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Community Field Day at First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church of Beltsville, 4700 Odell Road, will be holding a community field day on May 11 from 12-4 pm. All activities are free. If you have any questions, please contact the church at 301.937.7771 or email it at churchoffice@fbchbeltsville.org.

Central Maryland Chorale Celebrates 50th Year with Brahms’ Requiem

Central Maryland Chorale will celebrate its 50th anniversary on May 19 with a concert of Ein Deutsches Requiem by Johannes Brahms, the first piece ever performed by the group. The Chorale will also present the world premiere of The Gift to Sing by Daniel Lewis with words from the poem by James Weldon Johnson specially commissioned for this celebratory occasion.

Directed by Monica Otal and accompanied by Theodore Guerard and the Montgomery Philharmonic, the concert will feature guest soloists soprano Melissa Wimbish and baritone Samuel Mungo.

The Central Maryland Chorale began as the Laurel Oratorio Society, an association of choir members from local churches who gathered together to sing Brahms’ Requiem at St. Philip’s Episcopal Church in 1969. The chorale attracts singers from the Baltimore-Washington Metropolitian area who enjoy singing high masterworks as well as lighter musical fare.

The 4 pm concert will be held at The Lutheran Church of Saint Andrew, 15300 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD. Tickets are $20 general admission, $15 for students/seniors. For more information, call 240.478.7952, or see www.centralmarylandchorale@gmail.com.

Multi-Family Community Yard Sale

Get a jump on spring-cleaning by clearing out your closets and turning the contents into cash at the Beltsville Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 11 from 8 am to 2 pm at the Beltsville Community Center. Multi-Family is a great sale for local families to sell their items while supporting the community. Join us and take part in this exciting event.

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Cub Pack 1031 Is Springing Towards the Summer

Cub Pack 1031 is out and about this month completing scouts’ requirements and doing friendly service!

We worked hard at the Beltsville Academy on April 6 with the BA PTO, weeding and laying down mulch. Thanks to Chris Brown, who headed up the project.

We also worked with the Ana-costia Watershed Society on April 13 at its Earth Day cleanup along the Little Paint Branch Trail and around the Beltsville Community Center. Many thanks to the Explorers who came out with a HUGE crew to clean up bottles, cans and water bottles, and other trash left around “Old Rec.”

Wonderful kudos to other members of the community who showed up to help from around the area, including folks from College Park and Glenn Dale! Overall 17 bags of recyclables—glass, plastic bottles and cans—were collected. This was the AWS Focus this year. Also collected were 27 bags of trash, 3 tires, 2 gas cans, a big cylinder, and a toilet. Remember not disposing of trash in the park is illegal.

The scouts have been working hard completing their required advancements. Our Arrow Den will be bridging over to Boy Scouts on Monday, April 29, at the fire pit at Beltsville Community Center. The rest of the pack will be working through May to complete requirements for the year.

Look for the pack at Beltsville Day, May 19, if you are interested in joining us this summer. We are a family pack open to boys and girls grades K to 5. (Kindergarten-ers join in September.) The pack has activities including camping, hiking, our annual Pinewood Derby and campfires. We also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy drive, and Scouting for Food. Along the way, we learn responsibility, learn citizenship, play games, and have tons of fun. If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts with your child, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031CubScouting@gmail.com for more information.

Children enjoying playing soccer at Beltsville Day!

Beltsville Day Is Back! Come Celebrate with the Community!

Spring is here, plants are blooming, and the sun is shining, which means one thing for Beltsville…it’s time for the annual Beltsville Day Celebration! Beltsville Day will take place this year on Sunday, May 19, from 12 pm—4 pm at the Beltsville Recreation Center located at 3900 Sellman Road.

Beltsville Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the community and state agencies are sharing valuable information on this community website.

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Free Little Library

The board of directors and employees of Montpelier Village Condominiums are offering the first “Free Little Library” in Beltsville. It is located in the Montpelier Village complex (located on Romlon Street) and is open for all to use. You can take a book, share the book with others, or leave a book if you wish. There are books that span numerous genres including children and teens, novels, cookbooks, sports, and many more. Books may change daily, so stop by often. All of the books offered are free. Happy Reading! You can find out more at littlefreelibrary.org.

The board of directors and employees of Montpelier Village Condominiums pose in front of the “Free Little Library.”

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On the Agenda

By President Karen M. Coakley

The Citizens Association will meet on Wednesday, May 15, at 7 pm at Beltsville Academy. The Nazario Company will give a presentation on its proposed storage unit complex on Powder Mill Road between Route 1 and Edmonston Road. The property is in an industrial zone that allows this type of use. I encourage the residents of the Indian Creek townhome community to attend because this project is directly behind their community.

If you have a community concern that you would like to discuss, please let me know by May 10. I can be reached at 301.937.3490 or karenmcnally@msn.com.

Coffee with Cops will take place at the Calverton McDon ald’s on May 15 at 11 am. Join us for a discussion with Community Police Officer Fraser.

Have you signed up for www.nextdoor.com? A variety of county and state agencies are sharing information on this community website.
You Gotta Be

By Rev. Dr. Jalene Chase

This song by Des’ree speaks to and about many women’s lives. The words share how most navigate the day. All the things that we “gotta be” simply because of who we are can be a lot. Living with purpose on purpose requires us to move forward despite, and sometimes because of, what is happening around us. The first verse and chorus read:

Listen as your day unfolds. Challenge what the future holds. Try to keep your head up to the sky. Lovers, they may cause you tears. Go ahead, release your fears. Stand up and be counted. Don’t be ashamed to cry.

You gotta be bad, you gotta be bold, you gotta be wiser, You gotta be hard, you gotta be tough, you gotta be stronger, You gotta be cool, you gotta be calm, you gotta stay together. All I know, all I know love will save the day.

I am humbled by the people who come to me to be a part of their journey through prayer. The one that stands out in my mind is a prayer request from roughly 18 years ago. I asked the single mother of 3 what she was seeking the Lord for, she responded: “Stuff.” That was all she managed to say, and she waited in expectation. God through me knew what to say back to her. I don’t remember what was said. I only remember how profound that one-word request was. We take on so many random things because we can, or others won’t; because we know how or others don’t; because someone needs to do it or we think it won’t get done. We take on things that may not be ours to take… and it’s draining us. Women (and men) this Mother’s Day, vow to know when you have had your fill of “Stuff” and give it to the God of your understanding. In the course of a day, we “gotta be” a lot of things, but superhuman is not good or realistic. If you are looking for a place to help sort it out, you can join us at Emmanuel UMC is 9 am or 11:15 am. Check out us on our webpage www.emamucombeltsville.com/groups/EUMCBeltsville/. Until next time, I leave you with this:

Wonders and weirdness unfold every day. Only Believe! Is what we are told. Is it that easy? Maybe it is or maybe it isn’t, but we can try. Embrace the new day and its opportunities in moderation. No thing or things should cause us our well-being. Amen

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the Women’s Community Club of Beltville yard sale. The yard sale will take place on Saturday June 8, at Beltville Academy, 4300 Wicomico Avenue, Beltville, from 7 am–12 pm. A $20.00 donation covers the cost of each space. Please email WCCBeltsville@gmail.com or call 301.741.7672 to receive a registration application and reserve your space. The Women’s Community Club of Beltville is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Proceeds will go towards our Beltville projects.

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Neighbours in the News

Beltsville Home to Local Winery

By Todd Reitzel

A local winery now calls Beltsville home. For over 4 years, Olney Winery has been producing its award-winning vintage at a location on Old Baltimore Pike. Founded in 2012, the company quickly outgrew its original location in Olney and then developed its Beltsville location for wine production. The Beltsville location also now includes the company’s headquarters and warehouse. “We used to make wine at our Olney location,” said Ed Jarboe, director of sales and operations, “but space limited how much we could make, and we would actually run out of wine.” The expanded location in Beltsville allows the winery to now sell wine at nearly 700 retail locations across the state.

Olney Winery also follows a unique winemaking model. Rather than use local grapes, it sources the product from suppliers and vineyards worldwide and then makes the product in Beltsville. The product comes in the form of grape juice to Beltsville, where the winemakers ferment, stabilize, filter, and bottle the wine. The production process at this location takes about 30 days, and the global sourcing model allows the winery to offer 34 different varietals. “We produce 180,000 bottles—or 36,000 gallons—annually,” says Joe McCall, the winery's president. “We are the largest self-distributing winery in the state of Maryland.”

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The company employs about 20 staff, including 3 winemakers in Beltsville. Chief winemaker Chris Lanning was trained in France and Spain, and the other 2 staff winemakers were trained by the company. The company’s retail outlet in Olney employs about 11 staff. The company also has a tasting room in Hagerstown. The Olney location offers a number of special events, including winemaking classes, fundraisers, private celebrations, Tuesday trivia nights, and live music on Fridays and Saturdays. The winery also participates in numerous regional events.

In Beltsville, the company’s wine is sold at Calverton Liquors, Maryland Farms Liquors, Old Line Fine Wine, Phil’s Sports Bar and Grill, Route 1 Liquors, and Veterans’ Liquors. To learn more about Olney Winery, visit www.olneywinery.com. To keep abreast of employment opportunities, follow the company on Facebook.

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Meet the District 1 Team

Join us for one of our upcoming community conversations on May 8 at Davis Hall in College Park, May 15 at Vansville Community Center, or June 6 at Beltsville Academy. Each conversation starts at 7 pm.

3rd Annual Earth Day Cleanup Recap

On Saturday, April 13, we partnered with the Anastasia Watershed Society for our annual Earth Day cleanup. This year, we hosted two sites: Beltsville Community Center and Gunpowder Golf Course. We would like to say a special thank you to the Police Explorers Post 600 and Cub Scout Pack 1031 for joining us. Over 50 volunteers in Beltsville collected 27 bags of trash, 17 bags of recyclables, three tires, and even a toilet!

High Point High School Update

We all can agree the revitalization of High Point High School is long overdue. I’m proud to say the county and state are finally providing the resources to make needed improvements. A quotation from Vice Chair of the Prince George’s County Board of Education Ed Burroughs speaks to this achievement: “I am pleased that High Point High School is #1 on our priority list. This would not be possible without the tireless determination of Councilmember Tom Dernoga and School Board Member David Murray. This will be a state-of-the-art facility for the entire community.” As the county council combs through the proposed FY 2020 budget, I am committed to ensuring that funding for this project remains a priority.

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1. Not slouching
6. However, poetically
9. “Poor me!”
13. Yo-Yo’s instrument
14. Read-only storage
15. Clear the chalkboard
16. Macho one
17. Gobbled up
18. Prepare for winter takeoff
19. *“2001: A Space ___”
21. *First man in space
22. Rocketman’s title
24. Green gemstone
25. Middle-earth creature
28. Dharma teacher
30. *Like space
35. Actress Gilbert
37. Heartburn relief
39. Parent, to a child
40. All over again
41. Pertaining to Os
43. Rani’s dress
44. Great reviews
46. 1,000 grams
47. Moon pull
48. *NASA’s human space-flight program
50. Major European river
52. Huxley’s choice
53. Bookie’s quote
55. Two halves
57. *Robotic space explorer
61. *Kennedy Space Center location
65. Pleasant smell
66. Be indisposed
68. “____ death do us part”
69. Manicurist’s office
70. Court
71. Underwater breathing organs
72. Benevolent fellows
73. Car nut
74. Conversation starter

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1. Acoustic phenomenon
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3. Abounding with elms
4. Teacher’s audience
5. Throat lymph node
6. Carhop’s carrier
7. *Like Venus
8. *____ Centauri or ____ Nebula
9. *____ 51
10. Bear’s den
11. Fungal spore sacs
12. “As ____ on TV”
15. Push one’s way into
20. One of the Muses
22. Internet pop-ups
24. Comfy nightwear
25. City in Japan
26. Piled up, as in debt
27. Words to live by
29. *Falcon Heavy entrepreneur
31. *Kind of frontier?
32. 21st century letter
33. Smart candy?
34. ____-and-true
36. Military no-show
38. Place for a house plant
42. Business-oriented programming language
45. *“For the Benefit of All,” e.g.
49. “____ to Joy”
51. As much as necessary
54. A southern ____
58. Instead of written
59. Part of an egg
60. Singer-songwriter Tori
61. Use a cat o’ nine tails
62. It will
63. Popular pickling herb
66. Be indisposed
67. Promise to pay

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To all of Joe's and Maria's faithful customers, we are NOT retired. Our new phone number is 301-633-4382. Please call us for your next appointment.

Revival of Swahili Village Restaurant from the “Ashes” Gets an Official Citation

The long wait is finally over for customers waiting for the return of Swahili Village restaurant in Beltsville, MD. This was confirmed by a presentation to Kevin Onyona, the chief executive officer and president, of an official citation for reopening the business by Maryland State Delegate Wanika B. Fisher supported by His Excellency Robinson Njeru Githae, the Kenyan ambassador to the United States and head of the African Ambassador Group. The re-opening dinner event on March 23, 2019, confirmed Swahili Village as a pillar of the community for representing the state of Maryland. Rising from the ashes after a fire destroyed parts of the kitchen, Swahili Village has been and hopes to continue to be the recipient of stellar reviews from the Washington DC Metropolitan area that brings together the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia (DMV).

The highly anticipated reopening kicked off with an official pre-opening ceremony dinner event on March 26, 2019. H. E. Ambassador Robinson Njeru Githae presided over the event. As mentioned, State Delegate Fisher and was joined by Mr. Martin Ezemma representing the Maryland General Assembly and Prince George’s County Economic Development Cooperation respectively and Maryland Senator James Rosepepe. Their participation is a clear indication of Swahili Village’s importance in the community.

Family and friends were invited to witness the re-ushering of Swahili Village back to the central main-stream of authentic ethnic cuisines and its place as one of the most prominent African restaurants on the east coast.

This confirms the long-standing relationship with the vast communities that rely on the bold, authentic African cuisine and hospitality services provided by Swahili Village. Local clients include the diplomatic missions based in Washington, DC, government agencies, corporate entities, religious centers, schools, and other public and private institutions. The business that developed as a family-based dining experience now caters to a discerning clientele that is looking for this unique ethnic experience set in a modern, state-of-the-art facility that still manages to capture the essence of African cuisine.

Swahili Village opened its door for business officially on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. This was followed by a grand opening event on Friday, March 29, 2019, to celebrate with Swahili Village’s clientele that have remained loyal and waited patiently for Swahili’s return since its closure in May of 2018. The March festivities continued on the next day with the annual Kenya Connect 5k run charity event that Swahili Village has been sponsoring and supporting for the last five years. The initiative raises funds to assist less privileged children in Wamunyu, Kenya. This is through various programs that include information technology, access to clean water, a reusable sanitary pad program, and enrichment programs among other initiatives also supported by Kenya Community Development Foundation. Other beneficiaries of the Swahili Village community outreach program include Beltsville Soccer Academy’s youth sports empower enterprise and St. Joseph’s Catholic School and Church’s seniors and youth community initiatives along with annual contributions to various efforts and essential community services.

This will mark a significant milestone this year for the restaurant as preparations for the 10th anniversary celebrations unfold. H. E. Ambassador Robinson Njeru Githae, the Kenyan ambassador to the US, expressed his appreciation of the cultural diplomacy Swahili Village performs in the US representing Africa.

Although the fire damage was costly, Kevin Onyona has looked on the brighter side and turned the shutdown into an opportu-
Highlights of 2019 Maryland legislative session

Last month, Delegates José-Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, Mary Lehman, and I concluded the 2019 legislative session, working to deliver higher incomes and lower costs for working families.

**Holding down health costs:**
Senior citizens, and all of us, fear health costs we can’t afford. That’s why we passed powerful new laws to:

- keep insurance prices under control
- crack down on drug price hikes
- protect people with pre-existing conditions
- expand access to low-cost health insurance
- cap out-of-pocket drug costs for UMD and state government retirees

**Reducing college tuition costs:** College costs too much. So we worked successfully to:

- expand opportunities for high students to earn college credits tuition-free
- cap next year’s tuition hikes at Maryland colleges at 2%
- boost scholarship aid to community college students in apprenticeships and other skills training

**Protecting senior citizens:** Two priorities this session were giving counties the power to cut property taxes for more homeowners age 65 and over and protecting nursing home residents who move from Medicare to Medicaid to pay their bills.

**Creating family-supporting jobs:** Good jobs at good wages. That’s what next year’s $1.085 billion state investment in school construction, transit and roads, hospitals, colleges, and environmental cleanup provides. So does the new Clean Energy Jobs law, which fights climate change by investing in solar and wind—right here in Maryland. It also funds new apprenticeships to train Marylanders for these jobs.

**Raising the minimum wage to $15:** To boost incomes for almost 600,000 Marylanders, we raised the minimum wage. Who benefits? Overwhelmingly, adults who work full time (including 1/3 who have children) and the local businesses where they will spend their bigger paychecks will gain.

**Reducing child-care costs:** To help working parents save on child care, we expanded the state child-care credit for parents with incomes up to $143,000 and increased state funding for free full-day pre-K for lower income families.

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**Cleaning up our environment:** Oysters are critical to cleaning the Chesapeake Bay. And forests and tree canopy are critical to fighting climate change. That’s why we passed new laws to protect both.

**Investing in our community:** We boosted state funds for local schools in Prince George’s by $79.2 million. We allotted $6.6 million for rebuilding Route 1 in College Park. And we passed $175.1 million for construction of the light rail Purple Line, connecting the Metro Green Line and the University of Maryland with Bethesda, New Carrollton—and New York! To fix potholes and improve local roads, we approved $10 million for Prince George’s.

We worked together on all these initiatives. New laws to help more Marylanders sign up for insurance through their tax returns, afford health insurance by holding down rates, and set up new agency for oversight of price increases of prescription drugs, sponsored by Delegate Peña-Melnyk, vice chair of the House Health Committee. Other initiatives include:

- Efforts to halt chicken manure runoff into the Chesapeake Bay and pass a strong statewide foam ban, championed by Delegate Lehman.
- Record funding for our local public schools and greater transparency and balance on the University System of Maryland Board of Regents, led by Delegate Barnes.
- Repair to potholes on state roads caused by climate change, championed by Senator Rosapepe.

Join us at Beltsville Day — Sunday, May 19

The delegates and I are always there to chat with local residents—and celebrate Beltsville. If you’ve never come, start this year! There are games for kids, music, food, great fellowship, and much more. Stop by the 21st District Delegation’s table where we’ll have free maps, guides to festivals and other fun events around Maryland, and info on how to solve problems.

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music did not rub off well on me.
I had the best of piano teachers:
there was my first teacher, a Brit-
ish lady, and then I was handed
over to Mrs. Modder, a Sri Lank-
ian pianist. Then my mother took
over, and that is where things fell
apart between us. I had to practice
to her satisfaction daily. The stub-
born genes in us clashed often, and
in 1982, Mum gave me the option
to play the piano or not, for the
sake of peace, and in less than five
seconds I was free from my piano
mystery. I look back and have my
share of regrets. I wish I could
still play. I got real close to play-
ing the piano again in 1989 when
I formed a singing group, Hearts
and Voices, and I had to teach the
songs until we found a pianist.
I have three siblings, and they
all play the piano and other instru-
ments. My brother, Glen Inanga, is
a classical music concert pianist.
A quick search on Google or You-
Tube will pop up his details. My
youngest brother plays the piano
but is more of a trumpeter. My
only sister is also a pianist. My
dad doesn’t play the piano, so I
guess my opting out of piano play-
ing was to join him on the sideline.
Fast forward to 2019. My three
children play the piano, and I am
glad that they love it. They still
cause me and show me the page
from the piano lesson book where
I stopped playing.

So coming back to jazz music
and classical music, now I am
much older than I used to be, I
now find myself playing jazz and
classical music and actually enjoy-
ing it.

The JT Project—“Overdrive”:
that is one lovely tune I cannot get
enough of. I have attached a link
for you to hear the masterpiece
of theirs: https://youtu.be/vqulx-
VMO4Y.
In last month’s edition, I introduced you to hometown inspiration Dior Ginyard to highlight the importance of playing sports. In case you missed the article, you can access it online at www.beltsvillenewstoday.com. I want to introduce you now to another local hero, Bryan Addis. Addis grew up in Beltsville playing baseball for the Beltsville-Adelphi Boys and Girls Club. He then played baseball for High Point High School where in 1990 his team was a state finalist in the Maryland 4A Baseball State Championship Tournament. His time playing for the Boys and Girls Club helped him develop a strong work ethic as well as teamwork, perseverance, and leadership skills that would formatively shape his future endeavors. While in college, Addis started volunteering for the Beltsville Fire Department. The skills he obtained during his youth along with firefighting training allowed him at the age of 21 to save a small boy from a townhouse fire in California. Addis was on his way to a wedding reception when he noticed the fire, and when he entered the home, the child was hiding in fear. In 1998, Addis graduated from the Prince George’s County Police Academy. Early in his career as a police officer, Addis prevented a man from jumping off a bridge into oncoming traffic. Currently, he is known in the community as Major Addis, serving as Commander of District 6 (Beltsville, Calverton, and the unincorporated parts of Greenbelt and Laurel). Knowing the life skills gained from playing sports as a youth, Addis encouraged his own twin sons to play sports starting at an early age, and they continue to do so now as juniors in high school.

T-ball, baseball, and flag football have been hard at practice. Games started the last weekend in April and will continue throughout most of June. In next month’s edition, I will report on the mid-season team standings as well as share some photos. Unfortunately, we did not have enough players registered or coaching staff to offer soccer this season. Anyone interested in helping bring back soccer for the fall should contact Club Athletic Director Rian Jackson at jackson_rian@hotmail.com or 301.693.6395 with any questions, suggestions, or coaching inquiries.

**GO BULLS!!! AND JOIN THE STAMPEDE!!!**
May—Poppy Month—The Month of Remembrance

By Ivy Christoffers

Yes, May is the month when the American Legion Auxiliary pays homage to all the men and women who served in the armed forces and gave their all so we could live in freedom. We will be out and about in the public forum distributing small, red crepe paper poppies that have been assembled by disabled veterans. We ask the public to wear a flower to show their support and gratitude to these brave soldiers who gave their lives for us. The American Legion Post and Unit # 217 will be participating once again in the College Park observance of Memorial Day. We will assemble on the corner of Greenbelt Road and Route 1 at the Memorial Day to pay our respects and lay wreaths, after which we reassemble at the Legion Post Home for lunch. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

We have a Southern Maryland District winner in our Americanism Essay contest again this year. The students at Holy Redeemer School do a great job writing essays. The winning students on the district level will be attending our April 28 Southern Maryland District meeting to read their essays and receive their certificates and monetary awards. Their parents and teachers, as well as the principal of Holy Redeemer, will also attend.

Coming up on June 8 is a BIG yard sale at College Park American Legion Post # 217. This is a great opportunity to clean out your home, pass your treasures on to someone else, and make some money while doing it. Table space or tables are available for $20 each. Call Tim at 301.935.5308 or Ivy at 301.420.9580 for reservations of space.

Bingo is still held on Tuesday and Wednesday at noon and the Friday night dinner/dances every week to live bands.

Give Gary Kingery a call to discuss your special event at 301.441.2783.

Let’s keep our military in mind and pray for their safe return as we seek God’s continued blessings on them and this great land, America.

Beltsville Garden Club Plant Sale

The Beltsville Garden Club plant sale with be held in the High Point High School parking lot on Saturday, May 11, from 8–11 am. Don’t miss this sale of quality plants grown by our members. There will be houseplants, native plants, perennials, annuals, trees, and shrubs as well as many unusual and hard-to-find varieties, all at great prices. The sale starts promptly at 8 am, and plants sell quickly. The garden club will also feature plants grown in the Duckworth School greenhouse. All profits go to support school programs. Happy Gardening!

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

Everyone had a good time at the anniversary potluck luncheon on April 18. There was a lot of good food made by members. We also had door prizes, raffles, and fifty-fifty. Ellen Kidwell is our new treasurer.

The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society

The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society will meet on Wednesday, May 1, at 7 pm at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton, MD 20784. Parking is free. The speaker will be Charles S. “Chuck” Mason, Jr., certified genealogist. Chuck’s talk will be titled Keeping the Family Secrets. The Genealogical Society meetings are free and open to the public. It welcomes all visitors and new members. Check out its web site at http://pgcgs.org/.

The Adventurers Club of the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church were paid a visit by members of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department on Sunday, April 7. Some of the children of the club were given a safety presentation paid a visit by members of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department on Sunday, April 7. Some of the children of the club were given a safety presentation. Photo by Jason Inanga.
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AMERICAN LEGION HALL — SAVE THE DATE
The American Legion yard sale will take place on Sat., June 8 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Address: 9218 Baltimore Ave., College Park. Rent space for $20 for your own 6-ft. table or a 6-tall table can be provided at no extra cost. Call Tina at 301.935.5388 or try at 240.421.9580.

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Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operations, especially during holidays and inclement weather.

**ORCHID DIAGNOSTIC & REPORTING CLINICS**
Tentatively planned for two weekends: Sat. and Sun., May 11, May 12, and Sun. and Sat., May 25 and 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. These are the last Behnke’s orchid clinics, so if you have questions about orchids, now is the time to ask. Free advice. Orchids can be repotted for a fee.

**BELTSVILLE LIBRARY**
The library will be closed on Mon., May 27 for Memorial Day. Address: 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed on Sunday and selected major holidays. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the center regarding events for May.

**BELTSVILLE YOUNG AT HEART CLUB**
Join us at the Beltsville Young at Heart Club on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:15 a.m. Members must be at least 55 years old. Visit us three times and become a member. We have speakers, entertainment, trips, 50/50, bingo, plus light refreshments. Questions? Call lois at 301.498.9736.

**WOMEN’S CLUB**
Thur., May 9 at 7 p.m. The club meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, except for July, August, and February.

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Community Day at James E. Duckworth

By Jason Inanga

On Saturday, April 6, the James E. Duckworth Regional Center hosted its Second Annual Community Day on its premises. The day was supported by a few local businesses and other friends. It was a very warm day, which also helped to bring out lots of people. The event provided an opportunity for the students of the school to share fun activities with the community. Apart from the display stalls, there was a bouncing castle, train rides, and pony rides among other things. Two Star Wars characters added to the fun at the event for attendees. The characters were provided by the 501st Legion of the Old-Line Garrison (Maryland/DC Chapter). The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission also had its mascot interact with those in attendance.

The principal of the school, Yolanda Cosby said, “The community day is an opportunity for the students to invite their siblings and community to the school. We have more vendors this year, and we are happy about that.” The principal indicated that the school serves the areas of Greenbelt, Hyattsville, and Mount Rainier, so next year, it is hoped that more businesses and residents of the catchment area of the school will participate.

Senator Rosapepe was present, and in a brief comment to The Beltsville News, he expressed excitement about the event. “[James] Duckworth has always been an important part of the community for many years, and we are just happy to have them here. This is a terrific event on a beautiful day.”

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) of the school played a very active role during the course of the community day. Represented by Treasurer Jane Watkins and supported by friends, the PTO used the event to push its annual fundraiser, which helps to provide extra things for the students. “We are able to provide $25 for monthly activities like field trips and fun things for the students. The teachers and children might go shopping in local grocery stores, so they get the experience of interacting with others. The fundraiser also empowers us [PTO] to have monetary support for the staff.” She is in her 12th year as treasurer. The fundraiser was a mega raffle. The school authorities are hopeful that, in 2020, the event will be larger and will have even greater support from the local community and that even more vendors will be present.

Special Olympics Challenge Day at Duckworth

By Ted Ladd

Pictures by Jason Inanga.

The annual Special Olympics Challenge Day was held at the James E. Duckworth Regional School on Saturday, April 12, 2019, from 9 am to 1 pm. The mission of Special Olympics Challenge Day, citing from the program, is to provide intensive, systematic motor training for all individuals with multiple and/or severe disabilities.

The event was sponsored by the Apartment & Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA), and dozens of volunteers wearing green T-shirts bearing the abbreviation AOBA were seen actively aiding in the games, setting up equipment, and helping in other ways. The opening ceremonies kicked off at 9 am in the school’s auditorium when Principal Yolanda Cosby led a procession of student-athletes as the band of Buck Lodge Middle School provided martial music. Cosby welcomed all attendees. The Color Guard of the JROTC of Atholton High School presented the colors, and all attendees participated in}

“From the Ground Up”

Please join the Beltsville Garden Club at the James Duckworth School, 1120 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD, on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at 7:30 pm, for speaker Jim Dronenburg’s presentation From the Ground Up.

Jim Dronenburg and Dan Weil moved to an 1840’s farmhouse overlooking the Potomac in 1991. The acre-plus property had exactly seven trees and nine shrubs—the rest was mowed. The soil had all gone back to sheer clay. This is the story of creating a garden (and incidentally doubling the size of the house)—from the ground up. Jim does the work; Dan takes the pictures.

Jim Dronenburg got the gardening bug as a teenager when he hired out as garden help. Through nine years in the Navy (on Army and Air Force bases), he left gardens behind him in California, Texas, and Korea, and then came back to the University of Maryland. Although he has no professional qualifications (his degree was accounting), he started working for Behnke Nurseries in 1987 and continued on and off for over twenty years as one of their perennial experts. He now works in season at Merrifield, books speakers both for the Four Seasons Garden Club and the Potomac

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Jim Dronenburg playing the Irish harp.

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the pledge of allegiance and the national anthem.

As the first order of business, Gerald Phillips was called to the stage to receive the Charles E. Castle, Jr., Award for exemplary service to the James E. Duckworth Regional School. Phillips was pleasantly surprised.

Head Coach Anthony Curtis declared the games open, immediately after the torch lighting by 2019 graduating students Joshua Ferguson, Jocelyn Melara, Kimberly Melara, Brandon Saravia, and Malika Valentin.

Student-athletes then became involved in doing their very best in the games, including shuffleboard, bowling, basketball, and ring hockey. As an athlete succeeded in achieving a goal, dozens of attentive spectators roared with approval and applause.

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