Beltsville Businesses Need Our Support

By Rick Bergmann

Imagine my surprise when I opened up Facebook in March to see a notice from TJ’s of Calverton stating that because of the Covid-19 situation it had decided not to renew its lease. It was closing. TJ’s has been a staple in the area for as long as I can remember. I no longer live in Beltsville, but I would try to go over there once every month or so. Its closing should be a wakeup call for all of us. If we don’t support our small businesses here in Beltsville, they will not survive. The Beltsville News has tried to compile a list of those small businesses (and businesses in general) that are still open. Below is a list of as many as we could compile. This may not be a complete, comprehensive list, so please check with local businesses to see if they are still open.

List of Businesses Still Operating in Beltsville (those with a * next to them have an ad in this edition of the paper)

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YOLO Chicken

On the Agenda

By President Karen M. Coakley

Life in the New World Order. Face Masks are a Must when out in Public. This means shopping, taking public transportation, walking too. Moving forward, we all need to keep in mind how our health impacts those around us. Hugs and handshakes are quickly becoming a thing of the past. Hand sanitizer, gloves, and face masks are valued commodities.

As The Beltsville News goes to press, I just found out that Evelyn Adkins, our former treasurer, has been diagnosed with COVID-19. She is 94 years old. Please pray for Evelyn Adkins.

Our May meeting has been canceled. Schools and MNCPPC facilities are still closed. I will share community updates on The Beltsville News website and Facebook page plus Nextdoor.com.

If you have not signed up for Nextdoor.com, I strongly encourage you to do so. Several county and state agencies are sharing valuable information almost on a daily basis. Go to Nextdoor.com, enter your street address, and the site will guide you to “your neighborhood.”

The Maryland Health Connection has extended the COVID-19 Special Enrollment Period to June 15 for uninsured Marylanders who need health coverage. In this crisis it is essential that uninsured Marylanders get coverage so that they can get the care they need—for their

Support Local Business!

Because of the uncertainty of what will open and what won’t our normal calendar of events is taking a break. It will return in June Thanks for understanding.

Cub Pack 1031: Trying to Go Virtual in the “Age of Corona”

Cub Pack 1031 is trying to adjust to the new normal and have den meetings over the web! The Arrow Den has been meeting on Zoom and reviewed knife safety, played games, and attended an online troop meeting with Troop 1031. The Tigers (1st graders) and their parents met via Nextdoor.com. The Tigers have been meeting online as a group and working on chores at home. The Arrow Den is continuing to meet via zoom. Both packs have come in very handy as we learn how to stay safe and stay clean by washing our hands and have tons of fun. If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cub scouting@gmail.com for more information.

October 3, but the scout skills we have learned have come in very handy as we learn how to stay safe and stay clean by washing our hands and gain new skills such as using Zoom and learning remotely.

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 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 derby, and campfires. Along the way we learn responsibility, learn citizenship, play games, and have tons of fun. If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cub scouting@gmail.com for more information.

A reminder: if you have Cub Scout uniforms that you can part with, please contact Regina Halper so we can pass on “experienced uniforms” to our scouts this fall. The cost of Cub Scouting has been going up, and sharing your uniforms will help cover the cost of participating for our families.

Genie D. using slime to show how sneezes stick to everything as part of Germs Alive Wolf elective

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Neighbors in the News

Beltville Adventist Community Center Feeds Those in Need

The Beltville Seventh-day Adventist Church is making a difference in people’s lives in whatever way it can find to do so. Through its main outreach arm—the Beltville Adventist Community Center (BACC)—it works closely with local government and community organizations to help those hardest hit economically in Beltville and adjoining locales. Recently on Saturday, April 4, the church parking lot was the site for a drive-through food distribution operation.

It was the third Saturday in a row that the church parking lot was eerily empty. Pre-pandemic, the church parking would be packed with Sabbath worshippers. On this Saturday morning, a gathering of a different sort was shaping up outside. At 11 am, a handful of vehicles pulled into the empty parking lot. The cars belonged to a skeleton crew of volunteers: three staff members from District 1 Council Member Tom Demnoga’s office; three from County Executive Angela Alsobrooks’ office; Beltville Police Officer Kenneth Hibbert; and one of the Beltville SDA Church pastors, Sifa Potauaine.

They donned masks and gloves and started to set up cones in the parking lot for the drive-through. Soon after, Illongovan Pandithurai, a Beltville resident and the church’s head deacon and his ten-year old son, Daniel, arrived to set up tables on the parking sidewalk. They left to return later and put away the tables. A white van emblazoned with Catering by Uptown on its side was backed up to the sidewalk and pallets with carryout containers were stacked next to the tables. Prince George’s County District 1 Council Office paid for the catering company to prepare 500 hundred packed meals—lunch and dinner. The menu for the day? Chicken, spinach, rice and beef, broccoli, and rice.

Cars started to stream into the parking lot. Names were checked off on a list, and for the next three hours they kept coming until all the meals were delivered. The drive-through food pickup will take place every Saturday for the rest of April at the Beltville SDA Church. It is the best that the church can do at this time of social isolation.

How can a church serve its community during a pandemic with physical distancing measures in place? Well, you can always donate money to the cause, but sometimes it is just not the same. Humans crave human connection, and this is the challenge of the time we are in.

Pastor Sifa believes innovation is key. He says, “We have to adjust to circumstances that are outside of our control like this pandemic. When people cannot get involved in the act of service, then we offer up our spaces in service of those in need … until we can [personally get involved] again.” Service. Innovation. A global pandemic has challenged the Beltville SDA Church to explore new grounds in ministry and make a difference however small in its community.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church Feeds Those in Need During Time of Crisis

By Rick Bergmann

Even though the doors may be closed for worship, that didn’t stop Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Cedar Lane from gathering to hand out bags of food to those who are in need. On March 28, several volunteers met at the church at 7:30 am to begin to set up for the drive-through distribution. It was pouring down rain, so the volunteers set up tents so that members of the community could drive up and receive a free bag of groceries. They were able to hand out 106 bags. It was a nice reminder that we are all in this together.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church handed out 106 bags of food on a rainy morning in March!

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Obituaries

Wona Charlotte Bryan

Wona Charlotte Bryan passed away at the age of 88 on April 6, 2020, at Casey House, Rockville, MD, from congestive heart failure. Wona was born in Waynesburg, PA, to Arthur and Muriel Suggs (deceased). She attended Cumberland Township High School, Carl-michains, PA, and was a member of the National Honor Society. She worked after high school at the US Patent Office in Washington, DC. On September 29, 1951, in West Lanham Hills, MD, she married Wesley Adelbert Bryan, who passed away in June 1999. She helped run Bryan Moving & Storage, in Beltsville, MD, for over 40 years. She was a fighter, hav-ing survived many adversities in life including a horrific automobile accident back in 1996. She lived in her Silver Spring, MD, home for 55 years, and previously in Berwyn Heights, MD, and Greenbelt, MD. She is survived by her 3 children, Vicky Lynn Rogers and husband William of Delray Beach, FL, Kar -en Jean Bryan of Chicago, IL, and Allan A. Bryan and wife Carol of Green-castle, PA; and survived by her 4 grandchildren Jason Aubrey and wife Christina of Chicago, IL, and Christine Aubrey of Chicago, IL; Joshua Aubrey of Joplin, MO; and Christopher Bryan of Green-castle, PA. She is survived by her sister Mona Ellis of New Carroll-ton, MD, many nieces and neph-ews, and close friend William Ray Harrell of Beltsville, MD for over 50 years. She is preceded by her sisters Arlene Brown and Vida Skipper and brothers Reicks Suggs and Harold Suggs. Arrangements by Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, LLC, Silver Spring, MD.

Hass, Isabella Mavis

Isabella Mavis Hass, 101, of Sil-ver Spring, MD, left this life on Monday, March 23, 2020. Mavis was preceded in death by her father and mother, Turner B. and Annie (Crockett) McPhee, brother Paul McPhee, and her beloved husband of 65 years, John Hass. Mavis was born in Providence, RI, graduated from Cranston High School, then completed the business course at Bryant College. She worked in the insurance field both in Providence and Boston before marrying and raising her family in Hyattsville, MD.

Mavis and John loved to travel our country and spent many vaca-tions driving and sightseeing. They visited many National Parks and enjoyed all the beautiful sites in each state. After retirement, they spent many happy years travel-ling to Florida for the winter. Their greatest enjoyment was square dancing, as they were involved with several clubs and traveled to many festivals. Mavis was an avid Republican and was president of the Hyattsville Women’s Repub-lican Committee for many years. She worked at the polls for all the elections. Mavis had the best memory of anyone in the family, never forgetting anything, includ-ing all the birthdays in her large family. She was a lifelong Red-skins fan who watched every game possible and knew all the players. She thoroughly enjoyed watching golf tournaments on weekends and became a CAPS fan in the last three years! She is survived by her chil-dren Robert (Kathleen) Hass and Karen (Paul) Endress; grandchild-ren Robert Hass Jr.(Greta), Maggie (Eric) Finke, Maureen (Drew) Maurano, Katie (Nick) Fullenkamp, Erin (John David) Ricca, Michael (Kelly) Hass and Lisa (Elaine Sch-weiger) Endress; and great-grand-children Isabella, William, Noella, Emerson, Meghan, Claire, Andrew, Jocelyn, Sydney, Eliza, Noah, John-ny, Hannah, and Julia. Funeral and graveside services were limited to immediate family. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

Marcus, Edith Mae

Edith Harris Marcus, age 92 of Franklin, TN, formerly of Belts -ville, MD, passed away on Satur-day, April 4, 2020. She was born to the late Thomas Edward Harris and Elsie King Harris on September 16, 1928.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband of 53 years, Clemmer B. Marcus, all but one of her 6 siblings, and her son, Richard C. Marcus. She is survived by her husband, Tom (Peggii) Harris; daughter, Carol (Larry) Hyatt of Franklin, TN; son Gregory (Christ -ine) Marcus; grandchildren, Becca, Seth, Allison, Dylan, Drew, John-

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Some attacks can be limited if you configure the meeting software. If possible, use the browser version of the software so it can't share files with your computer. If you are simply a meeting participant and not the host, consider connecting with your smartphone or tablet instead of your computer. These devices pose less risk to your overall networks.

Lean on Me
By Rev. Dr. Jaleine Chase

This legendary song by Bill Withers was released in April 1972. It has been recorded by several artist, but his rendering is still my favorite. You can hear the compassion in his voice. Bill Withers died on March 30 of this year during the pandemic’s upswing. His word of friendship, service, and community is needed during this uncertain time. The lyrics speak to our current situation as we see people risk their lives, offer support, give openly, and lend a hand were needed. Here are most of the lyrics:

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow. But, if we are wise, we know that there’s always tomorrow. – Lean on me, when you’re not strong and I’ll be your friend, I’ll help you carry on. When you’re not strong and I’ll be your friend, I’ll help you carry on.

Meetings from Home

It’s been a month now, and we all are still stuck at home. Last month I deviated from my current series and tried to provide information about what technology most people need to work from home. This month I find that I still need to talk about working from home while also reviving the conversation about security and privacy.

Meetings are for many an important part of the workday. Of course, when working from home you use meeting software like Zoom, Webex, GotoMeeting, Hangouts, Microsoft Teams, Skype for Business, and so on. Recently, Zoom has been found to share data about meeting attendees with other companies even though Zoom had promised it was not doing this. According to a number of sources, Zoom was sharing data with Facebook even if you did not have a Facebook account. Zoom also suggested that Zoom meetings were encrypted and secure. It’s Da Bomb

The last month has seen phenomena called Meeting Bombing or recently Zoombombing. This is where people that are not invited join with the intent to disrupt your meetings. This can be prevented by using a guest list and requiring attendees to sign-in with an email address and password. This can also be prevented by sending a private chat message before the meeting.

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Legislative Update on the Virus Crisis

Protecting our families from the virus: To support the state’s public health efforts while keeping the essential services of government functioning, the Maryland legislature:

- set aside more than $350 million in emergency funds for tests, treatment, tracing, and other critical medical services
- boosted state reserves and increased the tobacco tax to provide funds to respond to the crisis
- cut the session short 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, Jim and Joseline have been named to the Joint COVID-19 Response Legislative Workgroup to monitor state responses and recommend ways to improve them.

Protecting our incomes and jobs: We passed legislation to expand unemployment insurance, fight price gouging, help small businesses, and achieve other ways to help protect Maryland families from the economic impact of this virus, especially those who lose their jobs.

Highlights of 2020 Maryland Legislative Session

- Training high school graduates for family-supporting jobs: To help young people get good jobs at good wages, we passed the “Kirwan” plan to expand access to reading and math skills, job training programs, and paid apprenticeships.
- Reducing college tuition costs:
  - expand opportunities for high school students to earn college credits tuition-free
  - cap next year’s tuition hikes at Maryland colleges at 2%
- Protecting senior citizens: Older adults with complex care needs want to live as independently as possible and limit stress on family caregivers. The new telehealth law offers the potential to improve access to care and the quality of care while reducing strain on family caregivers.
- Investing in Morgan State, Bowie, and other historically black colleges and universities: These schools are ladders of opportunity for many of our young people. To help them expand their offerings, particularly in Prince George’s, we committed the state to a ten-year funding plan.
- Cleaning up our environment: Chlorpyrifos is a dangerous pesticide that does harm to our environment, so we banned it. We also worked to promote environmentally-conscious transportation initiatives.
- Supporting our community:
  - Boosted state funds for local schools in Prince George’s by $54.7 million.
  - $7.4 million for rebuilding Route One in College Park.
  - $186 million for construction of the light rail Purple Line, connecting the Metro Green Line and the University of Maryland with Bethesda, New Carrollton—and New York!
  - To fix potholes and improve local roads, we approved $6.9 million for Prince George’s County.
- We worked together on all these initiatives:
  - As vice chair of House Health Committee, Delegate Peña-Melnyk led the successful fight to protect Obamacare from Trump attacks on it and to crack down on prescription drug price hikes.
  - Delegate Lehman led the successful fight to protect college students and staff from mold by requiring the University System of Maryland to inventory building contaminants and plan to fix them.
  - Delegate Barnes, chair of the House Education Subcommittee, worked to boost state funding to local schools, making sure that, for the first time, state money will flow directly into our kids’ classrooms, not the central office.
  - Cutting child-care costs for working families by expanding subsidies for public and private preschools, championed by Senator Rosapepe, vice chair of the Senate Budget Committee.

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District 1 Office Update
Each weekend in April, the District 1 Team has partnered with the Office of County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, Beltsville Adventist Community Center, and Catering by Uptown to provide 500 meals to underserved District 1 residents. Together we will get through this, and together we will get COVID-19.

Teatime with Tom
Join me every Friday for a late afternoon discussion from 3–4 pm via Zoom! You must RSVP to join. You can RSVP and submit questions at bit.ly/Tea-Time-With-Dernoga.

Coronavirus Update
As your council member, my number one priority is keeping you informed, especially now, during the current public health emergency involving the coronavirus 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/PGCCoronavirus.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can also call the Prince George’s County Health Department’s 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 July 15, uninsured Marylanders can sign up for health insurance through the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange. Coverages will begin April 1 regardless of when a health plan is selected during the open enrollment period.

Visit http://bit.ly/MDHealthConnCovid-19 to learn more about how you can enroll in coverage and what you need to apply.

District 2 Sewing Project
District 1 senior living facilities, community resource agencies, and essential personnel such as grocery or restaurant workers are in need of personal protective equipment (PPE). If you have elastic bands (¼ inches in width), thread, sewing needles, or cotton fabric that you are willing to donate, please let us know. Your unused materials will go towards the effort to make face masks for staff.

To help, simply send an email to councildistrict1@co.pg.md.us, and one of the members of your District 1 Team will pick up. We ask you package the materials in a reusable plastic bag and place them in your mailbox.

The National Agricultural Library (NAL) is here for you!

By Paul M. Wester, Jr., Director, National Agricultural Library

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Sundstrom, Shirley Ann

On Saturday, April 4, 2020. Previsously of Beltsville, MD. Wife of the late Gunnar Sundstrom and the late Jim Joyner; Mother of Phyllis (Pete) Papadopoulos, and Sheyl (Tom) Gostomski; grandmother of Demetrios (Katie), Alexandra, David, and Leah; great-grandmother of Joelle and Demetrios; sister of Sharon McGlaughlin. Shirley enjoyed listening to music as well as dancing to it, she loved playing pool, and got pleasure from sharing candy. Internment private. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Wray, Doris Roby

Doris Roby Wray departed this life on April 8, 2020, to reside in heaven with her Savior. Seeking eternal life was a driving force of her character. She was an avid gardener, loved to take walks, and was more than willing to host many family gatherings. Born August 17, 1925, to Charles and Frances

Club News

Holy Redeemer Students Excel in Americanism Essay Contest

By Ivy Christoffers

The American Legion Auxiliary holds an Americanism Essay Contest each year throughout the United States that is conducted through the students in grades 3 through 8. This is separated into three groups. Group I is for grades 3 and 4, group II is for grades 5 and 6, and group III is for grades 7 and 8. Holy Redeemer has participated for several years and annually has local, district, and department winners. Two years they had a national winner. This is awesome when you consider the hundreds and thousands of competing essays.

That said, this year is no exception. The following students received recognition with certificates and monetary prizes for their essays titled “How can we address the health and well-being of our veterans, military and their families?”

Group I—First place locally and first place in the Southern Maryland District, second place was won by Ava Eggleston, and third place went to Molly Smith. In group II, Ethan Caracoke took first place on the local level and second place in the Southern Maryland District, second place was won by Ava Eggleston, and third place went to Molly Smith. In group III, Ethan Caracoke took first place on the local level and second place in the Southern Maryland District, second place was won by Ava Eggleston, and third place went to Molly Smith. and Dalton Walker took third. We congratulate these amazing students and their teachers for their continued participation in this worthy program.

Getting the awards to the students is challenging this year with further competition from local to district has won in the department. Wray, Doris Roby

Roby, she proceeded to spend 88 glorious years in Beltsville, MD, devoting much of her time serving her Lord at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church and the remaining six years at a nursing home in La Plata, MD. She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, David. Doris was a wonderful person who will forever be in the hearts of her two siblings Joy and Wally (Nancy); her four children Robert (Karen), Virginia (Lomnie), Thomas (Judith), and Pamela (Joe); her eight grandchildren Stephanie, Natalie (Steve), Kristen (Chad), Laura (Ken), Robert (Lindsay), Jonathan (Katie), Travis, and Austin; her three step-grandchildren Steven (Christiane), David (Jen), and Kristen (Nick); her 12 great-grandchildren Madison, Emerson, Will, Charlie, Mason, Gavin, Chase, Lyiah, Kaden, Liam, Addison, and Caleb; her four step-grandchildren Caton, Keely, Jack, and Emmy; and her many friends and relatives. As she wished, her body was cremated. Visitation at the Borgwardt Funeral Home, memorial service at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, and the graveside service will all be scheduled when conditions permit. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in her memory to the Alzheimer’s Association. May she rest in peace.

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I See You, Can You See Me?

Meeting software typically allows you to share your video feed with the others on the meeting. This means the attendees can see you and you may be able to see them. I suggest that it is best to configure your software so that video is turned off by default. You can always turn it on during the meeting if it is needed.

Be aware of what you are showing with your video feed. Just because your computer is portable does not mean it should be taken into the bathroom with you. Think about what your audience may see; the clutter in your house or office, inappropriate posters or photos on the walls, people walking behind you, or other revealing personal information. Make the audience view appropriate for the situation.

Today, most meeting software has the option to either blur your background or replace it with a chosen background image. I attended one meeting where a participant appeared to be sitting on the bridge of the Starship Enterprise during the meeting. This works best if you can setup a green or light blue cloth behind you.

Use a Headset and the Mute Button

Maybe you have been on a call where there is a buzzing noise in the background, dishes clattering, people talking behind someone, or an echo from whoever is speaking on the call. These annoyances are often caused by people that are using the microphone and speakers built into the laptop and not muted. On many laptops the microphones will pick up all the noise around them including the sound coming from the speakers. This is where that echo comes from. The best way to deal with this is to use a headset. Even something as simple as earplugs designed for a cell phone with a built-in mike ($5 at Five Below) will work. I personally prefer using the same Bluetooth headset I use for my mobile phone (Plantronics Voyager 2) or an inexpensive gaming headset. All these solutions isolate the sounds from the conference from the sounds going into the microphone. Noise reduction headsets (like the previously mentions Voyager) also filter out external sounds only letting your voice through.

When on a call it is best practice to enable mute unless you are actively speaking. This will prevent outside noises from disrupting the call while you are in listening mode. Even when I am speaking, I tend to be ready to hit mute as a cough button.
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