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## Cub Pack 1031: A Scout Is Clean

Early in March before everything closed, Cub Pack 1031 worked hard on our achievements. Tigers worked on Team Tiger, working together and cleaning outside our meeting place. Wolves worked on Code of the Wolf, and some of them achieved Paws on the Path. Webelos worked on Webelos Walkabout, and the Arrow den finished up three achievements!

On March 7, the Webelos dens went down to Washington, DC, via the Metro and hiked from Rhode Island Ave station along the Metropolitan Branch trail to the National Gallery of Art. There, we toured the East Gallery and learned about the mobiles of Alexander Calder and explored modern art. This helped both dens complete the gallery tour for Art Explosion and the Webelos 3-mile hike requirement for Webelos Walkabout.

Until we get through this pandemic, we are staying busy and working on achievements at home on our meeting night and sharing photos of our scouts' work with the pack. The scouts can go on walks and explore spring in the outdoors with their families. They also can learn about the importance of handwashing and this new term



Webelos and Cubmaster on the way to their urban hike

"social distancing." Talk, have fun, but stay at least 6 ft from others. Always learning!

A reminder: if you have Cub Scout uniforms that you can part with, please contact Regina Halper at the email below so we can pass on "experienced uniforms" to our scouts. The cost of Cub Scouting has been going up, and sharing your uniforms will help cover the

cost of participating for our families.

Pack 1031 has fun adventures we will complete over the next year including outdoor adventures, citizenship, and service projects. Pack 1031 is a family pack open to boys and girls K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The pack has activities including camping, hiking, our annual Pine-wood Derby and campfires. We

also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy drive, and Scouting for Food. Along the way we learn responsibility, practice citizenship, play games, and have tons of fun. If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts, please contact Regina Halper at Pack-1031cubscouting@gmail.com for more information.

### NEXT ISSUE:

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April 15

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April 25

### On the Agenda

By President Karen M. Coakley



Karen Coakley

Once is a lifetime experience...I hope. As *The Beltsville News* goes to press, our world is changing daily. Moving forward, we all need to keep in mind how our health impacts those around us. Hugs and handshakes are quickly becoming greetings of the past. Hand sanitizer is a valued commodity.

April meeting? Because the county has issued an order canceling all meetings for 60 days the Citizen's Association will not be meeting in April. If there are any changes, I will share information on *The Beltsville News* website ([www.beltsvillenewstoday.com](http://www.beltsvillenewstoday.com)), Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BeltsvilleNews/>), and *Nextdoor*.

If you have not signed up for

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## Beltsville Briefs

### Community Easter Egg Hunt

The First Baptist Church of Beltsville (4700 Odell Road, Beltsville, MD 20705) will be holding a community Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 4, from 10–11:30 am for children ages 2–12. The community is invited for games, refreshments, and lots of fun as the church celebrates the real reason for Easter, Jesus!



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**Dates for all activities listed in this month's edition are subject to change or cancellation due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.**





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## Kitty Post

# Calling All People Who Feed Feral Cats

In these uncertain times, pet owners need to know that there is **no current evidence** that suggests the COVID-19 virus can be transmitted to or from companion animals.

In Beltsville, many neighbors and local businesses are working together to humanely reduce the free-roaming cat population through a process known as Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR). During TNVR, cats are trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, ear-tipped (the universal symbol that feral cats have been neutered and vaccinated) and then returned to their home territories.

Once the breeding stops, the population gradually decreases.

You may wonder why neutered cats are returned where they were trapped. Neutered cats hold a territory, preventing new cats from moving in. By contrast, removing cats from their territories frees up new territory that is quickly filled by new cats, requiring constant trapping and removal.

Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) volunteers need your help to identify the people in your neighborhood who are feeding feral cats. Our goal is to work with these individuals to spay/neuter and vaccinate as many of these

cats as possible. No cats will be harmed, all cats will be returned, and no authorities will be notified.

While the service is free to the residents, donations are needed and used primarily to cover the cost of veterinary expenses. Tax-deductible donations may be mailed to Beltsville Community Cats, P.O. Box 942, Beltsville MD 20704. Follow our work on Instagram at @beltsville\_cats where you can view adoptable cats and kittens. To volunteer or report feral cats, call 240.444.8353 or email [hello@beltsvillecats.net](mailto:hello@beltsvillecats.net).

## COAKLEY

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*Nextdoor*, I encourage you to do so. Several county and state agencies are sharing valuable information. Go to [www.Nextdoor.com](http://www.Nextdoor.com), enter your street address, and the site will guide you to "your neighborhood"

The 2020 Census is here! Make certain you are counted! Did you know that for every resident that goes uncounted, our county loses out on \$18,250 over a 10-year period per person? As a resident of Prince George's County, you benefit from the federal funds

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The community final pre-construction meeting concerning MD 212A (Powder Mill Road) from Pine Street to US 1 will be held on Tuesday, April 14, from 7-9 pm. (We will notify you if this changes.) This meeting will provide attendees an opportunity to view construction details. Maps and displays will depict the proposed improvements, and MDOT SHA representatives will be available to answer project-related questions. There will be no formal presentation. You may arrive at any time during the meeting hours and walk through the display area at your own pace. For more information about this project, please contact Mr. Vladimir Jean-Pierre, project manager. Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration Office of Highway Development (OHD) 707 N. Calvert Street, Mail Stop C-102, Baltimore, MD 21202; phone: 410.545.0080 toll-free: 1.888.228.5003; email: [vjean-pierre@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:vjean-pierre@mdot.maryland.gov).

I have reached out to Vladimir and will keep the community updated on the meeting and the project. I realize that Powder Mill Road through Beltsville has been a "very bumpy ride...." First the pot-holes, then construction from moving the utilities. Moving forward, the State Highway's timeline is to finish moving the utilities by fall of 2020 and begin construction late spring 2020. Construction is to be completed by the end 2022.

If you have a community concern or if you would like to be added to the Beltsville Citizen's Association email list, I can be reached at 301-937-3490 or [karenmcoakley@msn.com](mailto:karenmcoakley@msn.com).

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## Neighbors in the News

# Jeremiah Was a Bullfrog

The song by Three Dog Night called "Joy to the World" was released in 1971. Most people know it by its first line, "Jeremiah was a bullfrog." I remember hearing people happily singing the first stanza and chorus, loudly, with varying levels of musical talent and sobriety. It has a catchy tune, has whimsical lyrics, and was fun to sing.

"Jeremiah was a Bullfrog. Was a good friend of mine. Never understood a single word he said, but I helped him drink his wine. And he always had a mighty fine wine. Singing joy to the world. All the boys and girls. Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea, joy to you and me."

Would it surprise you to read that some thought the song refers to Jeremiah in the Bible? As an avid reader of the Bible, I find that interesting. *Wikipedia* (yes, I like it) said that one of the members said the original lyrics was "Jeremiah was Prophet," but they couldn't record that. Speaking from my faith tradition, Jeremiah spent a lot of time talking to people who weren't listening. Like the bullfrog, he made his plea, but humans didn't understand or believe or just ignored Jeremiah, until it was too late. That matches up to lack of understanding. It also seems that wine was the beverage of choice at many occasions throughout the Bible. There were people whose job included tasting the wine before their leader drank it. Another checkmark. It was also a time that people wanted to unify and find peace. Peace must include ALL boys and girls regardless of the many thing oth-

ers use to separate us. When we include everyone and everything, like fish, in the quest for peace, "JOY" is a favorable outcome. Using fish to make a point, like two fish or a whale in the Bible, is a great example of inclusion. Checkmark. I can't speak about the rest of the lyrics, but I like the idea of coming together for the simple pleasure of finding JOY.

As a pastor, I spend my time making correlations between life then and now. I often wonder what the world would be like if we valued ALL creation. Maybe we would be better stewards of the land, air, sea, and people, all people, equally. We can use some of that off-key, joyous singing today. It seems like the chaos of Jeremiah's time is resurfacing; a virus had us scrambling because we weren't prepared; politics are still politics. If those comments intrigues or confuses you, let's talk. We can also include a conversation about Easter not being about the Easter Bunny. You can find me and others of like-mindedness at Emmanuel UMC. Come share your thoughts with us. We have a non-traditional worship time, 9:45am Sundays. We are intentional about including the cultures that worship with us. We have a nursery and a sign language interpreter available during worship. You can learn about us on our webpage [www.eumcbeltsville.com](http://www.eumcbeltsville.com) or Facebook [www.facebook.com/groups/EUMCBeltsville/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/EUMCBeltsville/). Until next time:

Jubilant  
Over the top  
Youthful praise

## Arising

Again, this season,  
our thoughts turn  
Remembering the cross,  
And those disciples whose  
hearts burned  
Encountering their boss.

Because the Lord had  
agonized,  
Gave up life 'ere their gaze,  
All promises He made to rise  
Seemed swallowed by the  
grave.

His resurrection shook  
their souls,  
Was more than they  
conceived,  
Appearing to them in  
their hold  
They were slow to believe.

Today, creation groans  
in grief,

O'erwhelmed by much  
concern,  
While lies surround and  
rob belief  
This Savior will return.

May Spring remind the faint  
and hurt,  
Who've borne the Winter's  
dearth,  
The Author of the second  
birth  
Will soon revisit earth.

No greater joy, or fear  
will grip  
Each when that day arrives  
Be sure you're ready for  
the trip  
To meet Him in the skies.

Beckie Hutchings  
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## Obituaries

### Bowen, Leroy F.

Leroy F. Bowen, a Beltsville resident for 68 years, passed on February 27, 2020, at the Gilcrest Hospice in Columbia, MD, from complications due to a stroke. Leroy was born on November 11, 1927, to Guy and Margaret Bowen in Washington, DC. Leroy was raised in Greenbelt, MD, and graduated from Greenbelt High School in 1945. In 1946, Leroy entered the US Army and was assigned to Ft Sam Huston in Texas. Upon his honorable discharge, Leroy returned to Greenbelt and began his career at Western Electric in telecommunications, which would span 4 decades. In August of 1951, Leroy married Bytha Sturgill. They started their life together in a small home in College Park. In 1953 Leroy and Bytha began the construction of the home they built together in Beltsville. It was completed a year later. This would be their family home for the rest of their lives.

Through the years, Leroy was active in the Beltsville community. He was a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church and was the head trustee for many years. Leroy was first Cubmaster of pack 1031 in 1963 then the Scoutmaster of Troop 735 in 1969 until 1975. He was active in the Beltsville Citizens Association and the American Legion. His passions were his family, hunting, fishing, gardening, and beekeeping. Through the years, Leroy would share his passion of the outdoors with everyone who knew and loved him. He took great pride in being a steward of the outdoors.

In retirement he continued to enjoy his hobbies. He was an avid reader wanting to learn something new every day. He also started a small engine repair shop that he would run for 20 years.

Leroy was preceded in death by his wife, Bytha, in 2002 after 51 years of marriage; brother Guy Jr.; and his parents. He is survived by children Andy (Colleen) Bowen of Highland, MD; Karen (John) Shaw of Gettysburg, PA; and Bill

Bowen of Middletown, MD; and brother Ted M Bowen of Lewes, DE.

### Cressotti, Leno Angelo

Leno Angelo Cressotti, 86, passed away peacefully with family by his side on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at home in Beltsville, MD.

He was preceded unexpectedly in death early in life by his first wife, Norma English, and second wife later in life, Eleanor Delores, as well as sister, Irma Ager. He is survived by sibling Lee Naccarato; children Terry Wilcher (Steve), Michael (Kim), Lino (Bonnie), Steven (Kathy), and Elizabeth Hart (Jack); stepchildren, James Lowery (Ruth), Patrick Lowery (Eldia), Theresa Perry; 18 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and beloved pup JoJo.

Mr. Cressotti graduated Hyattsville High School in 1951 and enlisted in the United States Air Force. While in the Air Force, Leno traveled abroad and stateside and was honorably discharged in 1955. After his time in the Air Force, he worked various jobs in construction and service before he took a job at the Department of Defense, where he worked through to retirement in 1993.

Just before retirement, Mr. Cressotti moved to Hedgesville, WV, with wife Eleanor, where he enjoyed gardening and wood-working. He spent the end of his life with his family in Beltsville, MD. Interment Rosedale Cemetery, Martinsburg, WV.

### Hall, Robert C.

Robert C. Hall, beloved father and grandfather, passed away peacefully in his home on March 1, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. He was 93. Bob was born and raised in Northeast Washington, DC, attending Crosby Noyes Elementary, Taft Jr. High, and McKinley Tech High School. He

joined the U.S. Merchant Marine on his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, serving on a number of ships sailing to all corners of the world. He also was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Korea and Japan from 1953 to 1955. Upon returning to his hometown, he met and married Rosario Ramirez in 1958. They settled in Beltsville, raising their three children in a home that reflected their love of both learning and games. Bob eventually returned to the Merchant Marine working as a chief radio officer until his retirement in 1985.

Bob was a baseball enthusiast in his youth, but as anyone who knew him would attest, tennis became his self-taught passion. He could be found almost year-round on local courts, always happy to pick up a game or hit balls with any newcomer. He continued playing almost to the age of ninety.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, James and Emma; sisters, Dorothy and Dolores; and wife, Rosario. He is survived by his children Monica, David, and Kenny; grandchildren Chiara, Antonia, Nathan, Gabriella, Megan, and Justin; sisters-in-law Olga, Norma, and Gladys; and many nephews, nieces, and extended family. He will be sorely missed. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Children's National Hospital.

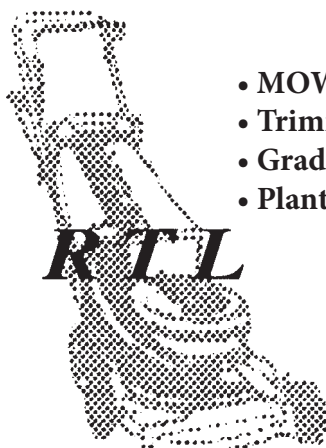
### Lasick, Joseph M. "Jo-Jo"

On Thursday, March 12, 2020. Husband of Dorothy Lasick; father of Joseph "Nick," Kimberly, and Heather; grandfather of Taylor, Tyler, Travis, and Colton; brother of Kathie Lasick Baggott; son of Barbara McGowan and the late Joseph "Sonny" Lasick. Friends and relatives called at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Rd. Beltsville, MD 20705 on Wednesday, March 18, from 1-3 pm and 7-9 pm. Interment private.

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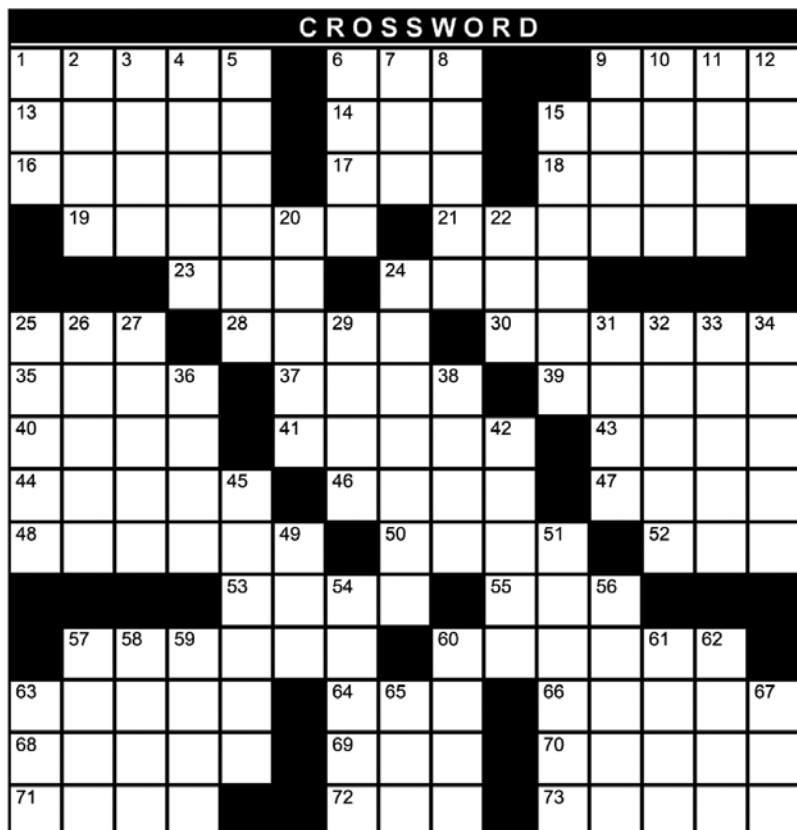
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- Actress Ali or singer Tim
- Flying saucers
- Yeahs' opposers
- One of the Muses
- Ancient region of western Europe
- \*Sweet bear
- In a little while, old-fashioned
- Like a neon sign
- Fashion's "New Look" inventor
- Weasel's cousin
- Cash in credit card points, e.g.
- "Good grief!"
- The Old Man's turf
- Tucked in

- Sine \_\_\_\_ non
- \*"Gimme a break" bar
- \*Egg with a surprise
- Southwestern hut
- Step on it
- Small Asian ungulate
- What radiology and biology have in common
- Chihuahua's cry
- a.k.a. Ernest?
- Japanese money, pl.
- Blitzed
- Industrious

### DOWN

- Similar to an adder
- View from a moving train
- Yesteryear
- Shopping \_\_\_\_
- Creates disorder
- Forever and a day
- \*Hershey made the first American milk chocolate one
- Belittle
- Have supper
- Tennis serving whiz
- Memorial Day solo
- "The \_\_\_\_ of Racing in the Rain"
- Fast and lively
- Increasing
- Location of ulna

- Hindered
- \*Principal candy ingredient
- Allowed into a bar, e.g.
- Past tense of will
- Glorify
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- Raja's wife, pl.
- Do penance
- \*Famous fictional bar
- \_\_\_\_ gin
- Smoke plus fog
- Baghdad resident
- Not strongly
- CEO's deg.
- Fertilized
- C2H5
- "J" \_\_\_\_ by #46 Across
- Green superfood
- Desktop picture
- Facebook photo links
- Not disregarded, as in a promise
- Marine eagle
- Surprise at a speakeasy
- \*Almond-induced state
- Cardinal 3
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## Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

### Coronavirus FAQ for Older Adults

The Maryland Department of Health has answered frequently asked questions for older people about the outbreak. You can find the FAQ along with other information online at <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>, or you can call our office at 301.858.3141 and we will mail you a copy.

### Coronavirus Hotline

The county now has a coronavirus hotline: 301.883.6627. Please call the hotline and not 911 if you need to speak to someone about the virus.

### Alert Prince George's

This system sends emergency alerts and updates to your registered devices. To sign up today, visit <https://www.princegeorges-countymd.gov/794/Alert-Prince-Georges>.

### Web Resources

Here are some local websites to check for information:

- <https://www.princegeorges-countymd.gov/1>—Most recent updates in Prince George's County
- <https://www.pgcps.org/coronavirus/>—County public school updates and procedures
- <https://umd.edu/virusinfo>—Updates for employees and students at UMD



Senator Jim Rosapepe

### What to Do If You Show Symptoms

Contact a doctor if you develop the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath. Symptoms may develop 2–14 days after exposure. Individuals with health challenges with their kidneys, lungs, or heart as well as those over the age of 60 are the most vulnerable to this virus. If you have these conditions, you are to minimize contact with others and seek medical treatment as soon as possible.

### Legislative Action to Protect All of Us

To support this public health effort while keeping the essential services of government function-

ing, the Maryland legislature:

- moved quickly to approve the state budget for the coming year
- set aside \$50 million in emergency funds for tests, treatment, tracing, and other critical medical services
- passed legislation to expand unemployment insurance, fight price gouging, and pursue other ways to protect Maryland families
- boosted budget reserves in case of recession

In addition, the legislature moved up the end of our regular 2020 session and set a special session for the week of May 25, when we hope to have more visibility on in the impact of the crisis.

This will allow us to focus on making sure that our constituents benefit from state efforts to fight the virus and its economic disruption. As part of this effort, Delegate Joseline Pena Melnyk has been named to the Joint COVID-19 Response Legislative Workgroup, which will monitor state responses and recommend ways to improve them.

### 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 help you. Just email [21stDistrict-Delegation@gmail.com](mailto:21stDistrict-Delegation@gmail.com) or call 301.858.3141.

## The John Ulle Family of Beltsville

By Ted Ladd and Dave Murray

This is the story of a man, John Abraham Ulle, who came to Beltsville to raise a family, run a business, and be a good citizen. He was born July 7, 1827, in Gerthausen, Germany.

In 1849, at 22 years of age, he booked passage aboard the immigration bark *Jason* to travel from Germany to New York City. The trip in those days, via sailing ship, took from 6 to 14 weeks, depending on weather conditions.

In July, 1853, at age 26, he married Margaret Magle, 18, in Washington, DC.

They moved to Beltsville the following year. Ulle was the first blacksmith in Beltsville, and he established a blacksmith shop on Old Baltimore Pike where it crossed the railroad tracks. He built a home close to the blacksmith shop, and the first of their 11 children, daughter Elizabeth, was born on August 15, 1854.

The U.S. Federal census of 1860 lists John Ulle as a blacksmith living in Beltsville with his wife and three children. By January 1863, the Ulles had five children: Elizabeth, 8; Edward, 6; Margaret, 4; Rosa, 2; and Catherine, 5 months. Tragically, in April 1863, Catherine and Margaret passed away within 8 days of each other.

In July 1863, Ulle was drafted into the Union Army. To put it in

context, the Battle of Gettysburg was fought during the first three days of July 1863. Ulle's duties were to keep the B&O railroad tracks operable using his capabilities as a blacksmith.

One year later, on July 12, 1864, there was a Civil War raid in Beltsville. It was part of a plan to attack Washington, DC, by Confederate forces under the overall command of Confederate General Jubal Early.

The Beltsville raid involved Company B of the 1<sup>st</sup> Maryland Cavalry, CSA, led by Beltsville resident and Confederate Cavalry Major George Emack. Emack's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday would be on July 29. The raiders blockaded the railroad tracks in Beltsville with burning railroad ties. They cut telegraph lines and set fire to railroad cars. Some railroad cars were close enough to the Ulle property that fire spread to the home, and blacksmith shop and both were destroyed.

Ironically, Major Emack's home was not far from the Ulle's. It was across from St. John's Epis-

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## From the Office of Councilmember Tom Dernoga

### Coronavirus Edition District 1 Office Update

On March 17, 2020, the County Council passed an emergency resolution (CR-10-2020) concerning County Council operations during the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency. To limit the number of people on-site, several other council members and I participated in the scheduled session by video conferencing. CR-10-2020 stays all public meetings, sessions, and hearings of the Prince George's County Council sitting as the District Council, Zoning Hearing Examiner, and Board of Appeals for a period of sixty (60) days or until the state-wide emergency is lifted. However, your District 1 team will continue to serve our residents remotely. Please call us with your questions or concerns at (301) 952-3887 or email [Councildistrict1@co.pg.md.us](mailto:Councildistrict1@co.pg.md.us)

### Coronavirus Update

As your council member, my number one priority is keeping you informed, especially now, during the current public health emergency involving the corona-



Councilmember Dernoga connects with attendees of the District 1 Laurel Community Conversation

virus outbreak. COVID-19 causes respiratory illness and can spread from person to person. This is a rapidly evolving situation, and we are working collaboratively in Prince George's County to inform and protect our communities. For the latest updates, county residents can visit the County Health Department's dedicated coronavirus web page: <https://tinyurl.com/PGCoronavirus>. If you have any questions or concerns, you can also call the Prince George's County Health Department coronavirus hotline at (301) 883-6627 to receive updated information.

### Maryland Health Connection

Due to the ongoing public health emergency caused by COVID-19, a special open enrollment period is now available for uninsured Marylanders. Through April 15, uninsured Marylanders can sign up for health insurance through the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange. Coverage will begin April 1 regardless of when a health plan is selected during the open enrollment period. Visit <http://bit.ly/MDHealthConn-Cov>

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## Neighbors in the News

# Creating a Bird-Friendly Garden with Native Plants

Please join the Beltsville Garden Club (BGC) for a monthly meeting at the Duckworth School, 11202 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD, on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at 7:30 pm.

Speaker Claudia Ferguson of the Prince George's Audubon Society will present Creating a Bird-Friendly Garden with Native Plants.

April 22, 2020, marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day. If you enjoy gardening and have been considering how to honor this special day, there is an opportunity within your abilities, and your moment has come! Gardeners have the ability to do something that most people can only dream of: to bring life and beauty to their gardens while enhancing local biodiversity and attracting butterflies, pollinators, and birds. By growing native plants, each patch of habitat you create joins a collective effort to sustain living resident birds and migratory birds passing through. Most of America's original natural habitats have been lost to agriculture and urban development. Gardening with native plants in our backyards can provide essential food in the form of nuts, seeds, fruit, and nectar for birds threatened by climate change. These plants are adapted to local precipitation

and soil conditions and generally require less upkeep. Native plants help the environment by providing food and shelter for birds while saving water, pesticide use, maintenance effort, time, and money.

Audubon experts have selected the optimal plants for birds that would grow well within your zip code. This database is free and available at [www.audubon.org/native-plants](http://www.audubon.org/native-plants). For a zip code within Prince George's County area, there are approximately 133 optimal native species to create bird-friendly gardens. Among these plants are trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, grasses, and evergreens you can choose from. Choosing any of these optimal native plants for birds helps to provide them with the food and shelter they need to thrive all year long. Also, gardening and watching backyard bird activity contributes to a sense of well-being for the gardener and garden visitors. It fosters a connection with nature and prompts gratitude for the biodiversity we can create around us.

Wherever you live, wherever your garden is located, some careful choices of native plants can make a difference by attracting the birds you love and protecting them in the face of habitat loss and climate change. Please visit [www.audubon.org/native-plants](http://www.audubon.org/native-plants)

and enter your 5-digit zip code to explore the best plants for birds in your area as well as local resources and links to more information.

**Claudia Ferguson's** life-long passion for nature, wildlife, and birds started during early childhood while playing outdoors in her native tropical Cuba and exploring the rural Patagonian landscape when her family moved to the southern tip of South America. During her undergraduate years, she studied agriculture and the environmental factors that affect it. She received a B.S. Degree in Agronomy from the University of Cuyo in Argentina. During her graduate studies, she learned about tropical crop production and natural resources conservation and received a Master's Degree in Agricultural Sciences from the University of Costa Rica.

In the United States, Claudia's federal career began in 1996 with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). She currently works on international trade policy to address plant health risks associated with trade. As a senior regulatory policy specialist, her work involves facilitating international trade in agricultural commodities with import requirements that safeguard American agriculture and natural resources from foreign pests and diseases.

Claudia is a board member for Prince George's Audubon Society, a local chapter of the National Audubon Society. Audubon is dedicated to protecting birds and the habitats they need. Having lived in several countries and traveled to many more, Claudia relates to birds and the perils they endure with the increasing loss of habitats they encounter during migration.

Claudia lives in Hyattsville. Her backyard has been recognized by the Audubon Society as a Bird-Friendly Habitat. The National Wildlife Federation certified her property as a wildlife habitat for providing the four basic elements needed for wildlife to thrive: food, water, cover, and places to raise their young. Claudia speaks publicly on gardening with native plants to promote a collective effort to support birds in urban and suburban landscapes.

BGC meetings are open to the public; there is no fee. Refreshments are served after the speaker's program. We thank all attendees who contribute to the refreshment table and who bring a plant or plant-related item for the door prize drawing. Should Prince George's County Public Schools be closed, the meeting will be canceled.

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## Tech Sense By John Bell

# Working from Home

Due to the fact that everyone I know is working from home because of the threat posed by the COVID-19 virus, I thought I would take a break from my privacy and security series and talk about the technologies that make working from home practical.

## Home Computer Setup

Someone planning to work at home should have access to a computer that they can use during the workday. This computer does not have to be the latest and greatest, but it should be able to run a recent version of the Microsoft Office software. An Internet connection is a must-have with a recommended bandwidth of 25 megabits per second for faster download (incoming data) and a minimum of 5 megabits per second for upload (outgoing data). A keyboard and mouse or other pointing device are needed as is a headset that is either wireless or plugs into the computer's sound card. The primary software required will be a good browser, typically, either Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox.

## Cloud-based Work Tools

Most people working in an office will need access to the Microsoft Office suite of tools.

These are available now as cloud-based tools that run in the browser or can be downloaded and installed on your PC and operated under your company's license. Other tools that are commonly encountered might include cloud-based application like Sales Force (customer relationship management), planning and tasking tools like Trello, or timekeeping tools used to clock-in and out of your work hours.

## Virtual Computers

But wait, you might say; "my computer isn't powerful enough to run the software I need at work." No problem: today a virtual computer can be created in the cloud that has all of the power required and can be run through your browser. These computers can be configured to have all of the software you use pre-installed and ready to go when you log into the computer through the web. Unlike your home computer, these cloud computers can be made secure to operate on your company networks and run company-based applications.

## Virtual Private Networks

Of course, your company may already be providing you with a laptop. In this case there may be no need for the virtual computer, but you still need to be able to connect to the company network securely. In this case the company-provided laptop should have a virtual private network connector or VPN install. In this case, the VPN makes a secure remote connection to the company network from the network used by your computer to connect to the Internet.

## Communications

Of course, it wouldn't feel like the workplace if you didn't have to attend meetings. A sad fact of life is some companies seem to exist for meetings.

## Virtual Meetings

That's OK. Virtual meeting or conference tools exists so everyone can join together and meet. Forget the simple conference call where everyone dials into a number, enters a code, and all talk at once. Conference applications like Zoom, Join.me, Webex, and GoToMeeting allow you to connect with your computer. This is why you needed that headset. If you also have a webcam (most laptops do), then you can allow others to see your face as well. Of course, the primary benefit here is that someone can present a PowerPoint slideshow or a document

that everyone on the conference can see at the same time. On some applications it is even possible to share a common white board everyone can draw on. Finally, if you fall asleep during a virtual conference, make sure you are on mute so your snoring doesn't let anyone else know you are asleep.

## One on One

If you don't need a big meeting but you want a one on one, face to face call, there are apps for this situation as well. Applications like Skype and Duo work on your phone and your PC (best if you have a webcam). If you are an Apple user, forget Facetime unless everyone you know also has an Apple phone.

## Messaging and Chat Apps

You may want to send a quick message to a coworker without the hassle of a call. This is where messaging applications come in. The granddaddy of these is Internet Relay Chat (IRC). Most companies try to standardize on one of the many applications out there today. Common choices are Google Hangouts, Jabber, Telegram, or standard SMS text messages over the phone. Again, Apple users be aware that iMessage only works with Apple products.

## Collaboration

So now I have a computer, I can securely connect to my company network, and I can communicate with my co-workers, but what if a co-worker and I need to work together on the same document. This is where collaboration tools come in. Google Docs, the online version of Office 265, and Confluence are some of the products that allow multiple people to work at the same time on the same documents. Combining this with one of the rich communication tools we have discussed is nearly like working at the same desk beside the other person. File sharing technologies, like Google Drive or One Drive, allow files being worked on to be saved where all parties can access them.

## And in the End

I hope that everyone in Beltsville is staying safe during this trying time and these ideas for getting work done at home are useful. Next month, I expect to pick up on the next section on my privacy and security series.

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This month I am going to share with you something special. In June 2019, a friend of mine, Malcolm Schweizer, was on a sailboat trip in the US Virgin Islands with his family. His little daughter, Petra, decided to write a message and put in a bottle, which she eventually threw overboard. She included a phone number.

In early March 2020, a United States Coast Guard crew found the bottle off the Bahamas of Inagua. They sent a text along with photos. The message from the crew reads:

Good afternoon Petra's Parents, this is from the United States

Coast Guard Crew of the 6046 MH-60T helicopter. During one of our flights in the Bahamas, we found Petra's bottle with the message enclosed. It brightened all of our hearts finding this message and truly hope that your voyage is memorable.

Hope all is well,  
Sincerely, Mike Diglio, USCG Rescue Swimmer, Cody Dickey USCG Flight Mechanic, Cody Eagerr USCG Pilot, Nate Jones USCG Pilot.

The encounter made headline news in the media on the US Virgin Island of St Thomas. I decided to share this as I have

done something similar in Beltsville, but with helium balloons. When I lived in Beltsville, I did a lot of work with young people at the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church, and a few times, we released balloons into the air. We wrote Bible verses and the names of some of the children along with the date and address of the church. It has not happened yet, but as I told the children, do not be surprised if one day somebody shows up at the church with one of the balloons or better still somebody writes the church with a story of how they found the balloon and were blessed.

As we go through the period of the COVID-19 virus, I am just going to appeal to you my dear reader... let us go back to basics: washing off hands as often as necessary and avoiding touching things outdoors—period. Also, when you come indoors, take your

shoes off, have a shower, and then go about the rest of your routine.

Well, here in Dallas we are doing okay. I have been able to get the basics we need. Have a safe Easter period ahead and have a great day.

Members of the United States Coast Guard Crew of the 6046 MH-60T helicopter with Petra's bottle and note.



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Address: 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.699.2544. **The museum is closed until the end of April.** Regular hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except for most major holidays and some special events. Cost: \$5/adults, \$4/seniors, \$2/children, free/age 1 and under.

### LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Address: 7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the University of Maryland Medical Center. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402. **The center is closed until the end of April.** Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thur. from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Sunday and most major holidays. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are age 60 or older.

### SAVE THE DATES: SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our 2020 travel schedule includes a *Golden Girls* Murder Mystery Dinner Theater one-day trip to Lahaska, PA, on Thur., June 11 and a trip to a Harrington, DE casino in July. Interested people can contact our office for more details. Regular office hours are Mon. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Phone: 301.206.3380.

### NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Join our e-mail list by contacting timothy\_parker@fws.gov. *Contact the Visitor Center for information about updated hours of operation and events for April.* Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are: Fri. – Wed. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Thursdays and federal holidays. Cost: Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits. Other activities and events are free of charge if not noted.

APRIL 2020

# Calendar of Events

## PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Space in public programs is limited. *Registration is by phone only and is required unless otherwise specified; call 301.497.5887.* Note: These public programs are designed for individuals/families. Programs are subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

## TRAILS AND GROUNDS

Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. Free admission.

## FREE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Get free volunteer training for many fun and educational activities. Ages 18 and up. Contact Diana Ogilvie at 301.497.5565 or Diana\_Ogilvie@fws.gov for more information. Opportunities include:

- Greeting visitors at the front desk,
- Tram tour interpreter,
- Operating the bookstore, and
- Participating in wildlife surveys.

## HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

The gallery is open when the Visitor Center is open. All ages are invited; no registration is required.

## OWL & KESTREL

Selected Saturdays from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. each day. All ages. No registration required. Meet two of North America's smallest birds of prey: the American kestrel and eastern screech owl. Both are expert hunters. The American kestrel uses its acrobatic prowess, while the eastern screech owl is a stealthy silent hunter.

## BELTSVILLE EVENTS

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

## NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

Online services are available at [www.nal.usda.gov/main/](http://www.nal.usda.gov/main/).

Regular hours of operation for the building are Mon. – Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. The library is located at 10301 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter at [http://twitter.com/#!/National\\_Ag\\_Lib](http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib). See [NAL.USDA.gov/visit-library](http://NAL.USDA.gov/visit-library) for more information.

## VANSVILLE HEIGHTS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Due to the ongoing public health emergency caused by the coronavirus, Vansville Heights Citizens Association, Inc. meetings are cancelled until further notice. If you have questions or concerns email [perk1500@gmail.com](mailto:perk1500@gmail.com). Be Calm, Be Prepared and Be Assured. John D. Perkins, President

## BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

**Contact the library for updated information about hours of operation and activities in April.** Address: 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Tue. from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wed. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sun. from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visit our library system website at [www.pgcmlls.info](http://www.pgcmlls.info) to use our online library services. Notification of closing for inclement weather or emergencies is posted on our web site, [www.pgcmlls.info](http://www.pgcmlls.info).

## PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

### CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Drop in to learn to play or improve your game. All ages welcome: children, teens, and adults.

### CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT

Tue., Apr. 21 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join us for an evening chess competition. All ages and skill levels accepted! To register, contact the branch.

## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### READY 2 READ STORYTIMES

Preschool: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.  
Toddler: Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 – 3 years old.  
Baby: Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages birth – 2 years old.  
Spanish–English: Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

### KIDS ACHIEVE CLUB

Mondays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. each day. Reading practice for grades 1 to 6. Niños entre los grados de 1 al 6 practicarán leyendo con un mentor.

### TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

Sat., Apr. 18 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Tue., Apr. 21 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Ages 5 – 12. Children read to a dog and gain confidence reading. For more information, call or visit the branch.

### CRAFT & CREATE: PAINT A SPRING SCENE

Wed., Apr. 22 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Come have an enjoyable afternoon painting a spring scene. Step by step hands-on instruction given. All supplies will be provided. Families are welcome.

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

Thursdays from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Are you learning to speak English? Join our club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds.

### MY LIBRARIAN

This is a free 60-minute appointment with a librarian to learn about our library's online resources or to learn about computers. Requests for appointments can be made on our website at [www.pgcmlls.info](http://www.pgcmlls.info), under *Services* and *Help One-on-One*. Bilingual staff are available.

## BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Contact the center regarding updated hours of operation and events for April. Address: 3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville.

Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation are: Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed on Sunday and selected major holidays. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

## BELTSVILLE YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

Join us at the Beltsville Young at Heart Club on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 11:15 a.m. Members must be at least 55 years old. Visit us three times and become a member. We have speakers, entertainment, trips, 50/50, bingo, plus light refreshments. Questions: call Lois at 301.498.9736.

## WOMEN'S CLUB

The club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, except for July, August, and February.

## STRATEGY GAME CLUB

Mondays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Enjoy board games, 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. Cost: free. All ages.

## XTREME TEENS AND PRE-TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

Fridays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free with valid Center ID card. Ages 10 – 17.

## VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Contact the center regarding updated hours of operation and events for April. Address: 6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. Phone: 301.937.6621. Fax: 301.937.6623. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teens), Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sun. from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

## XTREME TEENS AND PRE-TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

Fridays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ages 10 – 17. Free with valid Center ID card.

# A Note from the News Director

"In these strange times, we need to remember to show kindness everywhere." This was Posted to our Facebook group from Sue Marcell.

Yesterday we talked with Ms. Annie, the kids' God Mother, she lives right down the street from us. We asked if she needed anything and told her we would be happy to get whatever she needed. She said no, she was absolutely fine, her brother took care of her and she said she is always stocked. But she was getting a little down, a little sad. This woman gives so much of her time selflessly to the church, is so heavily involved in our community and the school, she knows almost every child's name!

She gives so much to my kids, always thinking of them, and always bringing them treats! We wanted to bring a little sunshine to her days. Thinking of you Ms. Annie and want you to know we love you!

Your God kids,  
Sebbly and Scarlet



A chalk drawing done by Ms. Annie's godchildren for her.



# Club News

## Spring Happenings at Post and Unit #217

By Ivy Christoffers

Taking in what is happening in our world today with all the precautions put in place to protect our health as much as possible and the many events that have been canceled, let us hope the restrictions will soon be lifted and the following planned events will be able to be held. I feel so sad for our veterans that the Maryland Veterans Creative Arts Festival had to be postponed until later in the year. Not canceled, just postponed. It will still occur, just as in the past nine years.

On April 5, we have a scheduled big shotgun bingo planned to be held at College Park Post # 217 from 4 to 7 pm. This is a fundraiser for Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, the costliest of all the American Legion family programs. There will be fun activities filling up the three hours such as

50/50 board sales, pull off tickets sales, a cakewalk with delicious baked goods as prizes, and, of course, the several games of shotgun bingo with big cash prizes. This is a fun way to raise needed funds to help our veterans. The public is invited and encouraged to attend all of our events.

The next scheduled happening is the flea market/bazaar/craft sale on April 25 beginning at 8 am. Tables are available for \$10.00 for venders. Call Margaret at 301.794.6309. Following this event, we start with a spring fling with Johnny Seaton and the Bad Behavior Band on May 2. This is going to be a fantastic show with all kinds of great music: rock and roll, great oldies, newbies, Elvis, Johnny Cash, etc. Italian dinner for \$10.00. Big raffle, 50/50 drawing, terrific dance floor. All for \$22.00 admission prepaid. Call

Tina at 301.935.5308 for tickets.

Several of the Legion family were scheduled to leave Baltimore on a cruise to the Caribbean on April 19 on a fundraiser for J. R. Hall's campaign fund as he aspires for National Commander of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL). We are holding our breath because the Port of Baltimore is presently closed until further notice. This is a fun time as I enjoyed this cruise two years ago.

For all our loyal bingo players, we apologize for the inconvenience of being closed during this scary time. We appreciate you and look forward to serving you in the future. As soon as the ban is lifted, our doors will once again be open and welcoming. Stay healthy and happy. Enjoy your Easter holiday.

God bless our military, and may God continue to bless America.

## The Women's Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) Announces Its 2020 Scholarship Program

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a female resident of Beltsville this spring. Applicants must be residents of Beltsville and be a high school senior who has been accepted into a college, technical school, or vocational school or a college freshman. Applications can be obtained by emailing [womensclubbeltsville@gmail.com](mailto:womensclubbeltsville@gmail.com)

or going to the High Point guidance counselor office. To submit the completed application, students can email it to the address above or mail it to WCCB 2020 Scholarship, PO Box 1607, Beltsville, MD 20704. Applications must be postmarked by April 25.

### ULLE

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copal Church near the site of the current COSTCO store.

Emack's older brother, James, a Confederate cavalry 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant, was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville, VA, just two months earlier on 3 May 1863. James was first buried in Richmond, VA. His remains were moved to the Emack family plot in St. John's Episcopal cemetery after the war.

After their home was destroyed, the Ulles rented an apartment in the nearby Simm's General Store and rebuilt the blacksmith shop.

In May 1879, near age 52, Ulle bought a 72-acre farm in Beltsville at \$18.50 per acre. Shortly thereafter, he sold all but 10 acres back to the original owner.

The 10 acres he retained were mostly on the west side of Rhode Island Avenue, across from the current location of the Good Knight Kingdom. The property occupied by the Kingdom was also part of the farm. The road past the farm was named Ulle

Road, later changed to Sellman Road.

On November 23, 1895, the Ulles sold land on both sides of Rhode Island Avenue to the Columbia and Maryland Railway. The land was for a 66-foot-wide right of way for the street car extension to Laurel. Today, we can see from the embankment on both sides of Rhode Island Avenue near Powder Mill Road that it was necessary to cut through the high ground.

Ulle was active in the Beltsville community. He served as a school commissioner for Prince George's County in 1898, for example, and also served as an election judge in Beltsville during the Presidential election of 1908.

On July 27, 1903, the Ulles celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at Ulle Farm. The society page of the July 31, 1903, issue of *The Washington Star* carried a glowing description of the celebration. It cited tables laden with delicious food set up on the spacious grounds surrounding the Ulle mansion for many guests,

most of them related to John and Margaret. Guests included eight children, sixteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. The article continued, "There are few families so well and favorably known to Prince George's County."

John Ulle passed away at Ulle Farm on November 13, 1912, at age 85. His obituary noted, "Until a short time before his death, he retained his physical and mental vigor to a remarkable degree."

His wife, Margaret, passed away on March 20, 1919, at 83. John and Margaret are buried in the family plot in St. John's Episcopal Church cemetery. At the time of her death, Margaret was survived by 8 children, 16 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

John and Margaret Ulle and family were members of St. John's Episcopal Church. There is a beautiful memorial stained-glass window in the church in honor of the Ulle family.

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### Statepoint Crossword Solution from page 5

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# Beltsville News CHURCH DIRECTORY



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### Come and Join Us

#### Sunday Worship Schedule

7:45 a.m. – Quiet Service/Holy Eucharist  
9:15 a.m. - Family Service/Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m. – Sunday School  
11:15 a.m.- Full Service/Holy Eucharist  
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#### Wednesday Worship Schedule

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Easter Morning Service April 12  
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## Celebrate EASTER

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Sunday, April 12th  
11:00 AM



### Easter Services

at

**First Baptist Church of Beltsville**  
4700 Odell Road  
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### Maundy Thursday Worship Service

April 9, 7:00 p.m.

### Good Friday

April 10, 12-8 p.m.

Church open for prayer

### Easter Sunday

April 12, 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:45 a.m. Sunday School (for all ages)

\*11:00 a.m. Worship Service

\*Childcare available for children up to 3 years old

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id-19 to learn more about how you can enroll in coverage and what you need to apply.

### Public Services Affected:

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is offering "grab and go" lunches for students at regional locations from 11 am to 1 pm daily during the closure. The sites include Martin Luther King, Jr., MS and Buck Lodge MS.

WSSC Water has suspended all water shut offs to ensure customers have access to safe, clean water.

Comcast is offering its Internet Essentials Program FREE of charge for 60 days to low-income households. Comcast is also increasing internet speeds for all program subscribers. Comcast has also established a webpage with information about Xfinity services and their response to the coronavirus at [www.xfinity.com/prepare](http://www.xfinity.com/prepare).

Verizon has announced that for the next 60 days, it will waive late fees that any residential or small business customers incur because of their economic circumstances related to the coronavirus. In addition, Verizon will not terminate service to any residential or small business customers because of their inability to pay their bills due to disruptions caused by the coronavirus.

Pepco and BG&E have energy assistance programs and are suspending service cut-offs and late fees.

Evictions—On March 12, 2020, the District Court issued an order staying all evictions for 15 days (subject to extension).

### County Budget Process

On March 11, 2020, the County Council received County Executive Angela Alsobrooks' proposed spending plan for Fiscal Year 2021, which begins on July 1, 2020. The \$4.5 billion budget proposal includes increases in school spending, public safety, and investments in county services. The council is conducting a careful and deliberative review of the FY 2021 budget proposal; however, the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis will significantly impact the budget process, and we expect to receive a supplemental proposal soon. Budget work sessions and public hearings will likely have limited on-site participation, and the public will be invited to participate remotely. Details are being finalized. For additional information on the council budget process, work sessions and public hearings, please visit the council's FY2021 budget portal at <https://pgccouncil.us/454/Budget-Portal>.

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