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The Beltsville News 1722 Emack Rd.

Beltsville Briefs

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department Officers for the year 2022

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department would like to announce the installation of their Officers for the year 2022.

Congratulations to President Pam Casagranda, Vice President Cathy Alexander, Recording Secretary Bibi Gurwah, Treasurer Angela Whitman, Corresponding Secretary Paula Stickles, Chaplain Lois Hetz and Historian Jane Nealis.

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

Happy New Year! Since we could not meet in January due to the community center being closed, out first meeting of the new year was in February with a Valentine theme. March 17 will be a St. Patrick's Day party. Dan & Cheryl will be our entertain-

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Bear Scouts and parents with their fence picket birdhouse

Cub Pack 1031's Hearts are in Our Adventures

Tigers and Wolves are working on the Digging in the Past Adventure finding out about fossils and nutrition. Bears are working on Baloo

the Builder by learning about month.

tools and completing a fence picket birdhouse with help from their parent. Bear Kyle T earned his Light of Christ religious emblem at Scout Sunday this

complete their First Responder

Webelos den is learning

about first aid and safety as they

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Attendees at the Beltsville Lions Club meeting of 2 February at Sierras Grill and Taqueria (L-R) Lions Mae Whitehead, Max Zelaya , Camillo DiCamillo, "Deedee" Musachio, Lions Clubs International Foundation Chair and Past District Governor Kelley Randolph, District Leader Dog Chair Lois Barb, Mary Ann Hanson, Ann Ladd, Ginger Hand, honored guest, Brindisi, Ann Marie Hanson, Andy Rolle, Ervin Whitehead, Fatima Barrie, President Ted Ladd.

Beltsville Lions Club Program

By Ted Ladd

Guest speakers at the February meeting of the Beltsville Lions Club were Past District Governor (PDG) Kelley Randolph and Lion Lois Barb. PDG Kelley currently serves as District-22C Chair of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). She discussed how LCIF provides disaster relief as well as aid in the areas of vision, hospice care, diabetes, environment, hunger, and cancer in children. She provided a list of Melvin Jones Fellows in the club, past and present, now totaling 17. Melvin Jones is considered the founder of Lions Clubs International, and the Fellowship is awarded for extraordinary community service over a long period.

Lion Lois Barb has served as District-22C chair for Leader Dogs for the Blind for many years and has raised 10 leader dog puppies herself. She knows her stuff and provided a great review of the program. It was a great meeting. NEXT ISSUE: Submissions Due No Later Than:

> March 16 Paper Out: March 26

On the Agenda





By President Karen M. Coakley

Powder Mill Road / Maryland 212A Improvements Status

I know that many of you are wondering if and when this project will ever end. Abiodun Abudu Project Engineer District 3 Construction Consultant for Maryland State Highway

Administration will be our guest at the March 16th meeting of the Beltsville Citizen's Association meeting. Please email your questions and concerns in advance so Abiodun will come prepared to discuss your concerns.

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Neighbors in the News

UpStage Artists Announces Auditions for it's Spring Show, One and Dunne!

By Rick Bergmann

UpStage Artists is happy to announce auditions for it's spring show, "One and Dunne: An Evening of One Act Comedies" by local, award-winning playwright Jeff Dunne. Auditions will be held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane Beltsville, MD 20705 on

Friday, March 11 from 7-9 pm and Saturday, March 12 from 3-5 pm. Rehearsals begin March 21 and are held on Monday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. You will not have to be at every rehearsal. There will be 4 mandatory rehearsals from May 2 to May 5. There are 6 show dates, May 6-8, and May 13-15. If you are interested go to www.upstageartists.com/auditions and fill out the online audition form.

One of the missions of UpStage Artists is to create theater for anyone who wants to try. If you have ever wanted to try theater but were worried about the time commitment or the amount of work needed, this may be the show for you to make the leap into acting. Since it is a show comprised of 9 ten-minute one act comedies, the time commitment is significantly less than a normal show. UpStage Artists loves working with new performers and teaching them about theater. So, if you have ever wanted to act before, come out and audition. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the scripts. There are 26 roles throughout the 9 scripts for men and women. Auditioners should be 16 years of age or older. If you have any questions, contact UpStage Artists by email at info@upstageartists.com. The plays you will be audition-

ing for are:

- The New Death: Death has retired. He wanted a job where people were happy to see him, and so took off for new horizons. Now a replacement is needed, is Cheese up to the task?
- The Unfortunate Teller: What happens when your best friend, a fortune-teller calls out sick and you're left to fill in for the day?
- A Change in Nature: Can we change the nature of who we are? Do we really want to?
- Crazy is the New Normal:



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Please join our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/groups/300944563420364/) and follow us at beltsville news on Instagram. Check out our website: www.beltsvillenewstoday.com Sometimes people get confused over the distinction of accepting the unusual vs. shunning the lack thereof.

- **One's Cup of Tea:** When a pair of friends try out a new restaurant, they learn a little something about the value of frivolity from an eccentric waiter.
- **The Present:** Jesse is attempting to give a present to James, who seems unable or unwilling to accept it. But, for some strange reason he won't.
- A Lively Outfit: Theo gets hired by Frank, who believes he has discovered the secret of bestowing life upon inanimate clothing.
- **Zero Hour:** What's it like for the Turkey's in the coop right before Thanksgiving? Are they prepared for the inevitable?
- **Sudden Death:** Cheese has finished interviewing for the job of Death, but now it turns out that there's a competitor for the position, and they are tied for first place. How will Bruunhilde decide who gets the job?

New on-line dispatch request for non-emergency situations

By Sgt. Monroe #2857

The Office of Homeland Security/Public Safety Communications is pleased to offer Prince George's County residents with an option to submit an on-line dispatch request for non-emergency situations. A non-emergency dispatch request will result in the response of Prince George's County Police, Fire/EMS, or Sheriff personnel to the scene of an actively or recently occurring public safety incident that does not immediately threaten life, safety, or property. Please share the below link with your respective communities. I have also posted the information on Nextdoor.

On-line Non-Emergency Dispatch Reporting system:

https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3743/ Non-Emergency-Dispatch-Request.

Kitty Post By Sallie Rhodes



Does, Don'ts and Thank You

Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) uses humane strategies to manage and reduce the free-roaming cat population in Beltsville. We have three programs: trapneuter-vaccinate-return (TNVR); rescue (primarily young kittens), and colony support. In just 3 years, BCC has sterilized just under 900 community cats. About half of these kitties were adopted into forever homes through our rescue program. Had BCC not sterilized these cats, there would be tens of thousands more because unaltered cats reproduce exponentially.

To keep up this work, BCC needs the support of the local community. As we enter "kitten season", we encourage Beltsville residents and businesses to assist in the following ways.

- If you see young kittens living outside, contact BCC immediately. We rescue kittens between 4 and 10 weeks of age; place them in foster homes, socialize them to people and living indoors; vet them (spay/ neuter, vaccinate, combo test and microchip); and adopt them into forever homes.
- If you see a free-roaming cat whose left ear is not "tipped" (universal sign that a cat has been spayed/neutered), contact BCC. A volunteer will go out and assess the situation.

BCC appreciates the individuals and businesses that care about community cats. We want to thank those who feed feral colonies. If you feed often or only occasionally, BCC offers the following tips to make it easier for freeroaming cats to live in harmony with residents of and businesses in Beltsville.

- Provide fresh food and fresh daily.
- Don't offer cats human foods



(especially fast foods), as they are not good for cats.

- Don't give cats/kittens milk as it can harm their intestines.
- Put cat dishes out of site if possible. Keep the feeding area clean. Rinse dishes regularly.
- Never leave open cat food cans laying around. Cats can get severe lacerations on their tongues that can get infected.

BCC would like to thank the many residents in Beltsville and the surrounding areas who have supported our efforts through financial donations and donated items (food, kitty litter, etc.). We would also like to extend a special thank you to the following local businesses for their generous donations.

- Patient First
- Clevenger Corporation
- Cultured Marble, Inc.
- Consumer Real Estate Title, Inc.

Report feral cats/kittens to BCC at: 240-444-8353 or hello@ beltsvillecats.net

Interested in volunteering? Visit: www.beltsvillecats.net/volunteer

Consider donating. Donations are tax deductible. Visit: www. beltsvillecats.net/donate



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ment—oldies but goodies with an Irish jig allowed. Masks are required by the center as well as the 6-foot seating.

Our business meeting starts at 11:00 am, but come earlier to sign in, get some light refreshments, and buy your 50/50 tickets to win. We also have a Clyde's Closet items to buy and even a "free" table. Sign up for a future trip with us, but bring your checkbook to pay when you sign up. Shirley has some nice trips to try, with full covid-19 precautions to follow.

Come to fellowship, meet other seniors over 55, and get to know us. We've been around since 1966, same place. --Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road. Questions, call Lois at 301-498-9736.

Explore a New Resource for Genealogical Research

At the next virtual meeting of the Prince George's County Genealogical Society, Dr. Kenneth Heger will speak about Global Journeys, Local Communities. Learn about records created by American pensioners living temporarily or permanently abroad when they interacted with a U.S. consulate, legation or embassy. Join us on Wednesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. on Zoom and discover new resources for researching your ancestors on a pension who traveled and/or lived overseas.

Kenneth Heger, Ph.D. has worked at the University of Maryland and the National Archives and Records Administration. He is currently president of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society.

Members will receive an email invitation a few days before the meeting. Non-members may request an invitation by emailing president@pgcgs.org.



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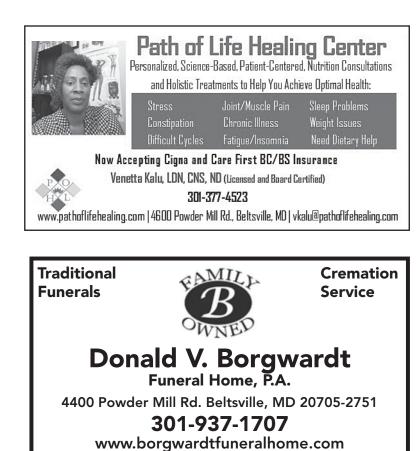
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Obituaries

Brown, Kenneth Everett

Kenneth Everett Brown was born in Middletown, Connecticut on October 11, 1944 and grew up in East Hartford with his parents Otto and Ethel Schwitzer, and his siblings, Earlene and Frank. As a young boy, Ken loved sports especially football, basketball and bowling and enjoyed hanging out with his siblings and friends. Even at a young age, he understood the value of hard work as he delivered newspapers, shoveled snow and did yard work for neighbors. He also shared his time with his church where he sang in the choir and volunteered as a summer camp counselor.

After graduating from East Hartford High School, Ken went on to proudly serve his country as a Combat Engineer in the Vietnam War. He received several commendation medals and was an expert rifleman. Ken reflected upon his service often and was very proud that he had the opportunity to serve the country he loved so much. Upon his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, he moved to the Washington D.C. area where he met his loving wife Brenda of 54 years. They married and resided in Greenbelt, Maryland with their three children, Robert, Kristine, and Rachelle.

Ken was an extremely hard working, dedicated man who shared his technical expertise as a machinist at Halpro, Inc., a precision manufacturing company in Rockville, Maryland for forty years. He was a devout Catholic and a parishioner of St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church. He was a very giving man and spent much of his time supporting his family and his community. Ken was a volunteer for the local Boy Scout Troop 1253, Springhill Lake Little League Baseball, Springhill Lake Swim Team, and the Polka Belles and Beaus in College Park. He was a member of the Polish National Alliance, the American Legion in Greenbelt and the College Park Moose Association.

Ken was a man of simple pleasures who could find happiness in the subtleness of special moments - enjoying a hot cup of coffee or a hearty meal, chatting with a neighbor, listening to all types of music from Elvis to classical symphony. He and Brenda enjoyed attending operas at the University of Maryland and visiting the Basilica of the National Shrine. He cherished each moment with his grandchildren and had a special unique bond with each of them. His absolute favorite past-time was cheering on the Boston Red Sox and the Washington Redskins, as his passion and loyalty never wavered over the years.

Kenneth E. Brown, devoted husband and father, passed away on Friday, February 4, 2022, in Solomons, Maryland. He is survived by his wife, his three children, and his six grandchildren, Kevin, Tyler, Bryan, Dylan, Jenavieve, and William.

He was a kind man whose outgoing, witty personality was larger than life. His smiling eyes, humor and warm nature lit up a room. He was a beloved member of the community and if your paths crossed, you were his friend. Ken was a man of strong character whose life and love touched many. His lessons of Faith, Family and Service, were taught through his actions and will live on for generations.



Jacobus (Jack) Leupen

Leupen, Jacobus "Jack"

Jacobus (Jack) Leupen of Beltsville, Maryland (80) passed away on Monday, January 31, 2022. Born April 21, 1941 in Alphen a/d Ryn, The Netherlands, he was the son of the late Arnold and Harmanna Leupen.

Jack was a well-known nurseryman and landscaper. A third-generation nurseryman, he dedicated his life to the work of Holland Gardens Nursery & Landscaping, the family business established by his parents in 1949 in Beltsville, Maryland. He was talented in the craft of growing plants and the art of designing and creating beauty within landscapes.

Jack had a great appreciation for antique cars and tools, enjoying restoration projects. He enjoyed simple pleasures and gathering with friends and family for barbeques and holidays.

He is survived by four sons: Randy (Melissa), David (Cheryl), B.B. (Lisa) and Wes Leupen, all of Sykesville, MD; six grandchildren: Joey, Jack, Lindsay, Nick, Austin, and Jake; his brother Bob (Pam) Leupen of Atlantic Beach, FL; five sisters: Regina Growden and Johanna Leupen of The Villages, FL; Cookie (Bill) Reese of Lakewood Ranch, FL; Ann (Peter) Ward of Bradenton, FL and Tina (Jeff) Drennan of Keedysville, MD.

He was preceded in death by his two brothers John and Dick. A memorial service will be held later this year.

Sullivan, Eileen M.

Eileen M. Sullivan (née Lawler), 93, of Beltsville, MD died February 6, 2022 peacefully at home. Eileen was born November 30, 1928 on Staten Island to Mary K. Lawler



Eileen M. Sullivan

(née McGinn) and Richard Lawler. Raised by her widowed mother during the depression, Eileen excelled in school graduating early from St. Peter's High School in 1946. As a teenager, Eileen worked assembling walkie-talkies during WWII. A devout Irish Catholic and a lifelong devotee to the Sacred Heart, Eileen attended mass daily on her way to work as a cost analyst at Bond Bread in Manhattan, NY. Eileen lived on Staten Island until her marriage to Eugene J. Sullivan, Sr. in 1953. Following their marriage, they lived in Arlington, VA both working at the newly created National Security Agency. Eileen and her husband moved to College Park, MD in the late 1950's. Finally settling in Beltsville, MD with her family in 1965. She was a member of St.

Joseph's Catholic Church and was very involved volunteering to rejuvenate the Bingo Kitchen to turn a profit, tutoring students in math at the school and establishing religious programs such as RCIA, Liturgy of the Hours and saying the rosary after daily mass. Eileen recruited parishioners to attend the 8 am daily mass in the convent chapel, attendance grew so large that the service was then moved to the church. As a member of the Knights of Columbus' women's group, the Ladies of the Knights, she planned and catered many events. She was a people person always going out of her way to make others feel comfortable and welcome.

Eileen had a quick wit and a NY sense of humor full of one-liners, a love of art, arts and crafts, junking and "drive-by salvaging", reading mystery novels and later in life tv mysteries. She was a 13-year breast cancer survivor. Eileen was predeceased by her former husband of 32 years, Eugene J. Sullivan, Sr., her parents and her sister Genevieve Lawler. Eileen is survived by her children: Donna Bond, Richard Sullivan (Bridget), Patty Garner (Steve), Claire Marshall (Charles), Annette Brown, Eugene Sullivan, Jr., Marty Sullivan (Lori). Twenty-two grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Visitation was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Beltsville on Saturday, February 19 from 10 am until the time of Mass at 11 am. Interment private in New York. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Church or EWTV Global Catholic Television.

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5 Affordable Hobbies to Take Up Today

(StatePoint) Have you ever been reluctant to try a new hobby because you were worried you would spend a lot of money on gear, supplies and other start-up costs only to lose interest?

Here are five great ways to explore hobbies more affordably:

 Language exchange: Rather than purchase pricey software or attend in-person classes, consider finding a language exchange partner. Take turns conversing in each other's native tongue and pick up important communication skills -- and maybe a friend -- along the way.

2. Built-in music lessons: Music lessons and instruments can be expensive. However, you don't need a full-sized grand piano or multiple sessions with a private teacher to master the instrument. Today, digital keyboards can offer a high-quality piano sound at a price that's within reach, along with features specifically designed for building the skills of novices. For example, Casio keyboards are affordable and some models are outfitted with Casio's Step-up Lesson System, which can help you learn built-in songs at your own pace. Additionally, the LCD display teaches both music notation and correct hand positioning, while an innovative scoring system allows you to track your progress. By connecting to the free Chordana Play iOS/ Android app, you can learn to play your favorite songs from downloaded MIDI files, taking your music further.

- 3. Pick-up games: While organized sports leagues are an opportunity to make friends and get some exercise, you may not have the time to commit to weekly games or the inclination to spend money on team equipment and uniforms. Whether you call up your best pals to play in the backyard, or try your luck at the local court or field, all the benefits of team sports (e.g. fresh air and camaraderie) can be experienced participating in a casual pick-up game.
- 4. Wellness: To participate in online yoga classes, all you need is a mat and comfy clothes. Online classes can deliver high-quality instruction for free on a schedule that works for you. The important thing is to find a teacher whose cues you understand and who practices a style that aligns with your needs and goals. Safety tip: if you are unsure how a certain pose or flow is performed, watch the video first before attempting it on your own.
- 5. Return-on-investment crafting: Crafting can be expensive, particularly if you work with high-quality materials. The good news is that once you master a particular skill, be it knitting, sewing or mosaics, there are opportunities to sell your work at craft fairs and on sites like Etsy. And of course, crafts can make amazing gifts for friends and family.

While hobbies can enrich the mind, body and soul, they don't need to cost a fortune. With a little creativity, you can learn new skills and try different activities without breaking the bank.

Tech Sense By John Bell

Pi Day - March 14th

Monday, March 14th is also known as Pi Day. Pi is of course the number that represents the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. In other words, the distance around the outside of a circle divided by the distance of a straight line through the center of the circle. This number is close to 3.14159 or 355/113. Pi day is observed on March 14th since 3.14 is an approximation of the value of Pi. Pizza and various fruit pies are often discounted on Pi Day. Also Pi Day is a traditional day for the Raspberry Pi organization to release new computers and for the computers to go on sale.

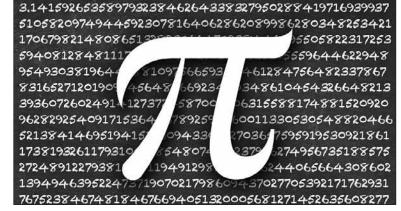
The Raspberry Pi Foundation

The Raspberry Pi Foundation is a charitable group formed by people from the University of Cambridge in England. The founder had observed that the quality of students entering into computer science programs was declining. It seems children in earlier decades grew up with access to inexpensive home computers and were arriving at college with a better background than today's students. Their solution was to create a small inexpensive computer that could use the same keyboards and mice as current PC's and be connected to a TV as a monitor. Their little computer included built-in software to learn programming and other Science and Technology skills. This computer had to be inexpensive enough for everyone to afford and yet are powerful enough for people to learn how to program in languages like Python, C, C++, and Java.

The Pi Computers

The original Raspberry Pi provided the bare computer board for \$35. Today, 10 years later, there are still models of the Raspberry Pi that sell for \$35 but are now much more powerful than that original model.





There is also the \$5 Pi Zero and the \$10 Pi Zero W which includes built-in Wi-Fi. The Pi model 3 B+ and the newer Pi 4 with 1 Megabyte of RAM both are typically priced to sell for \$35. The Model 4 also has option for 2, 4, an 8 Megabytes of RAM for a higher price. The Model 4 also includes built-in Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities.

To turn this into a fully working desktop PC you will also need to add; an SD memory card, a cell phone charger, a mouse, and keyboard, an HDMI cable to connect to the television, and optional speakers. These details may vary depending on which board you purchase and many of the parts may already be available as leftovers from discarded computers.

There is also a Pi 400 computer which includes everything for a complete computer system. It has the keyboard, mouse, memory, power supply and TV HDMI cable already included. When these are in stock, they should sell for about \$100.

The Pi Pico is a recent addition to the Pi family. It is not a full computer running Linux like the other Pi computers. The Pico is a micro-controller with limited resources but more inputs and outputs. The Pico is designed to help people to learn to built Internet of Things devices like robots and weather stations. The Pico makes a good alternative to Arduino boards that are often used for these types of projects. The Pico sells locally for about \$4.

Pi Accessories

The Raspberry Pi Foundation has also created a number of official accessories for the Raspberry Pi. These include simple things like cases, keyboards, mice, and power supplies as basics. But there are also devices like audio amplifiers, sensor boards, touch screens, various cameras, and TV Decoders.

A number of other companies also make Pi accessories, including Ada Fruit, and Seeed Studio. There are even devices that allow the Pi 4 to boot from and SSD drive.

Pi Software

Most Raspberry Pi computers come with a version of the Linux

Operating System which can be downloaded and installed into the computer. This version of Linux includes the LibreOffice Suite, the Chromium Browser, and several utilities to maintain the system and add more software. Additional software includes Mathematica, the Claws Email Client, Minecraft, Visual Studio Code, and the VLC Media Player. In other words, this computer can be used much like any desktop computer.

Raspberry Pi News

Over the years I have written a few columns about the Raspberry Pi computers. The pace of Raspberry Pi updates has been slower recently because of the COVID crisis and availability is reduced just like it is with other technology devices. To address some of this, the 1-megabyte version of the Pi 4 has returned to the market at \$35 and the prices of the 2meg and more memory versions have increased slightly.

In other Pi news, a new 64-bit version of Linux has been released for the Pi 3 and above models. In general, this is best for the Pi 4 with 4 megabytes or more of RAM. The boot loader has been modified to allow the Pi SD card memory to be programmed without needing a PC.

The new Raspberry Pi Zero W 2 has been released and priced at \$15. This Pi has the same form factor as the Pi 0 and includes Wi-Fi but is now a 4 core CPU and runs about 5 times faster than the Pi Zero W.

The Pi Foundation is working on upgrading the Pi Camera Interface and is looking for testers. The new interface is expected to be more consistent with Linux standards but may lose some features of the existing system.

Wrap Up

Pi Day for me is fun because math is cool, and the Pi computers typically go on sale. The Pi Foundation also normally releases new Raspberry Pi devices and accessories. With the slower pace of the past two years, I am hoping for at least one exciting new product release. Have a great Pi Day and I will be back next month to talk about my next technology topic.

From the Office of Councilmember Tom Dernoga

Recreation Authority legislation

The County's State House delegation had a hearing in February (https://bit.ly/PGCHearingVideo - starting at 3:00) on a new bill (https://bit.ly/PG-406) that proposes a Work Group to provide for a transfer of the recreation programs (Youth sports, art, senior services, etc.) from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to a new Recreation Authority under the control of the County Executive.The Work Group is to make recommendations on: (1) the powers and duties of the recreation authority; (2) which existing functions could be assumed by the recreation authority; (3) funding for the county recreation authority; (4) any necessary changes to state or county law necessitated; and (5) issues arising from the transfer of any personnel to the recreation authority. The Work Group is to provide its report by December 31, 2022.

The legislation is supported by the County Executive and many Prince George's County Delegates. The hearing commenced with a 4-minute video (https://bit. ly/PGCHearingVideo - starting at 4:20) describing the arguments in favor of creating a Recreation Authority. The video was produced by "Team Takeover" which also has a website (https://bit.ly/ TeamTake Over) with information.

First, every other County has a recreation department under the County government. County recreation programs were transferred to M-NCPPC in the 1970s at a time of changes in racial demographics. Second, the current structure has resulted in the lack of quality programming. Third, only children whose parents can afford to play organized sports.

I have had my disagreements with M-NCPPC and I am no M-NCPPC apologist. I am keeping an open mind, but questions abound:

- Clearly this late filed bill was planned in advance since it had a video, website and witnesses. Why were M-NCPPC, the County Council and many delegates not briefed in advance? Why was the broader public not notified?
- Why is the Work Group comprised almost entirely of elected officials - people that lack qualifications to conduct the necessary financial, legal and programmatic analysis?
- PG-406 has no provisions regarding public meetings or hearings. How often will it meet? Who will provide staffing? How will the public be engaged? Clearly, some residents are dissatisfied with MNCPPC. How will the interests of people satisfied with M-NCPPC be incorporated?
- Have the proponents identified

specific failures by M-NCPPC? Is a Recreation Authority the solution to the failure?

- One of the biggest complaints is the lack of an M-NCPPC Youth Sports program. If the Recreation Authority creates such a program, will it require property tax increases or reduction of existing programs? Which programs? The proponents must address this question with financial details, not broad claims.
- The stated or implied expectation is that all or much of the current \$0.078 property tax rate will be transferred to the new Recreation Authority. These funds are currently used to run the community centers and recreation programs. Will property tax increases be necessary to fund the expansion of Youth Sports?
- Will all of M-NCPPC's community centers be transferred to the Recreation Authority?
- · Sports fields are generally part of the Park Program and funded by the separate Park tax. Will Park Program facilities and funds also have to be transferred to the Recreation Authority?
- How will duplicate administration be avoided?

Ultimately, I am left wondering. It is said that our residents pay all of the Recreation taxes, yet we lack local control. M-NCCPC/PG has a Board of Prince Georgians, appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council, which hires a Director to oversee a bureaucracy. Due to the lack of quality programming, we should replace this structure with an Authority of Prince Georgians, appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council, which hires a Director to oversee a bureaucracy? I am definitely interested in hearing more.

Tax Credit for Seniors

Last month, I presented CB-5-2022 (https://bit.ly/SeniorsTax-Credit) implementing a Property Tax Credit for most senior citizens who have lived in their home for at least 30 years. For up to five years, eligible residents with a home assessed at \$400,000 or less will be able to use the new Senior Property Tax credit for a 20% real property tax reduction.

The State of Maryland allows for Counties to enact certain tax credits, and we have had the authority to implement this senior tax credit for several years but the County main purpose for the proposal of the tax credit is to lower the financial burden the county has pushed onto long standing residents. Prince George's County sees nearly 70 percent of the property tax revenue stems from residential properties, leaving 30 percent from our commercial businesses.

As we work to flip this, in the

meantime we must lower the burden on our residents to increase their disposable income. Prince George's County residents pay some of the highest property taxes in the state of Maryland. Additionally, our seniors are being disproportionately affected by the public health crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic issues stemming from the pandemic. Issues such as food insecurity, housing affordability, access to affordable healthcare access, and increasing cost of utilities due to rapid temperature changes, all of which can begin to be combated with the passage of CB-005-2022 (https://bit.ly/SeniorsTaxCredit).

Please contact your Council members to express your support and testify at the Committee meeting when CB-5-2021 (https:// bit.ly/SeniorsTaxCredit) is heard in the near future. I will provide information about the Committee meeting (https://bit.ly/PGCOAgendas) when we have the details.

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There is a misconception About St. Patrick's Day; We celebrate this person, Because he knew God's name.

It's not about our drinking, Or marching in parades, But he who humbly offered His life to share God's name.

For Ireland was pagan And made this man its slave, Yet God showed him how Jesus Could free all in His name.

This nation was his mission, Poor hearts knew why he came, As pride 'ere truth was broken In all who feared God's name.

A " wearin' o' the green" is Not how to mark his fame; Our joy is how God used him To magnify His name.

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> Beckie Hutchings 2/05/2022



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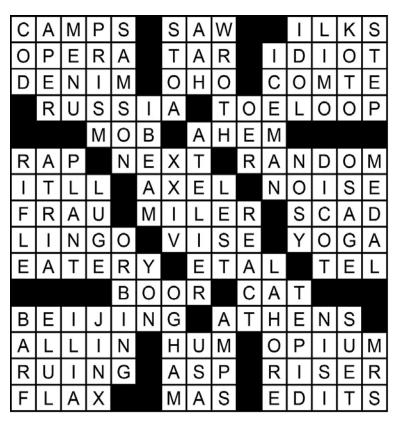
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Reminder: Scholarships to College

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To apply online for a 2022-2023 Senate scholarship, students should visit www.21stDistrictDelegation.



Senator Jim Rosapepe

com/college-scholarships, and the deadline to apply is Friday, July 8. A separate Delegate scholarship application from Delegates Ben Barnes, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, and Mary Lehman is on that page as well. Information on other financial aid for Maryland college students can be found at www. mhec.state.md.us.

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Contact us

Please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@ gmail.com or call 301-858-3141.

Riderwood's Number One Goal is Resident Well-Being

Silver Spring, MD - "There are so many opportunities to help me achieve my personal wellness goals," says community member Laura Winters. "I visit the wellness center for group exercise classes at least once a week and go to church once a week. I'm currently taking a memory class in the wellness center, and I find socializing with neighbors at dinner both stimulating and fun."

Since moving to Riderwood, the Erickson Senior Living community in Silver Spring, Md., in 2006, Laura has had plenty of time to explore healthy interests thanks to her newfound maintenance-free lifestyle. With a stateof-the-art wellness center; three satellite fitness centers; beautiful walking paths and trails; on-site medical center; pastoral ministries department; and over 200 residentrun clubs, the community makes it easy for residents to achieve and maintain physical health and spiritual well-being.

"Riderwood provides everything you need to take excellent care of yourself," says Fitness Manager Paula Butler. "Our staff works together as a team to offer the best resources available to help our residents achieve their goals. Whether it's working out in the fitness center, attending a lecture on nutrition, attending a religious service, or spending time with friends, we are there to give support and encouragement."



Riderwood Fitness Manager Paula Butler

Advantageous amenities

Each day, Paula and Riderwood's team of wellness experts work directly with residents who are looking to add a physical fitness program into their lifestyle. At the heart of these options is the community's new, state-of-the-art wellness center, staffed by expertly trained wellness professionals.

Since her move, Laura has taken full advantage of the top-notch amenities. She participates in a variety of group exercises, including the popular Moving to the Latin Beat dance class.

"I visit the wellness center at least three times a week," she says. "I find that exercise helps keep me healthy. As a result, I make a point to exercise as much

as possible."

Impressed by Laura's healthy lifestyle, her two sisters—Sarah Bishop and Marilyn Gerhard made the decision to move to Riderwood.

"Sarah and her husband Tom moved to Riderwood, from Cheverly, Md., four years ago, and Marilyn moved from Sacramento, Calif., two years ago," says Laura. "They both enjoy participating in activities that help keep them moving and healthy. Sarah likes bocce and walking, while Marilyn plays table tennis and pickleball."

Team spirit

For community member Richard Bennof, his 2016 move to Riderwood opened up an exciting new world of healthy opportunities.

"I've always enjoyed walking, playing sports, and exercising," he says. "Since my move, I visit both the new wellness center and the satellite fitness centers. I like using the treadmill and lifting weights. I sometimes finish off my workout with a brisk walk to the bocce or tennis courts."

Richard's frequent visits to the wellness center introduced him to new friends and a variety of team sports.

"I really like playing sports," he says. "I'm very competitive, but I also like to have fun. In 2020, I started a shuffleboard group. We now play every Thursday in the wellness center. I also play pick-

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Must-See TV at Riderwood

Silver Spring, MD - For nearly 20 years, channel 972, Riderwood's in-house cable station, has been an invaluable resource for residents, providing information on all aspects of daily life at the Erickson Senior Living community in Silver Spring, Md. Known as Riderwood TV, the station supports resident-driven programming with the help of more than 20 dedicated resident volunteers and three full-time staff members.

"Riderwood TV is more than just information," says Christopher Taydus, manager of Riderwood TV. "We are also an outlet for creativity, as we showcase the wealth of talent and experience of our community members. Our residents are involved in all stages of program creation, from conception to production."

At the heart of Riderwood TV's program lineup is the live morning news show, Riderwood *in Focus*. The show is produced Monday through Friday and airs multiple times each day and on weekends. The program features a variety of guests, including Riderwood staff members, local and regional politicians, experts in the fields of safety and education, health and fitness professionals, media representatives, and residents with unique talents or stories they wish to share with the community.

Wide range of programming

Riderwood in Focus is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the station's programming.

"The sky's the limit," says Taydus. "We cover everything and anything having to do with daily life at Riderwood. We film and air live events, lecture series, campus performances, recreations of favorite game shows, and even a trivia show."

In addition to airing live, most Riderwood TV original programming can be seen ondemand on Vimeo at RiderwoodTV.com.

To ensure that Riderwood TV meets the needs of the whole community, a second station, channel 974, airs daily exercise classes-including stretching and yoga, chair Pilates, and silver sneakers-and all of Riderwood's on-site religious services.

"As a team, we get out into the community and capture the wonderful events and activities happening every day," says Taydus.

Taydus joined Riderwood



Members of Riderwood TV

TV as manager five years ago, following nine years at the television studio at Oak Crest, an Erickson Senior Living community in Parkville, Md.

"I love my job because I am able to take part in all the different aspects of television production," he says. "When I finished college, I thought the position would provide me with the flexibility to figure out which side of the field I enjoyed most. Instead, I fell in love with our residents. This is such a unique job and it's the best. My favorite part is teaching our volunteers new skills, whether it's how to conduct an on-camera interview or how to operate a camera."

Valuable volunteers

And it's the unwavering dedication of Taydus' team of volunteers, who provide numerous hours of service, to meet the needs of the station's 3,000plus daily viewers. These volunteers coordinate audiovisual requests, support lighting and sound needs, operate cameras, and serve as hosts and guest speakers.

"Our volunteers are the heart and soul of programming," says Taydus. "Almost no one arrives with any experience in television technology, yet everyone is eager to learn something new and help our station run in a variety of ways."

Community member Shirley Dearfield had never worked at a television studio before walking through the doors of the Riderwood television station in 2009.

"I was the newly elected chair of the Resident Advisory Council (RAC), and in that role, I appeared on the station to inform residents of what was going on with the RAC. From there, I was asked if I would be interested in serving as a television host. I jumped right in."

Thirteen years later, Shirley is glad she did.

"I enjoy working at the sta-

tion very much," she says. "For something I had no experience in, I am very comfortable now. I currently host a number of programs, including a monthly interview with Executive Director Gary Hibbs and interviews with Riderwood's new hires. I've met so many wonderful, interesting people in my role as a host."

Community member Levern Allen also hosts a variety of Riderwood TV programming. "I've been hosting since 2004 and I enjoy it very much," she says. "Sometimes I interview residents and sometimes I interview people outside of Riderwood. I once had the pleasure of interviewing Burg Turner who, as a youth, worked for and learned from W.E.B. Du Bois."

Powerful partnership

In addition to television programming, Taydus serves as editor-in-chief for The Riderwood Reporter newspaper, a collaborative publication between residents and staff.

"Not long after arriving at Riderwood, I recognized the beneficial partnership between the two vehicles of communication," he says. "We now work hand-in-hand to provide and support information for our residents. Often, a story leads to a program, or vice versa."

The residents who volunteer their time to support these communication efforts say their time is well spent.

"Riderwood has so much talent and experience, and as a host, I love to share it," says Levern. "I have lived here for 18 years and have seldom refused to share my gifts.'

"It is just such a pleasure spending time in the studio," says Shirley. "We tease each other and make each other laugh. I even refer to the staff members as my grandchildren. We are that close."

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leball. We have a very large group of players here. The camaraderie is great."

"I also play Wii bowling, bocce, table tennis, and even joined the softball team," Richard adds. "I'm very appreciative of the many opportunities to play a variety of sports, as well as the many other activities I can choose from every day. That's the thing about Riderwood-there are so many activities and resources. There are outlets for every individual."

Wellness specialists

The Riderwood medical center represents another facet of wellness options available to residents. The medical center, staffed with physicians who have dedicated their lives to senior health, is available for same-day appointments. All appointments are scheduled for 30 minutes, giving doctors a chance to really get to know their patients. The result is an integrated approach to health care that leads to optimal outcomes for residents.

Lynne Diggs, M.D., director of Riderwood's medical center, says that she and her colleagues provide full primary care, as well as limited specialty services like cardiology, uroGYN, hematology, dermatology, gastroenterology, and podiatry. The community also has an on-site phlebotomy lab and offers a range of vaccinations.

"To have full-time specialists here, caring for residents seven days a week, is a great benefit for

our community," says Diggs. "We have the ability to follow residents through their various levels of care-if need-be-including independent living, memory care, assisted living, short-term rehabilitation, and long-term care."

Riderwood residents are welcome to keep their current primary care physicians and still utilize the center for flu shots, strep tests, and urgent care options.

At the soul of the matter

At Riderwood, well-being encompasses three key components of life: physical fitness, socialization, and access to premium health care. Rounding out the range of wellness offerings, Riderwood's pastoral ministries staff helps foster spiritual wellness by creating opportunities for worship within 20 different faith and spiritual traditions. Each religious and spiritual gathering welcomes people of all faiths.

Each week, a variety of faith-based groups provides services for residents as well as their family and friends.

In addition to religious services, Riderwood community members also appreciate opportunities to connect with their spiritual side through a variety of mind-body classes such as yoga and tai chi.

As they embrace the New Year, Riderwood community members have the support to make personal wellness their number one goal. And thanks to the worry-free lifestyle, residents have time to explore the opportunities that will help.

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AREA EVENTS

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LAUREL SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

- 1. The LSFC will meet on Wed., Mar. 9 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting room doors open at 9:30 a.m. We will have a business meeting and musi-
- 2. Bingo is scheduled to resume on Tue., Mar. 1 at 12 noon (doors open at 11 a.m.); no admission fee.
- 3. SAVE THE DATE! Indoor Yard Sale in the Great Hall on Sat., May 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tables are \$25 each; no admission fee.
- 4. Interested people can contact the LSFC office for more details on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30

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KID'S DISCOVERY CENTER

New themes are presented monthly to engage kids (ages 3 - 8) and adults in nature-related fun. FREE tickets can be picked up at the Information Desk in the Visitor Center lobby, Tue. - Sat. Timed entry is on the hour from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., and advanced reservations are recommended due to limited spaces. Call our front desk at 301.497.5760 to reserve a 35-minute time slot for you and your child. NOTE: Parents are required to work with their child at each of the parent-lead activities. The themes for the next three months are:

March: What's the difference between FROGS and TOADS? Discover the answer to this question while completing exciting hands-on activities and crafts. Learn about 13 different frogs and toads that can be found outside here, then go on a family hike and search for some of them! April: What does MILKWEED have that

other spring plants don't have? Come find the answer to this question, and pick up your FREE milkweed seeds at our Gift Shop after your Discovery Center adventures!

May: BEE EXCITED! Learn about our super pollinators, the bees, while making fun crafts and completing educational games. Our parent-lead activities are designed to help little ones (and big ones!) feel more at ease around these most important insects.

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our scouts earned their rank this year! We are still being cautious, we meet weekly (either virtually or in person in the outdoors), stay

arm's length apart and we keep it fun! Our active den leaders are 100% vaccinated and most of our scouts too!

Jason's Jive By Jason Inanga

Happy New Year! Let me get straight into it. From March, I am going to start a slight change to this column and will feature very brief interviews with people of interest. Just to add to your Jive experience. I won't say too much about this but will say that it will be interesting.

Recently, in Dallas, Texas, we had snow. Was an interesting experience. It rained the day before and many places closed early, as the low temperatures caused the roads to be slippery and icy, and out here, the roads are not treated as good as they do in Maryland. People wanted to get home early. The next day we had the snowfall, and the roads were empty. People for the most part stayed home. Texan have grown to respect the weather, ever since the February 2021 snow experience.

As I write, we are getting ready for another bout of snow weather and panic buying has begun. Macaroni seems to be the new product. It is not uncommon to see the shelves empty in places like Walmart.

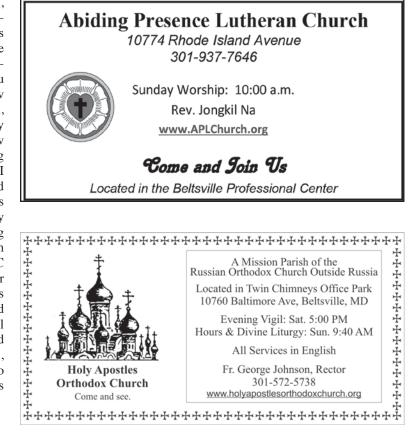
This month I had a great challenge – driving for 40 minutes with a drunk passenger, just after the Superbowl. Had the time of my life, using my people skill to stay sane, while he babbled on about football, raising teenage children and then not driving after drinking, He was proud to share that he had 3 DWI or is it DUI. Folk PLEASE, do not drink and drive. It is not safe and also not fair to others, including your family and loved ones. That drink of alcohol may cost ten dollars or less, but the damage from the effect of that, could easily run into hundreds of dollars.

Still on ride share experiences, I recently met a young unassuming man. He was en route to the airport, with Las Vegas as his destination In a brief conversation, it turned out he's a Country Musician, Austin Tolliver. Please look him up on Youtube – he is good. If you care to comment on his videos, kindly let him know you first read about him here. I plan to feature him in a brief interview in the coming months. Interestingly his manager is from Baltimore, Maryland.

This is going to be a short one, but from March, look for some real interesting information. Will be a nice mix . Hopefully I can get to visit Beltsville this summer, now the Cicadas are gone. I definitely was not going to mess with those insects last year, after hearing stories and seeing pictures of them.

Happy 50th birthday to my dear wife of over, 21 years, Vincentia Inanga. She is a February baby. She is a gem to have put up with me all these years, lol. We are blessed with three wonderful children and now they are all teenagers, it is even more fun, spending time with them, having conversations on global issues among other things. Spend time with your children and grandchildren and talk with them and you will be amazed at what they know - current affairs, sports, religion, economics and more. Had the joy of teaching my oldest son how to drive and now I am fighting to face reality that next month, I started teaching my 16-year-old daughter how to drive. Where has time gone? Just the other day they were babies. I remember driving home in the car with them from Sibley Memorial Hospital in DC to Beltsville. I remember the fear on my face when my wife was in labor with our first child, and I could not bear to see her in all that labor pain. Let us love and appreciate our wives and mothers, as for sure I know men cannot go through such experiences. That's the Jive - see you next month.

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Retire the Resume

By Dr. Kandis Boyd

The Great Resignation is the new term coined to the thousands of Americans who are quitting their jobs in pursuit of their passion. People are leaving for a multitude of reasons - I hate my boss, they don't respect me, they are trying to push me out, my job perceives me as old, I don't feel attached to a company, and the list goes on and on. In short, companies have failed to retain key employees because of a lack of retention tactics focused on providing the employee with the tools to succeed;

- 1. Training providing resources to ensure employees have ongoing professional training
- 2. Flexibility providing remote work, telework, and hybrid work environments as well as flexible start and end times
- 3. Appreciation recognizing individuals for both little and big accomplishments
- 4. Company culture developing an equitable and inclusive environment that recognizes everyone's contributions
- 5. Salary providing wages and benefits that are competitive in the industry
- 6. Promotion potential providing the ability to provide

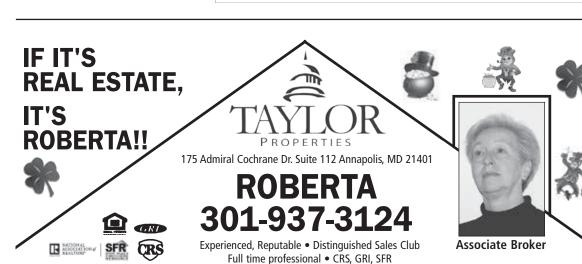
upward mobility

 Work-life balance - enable workers to have time off to address personal issues

Every job field has been affected by the great resignation, but especially skill sets which can be executed in a remote setting thanks to the use of modern technology. As a result, companies have had to pivot to rely on recruiters to find qualified applicants as well as adopt faster application processes to address gaps in the workforce. Which begs the question - are resumes still relevant?

Recruiters and experts have expressed that resumes are bad for business because they are an inflated and false sense of reality, and resumes only highlight your professional achievements. The reality is, all of us have had failures, but that never appears on a resume. In addition, one's personal life shapes their professional life, but you rarely hear about how life's challenges (marriage, divorce, relocation, illness, death, births, etc) have made you a better person. Most standard resumes are two pages in length, but for the aforementioned reasons they can falsely represent someone who is full of potential in real life, but not on paper. Resumes miss a person's

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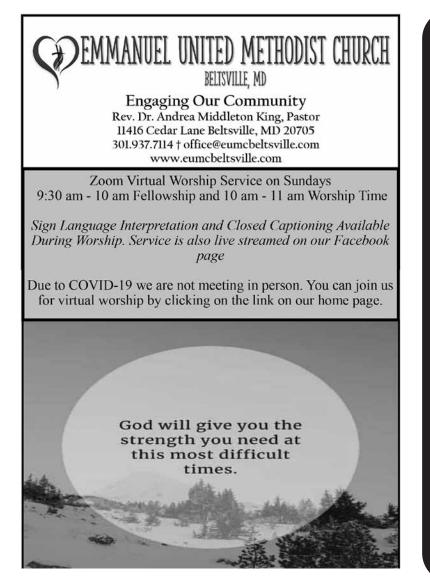
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passion, motivation, struggles, and failures, how one has overcome obstacles, and if someone is willing to face their fears. Therefore, a two-page summary of one's professional life does not provide the true context and background of the person.

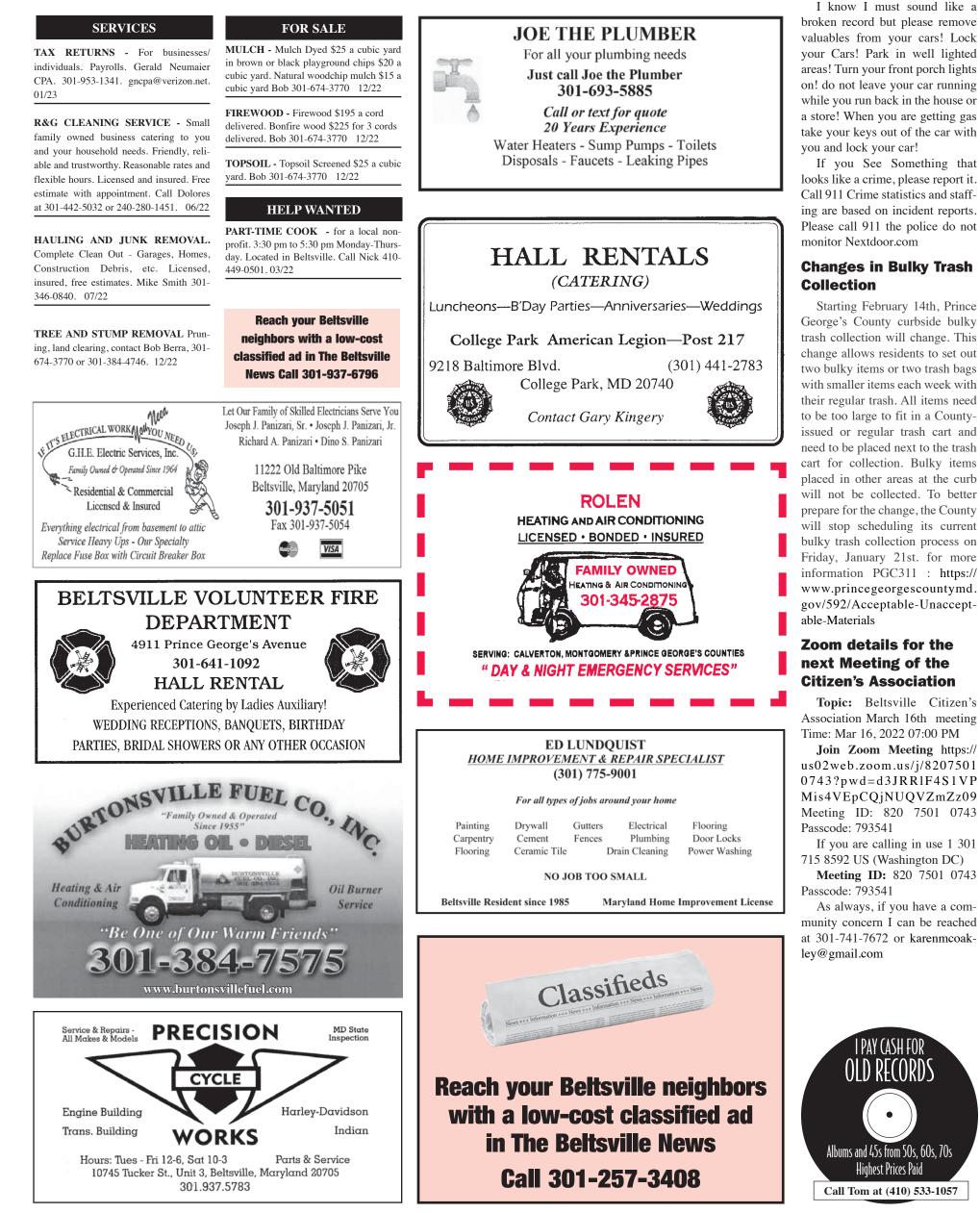
A resume can serve as a writing sample and highlight what you can convey in a work setting. However, some argue that resumes are irrelevant because it does not help the selecting official understand if you will be a good fit for the company culture. A job is more than just executing duties, it's interacting with people, showing creativity, working toward deadlines, building relationships, and ensuring the company's success. All of these items are not found in a 2-page resume. Some key aspects of the resume include;

- 1. Contact Information
- 2. Career Objective(s)
- 3. Positions (paid and volunteer) listed in chronological order
- 4. Education
- 5. Certifications6. Awards/Accolades
- 7. Position-specific information (as defined in the job description)

While there is no one format for a resume, a resume can be overlooked if it includes an unclear objective, omits vital details, is formatted poorly or repeats information several times throughout the document. In addition, quantifiable results matter. Resumes that lack descriptive adjectives, adverbs, and accomplishments throughout the document are often overlooked. To that point, a resume should read like a story with an engaging beginning, middle, and end for each key point. Especially for mid-career and late-career employees, verifiable and quantifiable results highlight your ability to accomplish the goal for the benefit of the company. However, a resume can also have negative consequences, such as implicit bias, where people will negatively judge you because of biases related to gender, age, geographic location, education, and job experience.

In summary, resumes are nothing but pieces of paper that speak about the past but do not speak about the future. A resume is intended to show exceptional ability and the desire to obtain a specific position. However, the great restructuring of work will basically change the way companies hire individuals and hopefully for the better. Resumes are bad for business because it creates a transactional exchange between people and businesses and often omits key information regarding a person's character, personality, and life experiences. Companies need to employ flexibility to get the best talent, and in some cases, this may mean placing less weight on the resume.

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