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Little Paint Branch Trail Community Cleanup Saturday, October 2, 2021

Cub Pack 1031 is hosting a cleanup along Little Paint Branch Trail on Saturday October 2, 2021 (Rain date: Saturday, October 9, 2021) as part of our obligation as Adopt a Trail Sponsors for the trail. The Cleanup will run from 9 AM to 12 Noon.

We would love to invite the community to join us so we can remove all the trash and get the trail ready for fall colors.

We will be set up at "Old Rec" Beltsville Neighborhood Park—the northern end of the trail because of the football game crowds by the community center. Please bring gloves, apply bug spray, wear a hat, long sleeves, and pants. Also wear sturdy shoes and long socks to pull over your pants to protect



The Little Paint Branch October 2020 fall cleanup Come join us!!

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NEXT ISSUE:
Submissions Due
No Later Than:
October 20
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October 30

On the Agenda



Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 20th at 7:00 pm. This will be a ZOOM Virtual meeting. You can join online or call in. Details will be posted on the Beltsville News Facebook page and Nextdoor.com by October 15th. October is Fire Safety Month and Domestic Violence Month.

If you were not able to attend the September meeting but would like to receive information on some of the current scams scam artists are using, contact me.

Beltsville News: If you are looking for the actual paper you can pick one up at Giant, Wawa, Beltsville Library, Beltsville Community Center, Spicknalls, Fairland Aquatic/Gymnastics Center, Fairland Ice Palace and Lax Wine and Spirits to name a few places if you would like a subscription, please contact Ted Ladd at 301-937-6796 or tedladd02@aol.com or karenmcoakley@gmail.com.

I know that I must sound like a "Broken Record"but please remove valuables from your cars and lock your doors!

If you have a community concern, I can be reached at 301-937-3490 or karenmcoakley@gmail.com.

Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union Calls for Nominations To Celebrate Community Heroes Of The Pandemic

Bowie, MD (September 8, 2021): As the county officials and local businesses slowly begin to lift safety restrictions surrounding the pandemic, Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union hopes to encourage the community with their New Day campaign and #New Day Hero contest.

The campaign includes a radio

and cable spot based on the organization's "New Day" jingle written by Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union's CEO and President, Robert Schroeder. It also includes a promotional offer of a 0.25% rate reduction on new,

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Beltsville Briefs

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

The Beltsville Young at Heart senior group will meet for the first time this year on Thursday, October 21 at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road.

We meet at 11:00am till about 1:00pm. Masks are required. No drinks or refreshment will be served, but you can bring your own drink and snacks. You must be 55 years and can join after 3 meetings.

We usually have speakers, entertainment, trips, 50/50, Bingo, plus light refreshments., but the pandemic has limited some of our activities now.

We look forward to seeing our elder members and anyone new who would like to join us. Questions: call 301-498-9736.

Welcome Major Fisher

Welcome Major Fisher to Beltsville Division 6 Prince George's County Police Department

Major Jason Fisher is a 21st century law enforcement leader



Major Fisher

who is a Prince George's County native. His career comprises over 21 years as a Prince George's County Police Department (PGPD) officer. He has planned and directed police department activities at various ranks and command assignments including Operations Commander for the Bureau of Forensic Science and

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Beltsville News Home Delivery

By Rick Bergmann

The Beltsville News has ceased sending a copy of the paper to every home in Beltsville. As postal rates have gone up, it wasn't financially feasible to do this anymore. It cost more for us to mail the papers than it did to print each month.

You may now access the paper in a number of ways. The easiest and most convenient is to visit our website at www.beltsvillenewstoday.com. Here you can access the paper directly, read individual

articles and sign up for our monthly mailing list. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will receive a pdf of the paper in your email each month. You can also pick up physical copies at The Calverton Giant, Wawa, Beltsville Library, Beltsville Community Center, Spicknalls, Fairland Aquatic/Gymnastics Center, Fairland Ice Palace and Lax Wine and Spirits. If you would like a subscription, please contact Ted Ladd at 301-937-6796 or tedladd02@aol.com or karenmcoakley@gmail.com

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Neighbors in the News

Patuxent Research Refuge Welcomes New Refuge Manager Jennifer Greiner

In 2020, Jennifer Greiner assumed the position of Refuge Manager for the 13,000-acre Patuxent Research Refuge, which includes the National Wildlife Visitor Center. She was also appointed by Maryland's Governor to serve as Federal Facilities representative on the Patuxent River Commission. Jennifer holds a bachelor's degree in Biology from Kalamazoo College and a master's degree in Natural Resource Policy and Administration from the University of Michigan.

Now in her 27th year with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,



Jennifer Greiner, New Refuge Manager of the Patuxent Research Refuge.

Jennifer has served the agency at its national headquarters, the North-Atlantic Region, and the field level. Jennifer's past positions include Habitat Coordinator for the watershed-wide Chesapeake Bay Program, National Coordinator for the agency's Coastal Program, and Wildlife Biologist with the Endangered Species program. Jennifer and her family live south of Annapolis, where she enjoys paddling, RVing, running half marathons, and singing in a cover band called Shoal Sister.

Hillhaven Assisted Living, Nursing, and Rehabilitation Center receives second consecutive deficiency-free survey

Adelphi, MD – Hillhaven Assisted Living, Nursing, and Rehabilitation Center (Hillhaven) in Adelphi, MD, scored among the top in the state again in 2021 with a deficiency-free survey for its Assisted Living Community as administered by the Maryland Department of Health: Office of Health Care Quality, Assisted Living Unit.

"I am so proud of our employees for their hard work and com-

mitment to our residents and their families," expressed Maurice McIntyre, Executive Director of Hillhaven. "Every one of our team members at Hillhaven works hard in following our mission to enrich the lives of our residents, families, and employees and we are delighted to be recognized for delivering the quality care we strive for every day."

Senior living communities must meet or exceed all state and

federal standards to earn a deficiency-free survey. A deficiency-free survey in Maryland's rigorous inspection is uncommon and indicates a high level of service at a senior living community.

Senior living communities undergo annual licensing inspections and are also inspected periodically to evaluate services and systems in place and oversee compliance with federal and state laws and regulations. In a multi-day process, inspectors arrive unannounced to assess the facility and evaluate compliance with regulations governing areas including policies and procedures, resident care, quality of care and quality of life, medication administration, medical records, kitchen sanitation, staff competencies, dietary needs, equipment, safety, and overall wellness of the community. We are proud to announce that Hillhaven received a "deficiency-free" annual state licensing inspection.

At Hillhaven, achieving a 100% rating on the state survey means that our seniors receive the highest level of care in an optimal environment, which is important when selecting a senior living community. Furthermore, Hillhaven provides all the benefits that communal living offers including socialization, safety, stress-free living, active lifestyles, and eating well.

Managed by national senior housing operator Meridian Senior Living, Hillhaven delivers high-quality assisted living, memory care, rehabilitation, and skilled nursing services for seniors in the Prince George County, Maryland area. For more information about Hillhaven, please call (301) 304-4232, go to hillhavenassistedliving.com, or visit the community at 3210 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi, MD.

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Black Cats: Myths and Facts

What comes to mind when you think of Halloween? For many, a black cat comes to mind. Halloween decorations featuring our furry black friends come in all sizes made of all kinds of materials. But why and how did black cats become associated with superstitions, witches, and general spookiness?



Don't believe the myths about black cats!

While the exact origin of these superstitions has been lost over time, one noteworthy figure emerged who popularized them. In the 1200s, Pope Gregory IX declared to the people that black cats were used in witches' rituals and were signs of devil worship. With the times being what they were, if the church declared something, that was how it was! As word spread, black cats and witchcraft were blamed for many unfortunate incidents. This was during the times when symbols of good luck, like hanging a horseshoe over your door, were believed to

porch. In Japan, black cats were especially good luck for single women, as they were believed to increase the chance of attracting a good suitor. English sailors would keep black cats on their ships for good fortune at sea. One became famous during WWII for being the good-luck cat aboard the HMS Prince of Wales. Winston Churchill even bent down to give the fortunate feline a pat, earning the kitty the name Churchill.

As Halloween approaches, black cats can become the target of people who believe they bring bad luck. In addition, black cats are often overlooked by people looking to adopt. BCC has numerous black kittens ready to be adopted. Please consider these sweet kitties if you are considering adopting.

If you see an unknown black cat wandering in Beltsville, contact Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) at 240-444-8353 or hello@beltsvillecats.net. A BCC volunteer will check the situation out and develop a plan to humanely trap the cat and transport it to a vet to get spayed or neutered and vaccinated before releasing it where it was trapped.



be able to ward off 'bad luck', a myth that persists even today.

However, not every culture believed that black cats were bad omens. In fact, many believed the opposite, that they were symbols of good fortune and prosperity. In Scotland, it's considered good luck if a black cat sits on your

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against bugs and scratches. Also bring a mask for when you are around other people especially our scouts.

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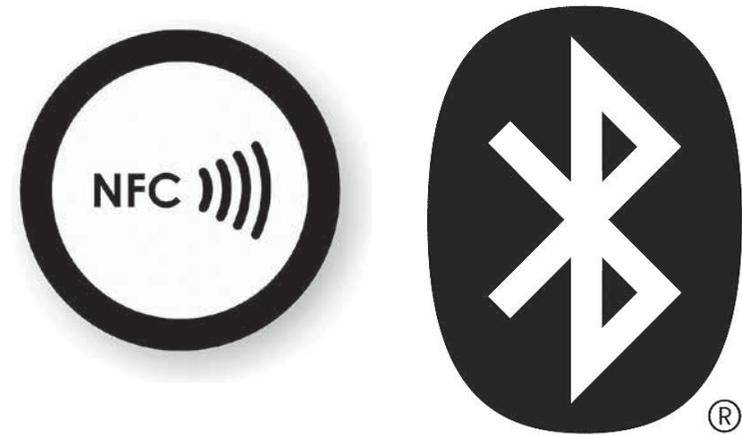
This month our topic is wireless technologies. We will try to briefly cover three wireless technologies that we find in our pockets, our homes, and nearly everywhere we go. These are NFC, Bluetooth, and Wi-Fi.

phones, read biological sensors, open hotel doors, and send images to printers. NFC is best to transmit small amounts of data like the information on a credit card or business card.

tooth tags are also useful for finding lost items. The tag is attached to an item that you don't want to lose. Whenever the tag is near a phone with a supporting app (Apple phones have this tracking built-in to iOS) the app will report where it was when it communicated with the tag. This information is then transmitted to your phone using mobile networks.

Internet. Most new routers support both 2.4GHz and 5GHz signals giving a choice of longer distance or faster speeds. Also, because the 5GHz signal doesn't travel as far it is less likely to interfere with other neighboring routers.

2019. These standards give the highest wireless speeds (over 9000Mbps/s) but need to be supported both on the router and the devices using the wireless signals. Older slower devices are still supported on these routers but can't benefit from the higher performance. Wi-Fi 5 based on IEEE 802.11ac was adopted in 2014 and at 6000Mbps/s is still fast enough from most home users. For many homes with Internet access under 250 Mbps/s, Wi-Fi 4 routers based on IEEE 802.11n and supporting up to 600 Mbps/s is fine. Remember that if your Internet connection is only 200 Mbps/s a faster router can't make the Internet connection any faster no matter what the TV commercials imply.



Near Field Communications (NFC)

Most phones today have a feature called NFC which is primarily used to make payments using your mobile phone. NFC stands for Near Field Communications. NFC is very short-range allowing the signal to reach nearly 3 inches from the phone. Yes, that is 3 inches. This is why when you make a purchase using the phone you nearly tap the device to the phone. The short distance makes the protocols less susceptible to being hacked. In addition to payment terminals, NFC is sometimes used to exchange data between

Bluetooth

Nearly all modern phones and most new laptop computers have built-in support for Bluetooth. The primary use for Bluetooth is to connect to add-on devices like headsets and mice. A Bluetooth signal can travel about 33 feet between transmitter and receiver. Bluetooth beacons are Bluetooth devices that transmit a small bit of information to your phone. An app on the phone can then track where you are located by knowing which beacons you are near. Blue-

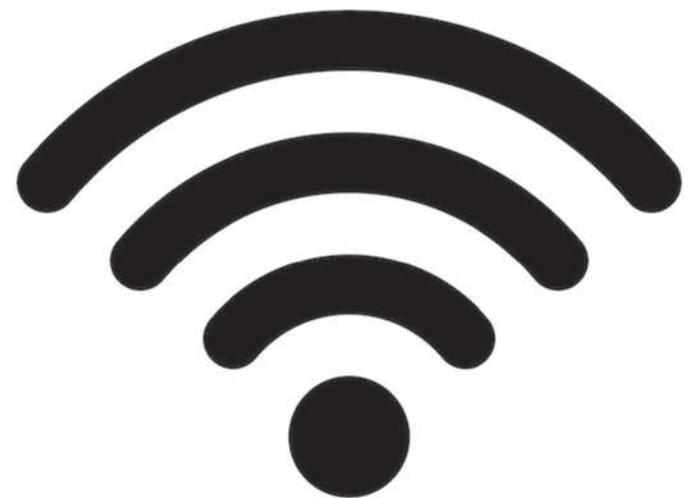
Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi is the wireless technology most commonly used to access the Internet. Wi-Fi supports several different wireless bands each supporting different amounts of data and different distances the signals can travel. The older Wi-Fi 4 over the 2.4 GHz radio band can travel 300 feet outdoors, but more typically is limited to 150 feet indoors. Wi-Fi 4 signals support between 72 and 600 Mbps/s. Wi-Fi 5 and 6 using the 5 GHz band has a shorter range (about 1/3 the distance) but higher bandwidths over 9000 Mbps/s.

In most homes Wi-Fi is provided by a wireless router. The router connects to the Internet provider through a cable modem (Comcast/Xfinity) or an Optical Network Terminal (ONT) (Verizon). The router has an Access Point (AP) built-in which broadcasts the wireless signal. Wireless devices like computers and phones then connect to this signal to access the

Better Wi-Fi

The Wi-Fi standards have changed significantly over the years. Today, the newest devices are using the Wi-Fi 6 standards are based on IEEE 802.11ax standards that were adopted in



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- Ridden or pushed around yard
- Chlorofluorocarbon
- Spiral-horned antelope
- Make a canyon, e.g.
- Much of this about nothing?
- Forest destroyers
- Basic belief
- Popular pickup
- Lake scum
- *Popular email service eventually bought by Microsoft
- *CD "maker"
- FEMA's assistance
- Musician's time to shine
- Stephen King's Christine, e.g.
- Plural of locus
- Mongolian monetary unit
- Wraths
- Jar covers
- Like yellow polka dot bikini?
- Desert in China and Mongolia
- Knight's mount
- Cogito ___ sum
- Change the Constitution, e.g.
- Ready and eager
- Table mineral
- *Jennifer Aniston-inspired haircut, with "the"
- Bank on
- Modern prefix
- Beacon light
- Oolong, e.g.

- * ___ Sese Seko, overthrown Zairian dictator
- *African National Congress leader released from prison
- Like a candle?
- *1997's "Fly" by Sugar ___
- Lowest point
- Smart ___
- Marching insect
- Opposite of digest
- *Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan's domain
- Employer Assisted Housing, acr.
- Fender bender consequences

DOWN

- Crystalline hydrochloride, colloquially
- Nabisco top best-seller
- Refuses to
- Bodily swelling
- Not wholesale
- Lewis of sprinting and long jumping fame
- Vaccine-approving agency, acr.
- Burger, fries and soda
- Brick-drying oven
- It's hard to resist
- Precedes Abby
- Consume, as in drugs
- Slang for radical or cool, 2 words

- America's singer choices
- Last, abbr.
- Weapon in a holster
- Fidel Castro's smoke
- Pleasant odor
- Renaissance instrument resembling a violin
- *TV hit "Sex and the ___"
- "Bee ___"
- What many TV hits have done
- Fireplace
- * ___ Protocol, climate change-related international treaty
- Hyperbolic sine
- Withered
- COVID-19 variant
- Expose the falseness
- "___ the Games Begin!"
- Pined
- Sign of a saint, pl.
- "Bad news travels fast," e.g.
- Algeria's neighbor
- Plow-pulling duo
- *"Where It's At" singer
- Urban story
- Adam and Eve's garden
- *Oscar winner "Schindler's ___"
- A in BA
- *Gulf ___ or Bosnian ___
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Emergency Rental and Utilities Assistance Program

In trying times like these, we are here to help. The Prince George's County 2021 Emergency Rental and Utilities Assistance Program (ERAP) helps households experiencing financial difficulty due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ERAP helps provide payment assistance to residents who are struggling to pay rent or afford utilities. If you need assistance you are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applications will be accepted until funds are exhausted. For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/307dlfx>.

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District 1 Team meeting with Pastor Sifa Potauaine, with Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church. (From left to right: Nicole Ríos, Paige Goldscher, Jerri Jones, Gabriel Fernandes, and Michelle García)

has been issued a Temporary Use Permit from the Prince George's County Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE). For more information, please call the Health Department at 301-883-7690.

Beltsville Halloween Event - Movie in the Graveyard

The Department of Parks and Recreation will host a family friendly "Movie in the Graveyard" on Friday, October 15, from 6 to 9 PM. Masks and social distancing are required for all attendees. "Movie in the Graveyard" will be held at the Beltsville Community Center field and is free for families. Advance registration is required. Please register at <https://bit.ly/PGParksRec> ticket number NAO-SPEC-GA-20211015. For more information, please call 301-937-6613.

In Environmental News

We are pleased to welcome the new Department of the Environment (DOE) Director, Andrea L. Crooms. Director Crooms is an environmental advocate, an attorney, economist, and climate sci-

entist with 20 years of leadership experience in environmental regulation and climate change mitigation. Director Crooms' experience includes working with the U.S. Department of Energy, serving in multiple leadership roles with the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. We are excited to work with Director Crooms and look forward to her fresh ideas

Figuring out what can go into your trash can versus the recycling bin can be confusing, but there is help. Now you can access DOE's new online Waste and Recycling Toolkit and discover the ins and outs of recycling, trash, composting, bulky trash and more. Parents can also discover kid-friendly activities. Visit <https://bit.ly/wastetoolkit>.

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The mist was thick and eerie,
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 On paths discerned just barely.

Its hand moved white and cloudy,
 So stealthily I could not see;
 My thoughts were anxious, wary.

Yet, I proceeded slowly,
 Discovering a mystery;
 T'was really nothing scary.

How often are we shaken
 By what's not true, and taken in
 Because fears are awakened.

Press on, for Christ's partaken
 Of death and overtaken sin;
 In Him we're ne'er forsaken.

Beckie Hutchings
9/12/2021

Obituaries

Patrick Henry Ponton

Patrick Henry Ponton Passed away peacefully on Friday, August 20, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Joan C. Ponton; father of Patrick Michael (Lynn), Cynthia Louise (Stephon), Joseph Edward (Joyce) and Anthony Curtis (Theresa); grandfather of 10 and Great Grandfather of 13; Brother of Joseph, MaryEllen Redfern, Robert, Michael, the late William, Paul, John, Edward, and Thomas; uncle of many nieces and nephews. A celebration of life for Pat and Joan will take place in 2022. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to The Children's Inn at NIH. <https://www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com/>



Ingeborg Carsten Miller

Carsten Miller, Ingeborg

Ingeborg Carsten Miller was born in Pomerania on the shores of the Baltic Sea. Ingeborg fled with her family from Soviet occupied East Germany in 1946 and settled in Hamburg, West Germany. After studying in Florence, Italy and Barcelona, Spain she returned to Germany to work for the US Information Service in Hamburg, Hannover, and Kiel. Married to an American Foreign Service Officer, she made her home in London, Paris, Bonn, and Seoul and in the Washington, D.C. area., where she taught German at the Foreign Service Institute.

Ingeborg was Vice President of the Federal Poets of Washington, D.C. from 1988-1990, and also editor of "The Federal Poet" literary magazine for three years. She instituted a series of many local poetry readings, including at the Sumner School Museum in Washington, D.C. She also organized the "Authors Round Table", a writers group of the Association of American Foreign Service Women. Deeply influenced in her writing by nature and the spirit of Northern Germany, Ingeborg pub-

lished several collections of her poems to reflect her time and travels from there including, NORDLICHTER (Northern Lights), and One Pomeranian in America. Her poems have been published in the Paris International Herald Tribune, The American Foreign Service Journal, and Trans-Lit, to name but a few. Ingeborg's poems were also a regular feature in the local Beltsville News for many years. She greatly enjoyed reading her poetry aloud for audiences both locally and at conferences around the country. She was also an active member of the Society for German American Studies and the German Studies Association.

Ingeborg first studied art at the Accademia delle Belle Arti in Florence, Italy. She later specialized in oriental brush painting and studied with Professor Ming, in Seoul, Korea. A long-time member of the Sumi-e Society, a national oriental brush painting group, she has shown her paintings at exhibitions in Annapolis, Washington, D.C. Seoul, Bonn and Paris.

She also contributed numerous illustrations for the publications that she worked with over the years. A lifelong lover and supporter of all libraries, particularly in Montgomery and Prince George's County, Maryland. She served as President of the Friends of the Beltsville library for many years and was instrumental in helping save libraries in PG County from closure. As chair and long-term member of the Fairland Library Advisory Committee, she was a leader in efforts to secure funding for the construction and establishment of Fairland-Burtonsville library. Ingeborg was remarkable in so many ways and will be sorely missed by her many friends around the world as well as her extended family: loving husband Bradford, her daughter Carina and son Carsten; her daughter-in-law Molly and son-in-law David, and, of course, her four grandsons Zachary, Simon, Max, and Ian.

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Holliday, Kenneth Alan Sr.

On Wednesday, August 25, 2021, Kenneth Alan Holliday, Sr., formerly of Beltsville, Maryland passed. He was the father of Kenneth Alan Holliday, Jr. and Christina Marie (James Eitel) Eberhardt; Grandfather of Amy Rowe, Ryan Rowe, Philip Meilahn, Kimberly Ann Holliday, Joel Alexander Holliday, John Coleman Holliday, Hannah Elizabeth Holliday, Mitchell Paul Holliday, Daniel James Eberhardt and Jacob Allen Eberhardt; Great-grandfather of Rebekah Dawn Meilahn, Isaiah Philip Meilahn and Noah James Eberhardt; Brother of William Stephen Holliday, Donald Marion Holliday, Sr., Kathryn Anne Pinto, the late Winifred Joan Grove and Stanley Paul Holliday, Sr.; predeceased by his first wife, Diane Lee Foster. Relatives and friends visited with the family on Friday, September 3 at Borgwardt Funeral Home, where a funeral service was held on Saturday, September 4, at 10 a.m., Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

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Beltsville Has Lost a Poet

By Rick Bergmann

When I first took over the News Director position at the Beltsville News, one of the first emails I got was from Ingeborg Carsten Miller congratulating me on taking the position. I spent many years conversing with her through email as she would send me her monthly poems to publish. She was one of the kindest people I

have ever worked with. Several times during the holiday's she would send me a book of her poems in the mail, and I would love sitting down and reading them. They are still on my shelf today. Ingeborg passed away on September 13 and it would be an understatement to say I was heartbroken. She was a one-of-a-kind, beautiful person who will live on through her poetry.

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

Missing your vaccine card?

Got the vaccines but don't have your vaccine record card? The state will provide a replacement proof of vaccination online, just visit md.myr.net.

Are you still looking for a place to get your vaccine? There are plenty of providers in Beltsville with no wait time, visit vaccines.gov to find the closest to you.

New Preschool opens in North College Park!

We're happy to say the new nonprofit Monarch Preschool/College Park is open for families who live or work in the area. We recruited Monarch to come to our community and got them a \$250,000 state grant to help hold



Senator Jim Rosapepe

down tuition.

Monarch Preschool College Park is a high-quality, project-based learning pre-kindergarten for children ages 3-5. A place where care is not passive—spaces,

curriculum, and teachers are all active, engaged, and helping children apply their learning to real-world issues. Learn more about the preschool and how to enroll here: www.monarchpreschool.com. Please let others know who may be interested.

Energy assistance

The Maryland Office of People's Counsel has created an energy assistance toolkit to help Maryland households facing utility turn-off notices keep their power on. This toolkit includes videos, application forms, resource guides and more. Visit opc.maryland.gov and click on "Energy Assistance Tool Kit."

Smid economic recovery, Maryland Retains Triple AAA Bond Rating

Last month, all three credit-rating agencies reaffirmed Maryland's AAA bond rating. "We are pleased that as the vaccine rollout



Delegate Mary Lehman, me, Delegate Joseline Peña Melnyk, and Delegate Ben Barnes filed for reelection on September 3rd to represent Beltsville in the 2022 elections.

allows Maryland to begin recovering from the impact of COVID-19, the rating agencies recognize that the State's proactive response to the pandemic," said State Treasurer Nancy Kopp. "Maryland's dynamic economy, highly educat-

ed workforce, and above-average wealth and income levels have put us in a strong position as we move forward." To read Maryland Treasurer Nancy Kopp's report on our state's economy and finances, visit www.treasurer.state.md.us

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Neighbors in the News

Upstage Artists Returns to Live Performances with Frankenstein

After an almost 2-year hiatus due to the pandemic, UpStage Artists, one of our community partners, is returning to live performances this October with Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. *Frankenstein* is adapted from Mary Shelley's novel by Baltimore playwright Mark Scharf. The play is about Captain Walton, who is on an Arctic expedition when he finds and saves Victor Frankenstein from the cold. Frankenstein had been pursuing the Creature he created and brought to life. Having learned of Frankenstein's travails, Walton retells the tale of the monster's creation and the resulting mayhem as the story, like the creature, comes alive onstage. This thrilling stage adaptation by award-winning playwright Mark Scharf retains all the dread, anguish and heart of the original story.

The cast is a diverse group of individuals ranging in age from as young as 10 to as young at heart as 70. All actors are local to Beltsville and its surrounding areas. The show will be directed by Rick Bergmann and will be performed in the Fellowship Hall at Emmanuel.

Because of Covid, UpStage will be taking many precautions. All audience seats will be spaced



Actors gather for the table read of UpStage Artists production of Frankenstein

6 feet apart, audience members must wear a mask and provide proof of vaccination. Also, there will be no food or drinks sold at the performances and all ticket transactions will be cashless. If necessary, the actors will perform in masks as well.

Frankenstein will have 3 per-

formances, October 29 and 30 at 7 pm and October 31 at 3 pm. Tickets will be \$10 each and will go on sale in early October at www.upstageartists.com. If you have any questions, you can always contact Rick Bergmann. So, come out and join UpStage for this wonderful Halloween treat!

Crossword Solution from page 5

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Moving into Fall with Cub Pack 1031 Annual Regatta

By Regina Halper

We held our Annual Raingutter Regatta in the end of August and the scouts had fun building and designing their pool noodle boat. Some put a balloon connected to a straw to their boat, inflated the balloon with a balloon pump and “motored” their way down the gutter. Others used a sail on their boat and used a small battery fan to propel it down. It is always fun and innovative!

We are moving in to fall and look forward to our Join Scouting event on September 18th and our Fall Trail cleanup on October 2nd at the Beltsville Neighborhood Park 11540 Montgomery Road at the north end and left into the park.

If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts, our cost this year will be \$130 per scout. We are a family scouting unit. We hike, bike, go interesting places



Scouts with their balloon “motorboats” getting ready to launch it down the rain gutter

and learn about nature and do service. 95% of our scouts earned their rank this year! We are still being cautious with our scouts, we meet weekly (either virtually or in person based on the COVID num-

bers), stay arm’s length apart and wear our masks and we keep it fun! Our active den leaders are 100% vaccinated. Please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for more information.

Jason’s Jive By Jason Inanga

Did I miss something while I slept? What has changed in the country?

I dropped my son to school this morning and stopped at a gas station near my home to get a hot beverage. The lady in the kitchen greets me and says, ‘long time.’ I told her yes it has been a while, as I work longer hours now and normally when I wake up I head straight in to work. (We are short staffed, so we have to work longer hours). She responded and said that they are short staffed too and so they now close at 10 pm instead of being a 24-hour station. They have gone down from 11 employees to just 4 of them at that station.

Last night on my drive home from my station near the DFW Airport to McKinney, where I live (about a 35-mile distance), I stopped at two gas stations to go inside to make a purchased, they were closed – these are supposed to be 24-hour gas stations. So again, I ask, did I miss something? Where have all the workers gone?

Sometimes, it is good to shop around before getting car repairs done. On Sunday I had to use a mobile mechanic here in Dallas to get my son’s car brakes changed as the brake pads were worn and making noise. The mechanic came by and fixed the problem. I was thankful. So, I casually asked them about the cost of changing my pads as I am on vacation in October and still trying to decide if I want to take the 1300-mile drive to Beltsville, for a few days

(typically takes me 18 hours to drive the 1330 miles – alone).

Normally I buy the brake pads at AutoZone for \$40 and my guy charges me \$30 to change them. Mobile mechanic decided it will cost me \$179 for parts and labor. I told them I will be in touch. See how people lose business? Why will I pay double the cost to change brake pads, in a Nissan? So, see why Felix gets my business? He does not charge me much for the work. I love a fair deal.

Well, the world is a small place. Some weeks ago, I baked some cakes and took samples to a store in Plano that will eventually start selling my cakes – yes, I bake. I had excess samples so took some to work. I gave one to a colleague of mine who I get along with. He enjoyed the cake so much, that he ordered some for a couple event two weeks later. On the said, day, I baked the cakes and took them 18 miles away to Princeton, where he lives. I pulled up to the address and exited my car and walked up to the door to deliver the cakes.

I rang the doorbell, expecting to see Marion, my colleague. Instead, somebody else opened the door and as I greeted him and stated my reason for being there, I noticed a man standing next to him with his mouth open as if he had just seen a ghost. So, I

turned my gaze on him and to my surprise, it was Julius, my former Manager at work in Baltimore. He had transferred from Baltimore to Dallas in 2018 and we had never seen since then. I knew he was in Dallas at another station, but our chances of bumping into each other were as good as buying a lottery ticket and winning the jackpot. The unplanned reunion was a nice surprise and then Marion who ordered the cakes, was stunned that his best friend and I knew each other (they have been buddies since High School and all of us are closer to 55 years than we are to 20 years). Then the conversation shifted to my work route in Baltimore and then the stories started to pop up. For 13 years, I had one of the most dangerous delivery routes in Baltimore. I was in West Baltimore -- where life happens. I can write a book on all I have seen. If you have watched The Wire, that was my route. Seen it all, car and helicopter chases, dead bodies, drugs, crackheads, robbery attempts, tires being slashed, school delinquents and a lot more. So, folks, life is short, and this is a small world. **Be nice to everyone** as you NEVER know where you will meet someone that you know.

Next month, I will share some of my work stories from Baltimore with you --- have a blessed day and thanks for reading.

Halloween Fun in College Park At Post # 217

By Ivy Christoffers

It is that time of year when we can dress up as whatever and whomever we want and join our friends in celebrating All Hallows Eve. This year you can do this at the Halloween Masquerade Dance being held at the American Legion Post # 217 at 9218 Baltimore Ave. on October 30. If you don’t feel like dressing up, come as you are. Our own Johnny Seaton and his Bad Behavior Band will be entertaining. There will be prizes for the best costume and a healthy 50/50 drawing taking place, the doors open at 5:30 PM and the show starts at 7:00 PM. An Italian dinner will be available for purchase at \$10. Tickets are available for only \$22 each. Call Tina Zook for tickets at 301-935-5308. What a fun way to end our summer programs and transition into fall.

Speaking of transitioning into fall, Unit # 217 is holding a school supplies drive until the end of October to help out Hollywood, our elementary school that is very appreciative of our assistance each year. If you can provide “10 for education” we would be very grateful. By 10 for education, we mean any item that the children can use such as pencils, crayons, rulers,



Johnny Seaton performs at the College Park American Legion on Oct. 30.

composition books, backpacks, let your imagination be your guide. We have collection boxes inside the front door. If you don’t wish to shop, a donation will be helpful. We have ladies who love to shop. Thank you in advance for your concern for our children.

The Post is once again open for business. Call Gary Kingery at 301-441-2783 to discuss your plans. We serve lunch every day except Sunday and Monday and hold dinner dances twice a month. There is something here for everyone.

Until next month, stay safe and seek Gods’ blessings on our troops serving in the quest for peace around the world.



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LAUREL SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Laurel Senior Friendship Club (LSFC) will meet on Wed., Oct. 13 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting room doors open at 10 a.m. We will have a business meeting and a presentation, *Laurel Jazz Festival* by a member of the Laurel History Boys. No food will be provided or allowed in the meeting room. Interested people can contact the LSFC office for more details on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 301.206.3380.

VICTORIA FALLS CRAFT SHOW

Sat., Oct. 16 and Sun., Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Rain or shine; the show will be held inside the clubhouse. Address: 13701 Belle Chasse Blvd., Laurel, MD 20707. Call 240.344.5807 for more information. Free admission; open to the public. **All homemade crafts: jewelry, framed calligraphy, fiber arts, quilts, greeting cards, origami, soaps, pot-pourri, painted canvas bags, denim pocketbooks, knitted items, and gift items.**

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Address: 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.699.2544. *Masks are required indoors.* See CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com for more information. Regular hours of operation are Tuesday – Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Mondays, most major holidays, and some special events. Cost: \$5/adults, \$4/seniors, \$2/children, free/age 1 and under.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

Address: 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance

is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Free admission and free parking. **Current social distancing and face covering requirements match those of Prince George's County.** All dogs must be kept on a leash (no longer than 6 feet) for their own safety as well as that of other visitors and wildlife. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays.

THE BUILDING AND BOOKSTORE

The Visitor Center building is open Tuesday – Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed on Sunday, Monday, and federal holidays. The bookstore is located inside; it is open Wednesday – Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the building is open. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Join our e-mail list by contacting timothy_parker@fws.gov. For future volunteer training (ages 18 and up), contact Diana Ogilvie at 301.497.5565 or Diana_Ogilvie@fws.gov. **The registration phone number is 301.497.5887.**

FALL IS FABULOUS

Tues. – Sat., from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., for all of the month of October. Ages 3+, no registration required. Fall is fabulous! Learn more about fall leaves and trees while enjoying self-guided hands-on activities, games, and crafts in the Visitor Center lobby.

URBAN CONSERVATION DAY

Sat., Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come celebrate our conservation work in Laurel, Maryland. For more details, contact the main Visitor Center at 301.497.5772.

STORYTIME: NATURE TALES

Saturdays, Oct. 2 and 16 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Ages 1 – 10, **registration required.** Join us for an old-fashioned outdoor story time and discover nature tales about the wildlife all around us.

BECOME A JUNIOR WILDLIFE RANGER!

Sat., Oct. 9 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Ages 6 – 10, **registration required.** Join a Refuge Ranger to explore five nature-related activities. Complete your Junior Wildlife Ranger activity booklet and earn a JWR badge!

THE SECRET LIFE OF CHIPMUNKS

Two separate sessions: a) Sat., Oct. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and b) Sat., Oct. 16 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. All ages, **registration required.** What do chipmunks do to hide their food, find shelter, and select mates? Join Dr. Jenkins on this short walk, with some games and activities, and discover the

world of chipmunks.

OWL & KESTREL

Sun., Oct. 10 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. All ages, **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 hunter.

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Riderwood Residents Enjoy Fresh Air and Fun

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Silver Spring, MD -- According to a study published by the American Journal of Preventative Medicine, "A growing body of research suggests that exposure to nature and time outdoors provides numerous health benefits, and an improved sense of well-being." For community members at Riderwood, an Erickson Senior Living managed community in Silver Spring, MD., the opportunities to reap the numerous health benefits of outdoor activity are limitless. Whether it's playing tennis, planting a garden, or enjoying long walks on the beautiful 120-acre campus, the community is brimming with amenities to meet all interests. "The popularity of our Riderwood's outdoor activities illustrates our residents' desire for healthy activities that promote both physical fitness and socialization," says Lori Simpson, resident life director. "As a community, we are committed to providing and maintaining opportunities for our community members to do just that."

Taking root

While having fun is the key objective, the added health benefits of time outdoors is icing on the cake for Riderwood community members. According to a research



The champions of the Riderwood pickleball group's first club tournament are (from left) Cynnne Hood, Pat Knight, Sarah Bishop, and Jack Hessler. Photo by Chris Taydus

study at the University of Minnesota, "seniors who spend ample time in blue and green outdoor areas, such as grassy parks or on the edge of koi ponds, enjoy increased feelings of connectedness and renewal."

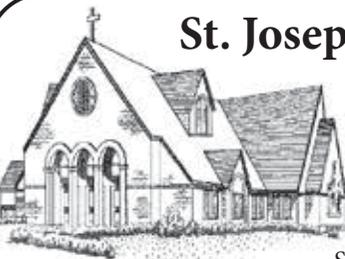
One of the most popular outdoor activities on campus, the Riderwood gardening club, provides a "green" outlet for fresh air and socialization on the beautiful campus. "I enjoy gardening for many reasons," says Mary Chor, community member and president of the Riderwood Garden Club. "Gardening is a stress reliever: an opportu-

nity to be creative and experiment; a fun way to exercise while spending time with like-minded people; and, my favorite, the chance to get some dirt under my nails." According to Mary, about half of the Riderwood gardeners raise vegetables, while the other half grow flowers and shrubs. The bounty from the gardens is generously shared among neighbors.

Earlier this year, the club hosted their annual open house, teaming up with the Riderwood quilt club

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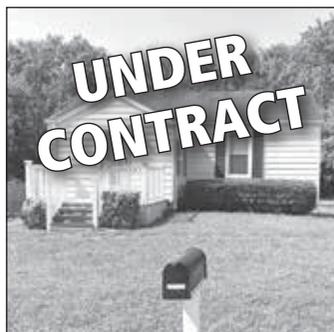
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Added to the campaign is the New Day Hero contest that encourages the community to nominate someone special who has struggled or has helped someone struggling during the pandemic. The credit union will award two New Day Experience Packages (valued at \$500).

"The pandemic has placed a tremendous amount of stress on our community and families. We want to support those hit the hardest and give them a chance to dream and enjoy life again with family and friends," stated CMO, Sharmaine Bucknor.

To nominate someone please, visit www.PrinceGeorgesCFCU.org/NewDayHERO or post via Facebook using #NewDayHero and Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union. Contest ends October 29, 2021. For more information on the New Day campaign or contest, please visit us online or call 800.952.7428.

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Emmanuel United Methodist Church to hold outside Worship Service on Oct. 3

Emmanuel United Methodist Church will be holding an outdoor worship service on Oct. 3 at 10am to celebrate World Communion Sunday. They invite you to bring a chair and join them for this worship experience.

In the Methodist Church, World Communion Sunday is one of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children.

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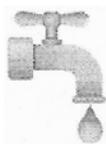
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for a day of exploration, including a scavenger hunt highlighting many of the whimsical ornaments adorning many of the gardens. In addition to time with their hands in the soil, members of the garden club meet monthly to learn from experts in the field. This summer, Tom Meney, curator of the Gotelli Conifer Collection at the U.S. National Arboretum addressed the club. "This is an exciting time for our club as we continue to explore new ways to celebrate our love of gardening," says Mary. "We recently started a monthly happy hour as well as a listserv as a means of sharing tips and exchanging plants."

Relishing the fresh air

For those who enjoy friendly competition, the Riderwood pickleball club offers the perfect excuse to compete while reaping the many benefits of outdoor activity. "I never heard of pickleball before moving to Riderwood," says club president Bruce Donaldson. "I passed some neighbors playing, and as a former tennis and racquetball player, I was intrigued. I was warmly welcomed into the group and have been playing ever since. The health benefits associated with the game are an added bonus to the fun and socialization we derive from playing." Meeting to play a combination of mixed doubles and doubles pickleball, the players utilize two indoor courts in the new Wellness Building as well as four outdoor courts. "Over the last year, we really saw a big increase in the number of players wishing to play outside," says Bruce. "As a result, we've marked our tennis courts to create the four pickleball courts. It's a very popular place to play."

Something for everyone

This year, with the goal of extending their time together, Bruce formed a pickleball social committee responsible for organizing fun, team-building events for the group. "To date, we've hosted several luncheon and outdoor happy hours," he says. "Plans are currently in the works for a club dinner." In addition, the club recently hosted its first club tournament on the outdoor courts. Sixteen mixed doubles teams, chosen by lottery, competed both for fun and a trophy. Community members Cynnne Hood and Pat Knight won top honors, followed closely by Sarah Bishop and Jack Hessler. "Everyone had a great time and the event generated new interest in the club," says Bruce. "As a result, plans are underway for a second tournament this fall." "Riderwood is a great place to live and I'm grateful for the many opportunities to enjoy time with my neighbors," says Mary.

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