Cub Pack 1031: A Scout Is Helpful

In December, Cub Pack 1031 has been working on our advancements and participating in the annual district toy drive for Children’s Medical Center. For our holiday party, we made ornaments and picked up Pinewood Derby car kits. In early January, we will meet to cut the Pinewood Derby cars and prepare them for the pack’s annual Pinewood Derby at the end of January.

In 2019, Cub Pack 1031 did 140 hours of service and has achieved Gold Level status as a quality unit. Congratulations to all our scouts and families who made this possible. For 2020, we will have a new Cubmaster, Spence Spencer, who has two children in the pack. We thank our former Cubmaster, Kevin D., who will be stepping up to head BSA Troop 1033.

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Another Beltsville Champion and Hero

By Catherine Ajenifuja

Beltsville has produced another champion and hero, Oluwaleke “Leke” Ajenifuja! He was commissioned on December 12, 2019, by the Bowie Bulldog ROTC Battalion as 2LT in the Army Corps of Engineers! He graduated on December 13, 2019, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications and a 3.3 GPA. He is also a member of the CIAA Championship title winners for the 2nd year in a row after an undefeated season.

So how did he get here, you might ask? In 2002, after moving their family from Olney, MD, Abraham and Catherine Ajenifuja enrolled “Leke” in Ms. Mangum’s kindergarten class, which he successfully completed. He then attended Forcey Christian School for grades 1 & 2. For grades 4 & 5, he attended Fuji Academy, where he was home educated. Then he transitioned back to Beltsville Academy in time to be a part of one of the only K-8 public schools in PG County. His class was the first 8th grade class to graduate before he moved for Christmas. Others have been working on Duty to God achievements as we get ready for Christmas. Others have been working on Running with the Pack and Games Tigers Play. The Arrow den is working on Scouting Adventure: learning knots and going over the meaning of the oath and law in preparation for Boy Scouts.

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A Note from the Staff of The Beltsville News

The staff of The Beltsville News hopes that your holidays were filled with laughter and joy and wishes you a very happy 2020! The Beltsville News has been a staple in Beltsville since 1952, and we would like to keep it going long into the future. Over the years, we have been entirely funded by two things: (1) our advertising sales and (2) donations from the community. Over the last few years, both of these things have gone down due to numerous reasons. Even though we have seen a dip in both streams of revenue, we are still publishing and putting out an edition every month. Over the last few years, we have kicked ourselves into the current century by adding features such as a website and social media.

After much discussion, we have now added a chance for our patrons to donate to The Beltsville News online. The generosity of the community is one of the many things that has kept The Beltsville News going strong for the last 68 years. If you feel the spirit of generosity and would like to help us to continue to keep you informed about all of the local events that are happening, you can now do so through our website. Go to www.beltsvillenewstoday.com and click on the donate button on the upper right corner of the site. Every donor will be listed in The Beltsville News annually as well as on our website.

Thank you for all the support you have given us over the last 68 years. We hope that we can keep going for another 68!
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Vision Board Workshop

Hosted By: Min. Juanita E. L. Cameron

Friday, January 31, 2020

Doors Open at 7:00 pm
Keynote Motivation - 7:15 to 7:45 pm
Vision Casting Session - 8:00 to 9:00 pm

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Join us as we talk about our visions & goals for this upcoming year.
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For more info: www.juanitacameron.org

Neighbors in the News

I Can See Clearly Now

By Rev. Dr. Jalene Chase

The version of “I Can See Clearly Now” that I am most familiar with was released in 1972 by Johnny Nash. It was released again in 1993 by Jimmy Cliff. It’s one of those songs that sticks with you because of its simple logic and catchy tune:

I can see clearly now the rain is gone. I can see all obstacles in my way. Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind. It’s going to be a bright, sunny day. Oh, yes, I can make it now the pain is gone. All of the bad feelings have disappeared. Here is that rainbow I’ve been praying for. It’s going to be a bright, sunny day.

Simply put, things change when things change. Or is it when things change, things change? Either way, we must pay attention to the direction our lives are going. We may not know what the future holds, but we must live in the present or be blindsided. There will be times when situations hinder us, hurt us, hamper us, but we can’t let them halt us.

Life’s journeys will always have twists and turns, hills and valleys, stops and starts. And there will be times when situations seem to come down on us like a downpour. That’s life. When the rain stops, we must acknowledge where we are, access the damage, and move forward. We must use wisdom to make sound decisions and our gifts and talents to reach our full potential.

This is a song of hope, action, and a happy ending. I love the idea of praying for a rainbow. A rainbow, in my faith tradition, is a symbol of a covenant with God. God promised to not flood the earth again like in the time of Noah. When the rains of life stop, obstacles can be identified, pain ceases, and bad feelings disappear.

That’s what we hope for. That makes for a bright, sunny day. We are at the beginning of a new month, a new year, and a new decade. Having 2020 vision is the ideal. If we are facing challenges in life, every time we write those numbers, we must remember that we will see clear days ahead. It’s a promise. If you have been living without hope and feel like life has drenched you with difficult things, come join us. We can’t change your situations, but we can journey with you until they do change. If you don’t know about Noah and the rainbow, we can tell you about that too. 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 or Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/EUMCBeltsville/. Until next time.

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20705. They are looking for several actors and actresses for a variety of roles. Rehearsals will take place at Emmanuel on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and show dates will take place on February 21 and 22 at 7 pm and February 23 at 3 pm. Auditioners should bring a headshot and resume if you have one and be prepared to do cold readings from the script. If you do not have a headshot or resume, that is not a problem. If you have any questions, contact them at auditions@upstageartists.com.

City Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Join us for the 29th Annual City Tribune to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Saturday, January 11, 2020, from 2-3:30 pm at The Clarice located on the University of Maryland campus. This inspirational and educational event is free and for all ages.

The city’s annual event honors Dr. King’s legacy through speakers, performances, art, and a city proclamation. Every year, a new theme is selected, showcasing how his work still impacts our community and our country and what we can do to continue his efforts in our current era. This year’s theme is “Is His Dream Your Dream Too?”

Bring a nonperishable food item with you to donate at the event. For event details, go to www.collegeparkevents.com or call Emmanuel United Methodist Church at 301-345-2875. Until next time.
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Outbound Students: ASSE also offers qualified local students the opportunity to spend a school year, semester, or shorter term with a host family in another country.

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Contact: If you are interested in this program, call Richard Ziegfeld at 240-441-6277 or email him at richardziegfeld@hotmail.com.

CUB PACK 1031

We have a full year of “fun with a purpose” planned. We also have 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 5th grade. 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, 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 Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for more information.

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sophomore year that he caught the vision of leadership training that the Army offered, and he knew it was what God had created him for. Today we, Abraham, Catherine, and 5 siblings, are proud to announce his assignment to Fort Leonardwood, MO, as his first duty station where he will be in charge of a platoon of 20-30 soldiers and the care of their families.

Strong faith, perseverance, hard work, determination, and strong family and community support are what it takes to produce a young man of this caliber. Let’s Celebrate!

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

International Student Exchange Program

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Fern, Betty C.

On Sunday, November 17, 2019, of Beltsville, MD. Beloved wife of 60 years to the late Edward M. Fern; loving mother of David E. (Margarita) Fern and Lisa A. (Bryan) Thrush; grandmother of Alexandra Fern, Nicole Fern, Dylan E. Fern, Morgan N. Thrush, and Garrett B. Thrush; sister of Maxine Jones, Janice Urbaneck, and the late Joan Barnett; funeral service was held at the Borgwardt Funeral Home 4400 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, MD, on Saturday, November 23, at 12 noon; Interment Union Cemetery; memorial contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation: www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com.

Lapelosa, Vergie Marie

Vergie Marie Lapelosa

On Friday, November 29, 2019, Vergie Marie Lapelosa passed away, just shy of her 101st birthday while enjoying the company of her loving family. She was born December 14, 1918, in Mt. Sidney, VA, to Ausborn and Bessie DePoy and was a longtime resident of Beltsville, MD. She was the wife of the late Richard D. Lapelosa and mother of Philip (Mary) Lapelosa, Donna Lapelosa, John (Janet) Lapelosa, Thomas Lapelosa, Rose (Michael) Eugene, Theresa (George) Perantonakis, Margaret (Earl) Drincoll, and the late Joseph (Vicki) Lapelosa; also survived by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Internment Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring, MD. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home: www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com.

McPherson, Lisa Marie

Lisa Marie McPherson, age 57, of Odenton, MD, passed away on December 9, 2019, Lisa was born on March 2, 1982, in Silver Spring, MD to Clyde and Deborah McPherson. She was raised in Beltsville, MD, and graduated from High Point High School before attending higher education. Lisa had an associate’s degree and worked as a cyber security specialist until her death. She was a part of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was very dedicated to her religion. She was also very dedicated to her family and friends, who will all miss her tremendously. She always made sure to attend any and all family gatherings and made sure that her loved ones knew that in her they would always have a warm heart to turn to and a friendly smile to brighten their day. Those who were blessed to have her in their lives will forever remember the caring person she was and will always be. Her passing has left a hole in many people’s hearts and lives, but her memory will forever live on in all the lives she has touched.

Wang, John

John Wang passed away on December 11, 2019. He was the beloved husband of Rosa Jenny; father of Sophia, Maria (and husband Ping), Nina (and husband Jim), and Amy (and her husband John). He was also the proud grandfather of Jocelyn, Jeremy, Bella, Mei Mei, and Sebastian. His dear sister, Mary, resides in Connecticut.

John retired in 2010 after dedicating 40 years to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as an electrical engineer. One of his daughters was sad to one day learn this is not the same kind of engineer who drives his train. He has written numerous technical papers in various professional journals and developed a highly respected sky-wave propagation model. In November 2010, he was presented with the E. Noel Luddy Award by the Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers for his service and contributions to the communications community. He was also a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).
### Statepoint Crossword: Year-in-Review

#### Across
1. Pin location
6. BBQ sauce alternative
9. *Volodymyr Zelensky’s capital
13. 0103 food poison
14. Between sea and shining sea, abbr.
15. Native of American Great Plains
16. Famous fabulist
17. Band performance
18. Prefix with national and pol
19. *The Mueller __________
21. *European country declared to be no longer free
23. Ostrich-like bird
24. Fix a horse
25. Old Spice: “Smell Like a Man, ________”
28. Diva’s delivery
30. Opposite of underdog
35. Tiny bit
39. Miller’s product
40. Leave behind
41. *Flute playing rapper
43. Pot contribution
44. Make corrections
46. Days in Havana
47. *He got life plus 30
48. Caesar derivative
50. “Fifteen Miles on the ______ Canal”
51. Builds
52. Mad Hatter’s drink
53. Hofbrähaus offering
55. Bard’s before
57. *Actor in Leading Role Oscar-winner
59. #38 Down, alt. sp.
60. Some blow their own
61. *Eurosceptics vs. pro-European point of debate
62. Hip bones
63. Salty drop
64. Sweeney Todd’s weapon
65. Seek damages
66. Shoshonean
67. *Archie was one before he was born
68. Summer sandwich?
69. *Bran, Lord of the Six Kingdoms, e.g.
70. “____ Now or Never”
71. *“Green Book,” winner of ______ Picture
72. “Fifteen Miles on the ______ Canal”

#### Down
1. Grazing ground
2. Maple tree or laptop brand
3. Downward dog, e.g.
4. Skip the big wedding
5. Benign fatty tumor
6. Pipe problem
7. *Europe voted to ban single-____ plastics
8. Take a tubby
9. *Best Actress in Supporting Role Oscar-winner
10. Tiny bit
11. Pitcher
12. Subject to change
13. Tiny bit
14. More gossamer
15. To some extent, two words
16. *Actor in Leading Role Oscar-winner
20. Not urban
22. Final, abbr.
24. More gossamer
25. *Actor in Leading Role Oscar-winner
26. Wafting pleasantness
27. One born to Japanese immigrants
29. Footnote acronym
31. Performance with acts
32. Holey confection
33. Grossly unconventional
34. *Swedish environmentalist
36. Eye contact
38. Nicholas II was the last one
42. Willow twig
45. Go ashore
49. Tombstone acronym
51. Builds
54. Fluorescent red dye
56. Make an effort
57. Better than never
60. Some blow their own
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He received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park. He enrolled in graduate courses at The George Washington University before completing his Master of Science in Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

He continued to take pride in his alma mater by avidly root for the Terps’ men’s basketball team every year. We would like to believe he was particularly proud that some of his daughters also graduated from UMCP.

His interests included astronomy, Chinese history, and contract bridge. He enjoyed playing this card game so much that he eventually achieved the coveted rank of Life Master with the American Contract Bridge League. Another of his daughters mistakenly assumed this important hobby was actually building bridges on Friday nights. John also had a love of travel. He would often find a way to build a family vacation around business trips, which fostered a love of traveling among the entire family. He managed to visit over 20 countries. He regularly visited Geneva, Switzerland where he acquired an appreciation of fine chocolate, cuckoo clocks, and cheese fondue.

John was a devoted parishioner of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in College Park for 50 years. During this time, he served as an usher, Eucharistic Minister, and a member of the Parish Council. He was proud to be a “Cradle Catholic” and attended daily Mass as often as he could (including in many of those countries mentioned above).

He was also a believer in Catholic education. All four of his daughters matriculated through St. Joseph’s School.

We are so grateful for the time we have been able to spend with our beloved husband and father. While these last few weeks have been difficult, we have also been blessed with so much. Our family gives God thanks every day for these abundant blessings. We all believe that John has found his eternal peace. We would like to express our gratitude for your thoughts, prayers and kindness during this time.
From the Office of Councilmember Tom Dernoga

Snow Removal

When a snow emergency is declared, the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation is responsible for providing “passable” conditions on a network of more than 1,900 miles of county-maintained roadways to ensure the safety of residents, citizens, and travelers.

To assist crews, citizens and residents are asked to:

- Move and keep vehicles off snow emergency routes
- Park in driveways or other off-road locations
- Park only on the even-numbered side of roads/streets during snow and ice events

Residents and citizens are asked to wait 24 hours after the precipitation has ended to call 311 or 301.883.4748 to report emergencies or concerns about roadway conditions/snow removal.

Having Street Parking Issues?
The Residential Parking Permit Program empowers residents to set parking restriction days and meet program guidelines, and the proposed area for program implementation is inspected. Next, a public hearing is held. Once the program is approved, signs are installed. The personal vehicles of area residents are registered. Visitor and guest vehicles may be registered as well. Under the program, parking permits are renewed every two years. Call the help desk service line at 1.866.794.8663 for information and assistance.

If you would like more information about this residential parking permit program, our very own Residents for a Better Beltsville are having Dianne Harris, public information officer, Revenue Authority of Prince George’s County speak Wednesday, January 15, from 7-8:30 pm for a meeting on How to Start a County Residential Parking Program (Permit Parking) on Your Street. The meeting will be held at Beltsville Community Center.

Beltsville Development to Watch

We will keep you updated on upcoming District 1 projects as our community continues to grow. Please note, once a zoning application has ended to call 311 or Public Ethics law prohibits the council member from discussing the case. You can, however, contact Chief of Staff Michelle Garcia at mjgar-cia@co.pg.md.us with your questions or to request a current list of current Beltsville development projects.

Please keep in touch! Email us at councildistrict1@co.pg.md.us or call 301.952.3887. Se habla Español. For invitations and community events you would like to share with us, please email district1scheduling@co.pg.md.us with details. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram: @TomDernogaD1

THE RACE OF TIME

Why do the moments of our lives seem if they’re in a race?
We all remember youthful days
Wishing the years of time would pass,
But now we are old, and thought of the past.

“Where ends of time will disappear
Before Eternity’s vast realm of love which will complete
Each one who has believed.”

Beckie Hutchings
12/05/2019

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Who Is Watching Us?

Anybody who has read this column over the years probably recognizes that I am an advocate for both security and privacy. As much as possible, I believe we should take responsibility for protecting our information, but with the current state of technology and laws that fail to protect us, protecting ourselves can be a challenge. So I had a thought with the goal of helping my neighbors better understand some of the issues. I thought I would write a series of articles for the column that covers various aspects of security and privacy from a technology perspective and discusses what we can do to reduce our own vulnerability and visibility and encourage our representatives to create and enforce laws that limit those that want to spy on us. I am expecting this series to go on for three to six columns.

To make the series complete, I will probably cover some ground that I have already covered, like how to create and manage secure passwords and how to configure Windows 10 to maximize privacy. That is OK because I will also be covering a lot of new things as well. With a limited number of words each month, I also know that the series will not be comprehensive, but if the topic interests you, I will try and give references to spark your own research. The discussions will all be technology based because many of these concerns exist because of the pervasiveness of technology that has grown for the past 50 years. These technologies include the Internet, mobile phones, cable television, facial recognition, AI, and others. But to really understand the issues, we need to look at society, how it has changed, and how our legal system has lagged behind. We will also need to look at existing and proposed local, national, and international laws and how they impact us. Many of the topics I present will try to provide background on things you may have heard about in the news, topics like net neutrality, the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), and the European General Data Protection Regulation, better known as GDPR. I will also be discussing the technologies that are used to help protect us.

So let’s kick this off by looking at some of the large organizations that are spying on us often with our help. This month I will simply call them out, but in future columns, I will explain how the spying technologies work and how the companies use them.

Mobile Phone Service Providers

It doesn’t matter if you use Verizon, Sprint, AT&T, or T-Mobile: every one of these providers has been caught selling your real-time location data to third parties. The FCC is expected to complete its current investigation next month, but these providers failed to honor the commitment they made to stop the practice after the first time they were caught. The FCC has shown little desire to rein in bad industry behavior since the current FCC chair Ajit Pai took the position.

Your Mobile Phones and Computers

I woke up one Sunday morning and my phone announced exactly how long it should take me to drive to church that morning. Your
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Neighbors in the News

Wild Bird Strikes Eliminated at the Local Patuxent Wildlife Visitor’s Center

Local Beltsville graphic designer Jay Williams finalized the full front window display at the Patuxent National Wildlife Visitor’s Center on 5/19 to eliminate our wild birds from perish- ing by hitting large, clear glass windows. Birds cannot see clear glass and strike it. Inside you can still see outside, but the birds now avoid all the “perforated” window images and fly off safely elsewhere, especially during their all-important migration travels through our area. Enjoy all that the center offers you and those of all ages. See www.fws.gov/refuge/patuxent or visit 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708-4027. The ribbon cutting dedication was held on 9/28/19 to celebrate the completion of this project.

Ribbon Cutting held 5/28/19 for the completion of project. 4th from left, Lynne Parks, Artist for the bird strike window display, 8th, Brad Knudsen, retired 12/3/19 after 49 years with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, spending last 19 years as the manager of the Patuxent Research Refuge. 7th, Lindsay Jacks, Director of Lights Out Baltimore.

TECH SENSE

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phone not only tracks where you are, but it also remembers where you have been. Google noticed that I traveled to the same address most Sunday mornings, realized the address was that of a church, and inferred the rest. I immediately deleted all of the information Google had collected and then gave it an ambiguous location for my home and work addresses. The point of all of this is that your phones and the applications on your phones collect a lot of information about you and then share the information with the phone and application providers.

Windows also spies on you and regularly sends Microsoft information gathered from what you do on your computer and how it is configured.

Cable TV and Internet Providers

Did you know your cable box tracks what you watch and sends the information to the cable company? Many modern smart TVs do this as well. The smart TVs will sometimes determine what you are watching by listening to the sound from the TV and matching the sound track.

Your cable company is often your Internet service provider (ISP) as well. A few years ago, Congress passed a law allowing the ISP to track you on the Internet. If you use HTTPS, the secure version of HTTP, the ISP can’t see or change the content sent to you, but it can still see what sites you have visited through their Domain Name Service (DNS). The Internet industry wants to implement new, open standards for secure DNS, but the cable companies have been lobbying Congress against allowing these standards. These companies claim falsely that the new standards give large companies like Google that also provide DNS services an advantage in monitoring DNS traffic.

Search Engines and Social Networks

Have you ever noticed that once you search a topic on Google or Bing you start to see ads for the topic of your search? Your search topics are being tracked by the search engines and used to target ads sent to you across multiple websites. If you don’t want Google or Bing to find the latest health issue you are researching (for example), give DuckDuckGo.com a try. This search engine prom- ises not to track you or your search results. For social networks like Facebook, you are the product not the customer. These networks collect your information and frequently hand it over to others. Facebook has also been found to ignore your privacy settings and was recently fined 5 billion dollars by the FTC for failing to conform to an earlier agreement to protect user privacy.

Others…

There are others that I will cover as we go through this journey. My next column will be about how we can help protect ourselves by changing our passwords, creating secure passwords, using 2 factor auth, using credential management tools, and watching out for sites that are not secure. In February, I expect to write about what you should expect from online priva- cy policies and how to discover a site’s published policies. Your thoughts, comments, and feedback are appreciated.

Have happy, safe, and secure holidays!
Church News

Dunamis Worship Chapel

Setting goals for the new year is an important sign that we’re intentional about glorifying God in our callings at work, business, home, and church. When we work and plan, even in seemingly insignificant endeavors, we’re fulfilling God’s mandate to be fruitful, multiply, replenish, and subdue the earth (Genesis: 1:28).

Many Christians often find themselves making plans without Jesus at the core rather than allowing him to form in them the desires and motivations to do His work.

Join us at Dunamis Worship Chapel, 4715 Sellman Road, Unit G, Beltsville, MD 20705, where people learn to operate under their God-ordained purpose and obtain key principles to fulfilling their new year’s goals. Feel free to join us for any of our services! Contact us at 301.937.1101. Find us on the web at www.dunamischapel.com.

Sundays: 1st Service 8 am, 2nd Service 10 am
Tuesdays: Word Encounter and Communion Service 7 pm
Fridays: Prophetic and Miracle Service 7 pm
Last Friday of Every Month: Night of Dunamis 9pm

Stop Those Frisky Kitties!

Did you know cats in Maryland go into heat and can mate twice a year? A single litter often has 46 kittens, and even 4monthold kittens can get pregnant. Today, about 70 million stray cats roam in the United States despite their high mortality and predation rates.

The biggest issue is finding loving homes for all of them, so it is vital to have them spayed or neutered to prevent uncontrollable numbers.

Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) is committed to humanely controlling the feral cat population with a trap, neuter, and return (TNR) program and vaccinating for rabies and other communicable diseases. In just nine months of operation, Beltsville Community Cats has neutered and vaccinated over 100 local cats and, therefore, depends on significant financial support and volunteers from residents and business groups for surgeries, supplies, vaccines, food, and other medical expenses.

Without TNR programs, communities are at greater risk for epidemic disease among cats, animal cruelty, and euthanasia as a means of population control.

Everyone is welcomed to visit BCC meetings and to team up with an all-volunteer group to help end the suffering caused by an overpopulation of unwanted cats. Taxdeductible donations may be sent to Beltsville Community Cats at P.O. Box 942, Beltsville MD 20704. Please visit Instagram @beltsvillecats.net.

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Calendar of Events

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NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

Special hours of operation: The Center will close at 2 p.m. on Tue., Dec. 31, 2019 and Fri., Jan. 17, 2020 and will be closed all day on Wed., Jan. 1 and Mon., Jan. 20, 2020. Address: 10031 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entire facility is accessed from Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Pkwy. and RT. 197. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Contact the Visitor Center for information about programs and other events for January. Join our e-mail list by contacting timothy.parker@fws.gov. 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. Free: Cost admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails; other activities and events are free of charge if not stated. 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.

TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Get free volunteer training and learn how to help out at this busy time of year. 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, • Operating the bookstore, and • Participating in wildlife surveys.

HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

The featured artist for January is Bla- dine Broomfield of Hanover, Maryland. The gallery is open when the Visitor Center is open. All ages are invited; no registration is required.

OWL & KESTREL

Saturdays in January 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.

INTRO TO WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

Sat., Jan. 11 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 16+. Registration limited to five people. This is a beginner’s workshop for those using a DSLR camera.

TINY TOTS

Sun., Jan. 12 and Mon., Jan. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. each day. Ages 16 mos. – 48 mos.; parent participation required. Learn about wildlife at the refuge through fun and interactive songs, stories, and activities.

FAMILY FUN

Fri., Jan. 17 and Sat., Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Who was here? It is a great time to look for animal tracks in the snow or mud. All ages. No registration required.

PUPPET SHOW

Sun., Jan. 26 from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Ages 3 to 10. Who is out at night and searching for food? It is fox and several of his friends in a fun journey of forest exploration.

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

Free and open to the public. Regular hours of operation 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 Symphony Park. Parking is free. Main phone number: 301.504.7555. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National_AgLib. See NAL’s USDA.gov/vist/library for more information.

VANSVILLE HEIGHTS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Mon., Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the Franklin Brook Recreation Community Center, 1733 Old Baltimore Pike, Beltsville, MD 20705 (located in the Vansville Park). The association meets on the second Monday of each month.

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PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES

CHESSE CLUB

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

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Address: 3300 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish phone: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 7 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. Contact the center regarding events for January.

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., Jan. 9 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

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

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Why put yourself down when you can lift yourself up? Tell yourself good things about yourself, have faith in yourself. If you did not make it to the Doug Lester Band and very energetic Camron Robinson rounded out the show very nicely. We are ending the year on a good note with the usual holiday parties and New Year’s Eve dance and beginning the year 2020 with high spirits. I am told there will be a change that pertains to our weekly bingo games. In 2020, there will be bingo only on Tuesdays. Our Friday night dinners will continue as usual.

We remember our troops around the world and seek God’s blessing on them and their families here at home. May God continue to bless our great land. annah serving as President and fundraising began.

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Now Hear This: The Message to Improve Access to Hearing and Balance Healthcare Services for Medicare Beneficiaries Is Received—and Well Received in Congress

On November 14, local audiologist Dr. Kathy Mellott traveled with 175 advocates and health policy experts from across the country to Capitol Hill to advocate for legislation that will improve access to hearing and balance healthcare services for millions of Medicare beneficiaries.

“Medicare Part B requisites for coverage have not kept pace with best practices in the provision of audiological and vestibular care, leading to delayed treatment and increased costs,” said Dr. Mellott. “These programmatic deficiencies pose public health risks for aging Americans by placing arbitrary restrictions on coverage for hearing and balance care at the time when that care is most needed.”

In a rare display of bipartisanship, Republicans and Democrats from the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate recently introduced the Medicare Audiologist Access and Services Act (H.R. 4056 and S. 2446) to better deploy audiologists within the Medicare system, to allow patients their choices of qualified Medicare-recognized provider, and to eliminate the requirement for patients to obtain a physician order prior to seeking care from an audiologist. Provisions in the bill will bring Medicare Part B policies in line with private insurers and other federal agencies and programs including the Veterans Health Administration, the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program, and Medicare Advantage.

“For Medicare beneficiaries, enactment of the Medicare Audiologist Access and Services Act cannot come soon enough,” said Dr. Mellott. “Untreated hearing and balance conditions reduce quality of life and carry tremendous societal and financial costs. H.R. 4056 and S. 2446 will make much-needed improvements to Medicare policies that will make it easier for seniors to get the help that they need, and I applaud Maryland Representatives C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger and David J. Trone for agreeing to cosponsor this landmark legislation and for working to advance it through Congress.”

Ten thousand Americans turn 65 years of age and become Medicare-eligible every day in the United States, and 25% of them have a disabling hearing loss. Hearing loss is the third-most common chronic condition for adults over 65 years of age, behind arthritis and hypertension. Individuals with mild hearing loss are three times more likely to experience a fall, and falls are the leading cause of injury and death for Americans over 65 years of age.
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