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HAPPENING Around Town



What IS happening around town in April? It is hard to tell. The COVID-19 pandemic has just begun and events are cancelling all over the world. We are currently “discouraged” from gathering in groups larger than 10 people. By press time, we may be prohibited from going anywhere that is not necessary.

Below is a calendar of what was expected to take place prior to the pandemic. If there is an event coming up you would like to see, please check the venue to see if it is still on. “Three Dog Night” is scheduled to perform at the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center (the CC&CC) on April 23. The next night, Brantley Gilbert’s “Fire’t Up Tour” is supposed to also entertain at the CC&CC.

Pat Boone, an icon in the entertainment industry since the 1950’s, is expected to come to town to induct his longtime friend Mayf Nutter into the WV Musical Hall of Fame. There will be several other inductees and musical performances. This is to take place at the WV Culture Center on April 4.

Time will tell if sporting events like “Jimmy Callahan’s Ultimate Frisbee Spring Fling”, WVFC Capital Cup, 2020 NPC Mountaineer Classic, and the US Quidditch Cup 13 go on as planned.

“Let’s Roam Charleston Scavenger Hunt: An Outdoor Activity” is a fun activity for the entire family that can be done on your own at any time or day. Simply download the “Let’s Roam” app, lace up your walking shoes, and experience Charleston like never before. You can snap photos, race against the clock, and test your navigation skills! The app costs \$11. So far, the “Charleston Parkrun” weekly event at Magic Island has been cancelled for the rest of March. Please check for any changes to the April schedule if you are participating in that.

Although it may feel like there is a weird, apocalyptic vibe in town these days, hopefully it will pass soon. In the meantime, take a deep breath (literally), stay in touch with loved ones, help the most vulnerable, and look for ways to be patient and kind. This could be the perfect time to catch up on reading, cooking, or meditating! And, just in case no one else has mentioned it, “WASH YOUR HANDS!”

Who knows? By the end of the month, perhaps we will be talking about how “April simply FLU by!”

Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, 19:

“Jimmy Callahan’s Ultimate Frisbee Spring Fling”, Shawnee Sports Complex, cost: varies

Apr. 2:

“Beginner to Intermediate Watercolor with Ellie Schaul”, 5:30pm, Clay Center, cost: varies

Apr. 2:

“Hymns & Hops: Easter Edition”, 7pm, Sam’s Uptown Café, cost: \$5

Apr. 1-30:

“Let’s Roam Charleston Scavenger Hunt: An Outdoor Activity in Charleston”, cost: \$11

Apr. 4-5:

“WVFC Capital Cup”, Shawnee Sports Complex, cost: varies

Apr. 4:

“Magic Island Easter Egg Hunt”, 12pm, Magic Island, cost: FREE

Apr. 4:

“WVMHoF Induction Gala”, 7:30pm, WV Culture Center, cost: varies

Apr. 11:

“Brewfest Charlie West”, 2pm, Appalachian Power Park, cost: varies

Apr. 18:

“2020 NPC Mountaineer Classic”, CC&CC, cost: varies

Apr. 19:

“Live Music Sundays”, 2pm, Charleston Town Center Mall, cost: FREE

Apr. 23:

“Three Dog Night”, 7:30pm, Clay Center, cost: varies

Apr. 24:

“Brantley Gilbert’s Fire’t Up Tour”, 7:30pm, CC&CC, cost: varies

Apr. 24:

“WV State Social Studies Fair”, CC&CC

Apr. 26:

“Memphis the Musical”, 7:30pm, CC&CC Theater, cost: varies



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Looking Back

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...AT THE GROSSCUP ROAD HISTORIC DISTRICT



In the late 1800s, Robert Carr formed the South Charleston Improvement Company, which purchased the majority of the land that is now South Hills. From that land, Paul B. Grosscup bought all of what is now the Grosscup Road Historic District. In 1891, the first South Side Bridge was completed and the South Hills area overlooking the city became prime real estate. As city businesses expanded into the residential spaces downtown, business and political figures moved house into South Hills.

The Grosscup Road Historic District boasts many of the first homes built in the South Hills area of Charleston in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. Rimming the hill between Bridge Road and Loudon Heights, the houses on the river side of Grosscup Road command a magnificent view of downtown, the East End, the Capitol, and the Kanawha River.

Grosscup Road, originally called Grandview, together with Roller Road, the section of Bridge Road adjacent to Grosscup Road, and Roscommon Road comprise the Grosscup Road Historic District. Home to the city's most influential industrial, commercial and political families, most of the residential tracts were laid out and sold by Grosscup-Meyers Realty. The primary architect was H. Rus Warne, who designed ten of the twenty-two homes still existing in the district when it was nominated for a National Historic District in 1983.

Of the twenty-two houses, nine have 'pivotal status,' ten are 'supporting status,' and two are 'intrusive status.' These designations are based on the architectural and historical significance of each house. The pivotal dwellings are:

The Kelly/Wehrle House, 15 Grosscup Road, is in the Colonial Revival style and was inspired by a house on the Hudson River admired by W. C. Kelley, the original owner. Kelley was a leading industrialist, establishing the international company Kelley Axe and Tool Company in 1907.

The Warne-DePaula-Ross House, at 8 Grosscup Road, was designed and built in 1910 by H. Rus Warne for his own family. Dubbed initially 'Bon Aire,' the house was nicknamed 'the Sugarbowl' by the neighborhood because of the large rounded porticos on the east and west sides of the house.

Email your responses about the Grosscup Road Historic District, or requests for locations you'd like Looking Back to visit to thewriter@mlynn.com.

Squires' book *Looking Back at Charleston* is a compilation of 24 essays and color photos from her column and is available on Amazon. Visit www.mlynn.com.

At 6 Grosscup Road, the Hall-Thayer House was built in 1932. The English Tudor house is marked by steep gables, and coursed rubble stone topped with timber trimmed stucco. The house was constructed during hard financial times in West Virginia, and while Harvey Hall paid his construction workers low wages, he housed and fed them in a temporary bunkhouse on the property.

The Scott/Southworth House, at Grosscup and Bridge Road, is a large Late Victorian cottage and one of the earliest built in the district and was constructed in 1902. A wrap around porch extends over two sides of the home.

The McCorkle House, also at Grosscup and Bridge Road was built in 1895. It is a late Victorian frame house with a stunning view of Charleston. The first-floor fireplaces boasted ornate Italian marble mantles.

At 804 Bridge Road, the Stolle/Surber House was constructed in 1893. The first resident was Gustave Stolle, a German immigrant who owned Stolle and Son Jewelry Store.

The Grosscup/Bailey House, at 7 Grosscup Road was constructed in 1918. Fred Paul Grosscup was one of the city's leading industrialists and land developers. The Colonial Revival house was a two-and one-half story, wood shingle house. The driveway was finished in red brick to compliment the home's red tile gable roof.

The Grosscup/Tierney House, at 6 Roller Road, was designed and built in 1925 by H. Rus Warne. Both bungalow and Colonial features blend to form one of the districts more impressive homes. The original owner, Paul B. Grosscup, was the son of Fred Paul Grosscup, the owner of the Grosscup-Meyers Realty Company who developed the historic district.

The Spilman/Thomasson/Morgan House, at 108 Roscommon Road, was built in 1922 by architect Robert E. Lee Taylor. A Dutch Colonial Revival, the first story is stucco with the upper part of the house wood shingled.

The Grosscup Road Historic District was deemed significant because of its concentration of homes from Charleston's early suburbanization. Warne, the district's primary house designer, was a prominent architect in the city, designing not only homes, but buildings such as City Hall, the Masonic Temple, and Charleston High School.

A drive through the streets today reveals a look at a nearly unspoiled, early 20th century neighborhood.

Next month, Looking Back visits Laidley Field in Charleston's East End.



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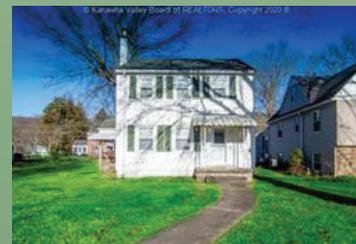
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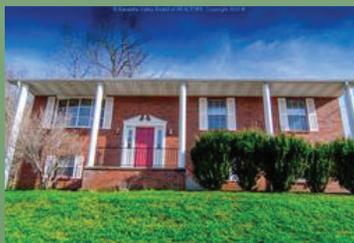
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Executive Home in gated Woodridge Estates! This private home is custom built w/ brick & stacked stone exterior & a large wrap around Veranda equipped w/ an outdoor speaker system, a 6-zoned sprinkler sys, paver walk & driveway to the detached garage, & professional landscaping. Inside amenities include custom designed kitchen w/ all SS appliances w/ SubZero Refrigerator, Wolf Hood Range, hardwoods, home theater w/ built in cinema screen, audio/visual eqpt, and reclining movie chairs.



Custom-built South Hills home designed by locally-famous architect L.T. Bengtson in the late 1930s. First time ever on the market for this brick and cedar shake house with slate roof that sits on 6 private acres with a view of the WV State Capitol. 5 bedrooms and 4 and 1/2 baths. Two-car garage and partially finished basement. 2-minute drive to downtown Charleston. Hardwood floors throughout. Kitchen was updated with custom cabinets, new appliances, and Corian countertops in the mid 1990s.



Here it is folks. Woodberry Way! This home is situated between I-64 & Rt. 35 on 4.58 AC w/ additional lots being conveyed for over 7 AC of beautiful wooded land! This spacious home comes with a 3 car garage and a fenced back yard. It's large front porch and huge decking lends itself to many relaxing hours of enjoyment. When you enter the home you are immediately taken by how open and airy the home is as well as the huge great room with its soaring ceilings and majestic views to the outside.



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Incredible home features 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, including master suite with loft area. Hardwood floors throughout updates to kitchen and baths. Open kitchen and highly functional floor plan. Vaulted ceilings formal living and family room. 20X40 inground pool



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Traditional brick 2 story family home in desirable South Hills neighborhood. Upon entry the open foyer leads to formal living and dining room w/ wainscotting. Large kitchen with center island, updated cabinets and countertops. Utility on main. 4 bedrooms and master suite w/ his/her closets, spacious bath. Lower level completely renovated in 2014. Also offers sun room/screened porch, newer deck and fenced backyard.



Exceptional town home located in Southgate Subdivision. Featuring 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths including 1st floor master. Gorgeous hardwood floors. Many updates throughout, both functionally and cosmetically. Full finished lower level offering rec and family rooms. Conveniently located for access to the corridor, interstate and downtown Charleston and minutes from elementary, middle, and high schools.



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BEAUTIFUL, TWO-STORY HOME ON DEAD END STREET IN SOUTH HILLS! This home features a circular flow on the main level with gleaming, pegged hardwoods, dining room with custom built-in, and a kitchen with stainless steel appliances. The lower level has been recently finished and features a fireplace with gas logs, full bath, and spacious utility room. Other features of this lovely home are a large deck perfect for entertaining and an attached, two-car garage!

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LOVINGLY MAINTAINED HOME PERFECTLY LOCATED ON A PRIVATE STREET IN ROLLING HILLS. This home is located in a prime school district and boasts four bedrooms and newly finished lower level with newer heating and cooling units. Private, wooded backyard & plenty of storage! Large, unfinished room on lower level that's perfect for exercise room or additional storage. Fantastic buy for all that is included!

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BEAUTIFUL, ALL-BRICK RANCHER ON CORNER LOT IN SOUTH HILLS! This home features an open concept living area that flows into the kitchen, which includes a breakfast bar and SS appliances. Spacious master suite with a second master down the hall. Three additional bedrooms with the possibility of one being used as an office/study. Other features of this home include a covered back patio area & an attached, two-car garage!

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CUSTOM BUILT FULL BRICK HOME with large fenced yard, hardwood floors, custom built cabinets throughout, gourmet kitchen (granite counters & stainless appliances incl Sub-Zero fridge, Wolf Cooktop), custom woodwork, cathedral ceilings, whole house generator, central vac, two tank-less water heaters. Many built-in cabinets/bookcases, 2700 sq ft unfinished basement, covered front porch, patio. **\$899,900** MLS 234801



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ABSOLUTELY STUNNING in prestigious Parkside - views of river and capital. Redesigned from the studs out - Darin Fisher kitchen w/quartz counters, top of the line appliances, custom cabinetry, cork floors. Fresh paint & new light fixtures. 3 new windows & custom blinds - 2 full BA have been redone with new cabinetry, toilets, and glass shower enclosures. **\$389,900** MLS 236832



3-BR 2 BA HOME. Private master suite with remodeled master bath New carpet on upper level. Fabulous side porch with panoramic views of the mountains. Lower level with family room and mini office. Cathedral ceilings in dining room and living room giving a great contemporary feel in the heart of cross lanes. Newer windows in 2015 and new gutter caps 2015 with lifetime warranty. **\$189,900** MLS 235333

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PENDING

ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL 4 BEDROOM 3 FULL BATHS ON OVER AN ACRE IN BRIERWOOD SUBDIVISION. Home offers a formal dining room with new hardwood floors, first-floor bedroom and full bath, large covered deck off the family room which opens to kitchen area, new carpet on the second floor and updated master bath. Lower level has huge rec room, 2 bedrooms and in-law suite. Home has been freshly painted throughout. Won't last long! MLS 236590

\$99,900



REDUCED

CUTE 4-BEDROOM HOME - TWO ON MAIN LEVEL, TWO ON UPPER LEVEL. Numerous updates including new paint interior & exterior, new kitchen - with new cabinets, added pantry, new garbage disposal, sink, faucet, and countertops! New front door and back door, new baths, new lower level deck. MLS 236199

\$380,000



NEW PRICE

ABSOLUTELY STUNNING. One owner custom built home. Top of the line Kitchen. All the bells and whistles. Hardwood floors on main level. Huge master suite with top of the line master bath. MLS 237597

\$90,000



ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE MANUFACTURED HOME SITUATED ON ALMOST AN ACRE - FLAT AND FENCED. Newer metal roof. Home comes completely furnished. newer generator, updated heating and cooling. Two storage buildings - 1 could be workshop. 1-car oversized garage. The kitchen has updated appliances. MLS 237057

\$95,000



ST ALBANS. Awesome one level 3 bedroom 2 full bath remodeled home. Large rooms throughout. Beautiful tile work in kitchen Great back yard. MLS 236878

\$239,900



GREAT CONTEMPORARY ON PRIVATE WOODED LOT. Hardwood floors on main level have recently been sanded and refinished - New roof 2017 - Ceiling to floor windows in great room overlooking an acre of outdoor living space. Newer whole house Vac system 2015 - Master bedroom and full bath on main level - 2 bedrooms and full bath upstairs. Great lower level with family room and jetted hot tub room. MLS 235996

\$899,900



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\$250,000



MANY IMPROVEMENTS. in early 2020 including new roof, gutters & gutter guards (\$19,000), new paint (\$2,500), new faucets, toilets, hot water tank & some updated plumbing (\$10,000). Hardwood floors and carpet throughout. One-floor plan - very private with a partially finished lower level. MLS 237368

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Great family home on corner lot in quiet neighborhood. Large master suite with laundry room on second floor. 2 additional BD and bath on first floor. Large deck with hot-tub and a separate two car garage with 80% complete studio apartment above. MLS 235175

\$149,900



MOTIVATED SELLER

1536 LEE ST

CHARLESTONS EAST END

Awesome historical home, fine hardwoods throughout, 3-4 bedrooms plus large livable 3rd floor space, beautiful new kitchen with granite countertops, new baths with awesome cast iron tubs. Full unfinished basement, includes new hot water tank, HVAC and plumbing. Garage with large storage room above. MLS 233284

\$117,900



299 EHMAN DRIVE

CHARLESTON -

Very clean rehab in the Knollwood area w/3 BD, 1.5 BA. 2 BD on second floor & 1 BD on the first floor. Livingroom with fireplace and Lower level family-room also with fireplace. Large deck on front of house and screened in porch on rear. New kitchen & appliances, breakfast nook, separate dining & lots of storage. MLS 229443

\$134,900



403 SUN VALLEY DR

ST. ALBANS -

Great neighborhood/quiet street. Completely remodeled 3 BD, 2 full BA, includes new kitchens, baths, HVAC and windows. MLS 235088

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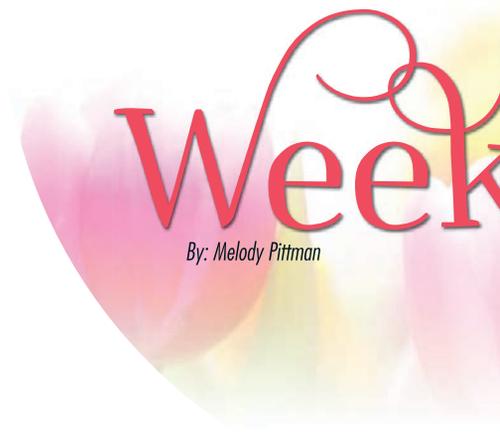
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HUNTINGTON, WV



Huntington, WV across the Ohio River.



Photo by Melody Pittman.

Driving an hour west of Charleston, West Virginia, brings you to Huntington. The metro area of Huntington stretches throughout seven counties and is West Virginia's second-largest city, plus home to Marshall's Thunder Herd. Lying beside the borders of Ohio and Kentucky, Huntington offers a great getaway with little drive time and is perfect for a change of scenery. Here is what you can do on your weekend getaway.

WHAT TO SEE & DO IN HUNTINGTON

The Huntington Museum of Art offers visually appealing galleries of antiques, fine art, sculptures, and glass. There is also a botanical garden with exotic trees, such as cacao, banana, cashew, and papaya, plus over 100 types of orchids. A tall Dale Chihuly glass piece, with 352 hand-blown pieces, is the focal point of the plant conservatory.

Kids and adults both will enjoy the Heritage Farms Museum & Village, an open-air history

museum with costumed interpreters. The focus is on Appalachian history and culture with exhibits ranging from a log church and blacksmith shop to a wonderful petting farm and progress museum.



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You will most likely want to explore Pullman Square. This downtown revitalization project, between 8th and 10th streets/3rd Avenue, has a good selection of shops, eateries, and

Weekend TRAVELER



Photo by Melody Pittman.

entertainment spaces. Shops include Chico's, The Pottery Place, The Inner Geek, and has a Starbucks. Afterward, take in a movie at Marquee Cinemas, offering 16 screens for current running films. If antiques are more up your alley, City Central West is well-known for its selection.



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Huntington's most famous attraction is Marshall University. You may want to stroll around the campus or try to see a Thundering Herd football game at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.



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Drop by the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center for the spring international film festival, Marshall Artist series, concerts, comedy shows, and touring Broadway productions. The Keith-Albee (said to be haunted) is a beloved West Virginia landmark since 1928. Mountain Health Arena (formerly Big Sandy Arena) is a bigger venue for concerts, garden and home shows, conventions, and much more.

Huntington also has a few outdoor spots that showcase beautiful scenery and nature. Ritter Park is one of those and a Huntington must. You'll find people playing frisbee, lounging around, walking dogs, picnicking, and just having fun in an outdoor setting, complete with walking trails and a beautiful rose garden. There is even an award-winning playground for the kiddos. Harris Riverfront Park is perfect for scenic Ohio River views, a romantic picnic, or launching your boat for river adventures.



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Lastly, Camden Park has been a Huntington icon for over 100 years. West Virginians and tri-state residents have been flocking to "the sign of the Happy Clown" to ride a wooden coaster or typical Carnival rides and play games in a vintage amusement park setting. Don't miss eating a Pronto Pup; it's tradition.

WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK



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If a good burger is what you're craving, Fat Patty's is where you will find it. Try the delicious Raspberry Popper Burger (with raspberry melba sauce, jalapeños, and cream cheese) paired with crispy, fat onion rings. A favorite local eatery and brewery is Black Sheep Burrito and Brews. The menu is loaded with Tex-Mex favorites, such as tacos, burritos, and quesadillas, plus sandwiches, salads, and specialty wings. Go for brunch and try the O.G. Chicken and Waffles, with honey-nut-breaded fried chicken, candied jalapeños, and sage-infused maple syrup.

Bahnhof Wvrsthaus and Biergarten is a trendy new hotspot with 33 selections of craft beer and traditional German creations, including currywurst with pomme frites, Hungarian Goulash, and pork or chicken schnitzel.



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Heritage Station (within walking distance of Pullman Square) is an old train station repurposed as shops and restaurants. Beer and wine are both represented in this space at Taps Heritage, and Sip Wine and Whiskey Bar, respectively, or you can sip a tasty mug of kombucha, nitro cold brew, butter coffee, or a smoothie at Butter It Up at The Market. Marshall Hall of Fame Cafe is a fantastic option for bar eats, has several special events and giveaways, and is the best sports bar in Huntington.

Jim's Steak & Spaghetti House has been a Huntington landmark since 1938. The spaghetti with meat sauce reigns supreme, but the ravioli is a close runner-up.



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WHERE TO STAY IN HUNTINGTON

For a convenient downtown Huntington stay, consider the Hampton Inn Huntington University Area (indoor pool), or DoubleTree by Hilton Huntington (outdoor pool). Both offer free parking, as well. Huntington's most luxurious accommodations are Delta Hotels by Marriott, offering stylish airy and light interiors, and an onsite restaurant beside of Heritage Station.

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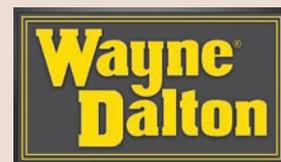


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