Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department’s Santa Tour 2020

Santa is coming to Beltsville courtesy of the Beltsville Fire Department again this year. His route has been planned, and he is getting ready for his visit. The tours will begin on Tuesday, December 8. There are a few changes this year due to COVID. Santa will not be able to have contact with anyone along the route this year, and he will not be handing out candy. Below are some rules to follow when Santa comes by your house:

1. 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.
2. Always use caution when visiting Santa. Please pay attention to the fire apparatus and stay out of the street.
3. Sometimes Santa runs behind schedule by a couple of minutes, so be patient. He will follow the schedule as closely as possible.

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Cub Pack 1031 Scouts Getting Out and Having Safe Fun!

By Regina Halper

This month, Cub Pack 1031 is working hard on its achievements. The Lions completed Lion’s Honor and are working on Lions on the Run. Tigers are completing their Bobcat, Tigers in the Wild, Team Tiger, and Tiger Stripes. Wolves have finished Call of the Wild, Bears completed Fur, Feathers, and Ferns, and Webelos completed First Responder! Lots of work done before the weather gets cold! For the coming year, our families will be working on achievements on Zoom with our den along with monthly meetings in the outdoors, and we will keep it fun! We are out in the parks and on the trail wearing our masks, cleaning our hands, and staying 6 feet apart. Wave hi when you see us!

If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for more information.

High Point High School Principal Named Principal of the Year!

By Rick Bergmann

Principal of High Point High School, Mrs. Nicole Isley-McClure writes “at High Point High School, the administrative team, teachers, and staff are dedicated to providing an engaging and supportive environment, which will allow our students to thrive in their academic pursuits.” That’s a high bar to set, and Principal Isley-McClure has not only set it for herself and her staff, but she has also surpassed it. She began her job as principal in 2016, and the graduation rate has been improving. She must be doing something right because the Maryland Association of Secondary Principals has named its 2020-2021 Principals of the Year! Mrs. Isley-McClure was named as the High Point High School Principal of the Year.

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On the Agenda

Happy Holidays from the Beltsville Citizens Association!

There have been several incidents of racing in and around Beltsville. Please call 911 when you see groups meeting to race. Some of the favorite spots around Beltsville are the parking lots by IKEA and the Holiday Inn on Route 1, Ammendale Business Campus near Indian Creek Court, the industrial park behind District Photo, Muirkirk Road, Old Baltimore Pike, and Edmonston Road.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20 at 7 pm. It will be a virtual meeting on Zoom. If you would like to attend the meeting or if you have a community concern, I can be reached at karenmcoakley@msn.com.

Don’t forget to be safe, wear your mask, and practice social distancing. Also, check in on older neighbors who live alone or give them a call.

Cub Pack 1031 doing soccer shots—6 feet apart of course!
Wake Up Everybody

By Rev. Dr. Julane Chase

To end this eventful year, I chose Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes’ “Wake Up Everybody,” released in November 1975. This song, on the album of the same name, spoke truths 45 years ago, and those truths hold true today. We must “wake up” and make changes in our nation. We cannot continue to be blind to injustice. How is it that this song points out things that have not changed over time? The answer is we haven’t changed over time. The first line and chorus say,

Wake up everybody no more sleepin’ in bed. No more backward thinkin’ time for thinkin’ ahead. The world has changed so very much from what it used to be. There is so much hatred war an’ poverty…

The world won’t get no better if we just let it be The world won’t get no better we gotta change it yeah, just you and me I am writing this December article in November amid unsubstantiated claims of wrongdoing in the 2020 election. Many people are being distracted by calls for unnecessary recounts and baseless lawsuits; and they are gathering and spreading the most aggressive virus known to mankind. I admire people having faith in the leadership, but true faith is too important to our well-being to be built on “alternative facts.”

The song lyrics mention backward thinking; hatred; war and poverty; teachers teaching a new way; doctors helping the old people because they are suffering; builders building a new land, they can do it if we all lend a hand…. These things needed our attention then, and these things must get our attention now. We cannot survive with a “them verse us” mentality because the identity of “them” and “us” changes depending on whom we ask. The lyrics also point out that it “don’t matter what race, creed or color; everybody we need each other.”

We must live in HOPE of a better tomorrow, we must let LOVE of humankind and creation guide our decisions, we must find JOY in the little things so that the big things don’t disappoint us, and we must work towards PEACE by using our gifts and talents to benefit the nation. Working together we can build a new land, one person, one project, one step at a time, with purpose on purpose. Our church has members of the three major political parties. We know that it is possible to work together when we put the welfare of all people over politics. If you feel the same, join us. We meet virtually for worship on Sunday mornings at 10 am Meeting ID: 851 2578 5976 Pass-code: 850888 One tap mobile +13017158592, Bible study on Wednesdays, and check in to chat +13017158592, Bible study on Wednesdays, and check in to chat on Thursdays. More information can be found on our webpage www.eumcbeltsville.com or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/EUMCBeltsville/.

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Why Two Kittens Are Better Than One

What’s better than one adorable, playful kitten? Two adorable kittens! Aside from doubling your fun, there are definite advantages to adopting two kittens instead of one.

Kittens adopted in pairs tend to be happier, healthier, and better socialized pets than those adopted singly. Contrary to the stereotype, cats are highly social creatures who need the companionship of their own species. This goes double for kittens.

Two kittens are easier to care for than one. Kittens crave constant stimulation. A pair of kittens will keep each other entertained. As a result, they are less likely to engage in destructive behaviors such as attacking furniture, plants, and electrical cords.

Because cats are predators, pouncing and biting are instinctive behaviors. A pair of kittens will play battle with one another instead of attacking you. This type of play teaches them important boundaries related to scratching and biting.

Kittens are particularly active at night. Single kittens will often keep their owner awake with jumping, pouncing, and other hunting behaviors that are directed at toes and anything else that moves. Two kittens will keep each other occupied with fun and games until they finally tire and fall asleep.

In most cases, an older cat is not the right companion for a new kitten. The roughhousing and energetic play that is characteristic of kittens may be annoying or even threatening to an older cat. Nevertheless, a pair of kittens may end up forging a good friendship with an older cat because they both will have each other for aggressive play and can cuddle up with the older cat when it’s time to rest.

Beltsville Community Cats has kitten pairs available for adoption right now, and boy are they cute! Check them out on BCC’s Rescue page at www.beltsvillecats.net.

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Thanksgiving

As we observe the period of Thanksgiving, we have so much to be thankful for in the midst of all the global events around us. Please continue to be safe and to practice safe, healthy habits—washing hands with soap, encouraging the younger ones to resist touching surfaces outdoors, and even for us as adults, using gloves when pumping gas or even when shopping for groceries.

A few months ago, I was sharing with you my experience helping a less privileged person I met in Maryland and by extension, somebody I had met here in Texas. I just want to encourage you, my reader, to do something nice for somebody this season. It is cold. One can buy some warm clothing or blankets to hand to somebody or a charity in the area. Many of the churches have community service departments that will know how to get the items to the end users. The Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church runs a community center in conjunction with the Prince George’s County, and it is located on the corner of Ammendale Road and Old Gunpowder. You can also donate canned foods to them. I know in the past the youth from the Pathfinder Club would have come round the community in Beltsville for the annual food collection drive. I am extremely grateful, but I view this being done this year, but still, feel free to pick up a few canned items and donate in person to the center.

Thank you very much. I am taking on a BIG CHALLENGE this season. The weather has changed, so I am doing what I can to protect some of the plants in my garden. Specifically, I have two poinsettias growing, and I am determined to make sure they do not get messed up by the cold weather at nights. I have a lime tree and a lemon tree I have had to bring indoors, and I have to make sure they make it as well. They just started to flower, and I am excited that I hopefully will witness the first fruits on those trees. It has been a battle to keep them going.

Holidays and gifts. I work full-time for FedEx Express, and I want to suggest that if you are planning on ordering gifts online and shipping, you need to do so as soon as possible. The numbers are small and will rise over the past few weeks. It is going to be brutal shipping season, and you want those gifts to get there safely. In addition, beware of package thieves. Beltsville is a nice, quiet area but then every year, people outside get away with trying to reap where they have not sown.

If you are shipping a package to somebody or sending a gift for the package to be signed for upon delivery. That way, the package CANNOT be left at your residence. It is delivered in person and a signature obtained upon delivery. As an alternative, if you will not be home, consider shipping to a FedEx Office location or UPS Mail store) or even ship to an address where you know someone will be home. Do not wait until the weeks before Christmas. Here in Dallas, we are processing ridiculous volumes of freight, and it is the same at many of the other companies in the industry.

This is going to be a short one. Enjoy your Thanksgiving and be thankful for family, friends, and coworkers. Let us continue to be respectful to one another and give true meaning to love. A simple good morning or good afternoon with a smile can make a difference to somebody else. Have a great day, and we will jive again next month.

PRINCIPAL

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School Principals has named her High School Principal of the Year. In an interview Principal Isley-McClure gave to local news station ABC7, she said the award “is an awesome honor and I am extremely grateful, but I view this as an opportunity to bring attention to my diverse school community.” Being a principal during the pandemic can’t be an easy task, but according to senior Kameah Holt-Daniels, who was also interviewed by ABC7, “it proves that she really cares about what she’s doing which is really good.” The senior described her principal as “positive and interactive.”

Isley-McClure spoke to News4’s Leon Harris as part of his “Harris’s Heroes” series, and she described the award as “a blessing to be recognized for the work that I love to do, each and every day.” She said she approached the staff with the idea to embrace the fact that they were not a traditional high school. Once that idea was embraced, they were off and running. She spent time going to other school systems and districts to see what supports they were providing and brought some of those ideas back to High Point. According to the principal, “relationships matter; kids don’t care until they know you care.” High Point and the Beltsville students in the High Point Community are fortunate to have Mrs. Isley-McClure as principal.
Statepoint Crossword: Cartoon Characters

**ACROSS**

1. Brocadopa or Larodopa
6. They are often covert
9. Used for watering
13. Vexed
14. Took the bait
15. Spot for boutonnière
16. Old West pack animal
17. Big-headedness
18. Render harmless
19. *Bamm-Bamm’s dad
21. *Angelica, Tommy and Dil
23. Opposite of yang
24. Archipelago unit
25. Solemn pledge
28. Depletes
30. Works, as in a bakery
32. *Stepbrothers’ bipedal platypus
34. *Land mammal in Bikini Bottom
35. Aglow
36. Give a pep talk
38. *Emmet Brickowski’s brick
39. ___ firma
40. Lecherous look
41. Computer key
42. Spokes of a wheel, e.g.
43. Lure for a dieter, on a package
45. *Mr. Magoo or Mr. Burns, e.g.
46. Health club offering
47. Hourglass filler
48. Popular saint’s name
49. Bygone bird of New Zealand
50. ___ baby, pl.
51. Opposite of ‘lies down’
52. Limit, to some
53. Peace symbol
54. Sweater style
55. Like King George, 1760-
57. *Ill-tempered fourth-grader’s last name
61. *Beast Boy and Starfire
64. Rossini’s offering
65. Lobe locale
67. Sure sign of fire
69. Pretend, two words
70. Number cruncher, acr.
71. Lusitania destroyer
72. Gave the boot

**DOWN**

1. Party choice, abbr.
2. Clobber
3. Southern stew staple
4. *King of the Hill
10. Milky-white gem
11. Dry as dust
12. Popular street-lining trees
15. *Magilla Gorilla, e.g.
16. Milky-white gem
17. Hourglass filler
20. Related on mother’s side
21. Opposite of yang
22. Type
23. Did it to Kool-Aid
24. Carbon-12 or carbon-13
25. *The “brains” of Scooby-Doo’s group
26. Billy of ’80s Billboard charts
27. Small songbirds
29. *Pinkie Pie or Ruttersy
31. Unagi, pl.
32. A in A=ab, pl.
33. It to Kool-Aid
34. *Pinky Pie or Fluttershy
36. *Angelica, Tommy and Dil
37. Hammer or sickle
38. *Bamm-Bamm’s dad
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Development on Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

Last December in response to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a report, Scoping Phase for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Replacement Project relocation to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). In response to your inputs from a Town Hall, I provided inputs that questioned the initial assessment.

“...Town Hall, I provided inputs that questioned the initial assessment that the project would have little to no impact on traffic, the environment, the water, and energy usage. This week we received notification via the issuance of a Draft Environmental Impact Study that the proposal to relocate the Bureau of Engraving & Printing from downtown D.C. to the BARC has moved forward. As outlined the new BEP facility will cover 122 acres with a 1 million square foot building and 1,800 employees. Access will be off an entrance on Powder Mill Road. The actual facility is located adjacent to Vanesille where the current Poultry barns are today. The new report has stated there will be no to minimal impacts on land, visual aesthetics, air quality, noise, environment (except potential slight impact on two (2) streams), traffic and transportation, utilities, hazardous waste, and human health and safety.

I want to hear what you have to say about this project so that your views are represented in my official response. But I also want you to review the Draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS) yourselves and provide your direct responses to the Army Corps of Engineers as well. The Draft EIS is now available for review and comment through December 21st. For more information go to https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Home/BEP-Replacement-Project/

COVID-19 Update

Unfortunately, the data for Prince George’s County is showing rapid increases in COVID cases. I have been working to re-establish a County sponsored COVID testing site in the Beltsville-Laurel area and the Health Department is currently discussing a location in the City of Laurel. However, if you feel sick do not wait to be tested -- call Prince George’s 311 for COVID testing. No doctor’s notes are required.

Please keep in touch! Email us at councilidistrict1@co.pg.md.us or call 301.952.3887. Se habla Español.
Holiday Shopping Ideas 2020

It’s November again and time to prepare for holiday shopping. It seems that many companies are running “Black Friday” sales for the entire month of November. This year COVID-19 has had a large impact on both shopping and on technology prices. The sudden demand for people working at home and students learning at home has made computers, laptops, printers, and HEADsets more expensive. There are still some technology bargains to be found.

3D printers

3D printers seem to have dropped in popularity with prices stabilized for many models between $100 and $300. If you are looking for a basic 3D printer, get one that supports a heated bed and at least PLA and ABS filament.

Mobile Phones

With new phones from Apple and Google having just been released, there are bargains to be found on last year’s models. No need to worry about 5G: the technology isn’t really ready yet with multiple reports that current 5G deployments are performing slower than 4G. It is probably best to wait a couple of years for 5G technology to mature before spending the extra money for a 5G phone. Many 4G phones are a bargain.

Voice Assistants, IoT Devices, and Cameras

The voice assistant market-

This Holiday Season, Doctors Urge Public to Make Safety a Top Priority

(StatePoint) With COVID-19 infections at an all-time high, medical experts urge the public to make safety their number one priority throughout the holiday season.

“Nearly a year into this pandemic, people are yearning for a return to normalcy. However, COVID-19 cases are surging and with flu season already upon us, bringing together people from different households during the holidays is far too great a safety risk,” says Susan R. Bailey, M.D., president of the American Medical Association (AMA).

During this unusual year, the AMA is sharing top tips for a safe and healthy holiday season:

1. It may not be the way you’re used to celebrating, but consider limiting this year’s gatherings to just the people who live in your household.

2. If you live somewhere warm, you may be able to add a few activities and start new traditions.

3. Take advantage of the video conferencing technologies available at your fingertips to bridge the distance between you and family or friends. Whether it’s watching holiday movies, unwrapping gifts or sharing recipes together, many of these traditions can still happen virtually.

4. Intersted in holiday deals and discounts? Shop for bargains from home. And if you must go to the store in person and you’re at-risk, check ahead of time to see if there are special hours for you.

5. Consider additional outdoor activities that can bring together other people in your circle without the dangers of dining inside. Go apple picking, leaf peeping or hiking. Think beyond the traditional holiday activities and start new traditions.

6. Disappointed that your usual large dinner is for a smaller group? You can still cook a large meal and share a portion with neighbors or friends. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends “delivering in a way that doesn’t involve contact with others.”

7. Continue to follow everyday safety guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19: wash your hands, maintain physical distancing and #MaskUp.

More health resources, along with tips to prevent the spread of COVID-19, are available at amassn.org.

“Missing holiday traditions is difficult, but with top scientists and researchers working round the clock to combat this virus, I’m hopeful that by this time next year, friends and family will be together again, one way or another,” says Dr. Bailey.
Screen-Free Holiday Gift Ideas That Inspire Kids

(StatePoint) Shopping for holiday gifts for kids? Looking for activities that don’t involve a screen? Consider toys and activities that will inspire them this holiday season and beyond. Here are four great gift ideas that will encourage kids to be creative and use their imaginations:

• Arts and crafts: Craft kits give kids all the tools they need to take a project start to finish. Whether it’s beaded jewelry, scented soaps, or sand art, when projects are completed, kids will feel accomplished and inspired to take their crafting to the next level.

• Horse play: Create magnificent braids and let kids bring their own vision of horse beauty to life with a gift like Breyer Mane Beauty Styling Heads. Bringing a love of hair play and horses together, Mane Beauty Styling Heads are realistically sculpted and decorated with long, silky, no-tangle manes. Available in three styles — Blaze (black mane), Daybreak (white mane) and Sunset (blonde mane) — each styling head includes all the tools kids need like a mane comb, mane clips and elastics. Recommended for ages 5+, this gift is available at Tractor Supply, in stores and online. Visit breyerhorses.com to learn more.

• Screen-free adventure: Getting lost in a good book is a rewarding adventure every kid should experience. Whether it’s beaded jewelry, scented soaps, or sand art, when projects are completed, kids will feel accomplished and inspired to take their crafting to the next level.

• Open-ended playtime: From kitchen playsets that foster interest in the culinary arts to workshop playsets that spark an interest in carpentry and mechanics, playing pretend offers open-ended fun and helps kids build confidence and social skills.

This holiday season, make a list and check it twice to be sure that it includes gifts that inspire.

Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

Thanks to all who voted this year!

Whether you voted by mail and used the post office, or dropped your ballot off, or voted in person early or on election day, you helped keep our democracy strong. The Delegates and I realize that the complexity of the alternatives were sometimes confusing and we’ll be working to learn from the 2020 election to make it better in 2022.

Help for Beltsville Restaurants: December 18th Deadline

The County will be providing grants up to $25,000 to restaurants to winterize their setting, add interior social distancing renovations, and PPP. Applications are due on December 18th. Please make sure your favorite locally-owned restaurant knows about this opportunity and encourage them to apply for funding ASAP. https://www.pgcedc.com/restaurantfund

Help with your Pepco bill

Pepco is asking all customers who are facing financial hardship due to COVID-19 to contact them now and make arrangements. If you are past due on your power bill, please contact the company at 202.833.7500 or pepco.com/help as soon as possible. Energy assistance also is available for limited-income customers. In Maryland, Pepco customers can apply for energy assistance through the Maryland Department of Human Services by calling the Office of Home Energy Programs at 800.332.6347.

Do you or friends need help getting unemployment benefits?

If you have still not gotten your unemployment insurance, please let us know. Email us at 21stdistrictdelegation@gmail.com. We will contact the right people in the Department of Labor and do everything we can to get your money ASAP.

Merry Christmas!

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

Contact us

Please let me know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if I can be of help to you. Just email 21stdistrictDelegation@gmail.com.

Thanks to all who voted this year! Jim Rosapepe, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, and Alejandra Melnyk at High Point High School, a drop-off and election day voting location.
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4. We will not be handing out any candy out this year.
5. Santa and the firefighters will have no citizen contact. The Santa tour will continue to move. We will not be stopping.
6. Tour could change or cancel due to any changes by state or local authority due to COVID.
7. Have fun and make sure you know what you want for Christmas!

Here is the schedule for this year’s tour:

**Tuesday December 8**
Starting Time 6:00 pm
Old Gunpowder Spur
Castle Pines
Harbour Town Dr
Wellford @ Dunnington
Ivy & Susquehanna
Stonehall @ Taney
Dunnington @ Key
Ivy @ Susquehanna
Welford @ Dunnington
Harbour Town Dr
Briggs Chaney @ Myrtle Ave
Castle Pines
Old Gunpowder Spur

**Saturday December 12**
Starting Time 4:00 pm
Evans Trail
Blue Ridge @ Pocono Place
Forestwood @ Blue Ridge
Cherry Hall Rd. (in front)
Major Denton @ Cherry Hill Ct.
Townley Apartments
Cherry Mill Drive @ Cherry Tree Ct.
Collier @ Powder Mill Rd.
Cherryvale @ Weeping Willow
Cherryvale @ Cherryvale Terr.
Lighthouse @ Beltsville Drive
Beltsville Drive @ Beltsville Rd
Forestsview @ Christine
Chapel View @ Craiglawn
Craiglawn @ Pca
Calverton @ Greenmount
Beltsville Rd @ Belvlei St
Greenmount @ Dunnington
Ronnehill @ Castleleigh
Ingleside @ Blairmore
Dunnington @ Oriole
Stonehall @ Taney
Dunnington @ Key
Ivy @ Susquehanna
Welford @ Dunnington
Harbour Town Dr
Briggs Chaney @ Myrtle Ave
Castle Pines
Old Gunpowder Spur

**Tuesday December 15**
Starting Time 6:00 pm
Ammendale Way @ Long Feather Ct.
Ammendale Way @ Clear Brooke Ct.
Ammendale Way @ Narrow Trail Terr.
Ammendale Way @ Horse SOLDIER Pl.
Ammendale Rd. @ Ammendale Rd.
Ammendale Rd. @ Hawk Ridge Ct.
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Saquito Ln. @ Saquito Pl.
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Sullivan Ct. @ Burdette Way
Longwood Dr. @ Pawling Way
Longwood Dr. @ Loughborough Pl.

**Thursday December 17**
Starting Time 6:00 pm
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. @ Forrester Rd.
Forrester Rd. @ Stephen Ln.
Cedar Ln. @ Cedar Ct.
Howard Rd. @ Home Acres Terr.
Sellman & Weymouth
Ulster & Woodbine

**Saturday December 19**
Starting Time 5:00 pm
Prince George’s Ave.
Sellman & Dresden
Sellman & Hillwood
Wicomico 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
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.
Roby Ave @ Macon Ave.
Caverly Ave @ Caverly Pl.
Pines St. @ Maple Pl.
Cavery @ Greenwood Rd.
Greenwood Rd. @ Emack Rd.

**Monday December 21**
Starting Time 6:00 pm
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.
Usage St. @ 45th Ave.
Tonquil Pl. @ 44th Ave.
Tonquil St. @ 45th Ave.
45th Ave. @ Samar St.
Rommel St. @ 44th Ave.

**BOOST CAMP**
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 processing speed improves. Addi-
tionally, boot camp style exercises
tend to be more unconventional and complex than traditional strength-training exercises and require more executive functioning skills. “
Community member Hue Phan used to get her exercise from line-
dancing and walking. She decided to challenge herself by taking the boot camp class twice a week.
“I love it and enjoy it a lot,” Hae
says. “It is a challenge for me, but I need a challenge.”
After several months of taking the higher-intensity class, Hue says her balance has improved. When the coronavirus pandemic hit, many activities at Riderwood were changed or put on hold. The fitness center quickly pivoted by airing exercise classes on the communi-
ity’s on-site TV station so residents could work out from the safety of their own apartment homes.
“We were offering the class out-
side during the warmer months,” Butler says of the boot camp class. “It will come back inside after we expand our group exercise pro-
gramming.”
Teacher of the Year Shares
Distance-Learning Tips

(StatePoint) School closures and hybrid learning models have forced educators, parents and students to adapt to new forms of learning; the impact of this is not to be underestimated. Teachers and parents around the country have expressed concerns about the accessibility and quality of education under these conditions. Fortunately, new tools and educational resources are being made accessible to help tackle these concerns. “Teacher of the Year” and author Michael Bonner is sharing resourceful ways to maintain a high-quality education under these conditions.

1. Students: Create Personalized Workspaces: When students have a lack of comfort, stress has a way of compounding at an exponential level. To combat this, focus on the things that create a productive and inviting learning environment, like creating a workspace that is functional, fun and organized. The good news is that it doesn’t require many materials; a few simple items can make a big difference. Students can tap into their artistic abilities to create a personalized space that energizes and motivates.

2. Parents: Increase Communication Touchpoints: With most schools operating through some variation of distance- or hybrid-learning, communication is a key asset for parents. Staying in regular contact with your child’s teacher can help you better understand and track how your child is performing and get ahead of any potential issues or concerns. Parents should feel empowered to reach out to their child’s teacher for progress updates or to address any areas of confusion with schedules or assignments. Sending a bi-weekly email with questions could help improve the overall experience for you and your child.

3. Teachers: Keep Kids Engaged: Teachers can break up the day by infusing different educational games and hands-on learning opportunities like 3M Science at Home. This online STEM video series is a great example of how students can tap into their curiosity about the world around them. By discussing observations and giving kids a chance to ask questions and come up with solutions, teachers and parents can foster a growth mindset while keeping kids engaged.

4. Community: Working Together to Improve Educational Access and Equity: COVID-19 has forced organizations, businesses and education systems to configure new frameworks to continue functioning. Unfortunately, educators are facing a huge wall as roughly 15 percent of U.S. households with school-age children do not have the high-speed internet connection at home needed to complete their assignments, according to Pew Research Center data.

While options may vary based on a school district’s ability to provide resources, parents can reach out to their local community boards and school districts to see what options are available to them. Some schools are creating hotspots or are teaming with local libraries and community partners such as churches and businesses to extend their connections.

As we all adjust to new educational models, ensuring learning is engaging and fun doesn’t have to be challenging; it can start with just a few simple techniques. Whether you are modifying a space to be more inviting for learning or finding supplemental, interactive activities to break up the day, diversifying your approach will help students better retain information and grasp new concepts while having fun.
**Area Events**

**Beltsville**

- **Solid Brick Rambler with Updated Electric** Kitchen & Baths! Roof 5 years old! Still needs some TLC. $318,000

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- **Historic Hyattsville:** 5 Bedrooms 3 Full Baths! Walk to restaurants, shops, and parks! $585,000

**National Wildlife Visitor Center**

**Trails and Grounds**

Social distancing is required. Masks are always required if you are near people not in your group and may become required at all times. Free admission and free parking. Be sure to take plenty of water with you. Address: 10801 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd, between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunset to sunrise, except for federal holidays.

**Visitor Center**

The building is still closed, but staff members are at work. Contact the Visitor Center for information regarding plans for socially distanced special events and reopening in the future. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Join our e-mail list by contacting timothy.parker@fws.gov. For future volunteer training (ages 18 and up), contact Diana Ogilvie at 301.497.5565 or Diana_Ogilvie@fws.gov.

**Beltsville Events**

Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operations.

**National Agricultural Library (NAL)**

This month the librarians have provided links to seasonal recipes and information for good nutrition. The building is closed until further notice. Address: 10301 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/HLNational_Ag_Lib. See NAL.USDAGov for links to digital exhibits and for more information.

**Fall Into the Flavors of the Season**

Warm your home and hearts this fall by cooking healthy, seasonal meals for the family. Find recipes and cooking tips from www.nutrition.gov to help you bring out the flavors of fall fruits and vegetables. Get inspired to spend time in the kitchen with these ideas:

- Add fall produce to your breakfast and snacks. Start the day with Pumpkin Pancakes or Apple-sauce French Toast, or power up while working or learning at home with Apple Nachos and Crunchy Chickpea Snacks.
- Try a healthier cookie. Fit fruits and veggies into sweet treats that the family will love. Try Healthy Carrot Cake Cookies and Banana Oatmeal Cookies.
- Warm up while staying in. Try a soup recipe—Vegetable Soup, Lentil Soup, and Broccoli Potato Soup recipes are a healthy addition to any meal. Don’t forget! You can find healthy recipes for every season by following us on Twitter or browsing our recipe page at www.nutrition.gov/recipes/?utm_source=govdelivery.

**Beltsville Library**

Check the library’s current status at www.pgcmls.info/branch/location/Beltsville. Inquire about curbside pick-up. Address: 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294.

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**Calendar of Events**

December 2020

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Club News

The American Legion Family Marches On

By Ivy Christoffers

Unfortunately, the recent changes in our state regarding the safety of its citizens resulted in the canceling of our scheduled Department Executive Committee meeting and our Southern Maryland District meeting. That being said, the Southern Maryland District President, Carmin Britain, organized a very important event to focus on our veteran’s needs. On November 14 at 10 am, a small group of volunteers came together at the Greenbelt American Legion to pack 337 comfort care packages for Washington VA Medical Center. In attendance were a past national president, Sandi Dutton, four past department presidents, including Rusty Beeg, Sandi Dutton, Ivy Christoffers, the president, and national president, Linda Green, the Southern Maryland District President Carmin Britain, and other department and district officers, chairmen, and volunteers. A total of 14 dedicated people which included some Legionnaires. As quoted by Britain, “Thank you to all the unit members in the Southern Maryland District who came out to help pack comfort kits for the Washington VA hospital.

A dedicated group of volunteers packing 337 comfort kits for Washington VA.

Holiday Food, Gift & Fund-Raising Program 2020 The Women’s Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB)

By Karen Coakley

WCCB is coordinating our annual holiday food and gift programs as well as fund raising for our other important projects. We are asking Beltsville businesses, schools, service organizations, social clubs, churches, and individuals to help us provide food and gifts to needy families within our community for the holidays as well as funds for our other important projects. There are times during the year when a family has reached out to us in a crisis. We would like to be able to help them as well. We hope you can assist us in these worthwhile endeavors.

At Christmas, we not only provide a holiday meal, we also provide presents for children. We accept non-perishable food, new toys, and new clothes for children. Monetary contributions, store gift cards, and new clothes for children. Monetary contributions and gift cards are also appreciated. You or your organizations are welcome to sponsor a family. As a certified 501 C 3 organization, all contributions are tax deductible. A list of donors will be publicized in the January Beltsville News unless you prefer to remain anonymous.

Monetary contributions and gift cards can be mailed to Women’s Community Club of Beltsville, PO Box 1607 Beltsville, MD 20705.

The Christmas donation deadline is Friday, December 11th. Contact Karen Coakley at womenclubbeltsville@gmail or 301.937.3490 with questions and / or to schedule a pickup or delivery time of your donation. Gift Card suggestions: Target, TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Ross, Kohls, Aldi’s, Lidl, Shopper’s, Walmart.

DUNAMIS WORSHIP CHAPEL

How to walk in the Supernatural!

As Christians, we are called to operate in the supernatural just as the disciples of Christ did. After Christ ascended to heaven, His disciples went into hiding. It wasn’t until they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit that they became fully equipped to walk in the supernatural. The supernatural power and authority of God has been made available to those that seek Him to perform miracles, signs, and wonders like in ancient Biblical times. In order to get into this realm of the supernatural, there are some principles that Christians must abide in. 1. You must be a man/woman of prayer. The Bible encourages us to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonian 1:7). 2. You must come from a place of Divine Encounter (Exodus 3:1-10). 3. You must be willing and ready to serve the Lord thy God (Mathew 6:33).

Please join us at Dunamis Worship Chapel International to learn more about ways to apply these principles in order to get to the realm of the supernatural. Please feel free to join us for any of our scheduled services listed below!

SUNDAYS: 1st Service 9 am 2nd Service 10 am 3rd Service 11 am 4th Service 12 pm

MONDAYS – FRIDAYS 9:11 Miracle Morning Prayer: 6 am-7 am

TUESDAYS Word Encounter and Communion Service: 7 pm-9 pm

FRIDAYS: Prophetic and Miracle Service: 7 pm - 9 pm

LAST FRIDAYS OF EVERY MONTH: Night of Dunamis: 8 pm-12 Midnight

Planting Daffodil Bulbs

The Police Explorers helped the Women’s Community Club of Beltsville plant daffodil bulbs in the park near the Beltsville Community Center. Look for the blooms in the spring. Thanks to the Police Explorers for digging!

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Our doors may be closed but our work in the community isn’t done! If you need food, come to our DRIVE UP FOOD DISTRIBUTION on Dec. 19th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. This is for anyone in need, no questions asked!

Christmas Eve Service
Join us Friday, December 24th at 7 pm for our annual Christmas Eve Service. Because of COVID restrictions, it will be virtual on Zoom. The link is available on our webpage at www.eumcbeltsville.com/worship

Any questions contact the church Monday-Friday at office@eumcbeltsville.com or 301-937-7114

VA Hospital. A special shout out to our Legionnaires Scott Smith (Shorty), Mel Graves, and Stan (Sip One) Shaw for all their support.” It was an awesome example of innovation and dedication.
Two of the scheduled events to be held at the College Park American Legion in the next few weeks will most likely be postponed if everything stays as uncertain as it is today. That is the early bird dinner and the installation of new officers. Until COVID 19, the installation was always held in June and the early bird dinner, for those who paid dues early, was held in October.
The Veteran’s Day observance was held at the post home this year because of the rain. Our new chef, Joe, did a great job preparing lunch for all who attended. A special poem, written by a 90-year-old WW II veteran named George Farr, was shared. It is titled “VETERANS” and followed the life of veterans from induction to the end of their service; a heart wrenching view of a soldier’s life.
Let us stay safe as we cope with these difficult times. May God continue to bless America and all our troops who are in harm’s way.

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In awe and wonder these poor souls went out to find this Babe Of whom the starry skies had sung would all God’s people save.
Today, surrounded by a cloud, black with the cries of hate, This Jesus still is calling all alive to come His way.
Though crucified by wicked men, He rose back from the grave Declaring death had lost its grip; Forgiveness rules the day.
There is no peace apart from Christ, our evil is too deep; Repentance means to turn aside from sin which guides our feet.
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Beckie Hutchings
10/22/2020
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