



October 3 Turkish Festival- Washington DC
Oct 10 – Annual Fall Picnic in Annapolis
October (tentative) Republic Day Ball
November (tentative) Atlantic City Bus Trip
December (tentative) Annapolis Day

MATA MATTERS

Official Newsletter of the Maryland American Turkish Association, Inc.
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President's Message

Fall is upon us. We start out by participating in the 8th Annual Turkish Festival (October 3rd), part of the ATA- DC Turkish Festival in DC, followed by a picnic in Annapolis at Jonas Green State Park the following Sunday, October 10th. More information is available below in this issue.

Good news, I want to congratulate Mine and Arif Yetiskul of Ellicott City for the recent marriage of their lovely daughter Demet to Stephen Cress of Ellicott City. The couple was married in Cambridge, Maryland, in a lovely setting on the Chesapeake Bay. They honeymooned in Lisbon, Barcelona, and Paris. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

On a sad note, I want to extend my condolences on behalf of MATA to several families who recently lost a loved one.

Nilufer Ramadan of Cockeysville, Maryland passed away July 29th after a long illness. She was 82 years old. She arrived in the U.S. in 1954 from Cyprus. She is survived by her husband Cemal, her sister Neshe Mustafa and 3 brothers. She had 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

Fulya Nuri, a pediatrician and reproductive endocrinologist passed away from cancer. She was 68 years old. She is survived by her husband Sengun, 4 children (Yesim, Murat, Nilgun, Sedef), and 7 grandchildren. She was a graduate of Istanbul University and Cagaloglu Anadolu Kiz Lisesi.

Orhan Tarhan, after many months of failing health, passed away on Monday, Sept. 27, 2010, while in hospice care. He lived 92 long, full years, and saw his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren all grow and prosper. He had many accomplishments and interests in many different areas -- research chemical engineering, Turkish history and current affairs, philosophy, classical music and playing the recorder, and not least of all, publishing his Orhan Tarhan Newsletter.

We wish Buket Kop good luck on her return to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus after a 4 year tour in the DC office of the TRNC. We will miss her.

Orhan H Suleiman
President (2010 – 2012)

Community Events

If you have any news you would like to share with us, (births, deaths, marriages, new business, graduations, promotions) drop us a line, or visit us on FACEBOOK.

PLEASE submit comments, articles, news, events, or anything else (Turkish or English) you think will be a benefit to the our readership and community. We will continue our work to improve this newsletter and will publish every other month. This is YOUR newsletter

MATA MEMBERSHIP

WE NEED YOU AS A MEMBER AND WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP DUES.

This issue starts our membership drive for the 2011 fiscal year. PLEASE become a member today with a payment of the membership dues!

As your organization, there are many things we want to do to create a stronger sense of community, but we need YOU!!

See the application below. We need your support!!

FACEBOOK: Please visit the MATA page at [Maryland American Turkish Association](#) for updates and notices.

Annual ATA-DC Turkish Festival. Once again, MATA is happy to be a sponsor to the Festival. This year we are planning to give t-shirts in exchange for donations to MATA. We have 3 designs to select from, and for a tax deductible donation of as little as \$10 we will be giving away the Turkish T-shirts. If you will not be at the festival and would like a t-shirt please

send in the membership form and request a t-shirt, we will be happy to send you one.

A Little Bit About MATA?

We are a secular community organization focused on introducing and sharing Turkish culture with all Americans. Dating back to the 1960s, incorporated in 1967, we have an accomplished past and a promising future. We have a solid financial foundation, own 2.3 acres of land strategically located between Washington, DC, Annapolis, and Baltimore. Our goal is to develop our property to be a focal point that will serve our entire community. We always seek interested volunteers. Please join us!

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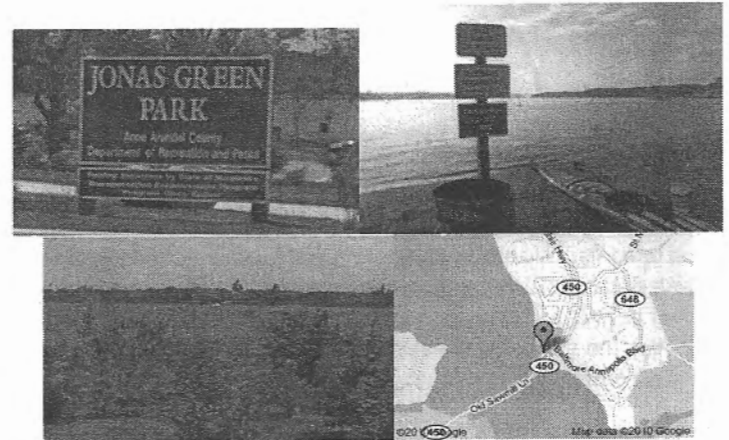
Turkish Cemetery Plots – We have 4 cemetery plots remaining from phase 1, phase 2 prices will be based on the prices we will negotiate with Maryland National Memorial Cemetery. However, we will continue to offer inclusive pricing, i.e. one price will include the burial site, concrete liner, opening, closing, and graveside funeral service. The funeral home expenses and casket are not included. For specific information and payment plans please contact Orhan Suleiman at 301 796-1471.

COMING EVENTS

October 10, 2010 Annual MATA Picnic in Annapolis

ANNUAL END OF SUMMER PICNIC

PLEASE JOIN US AT BEAUTIFUL
**JONAS GREEN STATE
PARK**



ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

OCTOBER 10, 2010 FROM NOON TO
6:00PM

**Bring your family and friends and your
backgammon or a fishing pole and enjoy
the day!**

CATERING PROVIDED BY *CHEF DOGAN*

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- DONER AND EKMEK/BREAD • CACIK • PILAV/RICE
- SALATA/SALAD • BAKLAVA
- SODA OR AYRAN

\$20 per Person (Children 10 to 5 yrs old \$10/under 5 is free)

R.S.V.P. BY Wednesday, October 6th!!!!

Call: Doug @ 410.544.2227; Gulbin @ 443.534.9490;
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@ 410.381.6410 or Ozcan @ 301.490.4288. Or
respond on our Facebook Page!

November means ATLANTIC CITY

We are planning a bus trip before the holiday season to Atlantic City. Tentative date is November 13, 2010. If you are interested mark your calendar and send us an email or message us on facebook. If we can get 30 confirmations we will reserve the bus.

25 Interesting Facts About Turkey: 1. The famous Trojan Wars took place in Western Turkey, around the site where the Trojan horse rests today. 2. The first church built by man (St. Peter's Church) is in Antioch (Antakya), Turkey. 3. The oldest known human settlement is in Catalhoyuk, Turkey (7th Millenium B.C.) 4. Ephesus and Halicarnasus (the place for the two of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world) are in Turkey. 5. St. Nicholas, also known as Santa Claus, was born in Patara and became the bishop of Demre, on Turkey's Mediterranean Coast. 6. Noah's Ark is believed to have landed on Mount Ararat (Agri Dagi) in Eastern Turkey. 7. Turks introduced coffee to Europe. 8. Turks gave the Dutch their famous tulips. 9. Istanbul is the only city in the world built on two continents. 10. Istanbul is named by the European Union as the European Capital of Culture in 2010. 11. Writing was first used by people in ancient Anatolia. The first clay tablets in the ruins of Assyrian Karum (Merchant Colony) date back to 1950 B.C. 12. The oldest tin mine was found in Göltepe, 60 miles south of Tarsus. 13. The first Neolithic paintings found on man-made walls are in Catalhöyük, Turkey. 14. Anatolia is the birthplace of historic legends, such as Homer (the poet), King Midas, Herodotus (the father of history), and St. Paul the Apostle. 15. Julius Caesar proclaimed his celebrated words, "Veni, Vidi, Vici (I came, I saw, I conquered)" in Turkey when he defeated the Pontus, a formidable kingdom in the Black Sea region of Turkey. 16. The first church dedicated to Virgin Mary is in Ephesus. 17. Cherry was first introduced to Europe from Giresun (Northern Turkey) 18. The oldest known shipwreck on Earth was found and excavated in Uluburun near Kas, in the Mediterranean region of Turkey. 19. In 640 BC, for the first time in history, coins made of electrum were used by the Lydian king Croesus in Sardis, in Aegean region of Turkey. 20. King Midas lived in Gordion, capital of Phrigia. 21. Alexander the Great cut the Gordian knot near Ankara. The double knotting technique used in Turkish rugs is also called as Gordian Knot. 22. Early Christians escaping from Roman persecutions found shelter in Cappadocia. 23. The Seven Churches of Apocalypse are all situated in the Aegean region of Anatolia; Ephesus, Smyrna (Izmir), Pergamum, Thyatira (Nazilli), Sardis, Philadelphia (Alasehir) and Laodicea. 24. Sultan Beyazit II dispatched the Ottoman Navy to bring the Jewish people, who were expelled from Spain in 1492 and they were brought safely to the Ottoman lands. 25. Istanbul has the historical building of Sirkeci Train Station. This was the last stop of the Simplon-Orient Express - "kings of trains and train of kings" - between Paris and Constantinople (Istanbul) from 1883 to 1977. Agatha Christie was one of the passengers of this famous train.



Mustafa Kemal Atatürk; (1881–10 November 1938) was a Turkish army officer, revolutionary Statesman, writer, and founder of the Republic of Turkey, as well as the first Turkish President. Atatürk became known as an extremely capable military officer during World War I. Following the defeat of the Ottoman Empire, he led the Turkish national movement in the Turkish War of Independence. Having established a provisional government in Ankara, he defeated the forces sent by the Allies. His successful military campaigns led to the liberation of the country and to the establishment of modern Turkey. During his presidency, Atatürk embarked upon a program of political, economic, and cultural reforms. An admirer of the Age of Enlightenment, he sought to transform the former Ottoman Empire into a modern and secular nation-state. The principles of Atatürk's reforms, upon which modern Turkey was established, are referred to as Kemalism.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mustafa_Kemal_Atatürk

Membership Application (10-2010)

PLEASE COPY AND SHARE WITH A FRIEND. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR WORK FOR A BETTER TURKISH COMMUNITY!!

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr _____

Address: _____

Street-city-state-zip

Email: _____@_____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

DUES ARE \$40 (Family); \$25 (Individual); \$10 (Student).

Please make check payable to : MATA Mail to: MATA, PO Box 762, Columbia, MD 21045

PLEASE CUT AND MAIL BACK WITH YOUR CHECK

DUES \$ _____ DONATION \$ _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Turkish Businesses in Maryland

Please help us support our Turkish-American Business Owners in Maryland. If you know of any other businesses please ask them to contact us so that we may add them to our membership list.

(Tell them you saw their ad in MATA MATTERS!)

AY Construction (Ahmet)

Kitchen & Bathroom Remodeling
571.723.2412

Cagal & Associates, LLC (CPA Services)

Offices in Bethesda and Rockville, MD
301.493.6738 or 240.314.0714

Cazbar (Haluk Kantar)

316 N. Charles St
Baltimore, MD 21201
410.528.1222

Kensington Pharmacy

3737 University Blvd W.,
Kensington, MD 20895
301.933.6165 (Huseyin, Pinar, Zeynep, and Melike Tunc)

Law Office of Timur Edib (Business/Immigration)

200A Monroe St, Ste 115, Rockville, MD 20850
301.251.8830

Nationwide Insurance (All Types in MD, DC, VA)

43480 Yukon Dr., Ste 215, Ashburn, VA 20147
800.338.4406 (Berker Hazar, MBA)

Nazar Produce Market

6955 Oakland Mills Road Columbia, MD 21045
410.290.3464

Petek Donmez, MD, P.C. (General Practice)

6224 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852
301.230.1895

Pizza Boli (Bulent)

1450 Ritchie Hwy
Arnold, MD 21012
410.757.7700

Slice of Rockville (Dide Summerlin)

1111 Nelson Street
Rockville, MD 20850
301.424.0707

TurkShish (Dogan Salis)

10840 Little Patuxent Pkwy
Columbia, MD 21044
410.730.7900

Zella Pizzeria

1143 Hollins St
Baltimore, MD 21223
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