Lori Simpson Named Director of Resident Life at Riderwood

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Riderwood, an Erickson Living developed and managed community in Silver Spring, MD, has named Lori Simpson director of resident life.

In this role, Simpson will oversee a variety of departments including Fitness, Community Resources, Volunteer Programs, Philanthropy, Riderwood TV, Resident Services, Certified Home Health, Pastoral Ministries, and Home Support.

Lori Simpson, new director of resident life at Riderwood. Photo courtesy of Chris Taydus

“Lori brings over 20 years of experience in the senior living industry to Riderwood,” said Gary Hibbs, executive director, Riderwood. “She is a great addition to our executive team, and on behalf of the over 2,500 residents and 1,400 employees of Riderwood, we welcome Lori to our community.”

Prior to joining Riderwood, Simpson served as director of resident services at Goodwin House Bailey’s Crossroads in VA. She is also a licensed nursing home administrator.

Simpson has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Cedar Crest College in PA with a concentration in nursing and health sciences.

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Thank you Beltsville for all the wonderful comments on our Scouts watching the cars race at the Pack 1031 Pinewood Derby.

Central Maryland Chorale Hosts “Broadway Blockbusters” and Silent Auction

The members of the Central Maryland Chorale, directed by Monica Otal, invite you to join them for their annual Pops Concert and Silent Auction on Saturday, March 9, at 7 pm at the Glenmont United Methodist Church, 12901 Georgia Avenue, in Silver Spring.

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By President Karen M. Coakley

The association will meet on March 20 at 7 pm. We meet at Beltsville Academy and will have updates on community projects and High Point High School. If you have a community concern that you would like to discuss, please let me know by March 12.

Coffee with Cops with Community Police Officer Castro will take place at the Calverton McDonald’s on March 20 at 11 am.

If you have not signed up for Nextdoor, now is the time. Several state and county agencies are sharing valuable information.

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Church News

St. Joseph’s Community Art Show

St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Beltsville, MD, will host its sixth annual community art show on Saturday, April 27, 6 pm–9:30 pm and Sunday, April 28, from 8:30 am–2 pm in the parish hall at 11007 Montgomery Road. This free event is open to everyone in the community. Refreshments will be available. Come and enjoy the art of residents and the company of your neighbors.

If you are interested in displaying your art, we are accepting entries for this non-juried show from those 16 years of age and older. Entry deadline is April 13. All those interested in providing artwork for the show should contact the church office at stjoesartshow@gmail.com or www.stjos.org/Community_Art_Show to download an entry form. This show is for artists of all skill levels, and we invite all members of the community to show their work.

Human Sex Trafficking Symposium at St. John’s Episcopal Church

Human trafficking is an increasing problem globally and in our own Prince George’s County. Adults and teenagers are invited to attend a human trafficking symposium on Saturday, March 30, from 3–5 pm at St. John’s Episcopal Church, located at 11040 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705 at the corner of Powder Mill Road and Rt.1. Mr. D. Michael Lyles, former chair of the Prince George’s Human Trafficking Task Force, will lead the discussion, which will include laws governing human trafficking; the populations targeted; and how residents can help law enforcement officials tackle one of the greatest social issues facing our county, the nation, and the world. Participants will receive materials on the topic, and refreshments will be served. Registration will be available on site or by accessing the topic human trafficking at https://www.eventbrite.com. For additional information, please contact the church office at 301.937.4292 or office@saintjohnsbeltsville.org.

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PACK 1031
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helpful Scouts pics posted on The Beltsville News Facebook page last month!
We held a snow-delayed, pack-wide safety night on February 4. All the dens completed safety and first aid skills this month.
The pack has activities including camping, hiking, our annual pinewood derby, and campfires. We also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy drive, and Scouting for Food. Along the way we learn responsibility, citizenship, play games, and have tons of fun. If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts with your child, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031CubScouting@gmail.com for more information.

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I’m Every Woman
By Rev. Dr. Jaldene Chase

I’m Every Woman...Okay, I’m not “every” woman, but I can relate to the motivation behind the song. It is March, also referred to as Women’s History Month. The words to this song may seem a little suggestive, but they can also apply to many of the women who were trailblazers.

We are employed in almost every industry. We have played sports considered to be for men that requires a person to run, jump, shoot, hit, swim, lift, throw and catch. We write stories that speak to the spirit. We invent things that make life better. We fight for justice and specialize in saving lives. And most importantly we can bring life into the world. So, whether “I’m Every Woman,” demand RESPECT, Work “9 to 5” or A “W.O.M.A.N,” the contribution to society is priceless.

As a female pastor, I know Wise woman seek God for guidance. We are optimistic about the opportunities available to all of creation. Make our journeys lead to a better life as you avail and empower us to engage our community. Neighbors helping neighbors is our goal.

Amen

Community Easter Egg Hunt at the First Baptist Church of Beltsville

The First Baptist Church of Beltsville, located at 4700 Odell Road, will hold a Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am for ages 2-12. There will be games, refreshments and loads of fun as we gear up to celebrate the real reason for Easter, Jesus! The church hopes to see you there!

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If you find yourself staring inactively at the thought of high gloss walls take a gamble on gloss anyway. You will be pleasantly surprised by the versatility that comes from high shine. The sheen will reflect light as it bounces off the walls, giving a traditional four feet wide entry hallway a more spacious feel. A great color for the hallway is Benjamin Moore’s Rich Cream. When mixed in a high gloss finish it will look invitingly creamy and blend easily with other hues in adjacent rooms. Another area that always looks amazing in a high sheen is the dining room ceiling. Typically deeper shades such as Revere Pewter and Tyler Beige create more atmosphere than lighter colors. When it comes to gloss though, light colors are just as warm, especially when applied to a ceiling. Try experimenting with a dining room ceiling. A pale blue-green like Ocean Air will create an illusion of a sky overhead. Ocean Air is a safe color that can be paired with almost every other color from mocha to creamy white.

For expert advice on selecting paint colors and the appropriate finish see the paint pros, Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac at Will’s Home Decorating (www.decoratemaryland.com). According to Michael, “there is a surge in requests for high gloss finishes not just for paint, but also for wall coverings and ceramic tile.” Gloss brings a flat looking room to life. The only negative is that is often accentuates surface imperfections. However, Valerie points out that “Once you are inside the room you really do not notice the flaws because of the reflective nature of gloss often disguises trouble areas.” For more advice on painting with gloss finishes stop by Will’s Home Decorating for your FREE personalized decorating consultation.
Snyder Collins,
Anne “Flo”

Born January 13, 1930, was welcomed into the arms of our Lord on Feb 10, 2019. Flo was born in Washington, DC, and moved to Hyattsville, MD, in 1941. She graduated from Hyatts-ville High School in 1947. She was married to Thomas P. Collins in July of 1947 and lived in Beltsville, MD, for 40 years. She retired in 1986 from The American Postal Workers Union Health Plan and moved to Ocean City, MD, in 1987.

Flo remained very active with her beloved family, church, fire service, and community. She was a devout member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville, MD, and Sound United Methodist Church in Seaford, DE, and was a past president of the United Methodist Women. She was a den mother with the Cub Scouts for 11 years and active with the Boy Scouts, the PTA, and the Civil Air Patrol. Flo was a life member of the Beltsville VFD Company 31 and Laurel VFD Company 10 Ladies auxiliary, the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Convention Chair, past president of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association Ladies Auxiliary, and past president of the Prince George’s County Fire and Rescue Association Ladies Auxiliary. She was also inducted into the Hall of Fame for the MFSA and the Prince George’s County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and was a 2012 Honey Award recipient for her many endeavors.

Flo is survived by her beloved husband of 71 years, Thomas P. Collins, and sons Wayne G. Collins and Kerry P. Collins (and wife, Starla). She was preceded in death by her parents, Anna L. and Wilbur I. Snyder; her son Steven J. Collins; her brothers Elmer E. Clark and Robert A. Snyder; and her sisters Doris M. Hughes, June A. McCreary, Betty L. Huffer, and Wilma I. Patterson-Herold. She is also cherished by many grandchil-dren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Borgwardt Funeral Home Beltsville, MD, on Monday, February 18, 2019, at 10 am with The Reverend John Shutt officiating. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

Donations may be made in memory of Flo Collins to:

- Sound United Methodist Church
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  Seaford, DE 19975
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- Coastal Hospice and Palliative Care
  2604 Old Ocean City Road
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- Growing Asparagus, Potatoes, Onion & Garlic (Mar. 17)
- Growing Veggies & Herbs in Small Spaces (Mar. 30)
- Creating a Pollinator’s Paradise (Mar. 30)
- The Beauty & Benefits of Using Native Plants (Mar. 31)

Orchid Diagnostic & Repotting Class
w/ Carol Allen  March 9, 10, 23 & 30, 9:30 to 11:30
Carol’s advice is always FREE. Bring in the plant(s) you are concerned about. She will tell you how to resolve problems, and, for a fee, she will expertly repot them, showing you how.

Bonsai Hands-On Class w/ Jennifer Park
Saturday, April 6, 2:00 to 4:00 pm
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Fee: $65 - all materials provided
With a focus on care and maintenance, learn all the basics of bonsai design. Select a free, learn how to transplant, and discover what the art of bonsai is all about as you create your very own bonsai to take home.

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March 14 is known in the United States as Pi Day, a celebration of the number $\pi$. We celebrate on March 14 because the first digits in the number $\pi$ are 3.14 corresponding to the date 3/14. Other parts of the world represent the day prior to the month and celebrate Pi day on July 22. This is because the value of the ratio $\frac{22}{7}$, which is 3.14 (to 2 decimals), matches to $\pi$ (also to 2 decimals).

A better approximation of $\pi$ is $\frac{355}{113}$, which matches $\pi$ to six decimal places. I was taught this before there were calculators and computers with the number $\pi$ readily available. So you may be wondering if Pi Day is in March why am I discussing it in February. I want my readers to be informed if Pi Day is in March why I don’t want you to miss the celebration. On Pi Day, many pizza locations offer free or discounted pizza because pizza is typically round (except at Ledo’s) and includes pizza because pizza is typically round (except at Ledo’s) and is related to pi in that the area of the pizza is pi times the radius of the pizza squared. So a small, 14-inch diameter pizza at Three Brothers is 49* $\pi$ or 154 square inches, and a large, 16-inch pizza is 64 * $\pi$ or 201 square inches.

Raspberry Pi

The Raspberry Pi Foundation often uses Pi Day in the US to announce new additions to the Raspberry Pi family of computers. The Raspberry Pi is a collection of single board computers priced at $35 or less. The Pi Zero model is typically priced at $5. On Pi Day, the Pi Zero W, a $10 computer with built-in WiFi, can often be found selling for $3.14 (check http://microcenter.com on March 14).

The Raspberry Pi was designed to help people get hands-on experience learning about computers and programming on an affordable computer. Most models use a cell phone charger to provide power and use a regular USB mouse and keyboard for input. For a display, the Raspberry Pi can be connected to a TV with an HDMI input (standard for modern televisions). Network connectors and WiFi are built into the recent models of Raspberry Pi, and a micro-SD memory card is used instead of a hard drive for storage. The computers all run on the Raspberry distribution of the Linux operating system and support a variety of programming languages. The Raspberry Pi systems are often used as media centers and include a web browser, an office suite, and a number of programming languages. The Raspberry Pi systems are often used as media centers and include a web browser, an office suite, and a number of programming languages. Addi-
Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

Free Tax Return Preparation for Seniors

If you need help preparing your tax return, learn about the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs.

VITA Program: If you make $52,000 or less, IRS-certified volunteers can inform you about tax credits for which you may qualify, and prepare a basic tax return with electronic filing.

TCE Program: If you are 60 years of age or older, you may qualify for free tax help from IRS-certified volunteers who specialize in issues unique to senior citizens.

There are thousands of locations across the United States where you can get free tax help through the VITA and TCE programs. For help, call 800-906-9887.

Join me at Super Best grocery store – March 12

Delegates Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, Mary Lehman and I have been working to protect our health care, our federal employees threatened again with a shutdown, and our seniors. To answer your questions and be of help, we’ve scheduled mobile office hours on Saturday, March 12th, at Super Best grocery store on Route 197 near Contee Road. From 12:00-2:00pm, I’ll be there to hear your concerns. Hope to see you.

Senator Jim Rosapepe

An evening of jazz to support local students – March 24

There are a lot of problems in our country and in our world. But there are also a lot of good people who are making good things happen for our neighbors.

Nearly 30 years ago, Joe Fisher set out to help low-income kids get prepared to get into – and succeed in – college. And he’s done it. First Generation College Bound, his nonprofit, has a life-changing effect on young people to realize a dream that often seemed out of reach – to be the first in their family to earn a post-secondary degree.

And if you’d like to help Joe and his kids, you can attend a great evening of jazz on Sunday, March 24 from 4-7pm at Laurel High School to support their College Success program. Visit www.fgcb.org to buy tickets and learn more.

We want to hear your views

The 2019 Maryland legislative session continues through March and ends on April 8. Delegates Peña-Melnyk, Barnes, Lehman, and I are working to pass a balanced budget while protecting education, public safety, and help for seniors and the unemployed. If you have concerns on these or any other issues before this year’s legislature, please contact us at the email address or phone number below.

After April 8, we’d be pleased to attend one of your organization’s (homeowner or tenant association, business, church, or other group) upcoming meetings to report to your members on the legislature’s actions, discuss local issues of concern to you, and answer your members’ questions. Please let us know if you would like to schedule a mutually convenient date. If so, we request that you provide a few dates and times that would work out by contacting CommunityLiaison21@gmail.com or 301-858-3141.

Contact us

Please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

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Maryland. This year’s theme is Broadway Blockbusters, with special guests Christopher Rhodovi and Karen Myers Rhodovi. Before and after the concert, enjoy delicious hors d’oeuvres and desserts while you browse items and services up for auction. Tickets are $25 and will be available at the door beginning at 6:30 pm. For information, call 240.478.7952 or visit www.centralmarylandchoir.org.

Laurel Police Sobriety Checkpoint on March 16, 2019

Mayor Craig A. Moe and the Laurel Police Department are reminding everyone to drive sober or get a ride over and under the sobriety checkpoint to be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 10 pm-3 am in the north end of the city of Laurel.

Mayor Moe and Deputy Chief Keven Gray believe that conducting periodic sobriety checkpoints raises public awareness and informs citizens about the efforts that are being made to identify and apprehend impaired drivers.

Remember, drinking impairs your mental as well as your physical coordination, which are all vital requirements to driving a vehicle safely! The consequenc- es of driving impaired are getting arrested, losing your driver’s license, and potentially the loss of life!

For more information, please contact Sgt. Charles Boswell of the Laurel Police Department at 301.498.0902.

The Maryland State Boychoir

The Maryland State Boychoir (MSB), under the direction of Stephen A. Holmes, presents a spring concert featuring over 100 voices from its Tour, Concert, Treble, and Handbell choirs and Young Men’s Chorus. There will be a thrilling performance of classical and contemporary choral works (sacred and secular), gospel, spirituals, and folk songs. Joining the MSB is the renowned French choir Reims Cathedral Maitrise. Fifty boys and girls, ages 13 to 16, will perform an individual set of music as well as collaborate with MSB choristers.

The concert will take place on Sunday, April 7, 2019, at 4 pm. Maryland State Boychoir Center for the Arts, 3400 Norman Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21213. To purchase tickets, go to www.marylandstateboychoir.org or call 410.554.8644.

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By Ivy Christoffers

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Once you experience this great event, you will be sure to come back each year to lend your support and appreciation for these valiant heroes who put their lives on the line for our freedoms. They have suffered greatly from their war experiences but through the medium of art therapy have found a measure of healing. Veterans continue to serve by sharing their talents with the public. If you want to check out this program on the national scale, the website is as follows: creativeartsfestival.va.gov. It has been on the national scene since 1981 but only on a Maryland state level since 2011.

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The Fabulous Hubcaps at the College Park Moose Lodge

Come celebrate St. Patrick’s Day on Saturday, March 16, with live music by The Fabulous Hubcaps for your listening and dancing pleasure. One of the most sought after rock & roll dance and show groups in the country, they have set the standard for musical quality, entertainment, and showmanship unmatched anywhere.

You will not only hear the best of the classics but see many of your favorite artists dressed in costume: e.g., Elvis, Little Richard, Whitney Houston, Frank Sinatra, Tom Jones, and many, many more. You won’t want to miss this show! St. Patrick’s Day food specialties will be available to purchase from 6-7:30 pm, and the music begins at 8 pm and runs until 11:30 pm.

Tickets are $25 per person for the band and show and can be purchased at the lodge; food is optional at nominal prices. For purchased at the lodge; food is optional at nominal prices. For

The Fabulous Hubcaps!
Well, hello my dear reader and welcome to another issue of Jason’s Jive. As I sit and start this Jive, we are getting ready for a massive snowstorm (February 19). I have mixed feeling as always, not knowing what to expect…. with all the technology, there is nothing we can do to prevent the snow storm.

Moving on, in this issue, I want to share a few interesting situations I have had while driving on the road. I have been an Uber Driver for the last three years and have had some interesting situations. Many times, I pick up a rider, there is silence till the rider asks where I am from or some other ice breaker and then the conversation starts. I have had some very interesting riders.

Here let me share one or two interesting stories. Riders typically want me to share my crazy experiences. I once had a couple break up in the back seat of my car. It was in my first year of driving, and their issue had started before I picked them up. Somewhere on 14th Street in NW Washington DC, the male rider asked me to stop, he got out the car and walked away. The lady passenger broke down and started crying, and for 12 minutes or so, I had to endure her tears till she composed herself. 12 minutes or so, I had to endure her tears till she composed herself. I had to endure her tears till she composed herself.

It gets crazier! I picked up a couple in NW Washington DC and the destination provided was Washington Dulles Airport. We proceed, and as we approached Dulles, one of the riders said to me that the airport looked strange…. long and short of it, they provided the wrong airport name. They did not realize Ronald Reagan Airport (DCA), was different from Dulles (IAD). I had to drive real fast at 4 am to try and get them back to DCA. We got there with 45 minutes to spare…I hope they made the flight.

I have driven a few famous people. I picked up a lady in Montgomery County who apparently used to be a backup singer for Jamaican reggae artiste, Shabba Ranks. And then a year later I picked up Grammy nominated artiste, Raheem Devaughn (an alumnus of High Point High School here in Beltsville). Was an uneventful ride from DC to Rockville, till our conversation went in the direction of music and he told me his name. I had to turn my head, look at him, and he had a smirk on his face — real nice dude.

I got to start to wrap up This Jive, as I promised my editor, I would make it shorter. So, I will end up with the most bizarre experience I have had, to date. (well apart, from the drunk rider I had in January who threatened to kill me – totally unprovoked. I ignored his drunken threats but had to involve Baltimore County Police, at the rider’s insistence, as he refused to get out my car at his home, his destination. That is a conversation for another day).

In conclusion, 2 am on a Tuesday morning; I picked up a rider in Olney. He came out in a house robe and no shoes on. As he gets in, the first statement he makes,”my wife must not know about this.” Bewildered, I nodded. His destination was a 2-mile distance, still within Olney. As we get on his street, he orders me to turn off the car lights, stop three houses from his destination and he exits the car. It is a cul-de-sac, so I turn around with my lights still off and see my rider now in front of his driveway, wheeling the garbage bin back to the house. My smart rider had apparently skipped out the house, had a rendezvous somewhere, and he now dressed the part as if he had stepped out the house to get the garbage. Poor unsuspecting partner in the house would have had no idea, where he really was coming from. Wonder if he ever got caught? I wonder as well. I end the Jive with an African Proverb, “Every day is for the thief. One day is for the owner of the house.” See you next month!
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Robert Lee Jones

Robert Lee Jones, 73, passed away in Burtonsville, MD, on February 17, 2019. Born September 29, 1945, in Layland, WV, son of John “Bink” Chester Jones and Mae Irene (Simms) Jones. He moved to Washington, DC, upon graduating high school and worked in a variety of jobs before successfully completing his home improvement business, which he ran until the late 1990’s. Robert helped to build his family’s home in Beltsville, where he resided for 41 years.

Robert was a lifelong Jehovah’s Witness and served as an elder in several local congregations for years. In his spare time, Robert enjoyed working on carpentry and automotive projects as well as spending time outdoors. Robert Jones is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Marilyn Diane Jones; his son Brandon; his daughter Tiffany Diane Jones; his daughter Shirl Jones; and his sister Zelda Jones-Martin. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Edward Cope, and sister Tammy Fraser.

Deborah L. McPherson

McPherson (nee Cope), Deborah L.

Deborah L. McPherson (nee Cope), 67, a resident of Beltsville, MD, passed on February 18, 2019, at her residence. Deborah was born on September 19, 1952 in Detroit, MI, to Marilyn Diane Jones; her son Brandon Lee Jones; daughter Tiffany Diane Jones; and brothers Shirl Jones and George Jones. Robert was a lifelong Jehovah’s Witness and served as an elder in several local congregations for years. In his spare time, Robert enjoyed working on carpentry and automotive projects as well as spending time outdoors.

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Deborah was a voracious reader who always had a stack of books ready to be consumed. She would always be ready for a day or night out playing bingo. She will be remembered by her family for her strength, dedication, and determination through anything that life would throw in her direction. Most of all, she will be remembered for the compassion and love she had for all those that were in her life.

Deborah was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Cope, and sister Tammy Fraser.

She is survived by her husband, Clyde; daughters Lisa and Constance; and her brothers Joe (Marilyn), and David (April) Cope. Visitation was held on Friday, February 22, 2019, from 2–4 pm, and 6–8 pm at the Donaldson Funeral Home, 313 Talbott Ave., Laurel, MD 20707. On Saturday, February 23, 2019, at 11 am a memorial was held to celebrate Deborah’s life at Donaldson also followed by burial at Ivy Hill Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at: www.donaldsonfuneralhome.com. Memorial donations may be made to the American Kidney fund (kidneyfund.org), or to PAW (paw-rescue.org).

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when Ivy Christoffersen took up the task of producing and directing the first ever state-sponsored Creative Arts Festival, which was held at High Point High School in Beltsville. This was to provide positive reinforcement for the gold medal winners from the five MD V.A. medical centers that are supported by our organization that did not have the opportunity to attend the national festival. Only 130 gold medal winners out of about 4,500 entrants from 124 V.A. medical centers are invited to the week-long national festival held at a different venue throughout the United States each October. We hope to see you on March 24 in Bowie. If you have any questions, call 240.421.9580.

On Feb. 9 we hosted the MD Department Executive Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary and with the great assistance of our catering crew had a very successful day. Remember, on March 2 Johnny Seaton and his Bad Behavior Band will be appearing at Post #217. Johnny is even joining Tina Z. in cooking a full spaghetti dinner for those who love Italian food. The dinner costs $10 and the show is $22. All proceeds benefit veterans’ programs. The doors open at 5:30 pm.

And, oh yes, be prepared to jump ahead to daylight savings time in a couple of weeks. More daylight hours, Yea! Until next month, stay healthy and happy and pray for the safety of our troops deployed around the world. May God continue to bless our great land.
**Area Events**

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

Montpelier Mansion
9650 Murrirk Rd., Laurel, MD 20708. Phone: 301.377.7817. TTY: 301.699.2544. E-mail: montpeliermansion@gparks.com. Self-guided tours of the mansion: Thur. – Tue., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: $5/adults, $4/ seniors, $2/children ages 5 – 18, free/ages 4 and under. The mansion is closed on Wednesdays and some holidays. The grounds are open from dawn until dusk every day of the year and access is free of charge. Contact the Mansion for more information as well as events for March.

Memorialia Preservation Work- Shop
Sat., Mar. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: Residents: $10, Non-residents: $15. RSVP and advance payment required. Call for more information. Commemorate the centennial of the 19th Amendment by showing off your favorite women's lib and 19th Amendment memorabilia! Collections Manager Joseph Sherren will teach you how to care for and store sashes, hats, buttons, posters, and flairs. Ages: All ages are welcome.

College Park Aviation Museum
Address: 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.699.2544. 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. See CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com for more information as well as events for March.

Scout Day
Sat., Mar. 16 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Scout Day is our bi-annual interactive STEM-based learning event with hands-on activities, tours, and demonstrations. Scouts and non-Scouts are welcome! We are excited to offer various hands-on exhibits and demonstrations towards Scouting badges and patches. Ages: All ages are welcome. Cost: $5 per participant.

Laurel–Beltsville Senior Activity Center
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 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Sunday and most major holidays. Address: 7120 Centre Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the University of Maryland Medical Center (formerly known as the Laurel Regional Hospital). Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3367. TTY: 301.446.3402. Contact the center regarding updates, classes, and events for March. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are age 60 or older.

Senior Friendship Club
Friendship Club regular office hours are Mon. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Phone: 301.206.3380. The monthly meetings and luncheons take place on the second Wednesday of each month. The meeting for March is scheduled for Wed., Mar. 13 at 10:30 a.m. We will have a special musical entertainer providing a variety of songs. Sign-up and pay for our catered luncheon by Wed., Mar. 6. Also, our 2019 travel schedule is now available. We have lots of exciting things planned, including a trip to the Harrington Casino and the Harriet Tubman Story. Interested people should contact our office for more details.

Thursday Movie Matinees
The featured movie for Thur., Mar. 14 is Crazy Rich Asians. The featured movie for Thur., Mar. 28 is Old Man and the Gun. Start time is 10 a.m. and the end time is about 12 noon. Popcorn will be provided. Cost: Free.

National Wildlife Visitor Center
Address: 10001 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd between the Baltimore–Washington Parkway and Rt. 197. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Contact the Visitor Center for updates and information about programs and other events for March. 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. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. Cost: Free. Admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails; other activities and events are free of charge if not noted. 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 change or cancellation due to weather or low participation. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

Spring Volunteer Training
Volunteers assist with running the visitor center, maintaining the refuge, and supporting wildlife management. Contact Diana_Ogilvie@fws.gov or 301.937.1100, ext. 0 or see Behnkes.com for more information and events for March.

Meet the American Kestrel
SATURDAY, Mar. 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 12:15 noon – 12:45 p.m. All ages. No registration required. Sharp vision, a specialized beak, and amazing flying skills make the American kestrel a marvelous meadow predator. Come meet this tiny bird of prey and learn how to protect their homes.

Tiny Tots
Sun. and Mon., Mar. 10 and 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. each day. Ages: 2 – 3. Free. Participation required. Learn about wildlife at the refuge through fun and interactive stories, songs, and activities.

Bird Walk at Cash Lake
Sat., Mar. 16 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Ages 5+. Please join us for a two mile leisurely bird walk around Cash Lake searching for and identifying multiple species of birds. The walk is weather-dependent and begins at the Visitor Center. At the conclusion of the program participants will review the refuge’s bird check list. Water bottle and binoculars are recommended. Strollers are not recommended for this tour.

Spring Wildlife Festival
Sat., Mar. 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join us as we celebrate the beginning of the spring season. The theme for our festival is Our Forest Friends. There will be lots of fun activities for kids including puppet shows, Nature Songs with Sina, beginner archery, Rodney’s Raptors, story time, and more.

Beltsville Events
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Programs for Children and Families
Ready 2 Read Preschool Storytimes
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

Ready 2 Read Toddler Storytimes
Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 – 3 years old.

Ready 2 Read Baby Storytimes
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and at 11:15 a.m. Ages birth – 2 years old.

Beltsville Community Center
Address: 3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4512. TTY: 301.445.4509. Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed on Sunday and selected major holidays. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the center regarding events for March.

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

Women’s Club
Thur., Mar. 14 at 7 p.m. The club meets on the 2nd 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
Address: 6813 Ammandale 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. Contact the center regarding events for March.

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

**Calendar of Events**

March 2019

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**Share Your News!**

Send your article submissions to News Director Rick Bergmann at editorbvn@gamil.com
March Madness is alive and well with the Bull’s basketball teams working hard to bring home more championship titles. The regular season ends March 10, and playoffs begin March 16. Final results will be shared in the April edition of “The Bull Pen.”

Do you know what happens on March 20? The vernal equinox kicks off the first official day of spring. This also means the spring sports season is just around the corner. Practices will begin the last week of March or the first week of April, weather permitting. Spring registration is currently open. The season consists of flag football, t-ball, baseball, and soccer. For more information, please visit http://beltsvilleadelphi.siplay.com/site/ and stay tuned for more information on the spring sports season in the April edition of “The Bull Pen”!

If you would like to make a monetary donation (no amount is too small), checks can be made out to the Beltsville-Adelphi Boys and Girls Club and mailed to 11705 Roby Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705. This is a 501(c)(3) organization, so donations are tax deductible.

The club is looking for a few good men or women to help coach baseball and soccer, if interested, please contact Club Athletic Director Rian Jackson at jackson_rian@hotmail.com or 301.693.6395. Finally, questions, suggestions, and coaching inquiries are always welcome!

GO BULLS. JOIN THE STAMPEDE!
the price. None of these have the large community of support as the Raspberry Pi.

**BeagleBone**

Another SBC that is in a similar class as the Raspberry Pi but predates it is the BeagleBone line of computers. BeagleBone was originally designed as open source hardware to assist people wanting to design Internet of Things projects. The BeagleBone Black is probably the most popular of the current series. It is very similar to the original Raspberry Pi but has the operating system (Arch Linux) preinstalled onboard in flash memory. The Black has been joined in recent years by several other models. The BeagleBone Blue is designed to support robotics projects with connectors for motors and servos built onto the board. The Pocket Beagle is a thumb drive-size Linux computer that is ideal for smaller IoT projects. The BeagleBone Green is similar to the Black but with standard Grove connectors for easily connecting sensors.

**Arduino**

Arduino computers are also single board computers that were designed as open source hardware to assist people wanting to design IoT projects. Unlike the other computers discussed so far, these computers do not have an operating system. Instead, software is developed on desktop or laptop computers using a special development environment and downloaded into the Arduino. This software/firmware can read values from different pins or set values on other pins.

**Wrap Up**

Well, that’s all for this month. Have a great Pi day and keep those cards and letters rolling in.

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**TELL ME SPRING**

Tell me the tale of the sunny miniature daffodils whose trumpet blossoms are kissing each other in the happiness of Spring!

Tell me the tale of the tall tulips in glorious red shooting out of their green-leaf coats up into the air!

Tell me of the little winter bird who flies high up onto the top of the maple tree to sing his love to the world:

“Spring has arrived!
The first yellow crocus blooms in the dark winter grass!”

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- *Adult Choir Practice* 7:00 p.m.

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- *RA’s, GA’s, Mission Friends* 7:00 p.m.
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