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Beltsville Briefs

Holiday Festivities in Beltsville

On Dec. 15 at 7:30 pm, the Greenbelt Concert Band returns to Beltsville for the annual Holiday Concert at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Rd. Admission is free and everyone attending will receive a ticket for a door prize. During intermission, the winners of the Beltsville Holiday Home Decorating Contest will be announced. If you think you have the most festive home in Beltsville, enter the contest online at <http://beltsvillerecouncil.homestead.com/Holiday-Decorating-Contest.html> or stop by the Beltsville Community Center for a registration form. Judging begins on Dec. 8th. Winners in each of the three categories will received \$100. Contact the Beltsville Recreation Council for more information at 301.937.6613.

Christmas Cantata at First Baptist Beltsville

The First Baptist Church of Beltsville Choir (4700 Odell Road) will present the musical, 'What a Glorious Night' on Sun., Dec. 21, at 6 pm. Come hear the Christmas Story come to life. We look forward to seeing you there!

Santa Tour 2014

Santa Claus has confirmed his route with the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department! Santa will begin his routes around 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Santa wanted to pass on a few tips so his trip to Beltsville can be enjoyable for everyone involved.

- If you meet Santa at the intersections listed below on the schedule, he will be able to meet more children and see more of Beltsville.
- Always use caution when visiting Santa. Please pay attention to the fire apparatus and stay out of the street.
- Sometimes Santa runs behind schedule by a couple of minutes, so be patient. He will follow the schedule as close as possible.
- Have Fun and make sure

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Neighborhood Watch is Reinstated

By Angela Surratt

The residents in the Beltsville Heights community have been affected by recent B&E's (breaking and entering) on their property. Several people in automobiles exceed the speed limit on the streets and do not obey traffic stop signs. These issues raise concerns for our safety and we need more PG County Police presence in our neighborhood.

We are starting our Beltsville Neighborhood Watch program again. On Wed. Oct. 22, we had the First Beltsville Heights Community Neighborhood March with PG County Police Officers from Beltsville Station, attending and escorting us through our



Members of the Beltsville Community and PG county police tour the neighborhood.

neighborhood. I am trying to contact and coordinate our residents to meet up with each other and

watch out for each other and dial '911' to report any suspicious activity in our neighborhood.

Scouting News

Scouting for Food Collection a Success!

By Gary Bauman, Assistant Scoutmaster

The Boy Scouts from Troop 1033 and Cub Scouts from Pack 1031 of the Beltsville area collected 1547 cans and non-perishable food items totaling 1560 pounds. That's almost a ton of food. The Scouts distributed 4000

bags to Beltsville residents on Sun. Nov. 4th and picked up the food on Sat., Nov. 8th. All of the food was donated to the food pantries at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Emmanuel United Methodist Church, the sponsoring organization of Boy Scout Troop 1033. The scouts and parents con-

tributed over 400 volunteer hours to distribute the bags and pick up the food. Great job Scouts! They would like to especially thank the people of Beltsville for contributing the food. I'm sure that the needy in the area will enjoy the fruits of our labor during the upcoming holiday season.

Cub Scout Pack 1031 is Camping and Exploring Our World

By Regina Halper

Cub Pack 1031 is having great fun working on our advancements. The Webelos have been camping, the Tigers are having a great time working on a family scrapbook and are planning to go to a Television Studio. The Tigers and their parents did a fantas-

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Canned goods collected by the Scouts with the help of their parents.

St Joseph's School 5k and 1 Mile Fun Run

St Joseph's Regional Catholic School held their second annual 5k race and fun run on Saturday morning Nov. 8. The weather was cool but fair and the fall colors were stunning for the runners on the 5k course that passed through the community center and adjoining park. The sponsors for the race included Waldorf Ford and Dodge, Dental Health Associates, Pongos Interactive, and RJ&T Realty and Investments LLC,



From left to right: Cpl. Beasock, Cpl. Smith, Monsignor Karl Chimiak, POFC. Hamilton, POFC. Wilson. Photo by Austin Conaty

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Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

Enjoy the Holidays spending time with Family & Friends. The Citizen's Association will not meet in December.

Holiday Shopper Safety Tips from the District 6 Police COPS Unit

- Be aware of your surroundings. Look for suspicious persons, etc. when you are in any area.
- Remember where you parked your car. While this may sound elementary, many shopping areas are spread out over large areas. Being unable to locate a car can cause you undue confusion and stress that may present you as a better target to a criminal.
- If shopping late in the day or after dark, park in an area that is well lighted. Keep in mind, if you are shopping at a mall, the time the store closes from which you enter the mall, as some stores close earlier than others. This may keep you from having to walk unnecessary

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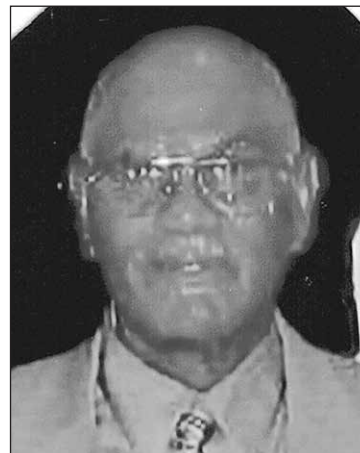
Donald P. Conway Inducted into Senior Citizen's Hall of Fame

Beltsville Resident Donald P. Conway was inducted into the 27th Annual Maryland Senior Citizen's Hall of Fame for 2014! Mr. Conway began volunteering as a playground leader in Washington D. C. in 1963. He went on to a career as a teacher where he oversaw a series of projects such as helping the safety patrols, serving as the faculty representative to the teachers association, helping students form a stamp club, aiding special groups with dance and gymnastics activities and the development and planning of programs for Black History Month.

Mr. Conway found time to help out in his community, Calverton, as well. He was a sports clinic instructor for boys baseball and girls softball. With the help of his son he worked with the Indian guides. He was the block contact person for Cancer, Diabetes, the American Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations.

Donald loves to collect stamps. This passion led to his becoming the District Director of the Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections. He represents Maryland, Delaware and D.C. in this capacity.

There's a good chance that if you ever cross paths with the Happy Wanderer's Walking Club you



Donald P. Conway

will see him out front as the trail master. He is also the historian and photographer of the Prince George's Public School Retirees Association.

The induction ceremony and luncheon was held on Thur. Oct. 23 at Michael's 8th Ave. in Glen Burnie. Mr. Conway received a membership certificate, a lapel pin and a copy of the Blue Book which includes his picture and bio. A copy of the Blue Book is kept in the archives at Langsdale Library, University of Baltimore.

The Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame inc. is a private, all volunteer organization that has been functioning since 1987. The sole purpose of the organization

is to publicly recognize and honor each year individual senior citizens who are at least 65 years of age. Nominees must live in MD and have performed outstanding service in their communities.

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of Beltsville. The post-race celebration included plenty of music and good food including donuts provided by Raulins Bakery and Bagels from Einstein Brothers Bagels.

Prince George's Police made sure the race was run smoothly and safely with minimum disruption for the local Saturday morning drivers. Special thanks to Cpl. Beasock, Cpl. Smith, POFC. Hamilton and POFC. Wilson and for our volunteer course marshals for making it a safe race

Christmas

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Christmas
to come here

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bells are
ringing with
choirs singing,

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are baking,
gifts wrapped,
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gave us
the world's
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was born!

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you know what you want for Christmas!

Saturday December 6 2014

- James Duckworth Special Center (11201 Evans Trail)
- Blueridge @ Pocono Place
- Shenandoah @ Blueridge
- Cherry Hill Rd. (in front)
- Major Denton @ Cherry Hill Ct.
- Townley Apartments
- Cherry Mill Drive @ Cherry Tree Ct.
- Collier @ Powder Mill Rd.
- Cherryvale @ Weeping Willow
- Cherryvale @ Cherryvake Terr.

Monday December 8, 2014

- Calverton Elementary (3400 Beltsville Rd)
- Fullerton St. @ Blairmore Street
- Fullerton St. @ Ivy Ln.
- Chase Terr. @ Dunnington Rd.
- Stone Hall @ Castleleigh Rd.
- Ingleside Dr. @ Dunnington Rd.
- Greenmont @ Elkridge St.
- Chapel View Dr. @ Craiglawn Rd.
- Chapel View Dr. @ Ellicott Rd.
- Craiglawn Rd. @ Lemar St.
- Galway Dr. @ Cardoba St.
- Galway Elementary @ Galway Dr.
- Kilkenny St. @ Somerwood Dr.
- Harbour Town Dr. @ Shoal Creek Terr.
- Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Greenmount
- Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Dunnington Rd.

- Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Castle Pines Dr.
- Old Gunpowder Rd. Spur
- Bayhill Drive and River Creek
- Wednesday December 10, 2014
- Indian Creek St. @ Lime Tree Way
- Hockberry Way @ Hammett St.
- Old Baltimore Pike @ Brewer Rd.
- Brewer Rd. @ Cordwall Dr.
- Odell Rd. @ Old Baltimore Pike
- Odell Farms Ct. @ Barkwood Ct.
- Odell Rd. @ Ellington Dr.
- Lighthouse Dr. @ Ashcroft Dr.
- Clocktower Ln. @ Admiral Dr.
- Boulder Dr. @ Cap Ct.
- Boulder Dr. @ Trade Wind Terr.
- Summer Grove Dr. @ Hickory Grove Ct.
- Summer Grove Dr. @ Poplar Grove Ct.

Friday December 12, 2014

- Snowden Wood Dr. @ Loch Lynn Ct.
- Snowden Wood Dr. @ Meadow Fields Way
- Snowden Wood Dr. @ Summer-ville Ct.
- Old Muirkirk @ Muirkirk Rd.
- Old Muirkirk @ Longwood Dr.
- Longwood Dr. @ Cailen Ct.
- Longwood Dr. @ Belmar Ct.
- Stanmore Dr. @ Breyers Pl.
- Stanmore Dr. @ Blue Pond Terr.
- Sullivan Ct. @ Burdette Way
- Longwood Dr. @ Pawling Way
- Longwood Dr. @ Loughborough Pl.
- Longwood Dr. @ Blue Pointe Ave.
- Alloway Ln. @ Northhampton Dr.

- Northhampton Dr. @ Crossfield Dr.
- Gordon Ave @ Blackpool Dr.
- Gordon Ave @ Flash St.
- Franklin St. @ Flash St.
- Franklin St. @ Franklin Terr.
- Franklin St. @ Ammendale Rd.
- Ammendale Rd. @ Holly Tree
- North Lincoln @ Vergie St.

Sunday December 14, 2014

- Garove @ Hennessey Dr.
- Indigo @ Barbara Dr.
- Longhorn @ West View Ct.
- Montgomery Place @ Montgomery Ct.
- Montgomery Rd. @ Kenny St.
- Kenny St. @ 34th Place
- 35th Pl. @ Yates Rd.
- 35th Pl. @ Sarasota Pl.
- Montgomery Rd. @ Forreston Rd.
- Forreston Rd. @ Stephen Ln.
- Cedar Ln. @ Cedar Ct.
- Howard Rd. @ Home Acres Terr.
- Stoconga Dr. @ Dresden Dr.
- Sellman Rd. @ Weymouth Ave.
- Ulster Rd. @ Woodbine Rd.

Tuesday December 16, 2014

- Prince George's Ave. @ Wicom-ico Ave.
- Howard Rd. @ Queen Anne Ave.
- Rhode Island Ave. @ Garrett Rd.
- Odell Rd. @ Lexington Ave.
- Manheim Ave. @ Caroline Ave.
- Queen Anne Ave. @ Naples Ave.
- Olympia Ave. @ Carroll Ave.
- Lincoln Ave. @ Theresa St.
- Quimby Ave. @ Carroll St.
- Amelia St. @ Apex Ln.
- Chesnut Grove @ Heartwood Rd.
- Knott St. @ Wandering Oak Way

- Roby Ave @ Macon Ave
- Caverly Ave @ Caverly Pl.
- Pines St. @ Maple Pl.
- Caverly @ Greenwood Rd.
- Greenwood Rd. @ Emack Rd.

Thursday December 18, 2014

- Ammendale Way @ Long Feather Ct.
- Ammendale Way @ Clear Brooke Ct.
- Ammendale Way @ Narrow Trail Terr.
- Ammendale Way @ Horse Soldier Pl.
- Ammendale Way @ Ammendale Rd.
- Ammendale Rd. @ Hawk Ridge Ct.
- Saquoia Ln. @ Saquoia Terr.
- Saquoia Ln. @ Saquoia Pl.
- Ammendale Rd. @ Hidden Brooke Ct.

Saturday December 20, 2014

- Cedar Ln. @ Yates Rd.
- Brandon Ln. @ Francis Dr.
- Emack Rd. @ Dorset Ln.
- Montgomery Rd. @ Cedar Ln.
- Yates Rd. @ Garrett Ave.
- Howard Rd. @ Cardinal Ave.
- Brandon Rd. @ West Caroline
- Worchester Ave. @ Yucca St.
- Yucca St. @ Josephine Ave.
- Brandon Ln. @ Howard Ave.
- Montgomery Rd. @ 43rd Ave.
- Usange St. @ 45th Ave.
- Tonquil Pl. @ 44th Ave.
- Tonquil St. @ 45th Ave.
- 45th Ave. @ Samar St.
- Romlin St. @ 44th Ave.

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tic job helping with Scouting for Food!

7 older scouts and their parents went camping at Greenbelt National Park on Oct. 25-26. They earned their Whittling Chip, demonstrated how to set a campfire, went for a nature hike and cooked their meal over a fire. They visited the Ranger and learned the history of Greenbelt Park and the nature to

be found in the park.

The first 2 weekends in Nov. the pack participated in the all-important Scouting for Food Drive collecting over 587 lbs. and doing 67 hours of service which was donated to the St. Joseph's Food Pantry and the Emmanuel United Methodist Church food pantry. Both food pantries will welcome any additional donations for the upcoming holiday season.

The Wolves have made bird-

houses and learned to play Marbles. The Bears and Webelos are learning knots. They are also making catapults and electrical light boxes while working on the Engineer Activity Pin.

Are you interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts with your son? If you would like more information, contact Regina Halper through www.BeAScout.org — just put in the zip code 20705 and look for Cub Pack 1031.



Bears and Webelos work on building a lean-to campfire.

Holiday Cheer

With holiday music in the air and the festivities beginning, family and friends will be arriving before long. Now is the time to get your home looking its best for holiday entertaining. There are several things that you can do to quickly update your interiors that is sure to evoke a "WOW" from your guests. Wallpapering with a neutral tone on tone pattern or with a simple geometric design above the chair rail in the dining room will create warmth and interest. A large novelty mirror with an unusual shape will accentuate the wallpaper while brightening the room. There is still time to order new drapery panels, sheers and blinds for the windows that will give a finished look to any room. Will's Home Decorating (www.decoratmaryland.com) in Beltsville has a great selection of inexpensive in-stock wallpapers, special order wallpapers, draperies and Hunter Douglas blinds and novelty mirrors and lamps. Will's also does reupholstery and has lots of beautiful fabrics to choose from.



Michael Richards & Valerie Kabelac

Michael Richards, the owner of Will's Decorating, recommends taking a good look at your dining room, kitchen and family room chairs. You don't want your guests taking notice of stained or tattered chairs. Freshen it up with a new fabric. Six dining room chair seats only takes three to four yards of fabric. If the seat is caving in you probably just need new padding. Your chairs can look like new in no time. Will's does expert upholstery work and can do the makeover quickly. For more expert advice on what you can do to spruce up your home this holiday season call for your FREE design consultation at Will's Home Decorating with Michael.

Happy Holidays
From
Michael & Valerie

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December Happenings at Emmanuel

The season of advent is upon us and churches worldwide are gearing up to celebrate their most important holiday, Christmas. Emmanuel United Methodist Church is looking forward to celebrating this season for the first time with their new Pastor, Jacob Young. There will be several events happening during this wonderful season.

On Sun. Dec. 14 Emmanuel's two choirs, The Maranatha (Children's) and Chancel (Adult) Choirs along with their praise band will present the Christmas Cantata "The Birth of A King" at both the 9 and 11:15 services. The morning will be a beautiful celebration of the season through a variety of musical selections.

On Sat. Dec. 20 the United Methodist Men of Emmanuel have

invited an old friend, Santa Claus, to come to Emmanuel and have breakfast with children and their families. The cost of the breakfast is \$10 and per person and includes a picture with Santa Claus. If you would just like breakfast, the cost is \$7 and children under 3 eat free. Pictures with Santa for children under 3 are just \$3. You can register for this event by calling the main office (301.937.7114) or by going online and registering at <http://eumcbeltsville.com/SantaB-fast>. Breakfast begins at 9 am. The meal includes pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee.

Also on the 20th Emmanuel is having its monthly food distribu-

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Obituaries



Beatrice Donnellan

Beatrice Donnellan

Beatrice Donnellan, 83, of Beltsville, MD, peacefully passed away on Mon., Sept. 29, 2014, surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of 58 years to Denis Donnellan and a wonderful mother to her daughter Joann. Beatrice was born in Tyrone, Pennsylvania in 1930. She graduated from Tyrone High

School in 1949 where she was once voted the "sweetest" person in the school. Beatrice then went on to accomplish her dream of becoming a nurse, graduating from St. Agnes Hospital in Philadelphia in 1952. She relocated to Washington, DC in 1953 and began her nursing career at George Washington Hospital. In later years, Beatrice worked with her husband at his dental practice in Hyattsville, MD. A life-long lover of animals, she also bred and showed Sheltand Sheepdogs.

Beatrice will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by her sister Evelyn Stever and her brother-in-law George, sister-in-law Sister Catherine de Ricci, O.P. and numerous nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents Delzie Passarelli and Anthony Richard Simparosa as well as her sister Joann.

For the past 17 years, Beatrice had endured dementia with a generosity of spirit and great appreciation of those who cared for her. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Sat., Oct. 4, 2014. Memorial contributions may be made to Johns Hopkins University Memory and Alzheimer's Treatment Center, and mailed to The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Fund for Johns Hopkins Medicine, 550 Broadway, Suite 914, Baltimore, MD 21205.

acumen and strong work ethic enabled her to thrive in a competitive market.

Coralie will be best remembered for her grace, beauty and infectious smile. As a devoted wife, amazing mother and incredible grandmother, she instilled in her family her love for learning and the importance of education. Burial was held Oct. 27 in New York.

Ralph "Billy" William Souder, Jr.

Age 84, passed away on Tue., Nov. 11, 2014. He was born Oct. 29, 1930 and resided in Beltsville, MD then Sacramento, CA. An electrician in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 26, he also served as a proud Marine and Mason. He volunteered through many service organizations such as the Moose Lodge, BPOE #2576, Masonic Lodge #188 and the Shriners, particularly at their hospital in Northern California. He was preceded in death by his sisters Beverly Davis and Margaret Maciulla. He is survived by his wife, Janet Souder and his children Susan Souder, Denise Ugast, Jody Udelsman (Lee), Karen Spicknall (Willie), and Rudy Souder (Melissa); two step-sons Greg Rightmire (Kim) and Rob Rightmire (Cyndie); and two sisters Betty Spittle and Donna Ball. He was especially proud of his eight grandchildren Kyle, Jackson, Spencer, Ted, Rutger, Ruston, Kaylin and River and his many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held for relatives and friends at 1 pm Mon., Dec. 1 at Immanuel United Church of Christ, 1905 Edmonson Ave., Catonsville, MD 21228. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children <https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/en/donate>



Coralie Richards

Coralie Richards

Coralie Richards of Bethesda passed away on Oct. 27 in New York. She was born in New York City in 1936. She is survived by her loving husband of over 58 years, Robert and 3 children Michael, Bruce and Valerie and 5 wonderful grandchildren as well as her sister, Bobbi Klebanoff of Palm Springs, CA and numerous cousins and great friends.

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The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Wed., Dec. 3 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton, MD 20784 at 7 pm. Come out to hear Certified Genealogist Rebecca Whitman Koford talk about "Early American Handwriting". The meeting is free and refreshments will be served. Visit us on the web at www.pgcs.org or call 301.262.2063. You can also like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pgcgenealogy>.



For the Love of Food!

By Chef Cole, Café Rue, Beltsville MD

12 Months of Eating

Well... We have arrived at yet another Dec. With it comes festive office parties, family gatherings and hopefully a vacation day or two. Dec. is a good time to take stock of our successes and perhaps failures in 2014. If you tried a new style of cooking this year, like sous-vide or smoking. The results of your labor while tasty are not

as enriching or impactful as the experience. Taste for that matter does not matter, if say you were not particularly happy with the outcome of your beef wellington. AT LEAST YOU TRIED. As we sail ahead to 2015, keep chasing new flavors, learn new techniques (brining perhaps), and PLEASE eat well!

It has been a pleasure spending time with you this year. Stop by the Café Rue and visit anytime. The new hours are
Tuesday - Friday: 5-10pm
Saturday: 11am-10pm
Sunday: 11am-9pm
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, we'll chat soon,
Chef Cole!

Club News

Beltsville Rotary Club 2014 Summary

By Howard Phoebus

As we approach the Holiday Season we want to wish Happy Holidays to everyone. Our calendar year is nearly completed. We had many interesting speakers at our Tue. 12:15 luncheon meeting as well as our 7:30 am breakfast meeting. We alternate the times every other week with all meetings at the Holiday Inn on US Route 1 by the Beltway.

Please join us should either time suit your schedule. We are having a New Members Meeting on Dec. 9 at 12:15 pm. The

Beltsville Rotary is a world class service organization with our club making donations to 20 local area organizations of need plus assisting with efforts on a national and international basis.

Our two main fundraisers were quite successful and allowed us to reach our donation goals. The Golf Tournament held at Cross Creek in September was a joint effort with Beltsville Business Association and produced the desired results for both organizations. Our Chili Cook-off fundraiser hosted by Behnke's keeps

getting better each year and the District 6 Police Explorers won the public tasting first prize for the 2nd year in a row!

We continue to be able to provide scholarships to graduating High Point Seniors and our RYLA youth weekend program still earns the highest praise. Come and see what we are all about and have a nice breakfast or lunch on us. If you need more information or would like to attend a meeting either just show up or e-mail me at WEATHER53@aol.com.

New Year's Eve at The College Park Moose Lodge #453

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Young at Heart Club

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

Congratulations to Governor-elect Hogan

For those who don't know, Governor-elect Larry Hogan grew up in Calverton. I've known Larry for nearly 30 years. I also knew his father, a former Prince George's County Executive and member of Congress, who was my father's friend in the 1960s. Delegates Barbara Frush, Josefine Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I look forward working with him on Beltsville priorities such as rebuilding High Point High School, BARC, the Purple Line, funding our schools, and protecting the environment.

Sign up for Obama health insurance plan

It's no secret that the national and Maryland health insurance websites had all kinds of bugs, and too many people needing affordable insurance had problems signing up last year.

But federal and state officials — and their tech contractors — worked hard to fix the sites. Online enrollment has reopened on Maryland's new and redesigned health insurance marketplace at www.marylandhealthconnection.gov.



Senator Jim Rosapepe

marylandhealthconnection.gov. Enrollment is open until February 15, 2015, and it's easy to browse health plans being offered. Even if you currently have a health plan through the exchange, you should revisit the site to make sure you have the best deal that meets the needs of you and your family. You can also choose to enroll at the nearest regional location for free in-person assistance: Capital Region Health Connector

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And if you still have problems, please contact us at 301.858.3141 and we'll do whatever we can to help. We all know that nothing important is easy. And getting affordable health insurance to all our neighbors is important.

Merry Christmas!

My wife Sheila joins me in wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and great New Year!

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.

Patuxent Research Refuge to Reduce Hours at National Wildlife Visitor Center

The National Wildlife Visitor Center at Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, Maryland, will reduce its public hours beginning November 20. The visitor center will not be open on Thursdays, however, it will remain open every other day of the week from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except federal holidays.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service selected to close the visitor center on Thursdays to have minimal impact on visitors, partners, and school programs. The center has traditionally had fewer visitors on Thursdays.

The refuge and its 25 miles of



Congressman Steny Hoyer

roads and trails will remain open on Thursdays. Visitors may still explore the refuge every day of the week. Portable toilets will be available outside of the visitor center on Thursdays when the visitor center is closed.

The refuge's plan for reduced hours balances budget realities with the Service's priority of providing the public with a quality visitor experience.

The visitor center opened in 1994 and provides environmental education and other public programming, exhibits, and meeting

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Maryland Veteran's Creative Arts Festival Coming Soon

By Ivy Christoffers

The 5th annual MD Veteran's Creative Arts Festival is scheduled for Apr. 26, 2015 at The Bowie Arts Center in Bowie, MD. The art exhibit will open at 1:00 pm with a live performance at 2:00 pm. This is a wonderful program featuring the work of our very talented disabled Veterans who have found a new lease on life through art therapy. There are 53 categories of visual arts and 5 of performing arts. The American Legion Auxiliary of Maryland, serve 5 VA Medical Centers where art therapy is a healing tool and there are competitions held each year with many of our Veterans earning gold medals for their art. The festival is held to showcase the artists and their art and bring more public awareness to this great program that has benefited so many of our heroes. The cost of admission is only \$10.00 for a memorable day of entertainment. Advance tickets can be obtained by calling 301.595.5225



Pictured above receiving the "Sponsors Award" for The American Legion, Dept. of Md is Beltsville resident and Past State President of The American Legion Auxiliary, Ivy Christoffers. The award was presented by National President of the ALA, Nancy Brown Park and Mr. Robert H. Beller, Director of the Milwaukee VA Medical Center.

or 301.602.7214.

Several Auxiliary Members from Maryland traveled to Milwaukee, WI to attend the National Veteran's Creative Arts Festival the last week in Oct. 130 national gold medal winning Veterans from the 4,600 who entered the competition representing 129 VA

Medical Centers across the United States were invited to showcase their talent. They enjoyed a week of VIP treatment including local tours, craft instruction, seminars where each discussed their art and nightly karaoke, not to mention the

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space for more than 50,000 visitors annually. It also hosts a bookstore operated by the Friends of Patuxent.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road, between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197, south of Laurel, Md. Please visit our website at <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/>

The Beltsville News received this quote from Congressman Hoyer regarding the reduced hours at the Visitor Center "It is unfortunate that the National Wildlife Visitor Center at the Patuxent Research Refuge is reducing its

hours of operation due to federal budget constraints. I was proud to help secure federal funding for the construction of the Visitor Center, because I recognize it is a critical space for providing important visitor services like environmental education and public programs, exhibits, and meeting space for natural resources and conservation conferences. In Congress, I will continue to work toward the enactment of a big, bold, balanced budget plan that sets America on a fiscally sustainable path so that we can protect jobs, preserve investments, and prevent federal facilities like the National Wildlife Visitor Center from closing or having to reduce visitor services."

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tion for needy families. It begins at 10 am. If you are interested in helping with this important cause, you can contact the coordinator Julie Pavelka at julie.pavelka@yahoo.com. If you have any questions about the distribution you can contact the church office.

On Dec. 24th there will be 2 services in the evening. At 6:30 will be the family and children's service. This service is geared towards the crowd that may need to get to sleep before Santa arrives. Everyone is invited. At 11:00 they will hold their candlelight service. Emmanuel looks forward to seeing you and your family during this joyous and festive season.



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LOCAL SCHOOL NEWS

Beltsville Academy Students Prepare For First Concert

By Jennifer Murray,
Instrumental Music Teacher

Students in grades 4th through 8th are preparing for the Winter Concerts at Beltsville Academy. The beginners are especially excited!

In Prince George's County, students in public school are able to begin learning an instrument in the 4th and 5th grades. At Beltsville Academy there are over eighty students learning an instrument for the first time. Both the band and orchestra have great instrumentation this fall. We are happy to have a large brass section including two 4th grade horn players, Troy Turner and Edgardo Galvez-Lebron. The beginner orchestra even has a bass player, 4th grader, Jaiden Wither-spoon.

At the writing of this article it is a month before their first concert. The students know which songs need to be prepared. During lessons they have expressed anticipation and nervousness about performing for the first time. Here is some of what they had to say.

JM: Why did you want to learn to play your instrument?

Yasmine Noland, 4th: Well, I wanted to play violin because some of my family play violin and I wanted to join them. The violin looked interesting and I wanted to play [an instrument] I never played before.

Suhani Patel, 4th: I just thought [playing the flute] would be cool, fun and a little challenging.



Beltsville Academy Students prepare for their winter band concerts!

JM: What is something that you like about playing your instrument?

Jeileen Villegas, 4th: There's no other instrument like it. It has different strings and different ways of plucking different strings. It's fun because all the other cello players are friends.

Bryan Linares, 4th: The clarinet makes me feel magical and inspiring.

JM: How do you feel about the concert coming up in December?

Princess Thomas, 4th, viola: Well, it's like mixed feelings because I'm not sure if I'm going to make a mistake. But I practice hard for it so I don't make a mistake. I just hope that I don't make a mistake!

Andrea A., 5th, flute: Kind of nervous. It's gonna (sic.) be hard to play louder and not play a different note. I'm going to keep on practicing until I get better.

Diana Alvarez, 4th, clarinet:

Nervous. I haven't played an instrument on the stage before.

JM: What are you going to do to be less nervous?

Diana Alvarez: Don't pay attention to the audience!

Mrs. Thomas observes in her 4th grade class that, "My students are so excited about lessons and are really into this. They are watching the clock on lesson days to make sure they're not late. It is the highlight of their day." I know you're not supposed to write bias into news articles, but I guarantee you, reader, that attending the winter concerts at Beltsville Academy will be the highlight of your winter season. The dates are as follows,

Elementary Winter Concert, Wed. December 17th at 7 PM

Middle School Winter Concert, Thur. December 18th at 7PM



Vansville Elem. Principal, Mr. Smith, as Tom Sawyer

Vansville Elementary School's Storybook Parade

By Mrs. Curtis

On November 7th, all of the Students, Staff, and Administration at Vansville Elementary School participated in a Storybook Parade to help celebrate "Litera-

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cy". Each student enjoyed dressing up as their favorite storybook character and presented the book during a school-wide parade. All of the students and parents who attended had a great time of sharing and learning.

Vansville's 2014 Winter Concert

By Mr. Dorsey

The Arts will be "all the way live" at Vansville Elementary School's Winter Arts Showcase on Monday, December 8th at 6:30 pm! This concert will feature Vansville's Bands, Orchestras, Choruses, and Dance Teams. We will also have The Book Fair and Visual Arts Displays throughout the school for parents and students to enjoy.

Vansville Winter Bazaar

It's that time of year again; the VES PTA will hold its Annual Winter Bazaar Fundraiser on December 13th. Back by popular demand are the "themed" gift baskets, created by students/parents from each classroom, to be auctioned off at the bazaar.

The silent auction will take place at the Bazaar on Saturday, Dec 13th. Come out and join us!

Calverton Elementary Students Gear up for Service with the Kids Helping Kids Food Drive

By Judith Pollock

During the month of October, Calverton Elementary School students were geared up for service and participated in the annual Kids Helping Kids Food Drive. This is the time of year when food insecurities, situations of limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods, become more pronounced and food bank across the nation need to replenish their food supplies. The drive is sponsored by Maryland Department of Education and provides an opportunity for all schools in the State of Maryland to work together to collect food for those in need.

To spread the word at Calverton, student ambassadors went into classrooms to promote the drive. The students were also responsible for the pick-up and collection of the donated food. The foods most needed in this year's drive included peanut butter, cereal, rice, and canned goods.

Thank you Calverton Community for your generous donation. Because of your thoughtfulness, we were able to collect more than 100 pounds of food and now more

families in our area will not have to go to bed hungry.

Coffee with the Principal: Preparing for Parent Teacher Conferences

By Judith Pollock

The vision for Calverton Elementary School is to build a community of leaders and learners. We believe our primary role as educators is to prepare the children to graduate college and career ready, with the ability to handle a diverse and demanding global society. We recognize that without the families and community partners, that task becomes challenging, some might even say it is impossible. Therefore, each month the principal hosts Coffee with the Principal for parents and interested community members. This is an event that provides an opportunity for community members to learn about what is happening at the school, to voice their concerns, and to hear directly from the principal.

The focus for this month's meeting was on Preparing for Par-

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Parents from Calverton Elementary meet with the principal over coffee.

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ent Teacher Conferences. Participants learned about what to expect during a conference, as well as why it is important to attend parent teacher conferences. The presenter shared steps parents could take to prepare for the meetings and tips on how to get the most from the scheduled time. At the end of the presentation, the participants had an opportunity to present their questions. Based on the feedback, we learned that parents really appreciated the timeliness of this month's presentation because it helped prepare them for the parent teacher conferences that were scheduled for the following week.

Coffee with the Principal is an event held monthly and all are welcome to attend. It is a time to chat and chew with members of the school administrative team and to share thoughts about how we can all work together to improve our school. We hope to see you there.

The High Road School Gets Ready To Celebrate the Holidays

We are embarking on the holiday season which includes Thanksgiving and Christmas. As staff members we look forward to the Christmas party which occurs in early December. As a school, we look forward to the Thanksgiving luncheon. Not only does it give us an opportunity to have a feast, we are also able to meet the student's families, friends and advocates.

"I love this time of the year," says teacher, Mr. Hicks. "It is a time to not focus solely on academics, but to fellowship with the students and their families." Our holiday season can be rough on some of our students and behaviors may occur more frequently, so we make it a point to create some form of celebration in order for them to understand the reason for the season. Referencing our staff Christmas party, teacher, Mr. Williams, said, "I am looking forward to a healthy fellowship outside of our work environment."

In addition to the celebrations of the holiday, we also take the time to give back to our community. We have a canned food drive for Thanksgiving and a coat drive for the winter season. This year, our social work interns are heading the committee. Ms. Andrea and Ms. Jade have taken the initiative to involve their respective universities in our canned food and coat drives in order to gain more items for the communities. After we collect the items for the drives, they will accompany Mr. Tony and his crew of students who

volunteer at shelters to deliver the canned goods and coats.

Eleanor Roosevelt HS Winter Concert

The Winter Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is scheduled for Thur. Dec. 4th at 7:30 pm. The Concert will feature the Symphony Orchestra and Roosevelt Strings directed by Dr. David Yarbrough; the Roosevelt and Symphonic Bands directed by Ms. Sally Wagner; and the Chamber Choirs directed by Ms. Michele Fowlin. The ERHS band, orchestra and choir programs draw students from all over northern Prince George's County.

From the Hilltop: High Point News

The fall season was full of positive news and events at High Point High School, and the winter term brings with it many delightful activities and opportunities.

High Point's PTSA began the school year hosting an Activities Fair to showcase the many clubs, programs, and sports High Point has to offer to its students. Continuing its work to provide support for parents and students, High Point's PTSA will hold its monthly general meeting on Thur., Dec. 18. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. The PTSA meets every third Thur. of each month at 7 pm at High Point High School.

High Point, which has seen a significant increase in its population of recently arrived immigrant students, has hosted two "Reuniting Families" sessions for parents and students together. The goal of the sessions is to increase communication and understanding of the experiences of families while they were separated and as they reunite towards common goals.

The fall sports teams completed successful seasons with the Varsity Boys' Soccer Team winning the County Championship. Johnathan Avila Villatoro, senior and cross country runner, became a Regional Champion by placing first in the regional cross country meet. Nnamdi Oguayo, a senior football player, was selected as an Offense-Defense All American. The Varsity Volleyball Team won their way to the regional finals, and Dami Oloyede, a junior volleyball player, was selected by CTV as an Athlete of the Week for her impressive volleyball play. The Varsity Girls' Soccer Team concluded the season as one of the top teams in its section. After losing seniors last year, the golf team was rebuilding this year with young players and looks forward to next year's competition. The winter sports teams have been practicing since Nov. 15 and will begin their competitions this month.

High Point's Student Government Association completed a successful Canned Food Drive. Students were urged to bring canned goods to support people in need. Over 500 items were collected, and all of the donated items were delivered to the Maryland Food Bank to help people during this holiday season.

The first quarter ended last month and report cards were sent home on Fri., Nov. 14. Congratulations to all of High Point's honor roll students. Students are a few weeks into the second quarter, which will continue until Jan. 23, 2015. Progress Reports will be released on Dec. 19 and second quarter report cards will be released on Feb. 5, 2015.

Events such as the National Honor Society Inductions for High Point's junior students and the annual winter concert will also occur this month. The eleventh grade students who are being inducted into High Point's prestigious National Honor Society have shown extraordinary character, outstanding scholarship, inspired leadership, and generous service. In Dec., these students will be rewarded for their remarkable accomplishments.

The annual winter concert reveals the wealth of talented young people High Point has in the fine arts programs. With selections from the band, orchestra, choir, and dance team, the concert is sure to amaze.

Please remember that schools will be closed from Mon., December 22, 2014 until Fri., Jan. 2, 2015 for the county's winter break.

We invite you to visit High Point's (www1.pgcps.org/high-point/) home page online for current information and High Point events.

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AREA EVENTS

Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operation, especially during the holiday season.

BROOKSIDE GARDENS

1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton, MD 20902. Travel time on surface streets from Beltsville is about 20 to 25 minutes. Information Desk: 301.962.1400. Website: MontgomeryParks.org/brookside. The grounds are open every day of the year from sunrise to sunset. Free admission. Limited parking is available next to the Conservatories. The Visitor Center will be closed on Thur., Dec. 25; regular hours of operation are 9 am to 5 pm daily, enter through the rear double doors. **Please Note: The Garden of Lights is cancelled for this year due to construction in the Visitor Center parking lot.**

GARDEN RAILWAY EXHIBIT: SIGHTS, SOUNDS, ACTION!

The exhibit continues through Sun., Jan. 11, 2015. Free of charge, but donations are gratefully accepted. All ages. Regular hours of operation are **10 am to 5 pm daily**; closed in the evenings and all day on Thur., Dec. 25. Presented by the Washington, Virginia & Maryland Garden Railway Society (*We never met a garden we couldn't train™*). The South Conservatory comes to life with a landscape in miniature, as trains and trollies wind their way through town and country scenes, past one-of-a-kind models of the Brookside Gardens Conservatories, the Dentzel Carousel, and the Chautauqua Tower of Glen Echo Park.

MONTPELIER MANSION & ART CENTER

Address: 9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD 20708. Phone: 301.377.7817. TTY: 301.699.2544. E-mail: montpeliermansion@pgparks.com. Contact the Art Center at 301.377.7800 for information on art and photography classes. Self-guided tours of the mansion: Thur. – Tue. from 11 am to 3 pm Cost: \$3/adults, \$2/seniors, \$1/children ages 5 to 17, free/ages 5 and under. The mansion is closed on Wednesdays as well as Thur., Dec. 25 and Thur., Jan. 1, 2015. The grounds are open from dawn until dusk every day of the year and access is free of charge.

ORNAMENT EMPORIUM

Daily, except Wednesdays, Dec. 8 – 23 from 11 am to 4 pm. See original, artistic ornaments in a traditional holiday setting. Montpelier hosts a juried show of hand-made ornaments by several area artists. This is a great place to shop for unique gifts and support local artists. You will also find books, tea items, old-fashioned toys, Montpelier memorabilia, and more.

HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHT TOURS

Fri., Dec. 12 and Sat., Dec. 13 from 6 pm to 9 pm Last tour starts at 8:30 pm. Warm up your winter evenings with festive music, lovely candlelight, and holiday greens. Local garden clubs display their decorating skills throughout the house. Area performers entertain nightly. Do holiday crafts. Light refreshments served. **Fri. is Girl Scout Night — Girl Scouts get in free! Sat. is Boy Scout Night — Boy Scouts get in free!**

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.699.2544. Hours of operation are 10 am to 5 pm daily, except for major holidays. Cost: \$4/adults, \$3/seniors, \$2/children,

free/age 1 and under. Questions? Please don't hesitate to call us. See CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com for more information and events.

SANTA FLY-IN

Sat., Dec. 6 from 12 noon to 4 pm Watch Santa fly into the historic College Park Airport and then have your picture taken with him. Holiday arts and crafts will also be offered throughout the museum. Santa will arrive at 12:30 pm Free with museum admission. All ages.

HOLIDAY TRAINS AND PLANES

Sat., Dec. 13 through Sat., Dec. 20. During the holiday season College Park Aviation Museum gets ready for the festivities as miniature trains, villages, tunnels, and depots spark the imagination and bring history to life. The National Capital Trackers bring a fascinating and constantly moving display of model railroads to the Museum. Free with museum admission. All ages.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Address: 7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the Laurel Regional Hospital. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402. **Closed Thur., Dec. 25 and Thur., Jan. 1, 2015.** Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thur. from 8 am to 9 pm, Fri. from 8 am to 5 pm, Sat. from 8 am to 2 pm, closed on Sun.. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are age 60 or older.

THUR. MOVIE MATINEES

Join us for Academy Award® winners. The movie for Thur., Dec. 4 is *Horrible Bosses* and the movie for Thur., Dec. 18 is *Silver Linings Playbook*. Movie time starts at 10 am and ends around 12 noon. We'll supply the popcorn and you enjoy the movie. Free.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. Main phone: 301.497.5763. See fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/NWVC.html. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. **Due to budget issues, the Center is closed all Thursdays until further notice. Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are now Fri. – Wed. from 9 am to 4:30 pm** The Center is also closed on all federal holidays and may close early the day before. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds will continue to be open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. **Portable toilets will be available outside the Center on days when the Center is closed but the trails and grounds are open.** Free admission to the center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails. Space in our public programs is limited and registration is required unless otherwise specified — call 301.497.5887. Activities and events are free of charge if not noted. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

The featured artist for Dec. is Jay Coleman. The gallery is open when the visitor center is open. Registration is not required. All ages.

HUNTING SEASON

Hunting will be occurring in various areas

throughout the refuge through Sat., Jan. 31, 2015. Make sure to stay on marked trails at all times and find out about closed areas when visiting.

BIRD WALK

Wed., Dec. 3 from 8 am to 10:30 am Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars recommended. Ages 16+.

ENDANGERED

Sat., Dec. 6 from 10 am to 11 am What does it mean to be endangered? Come learn about some of world's noted endangered species and discover why they are struggling to survive! Discover what you can do to help endangered species in this interactive program. Ages 8 - 10.

NATURE DETECTIVES

Wed., Dec. 10 from 2:30 pm to 4 pm During this interactive program, learn how to identify different animal signs such as tracks, scat, and homes. Become a nature detective and solve forest mystery scenes. Ages 5 – 7.

WINTER BIRD WALK

Sun., Dec. 14 from 8 am to 10 am Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars recommended. Ages 8+.

NATURE TOTS: WINTER BIRD BUDDIES

Fri., Dec. 12 and Sat., Dec. 13 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am Introduce your preschooler to the wonderful world of winter birds through songs, stories, and crafts in this fun, interactive program. Ages 3 - 4.

WHERE IS EVERYONE?

Fri., Dec. 12 and Sat., Dec. 20 from 1 pm to 3 pm Learn about the amazing ways animals have adapted to survive the winter cold. There will be hands-on activities and a hike. Dress for the weather! Ages 8 -11.

WILD, WONDERFUL WOLVES

Fri., Dec. 19 from 10:30 am to 12 pm Discover the wild world of wolves! In this interactive program children will learn not only how to howl like a wolf, but why wolves howl, why they live in a pack, and much more. Ages 5 - 7.

STORYTIME: OLD AND NEW

Sun., Dec. 21 and Mon., Dec. 22 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am Listen to nature stories of old and new in this interactive story time! All ages.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operation, especially during the holiday season.

THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

The library is free and open to the public and has free public parking. Hours of operation: Mon. – Fri. from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, except for federal holidays. The library is located at 10301 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. Main phone number: 301.504. 5755. See NAL.USDA.gov. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING

Wed., Dec. 3 at 7 pm at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Ln. Light refreshments will be served. Women who live, work, or are interested in the well-being of our town are welcome to attend. Reports from the holiday food basket distribution for Thanksgiving will be discussed. Plans will be made for the Christmas gift baskets that will brighten the holidays for many families in Beltsville. Check out the club's website at www.beltsvillewomen.org.

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS ASSOC. MEETING

There will not be a meeting in Dec.

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11300 Baltimore Ave. Please call 301.937.1100, ext. 0 or see Behnkes.com for more information.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Weekends thru Dec. 21: Visit with Santa from 11 am to 2 pm This is a good photo op, so remember the camera! Elf Storytime at 12 noon and 4 pm There will also be a Children's Wonderland and Fun Area with games, activities, and a drawing area for children 10 and under.

HOLIDAY CRAFTING

Weekends thru Dec. 21: How to Assemble a Boxwood Tree at 11 am Creating a Porch Pot at 12:30 pm Embellishing a Wreath with the Holiday Spirit at 2 pm Visit our Greens Tent and watch as our busy elves assemble centerpieces and wreaths for the holidays. They will be happy to show you how it's done.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

The library is located at 4319 Sellman Road, Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294. **Please note: The library will be closed on Wed., Dec. 24; Thur., Dec. 25; and Wed., Dec. 31 as well as Thur. Jan. 1, 2015 for winter holidays.** Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Tue. from 1 pm to 9 pm, Wed. – Fri. from 10 am to 6 pm, and Sat. from 10 am to 5 pm Closed Sun.. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmis.info to use our online library services.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

All Tuesdays at 7 pm and Wednesdays, Dec. 10 and 17 at 10:30 am Ages 3 – 5.

TODDLER STORYTIME

Wednesdays, Dec. 10 and 17 at 11:30 am Ages 2 – 3.

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

Sat., Dec. 20 at 2 pm Registration required. Ages 6 – 12.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Mon., Dec. 15 at 6:30 pm

PROGRAM FOR TEENS

TEEN TIME

Thur., Dec. 11 at 4 pm

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

The center will be closed on Thur., Dec. 25. Address: 3900 Sellman Rd., Belts-

ville. Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. The Facility Director is Leigh Ann Eckenrode. She can be contacted at the center or by e-mail at LeighAnn.Eckenrode@pgparks.com. Regular hours of operation are: Mon. – Thur. from 9 am to 9 pm, Fri. from 9 am to 7 pm, Sat. from 9 am to 4 pm, closed on Sun.. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fridays and Saturdays from 7 pm to 10 pm

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY ORNAMENT WORKSHOP

Sat., Dec. 6 from 10 am to 12 noon. Bring the whole family out to create one-of-a-kind ornaments for your tree or as gifts, and take pictures with Santa Claus or Frosty the Snowman. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Reservation required by Sat., Nov. 29 (contact the Center regarding late reservations). All ages welcome. Fee: \$5/resident, \$6/non-resident.

FAMILY HOLIDAY MOVIE

Tue., Dec. 18 from 7 pm to 9 pm Enjoy a holiday movie — you can bring your blankets and chairs or use our mats and chairs. For movie title, please call the Center a week before the show. Refreshments will be served. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Reservation required by Thur., Dec. 11. All ages welcome. Free.

WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Tue., Dec. 23 from 6 pm to 9 pm Get in the holiday mood when you travel with us to Watkins Park to see the awesome light display put together by staff and volunteers. Seats are limited, so please sign up in advance. Round-trip transportation is provided. Reservation required by Wed., Dec. 17. Ages 55 and up. Free.

STRATEGY GAME CLUB

Mondays from 7 pm to 9 pm Enjoy board games and strategy games and tons of fun. All skill levels welcome. Any game can be played as well as brought to the club to be played. Games include: Small World, Steel Driver, and Age of Industry. Free. All ages.

XTREME TEEN REGULAR EVENTS

Fridays and Saturdays from 7 pm to 10 pm Free with valid Center ID card. Ages 13 – 17.

VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

The center will be closed on Thur., Dec. 25. Address: 6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. Phone: 301.937.6621. Fax: 301.937.6623. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. The Director is Jeremy Weiss. He can be contacted at the center, or by phone, or by e-mail at Jeremy.Weiss@pgparks.com. Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thur. from 9 am to 9 pm, Fri. from 9 am to 7 pm (except for Xtreme Teens), Sat. from 9 am to 3 pm (except for Xtreme Teens), Sun. from 12 noon to 4 pm Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens: Fridays and Saturdays from 7 pm to 10 pm

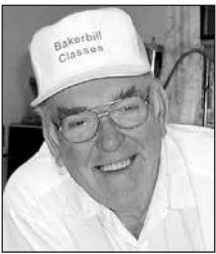
BUILD YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS DECORATION

Thur., Dec. 18 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm Come one, come all and create a beautiful Christmas ornament for your tree. Use glue, glitter, paints, and markers to create a special ornament for such a special day like Christmas. Reservation required by Tue., Dec. 16. Ages 5- 12. Free.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AND LUNCH WITH SANTA

Sat., Dec. 20 from 11:30 am to 1 pm Enjoy

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Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

As I look at my calendar I see the silly season is halfway over, Wow! But I do love this time of year. I get to see my family 2 or 3 times over the next month. I missed all of them last year in hospital. While I think of it I want to thank all the readers for the E-mails and I answered all of them. Also thanks to all who sent cards, however I wasn't able to answer them. Time to go on, it's time to purchase presents. Just remember \$9.99 is \$10.25 and \$19.99 is really \$20.35. I call this the "Husband Numbers" so when the wife says just how much did you pay for that thing? We can say it was only \$19 bucks that sounds better then twenty.

I had a couple of mails about the pumpkin pie; it seems someone actually made one. Now make the dinner rolls they freeze well. Raw rolls need to be flat wrapped in plastic so they will rise. (Oh yes they will rise even in freezer) Yeast rolls make their own heat, it just takes longer (about 15 days longer.) Bake frozen right from the freezer and you'll be surprised. If you used the recipes in the paper to line the bird cage write me bill@bakerbill.net and I'll send one to you.

I have a few readers here at Riderwood and one said my articles had become psychological of late. I smiled because I had no idea what that means. I thought I had Wi-Fi and Blue Tooth figured out but now I'm not so sure. Every day I see on TV that they call every new invention Wi-Fi and Blue Tooth. I always thought blue tooth was a doohickey you put in your ear to be hands free while you were talking so you wouldn't



get yourself killed while driving.

Our new phone system reads blue tooth, but there's no way to attach an ear plug. Please do not write me and try to explain. I'll never get it all and when I do it will all change. But write just to say hello. Now for a tasty and great smelling Gingerbread.

As a reminder, copy the recipe to a pad. Do not try to make it

from the article. To begin the gingerbread start with 3/4 cup hot water place 4 Tablespoons Molasses in and stir then set it aside. In a medium size bowl place 3/4 cup sugar, 1 & 3/4 cup of flour, 1 heaping tbsp. of shortening or butter, 1/2 teaspoon Salt, 1tsp Soda, 1tbsp Ginger. With a spoon or hand mixer stir in the hot water mixture and mix it well. I bake it in a 4x6 low baking pan. Set your oven at 380 and bake approx. 40 minutes it is ok

to have dark spots along the edges with no wet spots in the center, you don't want to under bake it. Serve it cold after sprinkling it with powdered sugar or whipped cream. This recipe is one you'll keep and make often.

That's all for now. Remember a smile is disarming.

Baker Bill aka W. Raulin

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WINTER WONDERLAND FAMILY MOVIE DAY

Sun., Dec. 28 from 1 pm to 3 pm Come on in, stay warm with your family while enjoying a children's comedy movie and enjoying hot chocolate with marshmallows. All ages welcome. Free.

XTREME TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

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LEGION

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fantastic meals. The performers rehearsed each day for the closing performance that was spectacular. Some of us were privileged to help set up the art exhibit which was opened to the public on Sun., Nov. 2, prior to the live performance that was MC'ed by country singer and song writer, Michael Peterson. This was Peterson's fifth year as MC. This event was sponsored by The American Legion Auxiliary and Veterans Affairs. Maryland is recognized as a Gold sponsor for the amount they contribute to the national program each year.

Now back to some happenings at Post #217. Some upcoming bands that will be performing on Saturdays in Dec. will be King Teddy on the 13th (swing/oldies) and Kiti Gardner and The Deceits on the 27th (Rock-a-Billy). Keep in mind that these are in addition to our regular bands that play on Friday nights. We also have our daily bingo on Tue.- Thur. at 12:15 pm. There is always something fun to enjoy in the friendly atmosphere, especially now that football is in season. The Legion has lively football games and great food during the games.

For those we will not see, the Members of the American Legion wish you a most blessed holiday. Remember our Veterans and our active military who may be alone or far away from their loved ones. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. God bless you and may God continue to bless America.

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distances to your car if you find the store has closed earlier than you expected.

- Shop in pairs at the very least. Take a friend or family member shopping with you. There is something to be said for safety in numbers.
- As you return to your car, make sure to keep your car key in your hand.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with checks, credit, charge or debit cards. Carry cash and wallets in a front pocket to reduce your chances of having your pocket picked.
- Don't leave car phones, purses, CD cases, or any other item of value in your parked car where they can be seen. Always conceal these items.
- Don't leave purchased merchandise in your parked car where it can be seen. Conceal these items also.

While these steps don't guarantee you will not become the victim of a crime, they will hopefully reduce your chances of falling prey to a criminal.

If you would like to receive community updates and alerts please send me your email address. I can be reached at karenmcoakley@msn.com or 301.937.3490



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