







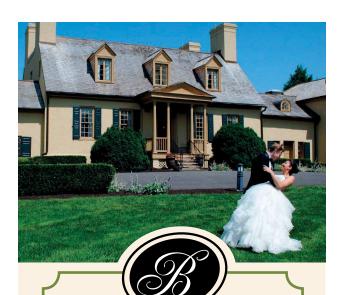


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Howard County offers wedding venues for every taste

Howard County enchants and excites with a delightful mix of urban, suburban and rural attractions. The region that hosts such luminaries as the cast and crew of HBO's Veep and the countless stars who play at Merriweather Post Pavilion can also be a sublime setting for your dream wedding. Howard County is home to Columbia/Ellicott City and is consistently listed among the Top 10 "America's Best Places to Live" in Money magazine. Howard County has been featured as a great weekend getaway in the New York Times, The Washington Post and Southern Living. An affluent suburb of Baltimore and Washington, D.C. (the third wealthiest county in the U.S. according to the U.S. Census Bureau), it's a place where brides, grooms and their wedding guests will find lodging, shopping, dining and sight-seeing experiences that promise to be upscale, unexpected and unforgettable.

The lodging options include sophisticated resorts, lakeside hotels, posh B&Bs and family-friendly inns. If you're gift shopping for the wedding couple, you'll find everything their hearts and homes desire at The Mill, The Mall and Main Street. These shopping venues offer handmade and vintage finds that will surely be treasured forever. Locavores and foodies can dine on farm-to-table and dock-to-dish Maryland favorites, and find locally brewed beer and wonderful wine at establishments in all price ranges. Sight-



SEPTEMBER WEDDING

at Kittamaqundi Community Church

"Seeing our two families and our friends meet each other during our wedding weekend, laugh and dance together all night long at the wedding, and then end the weekend like old friends is a memory we'll always treasure."



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LOCAL COLOR

Catering by **Absolutely Perfect Catering** in Elkridge; wedding coordination by **Bird of Paradise Events**, Perry Hall; flowers

by Maryland Bay Blossoms in Ellicott City; hair by Nappstar in Columbia; photography by Amber Wilke (Adenike and her bridesmaids appear on the cover).

seeing in and around Howard County abounds. If there's any down time, consider a patriotic pilgrimage to the Nation's capital, Washington, D. C., or a visit to Annapolis, Maryland's picturesque state capital and gateway to the Chesapeake Bay. Howard County's own Ellicott City is a must-see in the mid-Atlantic, offering boutiques and bistros nestled above the Patapsco River. Historic Main Street is surrounded by charming steeples and interesting architecture, tempting visitors with its old world and bohemian charms.



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MALA SARDANA

APRIL WEDDING at Turf Valley

TOM

JONES

"We had a mixed Jewish and Hindu ceremony with our own twist that culminated in lots and lots of dancing.

Everyone had a wonderful time and people still talk about it." – MALA

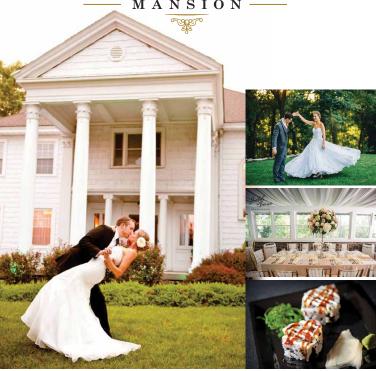


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Flowers by Judy, Ellicott City; photography by Mark Lovett, Gaithersburg; the lenghas - traditional Indian dresses - worn by the women in the bridal party were custom made in India.



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OCTOBER WEDDING

at Haven on the Lake with a reception at the pavilion area of Clyde's Restaurant in Columbia.

"The day was everything we envisioned—a fall wonderland where all of our friends and families had a great time celebrating the happiest day of our lives. When two best friends got married."

- Maria



FREE-SPIRITED FUN

If you're looking for easy-going, DIY style, say "I do" to Howard County's rustic barns, stunning meadows, picturesque historic sites and serene forest settings. Vintage wedding dresses, handmade jewelry and retro tuxes can be found in old Ellicott City and historic Savage Mill. Local caterers and Maryland wine and local craft beer will bring the farm to your reception table. Cut your own flowers for the wedding party to carry, and to decorate the tables.





LOCAL COLOR

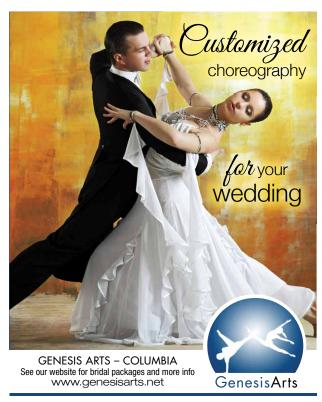
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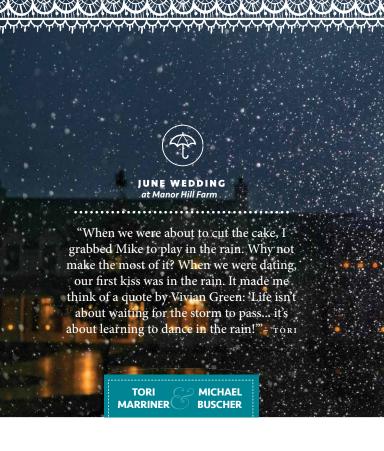
from David's Bridal; makeup by FACES by Brandi in Savage Mill; photography by Katy Murray, Rockville; cake by Oh What a Cake in Columbia.











SECOND TIME AROUND

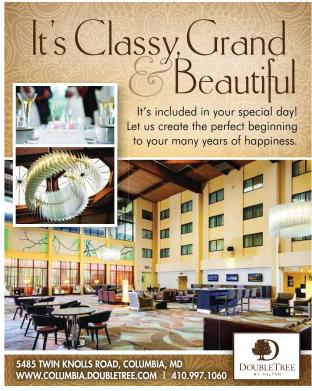
If you're looking for a more mature setting, consider an intimate sunset gathering at Petit Louis on the Lake, followed by classic French bistro fare and buckets of champagne. Talk with the proprietors of the Columbia Inn at Peraylnna Manor or the Wayside Inn B&B



to hire the entire property and gardens for your family and friends. The Elkridge Furnace Inn offers a serene ceremony by the river and a beautifully appointed manor house and tavern, complete with covered porches overlooking the perennial gardens. The delectable dinners of French-inspired entrées and desserts are a perfect way to begin your new life together.

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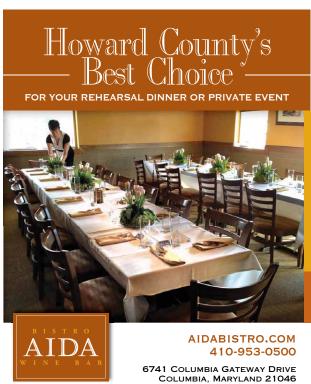
MEMENTOS OF THE DAY

Find one-of-a-kind gifts and favors for your guests at Old Ellicott City's locally-owned boutiques and art galleries. Sweet Elizabeth Jane, Shoemaker Country and Horse Spirit Arts Gallery all offer beautiful gifts. While you are there, be sure to explore Old Ellicott City's fun vintage offerings. Head over to Historic Savage Mill, where you will find antiques dealers, fine crafts and jewelers. If you want to create personal mementos for your guests, sign up for beading, pottery, painting and crafting classes offered by Howard County Recreation and Parks and Howard Community College. Local bakeries and chocolatiers can concoct Maryland-

inspired confections to fill tasteful and tasty goody bags. How about a commemorative wine of your own vintage from Tin Lizzie Wineworks, where you can really do it yourself – from grapecrushing to designing the label. Don't forget to cellar some for your golden anniversary.









Before, After and In Between

Pedicures to ziplines, breweries to cosmos, an insider's guide to venues for bachelor and bachelorette parties – and what to do with your out-of-town guests.

Howard County may be your destination wedding away from it all, but you'll find it's in the heart of it all. The region offers plenty of options for adrenaline-rush adventures or lazy leisure for the wedding party and guests. Howard County is known for its lovely lakes and award-winning parks - connected by more than 100 miles of paved scenic trails, where you can meander past wildflowers, wildlife and even waterfalls. Home to the Patapsco Valley State Park, affectionately referred to as "Moab East" by mountain biking enthusiasts, Howard County is an oasis of eco-tourism activities in the Baltimore-Washington region. You'll find gravity-defying ziplines, horseback riding, two state-ofthe-art Nature Centers for hands-on learning, and hot air balloon rides at sunrise or sunset. If you're itching to get out and play before or after the big day, consider mini-golf or batting cages, petting farms, driving ranges, skate-parks, swim centers and ice rinks. If you are craving a night out on the town, visit nearby casinos, enjoy a movie, or try some dance lessons. In warmer months, you can even enjoy the Bard under the stars thanks to the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company, or your favorite band at Merriweather Post Pavilion. CONTINUED ON PAGE 19



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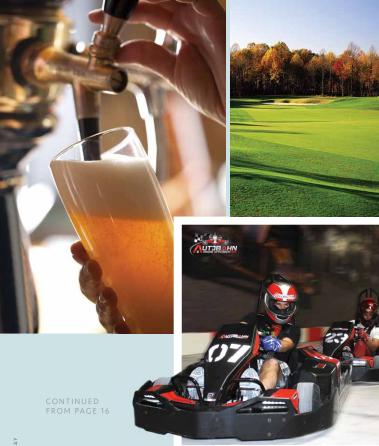
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Great Golf, from Putt-Putt to the Pros. Get out on the greens for 9 or 18 holes of golf with the guys, practice your swing on the driving range, or your putting with mini-golf – both indoors and out.

ShadowLand Laser Adventures. How about a 'laser tag' bachelor party with an ever-changing environment of light and sound? You'll be surrounded by players, both friendly and hostile as well as elusive mysterious forces. Challenge creatures from ancient tales, stalk through spacescapes using logic and stealth, to achieve your ultimate objective. All this before you say "I do!"





FOR HER

Haven on the Lake and The

Spa at Turf Valley. In the midst of the wedding planning hustle and bustle, consider recharging your own batteries before the big day. At the elegant Spa at Turf Valley and 27,000-square-foot Haven on the Lake, you'll find rest and relaxation with luxurious body treatments that pamper and soothe stresses away. Or treat your wedding party to an invigorating yoga class.

Girls Night Out in Old Ellicott City and Historic Savage Mill. Shop-Sip-Shop-Nibble-Shop. Gather the girls for an evening of delicious snacks, drinks and desserts at monthly Girls Night Out festivities in both mill towns.

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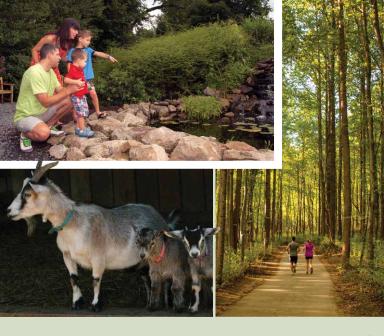
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Columbia Association's indoor/outdoor swimming pools. The Columbia Association owns and operates 23 outdoor pools, and four indoor pools, all furnished with lounges, chairs, tables, umbrellas, restrooms, changing areas and gathering areas. Your friends and family will appreciate taking a dip, swimming some laps or lounging poolside.

Family Farms. Take a 'haycation' by picking your own fresh produce, petting baby animals, making your own wine, and experiencing hayrides, larger than life storybook characters, dinosaurs or a rodeo.

Eco-friendly Nature Centers. The Howard County Conservancy at Mt Pleasant Farm, with its 232 acres of rolling hills, is a perfect spot to learn about the Chesapeake Bay, hike, or participate in a star-gazing experience. The Robinson Nature Center offers interactive and multisensory exhibits, the NatureSphere digital planetarium and theater, a two-story "Life of the Forest" exhibit, a Children's Discovery Room, wildlife viewing areas and more.

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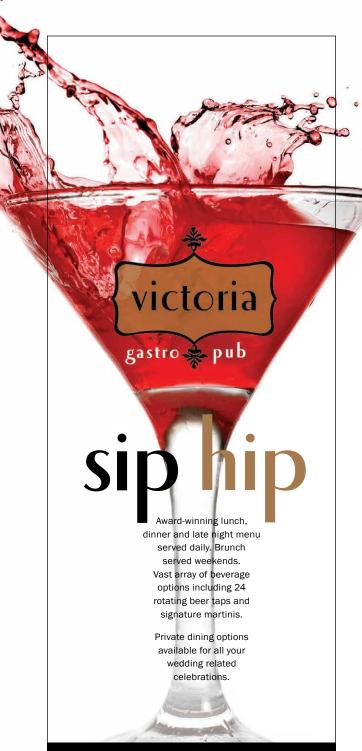
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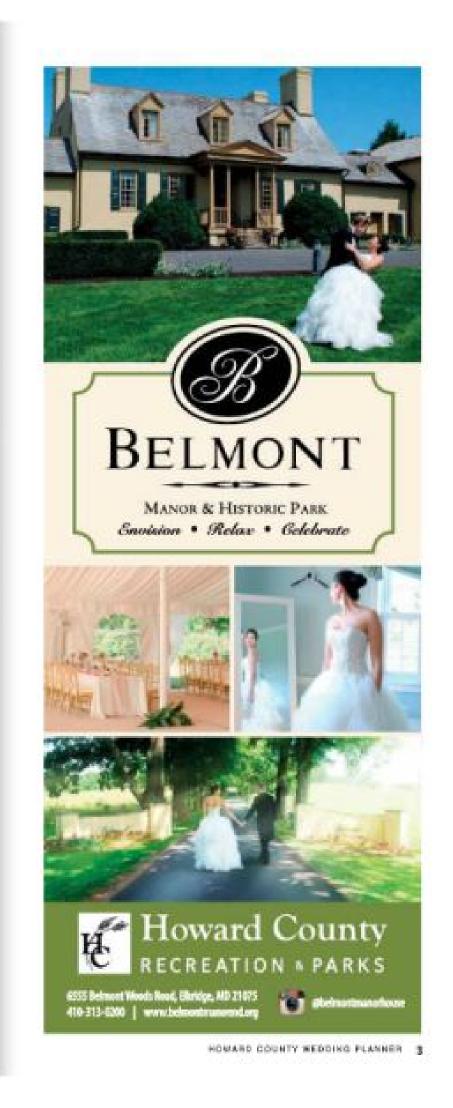
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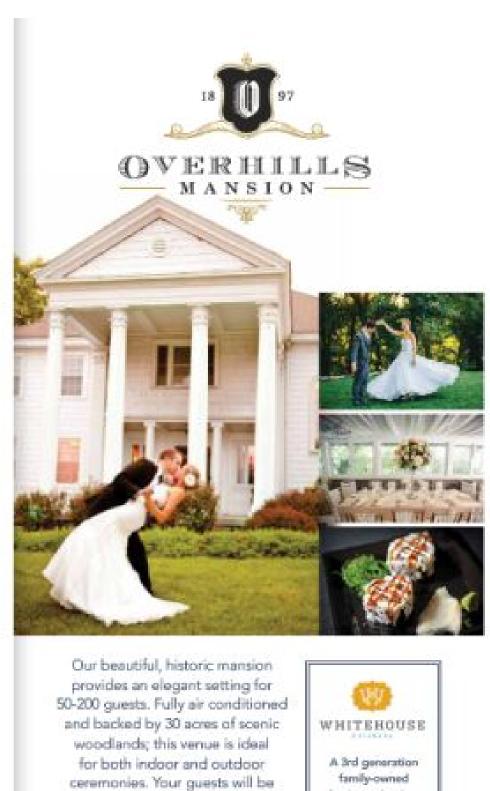


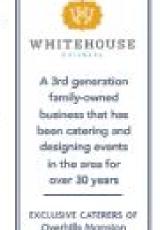
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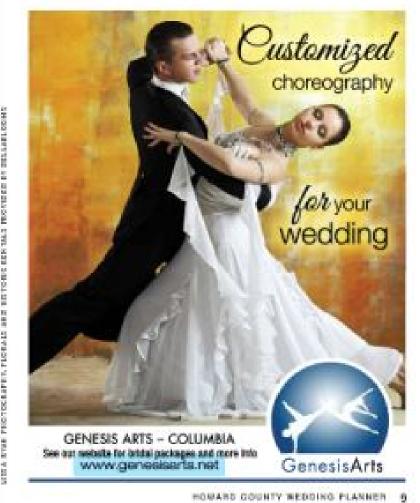
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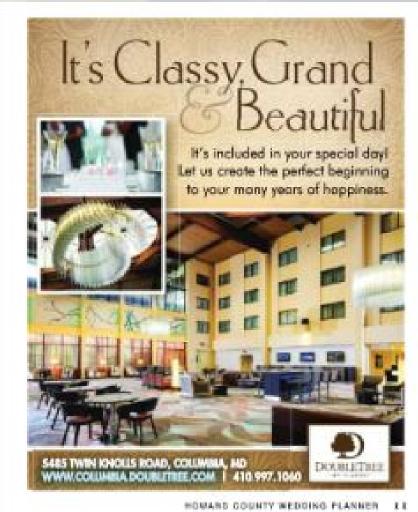
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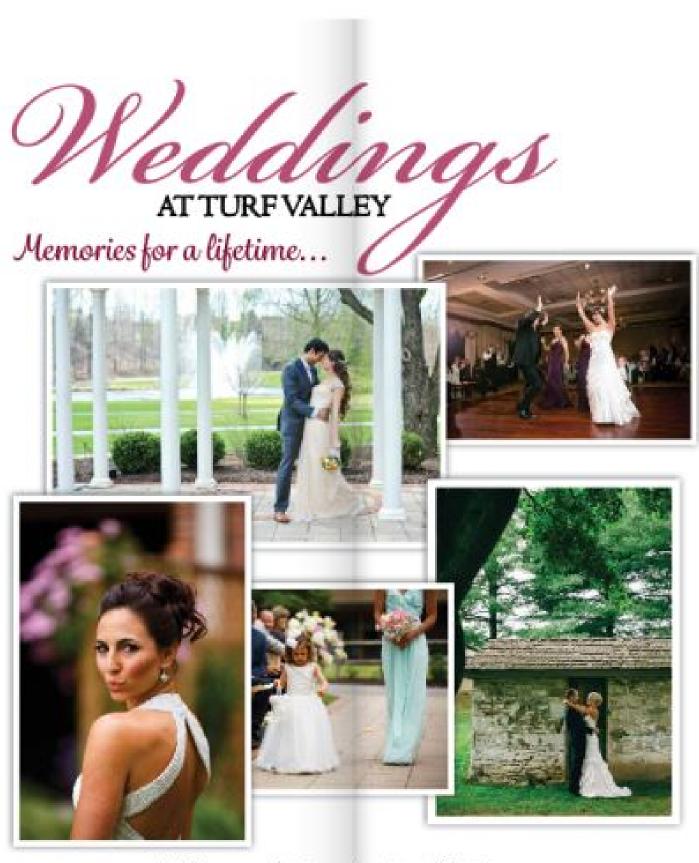
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