. According to Eggie, King Michael's Coup against Ion Antonescu was a moment of country-wide elation as Romania would now join with the allies. But that elation was short lived. Although Russian forces occupied Romania beginning in 1944, according to Eggie no one in Romania expected that the country "would be sold out at Yalta. Churchill and Roosevelt gave them (Romanians) away."

In 1947, the year Eggie married Maki Razi, "people were trying to leave Romania *en masse* before Russians could put in a monetary reform that would basically devalue everyone's money to nothing." While Maki already had a passport, one of his employees with connections to the Interior Department arranged a passport for Eggie. Greek by birth, Maki was also able to get Eggie's sister Josette out of Romania through a marriage of convenience with a Greek friend. Eggie's father, like most Romanians, was unable to obtain a passport himself, but encouraged their move. "Go to Paris," he said. "Go to the Sorbonne. Then come back." Everyone in the family believed they would see each other again. But when their Romanian passports expired after one year in Paris, the Romanian consulate in Paris refused to renew their passports. Suddenly it became clear that if they returned to Romania, they would never be allowed to leave again. At once, the young couple became citizens without a country. Yet, despite their passport issues, Eggie studied

linguistics at the Sorbonne while Maki continued his law career and studies, earning the *Doctorat a État* in law as well as degrees in International and Comparative Law. Josette, Eggie's sister, also landed well in Paris, finding work with the *New York Times*, where she stayed for twenty-five years, eventually becoming the Sunday editor for arts and culture. Meanwhile, back in Romania, Eggie's father was disbarred immediately after the communist takeover of the country. Owing to the prominence of his grandfather (Ion Heliade-Radulescu, mentioned earlier) he was allowed to continue his work with the Romanian Senate, receive a pension along with one meal a day, and to keep a room in their city house. The country house was confiscated altogether.

In 1952 the Razis' — now Eggie, Maki, and children, John and Katherine — lives changed again. Under the auspices of a 1952 Act passed by the U.S. Congress, they joined 243 other refugees from behind the Iron Curtain and were brought to the United States. At first, Maki worked for Radio Free Europe in New York City but after two years joined the Voice of America (VOA), a part of the United States Information Agency, as the editor of Romanian Services. With the VOA job the family moved to Washington, first renting a house at 3521 S Street NW and then buying their current house because, according to Eggie, "buying a house in Burleith was cheaper than renting." While Maki wrote and delivered the news, Eggie would also go in every day as a broadcaster for the service. From her father's letters routed through Paris (because mail delivery from Romania to the US was prohibited at that time), Eggie learned that he was listening for her and Maki every day. Perhaps even on the day in 1957 when the Razis became American citizens. Eggie was fortunate also in that three school friends found their way to this country: Mica, who would marry Ahmet Ertegun, the music magnate who founded Atlantic Records and shaped the careers of John Coltrane, Ray Charles, the Rolling Stones, and others; Dana, the mother of writer Susanna Andrews; and Nana, who married the inventor of parking elevators.

The move to Burleith turned out to be temporary, however. In 1963 Maki was sworn in as a Foreign Service Officer for VOA, and the family, now including Ioana and Maria, moved overseas for fifteen years to postings in Morocco, Paris, Ivory Coast, Kinshasa (then Zaire), Chad and Madagascar. At each site Maki worked with the American Cultural Center promoting cultural exchanges. For her part, in addition to setting up housekeeping anew at each site and managing children in schools on different continents, Eggi worked also. Among her many duties as Maki's wife, she was called upon to entertain visiting American dignitaries, entertainers, and host

country officials. She also oversaw distributions of educational materials to university students as the president of the American Women's Club in Rabat for three years. And, at each of the centers, she taught English as a Second Language (ESL).

In 1966, at long last, Eggie's father obtained a passport allowing him to visit her in Paris at the family's then posting. But the day after receiving the passport tragedy struck; Longin was hit and killed by a bus. In 1971, Eggie returned to Romania. The visit was a strain, however. She was constantly followed and her relations were questioned by the Securitate and risked imprisonment for speaking with her. She felt even the rhythm of the language had changed. "It sounded like people quarreling all the time." After her second visit back to Romania, in 1974, she was so relieved to leave that upon arriving in Athens, she knelt and kissed the ground. In 1978, the Razis returned at last to Burleith, with Maki transferring from USIA to the State Department to work on issues related to the Freedom of Information Act. In honor of his work related to the historical relationship between Madagascar and America, he was made a Knight of the Malagasi Academy. Maki died in 1989. Josette had died previously, in 1983.

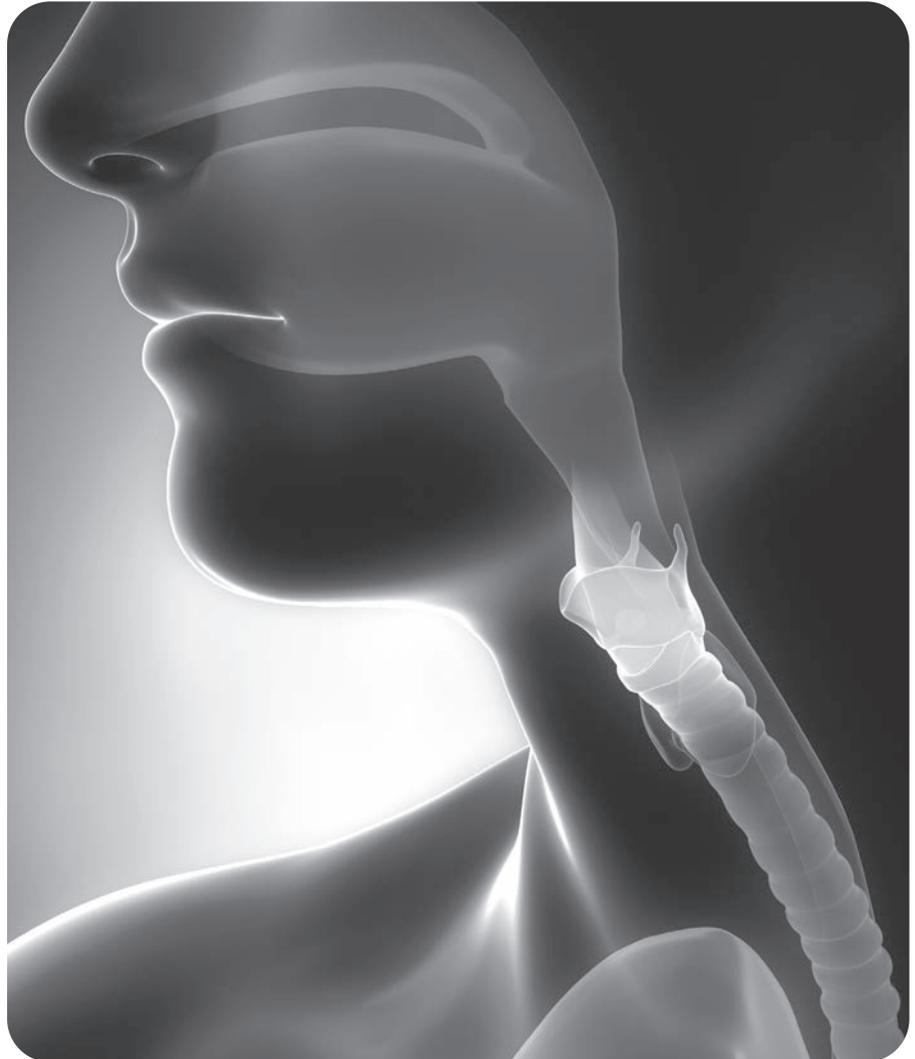
From her house in Burleith, Eggie remains the vital and involved matriarch of a large and extraordinarily close family. Eggie has also continued her travels, including annual trips to Maki Razi's family home on the Ionian Island of Kefallonia; a stay in a rural village in Zambia with her Peace Corps volunteer grandson, Costa; to Paris for a great grandchild's graduation from Le Cordon Bleu School; and to India, unknowingly arriving during the pandemonium of *Holi*, the Festival of Colors. In between, she travels regularly to visit with family in Oregon. With four children, seven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren, friends all over the world, and a summer home in the Penobscot Bay area of Maine, Eggie continues the active life she's always lived.

So now back to that living room in Burleith. From the many family photos, my favorite is a black and white of Eggie and Maki in Greece. The couple are sitting amid temple ruins in the sun, the wind in Eggie's hair, and we wonder what they are talking about, this couple who have lived such a huge life. A life of endurance. A life of achievement. A life this article has only scraped the surface of. Then, if I continue past the pictures, and into the dining room, I've visited enough times with Eggie to expect that perfectly steeped tea and pastry on small delicate plates will wait. I also expect, with that customary tilt of her head, to hear Eggie beckon: "Come, Forrest, you must try this." And of course, I will.

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Our RV Trip of a Lifetime *Jen Perry*

Are you crazy?" "Wow, that sounds so cool!" "Truly a trip of a lifetime." I heard a range of reactions when I told my friends what I was planning to do this past summer with my kids.

Last January, like many DC parents, I started making summer plans. By then, I had had enough of virtual experiences. Navigating three kids (and one more in college) through COVID-era virtual schooling in our Burleith rowhouse had taken its toll. When I looked forward to the summer of 2021, I wanted nothing to be online. No more Zoom. No more Teams. So, on a cold January night, I took a leap of faith, went on the Cruise America website and booked an RV rental for 44 nights, from July 6th to August 19th.

It would be just me, my youngest daughter (11) and youngest son (13). My oldest son (18) had secured a summer job in New Mexico and my oldest daughter (16) would be working at an arts internship here in DC. My husband could not get away from work for 6 weeks with little to no internet access.

I thoroughly researched an itinerary that would take us on an 8000-mile journey out to California and back. We would visit 12 national parks and 12 state parks. Campsites in the national parks vanish as soon as they are released, so I kept a spreadsheet of all the release dates and hopped online as soon as the sites became available, clicking feverishly and hoping for the best. I created a binder that had all our reservations and a menu of daily activities we could choose from, like hiking, horseback riding, or boating.

In July, the day came for me to go pick up the RV in Manassas. I was super nervous about driving it back into Burleith to pack it for the trip. Although I am a seasoned car camper, I had never actually driven or even stayed in an RV before. This was going to be a trial by fire. I was happy to find out it was much like driving a large U-Haul, and with the sound of Ludicris's "Move B... get out the way" in my head, I drove up to our house on Whitehaven Parkway.

The next morning, the kids and I pointed the RV westward. As the only driver, I tried to keep the time behind the wheel to under 7 hours a day. I quickly realized that Google Maps woefully underestimates RV driving times and I had many long days ahead. We spent the first few nights in Ohio, Indiana and Minnesota on the way out to the Corn Palace in South Dakota, where we met my parents, who had driven out from my hometown in western Pennsylvania.

Together, we visited the Badlands NP, Mount Rushmore, and Devils Tower. In the Grand Tetons, we went horseback riding and canoed on Jackson Lake. We then headed to Yellowstone NP, where we camped for six nights in Bridge Bay Campground. To avoid the crowds, we visited the hot springs, geysers and canyons in the early morning or late evening. This also gave us the best wildlife viewing opportunities. We saw hundreds of bison in Hayden Valley and then waited as they meandered across the road in front of the RV.



After Yellowstone, my parents headed home and the kids and I drove north to Montana. We stopped at Lewis and Clark Caverns SP, an unexpected gem. The kids really enjoyed

the tour of this wet cave, which featured a real limestone slide! They also loved our next stop, Glacier NP, where we stayed for six nights. We went paddle boarding on Lake McDonald and swam around its rainbow-colored rocks, hiked to Hidden Lake and Avalanche Lake (where we randomly ran into a Glover Park family!), and enjoyed many ice-cream cones in Apgar Village.

Next stop was Seattle, where we visited some good friends who had once lived on our street in Burleith. We spent the weekend exploring the city and then headed south along the Oregon and California Coasts. With the wildfire smoke hazy in the skies, we drove inland to Yosemite NP, where we spent the weekend hiking and biking. This is definitely one of the parks we want to visit again.

Heading out from Yosemite, we drove up over Tioga Pass and down through the smoke-filled, desolate, Great Basin Desert. It felt like we had landed on the moon. The landscape brightened again as we crested the Moab fault and rolled into Arches NP. We woke at sunrise to hike to the iconic Delicate Arch before the daytime temperatures rose to near 102 F. In the afternoon, Sand Dune Arch provided much needed shade and downtime for the kids.

From Arches, we went back in time to Mesa Verde NP and visited Ancestral Puebloan dwellings. We climbed up ladders into The Long House and the kids stood in awe of buildings that centuries ago were home to more than 150 ancient people. Our last stop out West was Great Sand Dunes NP. Here, we rented sand boards and sledged on the dunes. With only days left in our trip, we rocketed back east, stopping in Kansas and Missouri before visiting our last national park, Mammoth Cave. We enjoyed visiting the cool underground passageways and hearing about the unique history of the cave.

At times the trip was terrifying, like when I drove, white-knuckled, for hours on California's Route 101. Sometimes it was peaceful, as when we watched two trumpeter swans drift down the Yellowstone River. Sometimes it was exhilarating, as when we felt the wind drive hard against the sand dunes of the Oregon Coast. One thing it was certainly not – virtual. We returned home physically exhausted, but mentally refreshed, renewed, and ready for the school year ahead.

For the last 22 years, Jen Perry has lived in Burleith with her husband, Jim. Over the years, they have added four kids, two cats, and a leopard gecko to their rowhouse up on Whitehaven Parkway. You can find more photos from the trip on Jen's Instagram @jlane_p

COMMUNITY

Fall Cleanup

Join us Saturday, November 6, for the Burleith neighborhood fall cleanup sponsored by the BCA, Georgetown University, and MedStar Georgetown University Hospital. We'll meet at the 38th Street entrance of Ellington Field at 9 am and tackle the surrounding streets and alleys until 11 am. Volunteers not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask. GU will provide disposable gloves, trash bags, and collection. We need volunteers, so I hope to see you on Saturday, November 6 at 9 am. Questions, contact Janice Sims at 202-333-6435.



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Noah Rabkin Snowman was born at Sibley Hospital on July 27th, weighing 8 lbs 12 oz. Mother (Leah), Father (Steve), and furry brother (Perry) are thrilled.

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23 Oct 2022	Rubino, Lenore G; Clark, Patterson
16 Apr 2022	Taylor, Nancy & Pat

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08 Mar 2022	Bigelow, Alfred
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11 Oct 2022	Calabresi-Ernery Family
27 Jun 2022	Cecil, Edie; Parker, Richard
23 Aug 2022	Clark, Jerald & Alice
04 Nov 2021	Coughlin, Nan
25 Nov 2021	Durak, Sunny & Chetin
01 Dec 2021	Gisler Family
04 Oct 2022	Gross, Amy & Taylor
11 Jun 2022	Hall, Richard & Linda
19 Mar 2022	Hamond, Jeff and Ziff, Mauri
11 Oct 2022	Harrison, Glen; Sims, Janice
29 Apr 2022	Herlihy, Dan; Miller, Dan
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19 Apr 2022	Keyes/Watson Family
26 Sep 2022	Langenbacher, Eric and Kay
09 May 2022	Levy, Ed & Mary
20 Dec 2021	Loftus, Chris; Spatzer, Jennifer
28 Nov 2021	McDuffie/Joukovsky Family
30 Oct 2021	Monsour, Miroya
03 Nov 2022	Pierangelo, Claire
27 Sep 2022	Smith, Jean
19 Apr 2022	Sophia Henry Real Estate
17 Jan 2022	Stone, Alan
07 Feb 2022	Warga/Dusart Family
26 Feb 2022	Wright, Steve & Jackie

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05 Aug 2022	Danon, Shoshana; Perkins, Michael
01 Nov 2021	Davies, Patricia (Pat)
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02 Jan 2022	Figoni Family
17 Jan 2022	Garbrick, Lee & Loretta
12 Aug 2022	Guenov, Tressa
28 Sep 2022	Halem, Margie & Mitch

10 Nov 2021	Hennessy, Kevin; McKay, Mark
12 May 2022	Kane, Jessie M.
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04 Aug 2022	Lockwood, Susan
04 Dec 2021	Martinez, Tess
26 Sep 2022	McAuliffe, Myra
09 Sep 2022	McCormack Family
12 Nov 2021	Murphy, Jeanie
23 Aug 2022	Napolitano, Ornella
21 Feb 2022	Nix, Ann & Jim
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18 Dec 2021	Ohl, Ed
09 Feb 2022	Ray, Dennis; Barratt, Michael
10 Sep 2022	Reed, Richard & Pat-Loughlin
20 Sep 2022	Rocklands Barbecue
11 Mar 2022	Schaub, Patti & Greg
23 Oct 2021	Scolaro, Patricia
21 Apr 2022	Smith, Beth & Brian
12 Dec 2021	Sollee, Margie & Will
30 Apr 2022	Twomey Household

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06 Oct 2022	Adams, Sara Wentworth
29 Sep 2022	Alexander Family
09 Jun 2022	Anderson, Carole Lewis
20 Oct 2022	Arnold, Curt & Christine
11 Apr 2022	Baume, Carol
20 Mar 2022	Bennett, Marilyn; Starlin, Dwane
11 Jun 2022	Billings, Marjorie; Dillon, Mark
03 Jun 2022	Blount, Ben & Ehardt, Carolyn
18 Jan 2022	Boudet Family
29 Oct 2021	Brink, Malia; Holmwood, Matthew
27 Dec 2021	Carper, Ann; McKinnon, Beth
06 Jan 2022	Charap, Samuel; Nichols, Marden
06 Oct 2022	Clark, Kristina
11 Mar 2022	Clark, Martha
07 Mar 2022	Coe, Karen & Dave
26 Jan 2022	Cohen, Bev & Jordan
20 Apr 2022	Cohen, Cathi
23 Jul 2022	Cohen, Herman & Suanne
30 Nov 2021	Collie, Sarah; Tremblay, Gerald
11 Jun 2022	Davis, Stacy & Rich
17 Feb 2022	Dietrich, Diana
04 Nov 2023	Donnelly, John C.
26 Feb 2022	Dunnaville Family

17 Nov 2021	Dyson, Lisa
16 Nov 2021	Edwards, Susan & Bob
18 Nov 2021	Emery Family
05 May 2022	Erickson, Sue
05 Jan 2022	Espinoza Risquez Family
02 May 2022	Farquhar, Michael
19 Oct 2022	Ferris, Diana & Peter
03 Mar 2022	Frei Family
08 Feb 2022	Garback, Alison & Brian
04 Oct 2022	Garbrick, Craig H
18 Jan 2022	Garbrick, Kimberly
26 Jul 2022	Glasser, Matthew & Fisher, Lesley
10 Dec 2021	Greenberg, Milissa & Peter
16 Jun 2022	Hallegatte-Bredy Family
11 Apr 2022	Hallet, Nathalie & Donaldson, Mar
19 Oct 2022	Henry, Gail & Francis, Sam
28 Mar 2022	Herman, Megan
24 Dec 2021	Higgins, Matt; Miller-Ziegler, Rachel
07 Oct 2022	Hillabrant, Walter & Judy
19 Aug 2022	Irmiler, Monica
19 May 2022	Jones, Liane
11 May 2022	Juppenlatz, Gail
03 Jun 2022	Kane, P
20 Sep 2022	King, Jeffery S.
26 Sep 2022	Koch, Christoffer & Laura
08 Dec 2021	Koch, Cindy
16 Aug 2022	Koppelman Kalantar Family
03 Jan 2022	Krebs, Sheldon
08 Oct 2022	Kroll, Charlotte
08 Jun 2022	Lane, Nancy
27 Nov 2021	Leibovitz Family
19 Feb 2022	Lensen-Tomasson, Nancy
11 Nov 2021	Long, Maureen
19 Oct 2022	Lubell, Karina; Mareuil, Romain
16 Apr 2022	Mackenzie, Mary Ann
26 Sep 2022	Martin, Ben, Kate, Amelie & Isabella
18 Aug 2022	Mathias Family
11 Aug 2022	McCaffrey, Judith
16 Jan 2022	McGeary, John & Lauren
02 Nov 2021	McKee, Pamela
12 Sep 2022	Metcalfe, Corinna
08 Aug 2022	Middleton, Peyton & Carol
11 Jun 2022	Mishkovsky Nadia & Milen

05 Oct 2022	Mitchell, Alan; Lamm, Julia
04 Oct 2022	Mobrial-Neidhoefer Family
12 Apr 2022	Mone Family
23 Sep 2022	Mongardini Family
20 Aug 2022	Neumann-Ria Family
18 Apr 2022	Nimac, Lydia & Ivan
18 Sep 2022	Park Family
03 Jun 2022	Pathak Family
21 Apr 2022	Perry Family
14 Jun 2022	Porter, Kirk
07 Aug 2022	Posada Family
22 Jul 2022	Rabkin Snowman Family
19 Apr 2022	Richardson Family
06 Oct 2022	Riker, Lauren, Bill, and Liam
09 Sep 2022	Robertson, Jacqueline & Mathew
14 Mar 2022	Robinson, Carol
27 Dec 2021	Roth, Linda
14 Apr 2022	Roth, Mike
05 Mar 2022	Russell, Edgar F. III
19 Mar 2022	Russin, Toni
11 Mar 2022	Sacco, Peter
22 Mar 2022	Sapienza, Terri; Petretich, Michael
19 Oct 2022	Saryan, Arlene & Alexander, Chris
13 Jan 2022	Schaffner, Irene
14 Sep 2022	Schmidt, Richard & Margaret
16 Sep 2022	Schultz, Mary Beth; Gordus, Allen
10 Oct 2022	Smith, Page
13 Jan 2022	Snyder, Mark
20 Jan 2022	The Nelsen Family
10 Nov 2021	The Putta/Swamy Family
12 Aug 2022	Unlisted
23 Aug 2022	Van Bergen, Alan & Myrna
10 Sep 2022	van Noppen, Pepper
29 Oct 2022	Vaughan, May
13 Oct 2022	Verhoff, Gwen
03 Oct 2022	Viksins, Mara
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05 Oct 2022	Wedderburn, Dan
04 Oct 2022	Wetzel Family

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