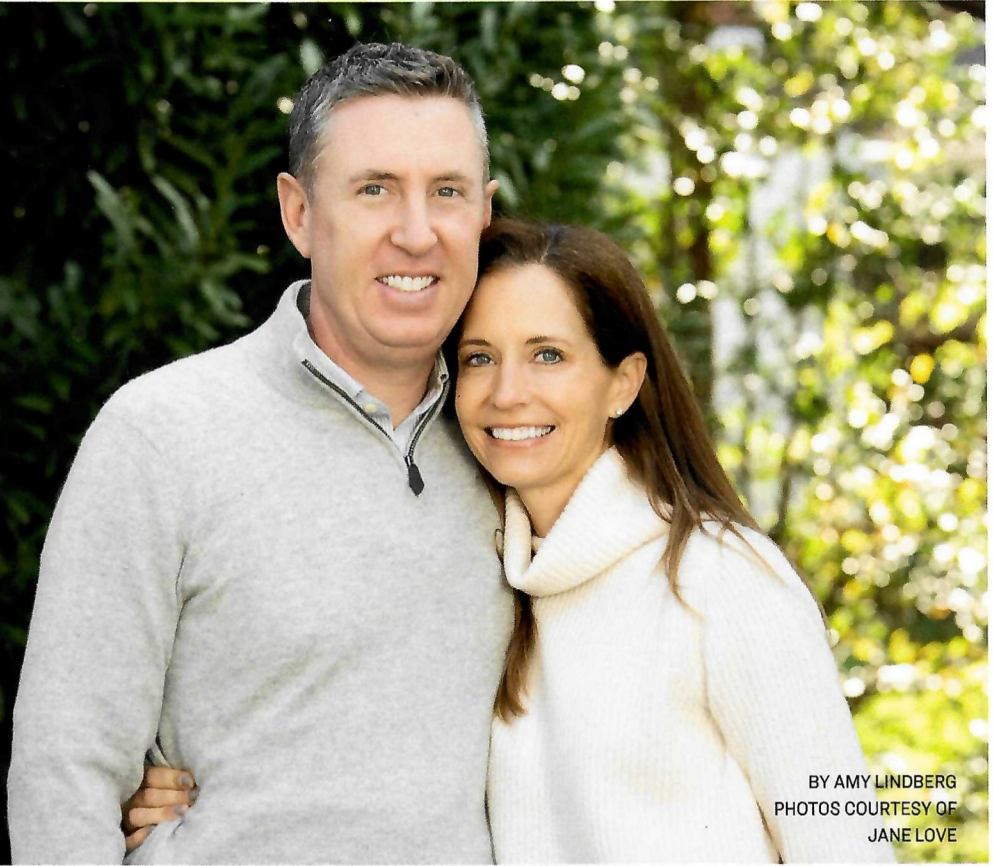


# HOME IN THE VILLAGE A BURKE FAMILY CHRONICLE



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**M**andy and Bryan Burke came to Chevy Chase Village in 2015, six months after their oldest daughter, Maddie, was born. Now their active family is completely at home in the Village and enjoying this chapter of their lives.

The Burkes have three children: Maddie, Bo, and Lucy. The house is full of sports, games, and laughter. As a family, they love to be outside, especially going on hikes together. Rock Creek Park is a favorite, as well as the Billy Goat Trail in Maryland,

and they have fun around the neighborhood in Western Grove Park, which the kids call “tunnel park.”

Mandy and Bryan met in 2011 on an “old school” blind date set up through a mutual friend - no swiping necessary! They hit it off right away, finding that they had some other connections with their Chicago and DC upbringing, and have been together ever since.

Bryan grew up in Bethesda, attending Gonzaga High School, and has a career in finance. He attended Fordham University and then traded

for an investment banking firm in New York. He eventually took another trading job in D.C. which allowed him to be closer to family, then moved to the Enforcement Division of the SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission), where he worked for 13 years. He now works for SIPC (Securities Investor Protection Corporation).

Mandy grew up in Chicago and moved here in 2008 to attend graduate school for International Affairs at George Washington. She now works at Chemonics International, where





she has been for the past 13 years. Her career took her all over the globe, including at least ten trips to Africa. Chemonics has been a great place to grow her career through different positions as her personal life shifted. She currently serves as Communications Director in the office of the CFO.

Their oldest, Maddie, is a curious and independent 3rd grader at Blessed Sacrament. She has a full sports schedule, playing soccer, basketball, softball, lacrosse, and swimming, as well as being a Girl Scout. Her favorite subject right now is math.

Bo is in kindergarten at Blessed Sacrament and loves spending his summers at the pool. In addition to swimming, he also plays soccer and basketball.

Lucy, their youngest, is at Chevy Chase Presbyterian Preschool. She has started taking ballet classes and is a fun-loving, playful three-year-old.

Family and travel are integral parts of their life. This year, they drove to Chicago for Thanksgiving to visit Mandy's family. Bryan's family has an annual vacation in Capon Springs, WV. Once a year, they travel to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to visit one of Mandy's sisters.

Bryan, being from the D.C area, and Chicago-raised Mandy have a good time trying to convince their kids who to root for come football and baseball seasons. You'll see many flags flying outside their home - from the Chicago Cubs and Michigan Wolverines to the Washington Commanders and Nationals.

The Burke family is also committed to helping others. As a family, they have delivered meals and groceries for individuals and families in need through DC-based Food and Friends. This year at Christmas, they participated in the Giving Tree, a program at Blessed Sacrament that provides Christmas gifts to children in need. Every year, they also support the Race for Hope DC, which raises money for brain cancer research, a cause near to their heart.

The Village is a wonderful place to be a kid, because it is such a welcoming and friendly community. The whole family loves the neighborhood events, especially around the



holidays, that let you connect with neighbors and have fun together. They look forward to getting to know more of their neighbors in the Village. Mandy relayed, "The Village is a great place to raise a family."