Beltsville Family Loses Everything in Fire

By Rick Bergmann

Tragedy struck the Cordova family on Mother’s Day, May 10th, when their home on Olympia Avenue caught fire. Alfredo and Consuelo Cordova and their three children lost everything.

The fire began in the back yard due to a gas leak and spread quickly to the house. Consuelo was in the kitchen cooking Mother’s Day dinner when she heard an explosion. She grabbed her children and fled the house. Fortunately, everyone was safe.

The Cordovas are beyond grateful for the outpouring of love and support they have received from their close-knit Beltsville neighbors, family, and friends. Unfortunately, they have a long road ahead in order to rebuild their home. They are seeking donations on Facebook from those who are able to help. You can make a donation to help them by visiting https://www.facebook.com/donate/2930901816977590/10222516244276250.

Over the Rainbow

By Reverend Dr. Jalene Chase

I first heard “Over the Rainbow,” more commonly known as “Somewhere Over the Rainbow,” sung by Judy Garland in the 1939 classic movie The Wizard of Oz. The lyrics were written by Yip Harburg and composed by Harold Arlen. It won an Academy Award for best original song that year. Usually I write about songs from the 60’s to the 90’s, but I am taking a little break from that period, and I can use a little break from our current reality.

This movie was a wonderful trip down memory lane. It came to me as I prayed for an out-of-the-box sermon series for my church, Emmanuel UMC-Beltsville. Our tech broke the movie into five segments that I expound on along with texts from the book of Acts that I continue on page 2.

Cub Pack 1031: Scouts Go on During Shutdown

Cub Pack 1031 was still meeting, online, during the past month. We had an online pack meeting May 11 with the Wolf den sharing funny jokes and everyone reviewing the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace.

On the Agenda

By President Karen M. Coakley

Let’s have a parade! Let’s celebrate our first responders and our 2020 high school and college graduates. The Beltsville, Calverton, and Vanvilles Heights Citizens Associations along with the North Creek Homeowners Association are planning two parades. One will be for our communities’ 2020 graduates. Please have Beltsville residents who are graduating this spring email me their contact information. The second parade is for our first responders. Details for both will be sent out once the Prince George’s County “stay at home” order has been lifted. I can be reached at karenmcoakley@msn.com.

I will share community updates on The Beltsville News website and Facebook page plus Nextdoor. If you have not signed up for Nextdoor, I strongly encourage you to do so. Several county and state agencies are sharing valuable information almost on a daily basis. Go to www.Nextdoor.com, enter your street address, and the site will guide you to “your neigh-
Kitty Post

**Feral Cats and the COVID-19 Pandemic**

While everyone is sheltering in place during the pandemic crisis, Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) continues working to humanely control the feral cat population in Beltsville. However, BCC is no longer able to perform its primary function of sterilizing feral cats. In early April the MD State Veterinarian Board placed a ban on all spay/neuter surgeries while Governor Hogan’s “Stay at Home” order is in effect. The board determined that spay/neuter surgeries are “non-essential services.” As we wait for this ban to be lifted, BCC will continue collecting information on unaltered feral cats in Beltsville.

Kitten season arrived in early spring, and BCC has responded to several calls about litters of kittens. Unfortunately, BCC has only a few foster homes, and many cat rescue programs are no longer taking kittens from outside their designated areas. As a result, BCC desperately needs more foster homes.

**How can you help?**

Consider fostering or donating. Fostering kittens can provide a meaningful activity that can give individuals and families a feeling of purpose during these challenging times. BCC also needs money and cat food for volunteers who feed approximately 125 cats living in colonies at industrial and commercial sites in Beltsville. Like so many others, some BCC volunteers have been laid off and can no longer afford to feed these cats. If you are still working or have a fixed income that has not been impacted by the economic shutdown, please consider donating money and/or cat food to BCC. Tax deductable donations can be mailed to BCC, PO Box 942, Beltsville, MD 20704. If you want to donate cat food, talk about fostering kittens, or explore volunteering for BCC, call 240.444.8353 or email hello@beltsvillecats.net. We would love to hear from you!

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We encourage all scouts to remember to stay safe and stay clean by washing our hands and learning new skills such as Zoom and Google Meet so we can learn remotely. We will resume small group meetings with social distancing when allowed. Our current scout year is extended to the end of July. We now process new scouts and hope to meet and welcome new scouts to the pack in the summer. If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for more information.

A reminder: if you have Cub Scout uniforms that you do not need, please contact Regina Halper at the email above. The cost of Cub Scouting has been going up, and sharing your uniforms will help cover the cost of participating for our families.

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Beltsville Alumna Excels at Basketball in Texas

This month, Jada Inanga, was given an award as Freshman Basketball Player of the Year 2020 at Heritage High School in Frisco, Texas. She attended the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) School and graduated from 8th grade there in 2019. She played basketball for the girl’s school team at Beltsville SDA and also played on the Beltsville SDA JV team in the Metro Area SDA Church League.

Jada, a Beltsville native, attended the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) School and graduated from 8th grade there in 2019. She played basketball for the girl’s school team at Beltsville SDA and also played on the Beltsville SDA JV team in the Metro Area SDA Church League.

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church (FBC) of Beltsville

Concrete and cranes are coming to First Baptist Church of Beltsville this year in our first virtual vacation bible school, June 29–July 3. We are already hard at work constructing a VBS that you can access at home with your family on YouTube. Each family that registers will receive a cool porch pack with games, crafts, and Bible study materials inside along with a few snacks and treats! Register at churchoffice@fbcbeltsville.org or call 301.937.7771.

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Taylor, Frances

Mrs. Frances Taylor of Beltsville, MD, passed away at her home on May 5, 2020, at the age of 92. She was predeceased by her husband, Olen Taylor, and great-grandson, Ryan DeCamp Jr. She is survived by her sister: Grace Mottley; sons: Jeffrey and John (wife Lisa); grandchildren: Nicholas, Nichole, Kelly, Katelyn, and Kristian. In addition, she is survived by many others including 7 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many others who considered her family.

Frances was a loving, giving, and faithful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and a caring friend of all. She was married to Olen Taylor on December 25, 1947, in Buckingham, VA. They moved to Maryland and raised their two sons, John and Jeffrey, in Beltsville, MD.

Frances was a devoted Christian and longtime member of First Baptist Church of Beltsville. She had a passion for serving the Lord in many capacities, including serving as treasurer, being a member on several church planning teams, supporting local and global church missions, and participating regularly in church activities.

Frances worked for the Prince George’s County School system until she retired. In addition to work and church activities, she was a longtime member of the Eastern Star.

Frances will be laid to rest with her husband, Olen Taylor, at Fort Lincoln Cemetery, in Brentwood, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial monetary gifts may be donated to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital (https://www.stjude.org/give) and the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (https://give.bcrf.org).

Seaman, William L.

William L. (Bill) Seaman, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and pilot, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of May 19th, 2020. A long-time resident of Beltsville, he is survived by his wife, Mary Lee; sister Karen Magyar; daughters Jennifer, Rebecca (Becki), and Heather; grandson Connor; grand-daughter Ellis; great-grand-daughter Alyiah; son-in-law Antoine; bio-grand-kid Melissa; and Connor’s partner Vikki who is expecting great-grand-daughter-to-be Amelia.

Bill was born on February 11, 1945 in Swannanoa, NC, to Edmund and Grace Seaman, but grew up in Stratford, CT, where he attended Fairfield College Preparatory School, which prepared him for a year of college before heading off to Reno, NV, where he started on his aviation journey, earning his private, instrument, and commercial pilot licenses.

Before he left for Reno, Bill made one of the smarter decisions in his life, and asked Mary Lee Wotton to marry him, a question to which she replied “Yes” and on May 20, 1967, the two began their 53-year long journey together as husband and wife.

During his almost 40-year career in general aviation, Bill flew many planes and wore multiple hats. From residing on and managing the small airstrip in Monticello, NY, where his first X chromosome came into play and daughter Jennifer was born, to owning and operating an air charter, flight school and maintenance department, Bill did it all. Years spent flying explosives around the country kept him away from home a bit but did not stem the tide of that pesky X chromosome, and daughter Rebecca was born in Alexandria, VA in 1972.

Bill and his family moved to Beltsville, MD in 1975, purchasing their first and only house, where he and Mary Lee created the home where they would spend the next 44 years. This is also where the third and final X chromosome was passed along, and daughter Heather was born.

For many years, Bill was active in the parish of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Beltsville, where all three daughters attended elementary school. In addition to serving as President of the Home and School Association, Bill was a lector, and for many years head lector, an active supporter of the CYO sports program, and, in his more famous role, organizer of the Santa Claus booth at the annual Christmas Bazaar, where he thrilled children, and then their children, as they sat on Santa Bill’s lap and told him of their gift lists (or ran screaming from Santa in fright).

A member of the Knights of Columbus since the late 1970’s, Bill became active in Prince George’s Council 2809, where he and Mary Lee made many friends and spent countless summer weekends at the picnic grove, many evenings at the lounge, and years of Tuesdays playing on the shuffleboard league.

After retiring from flying, Bill spent part time at Best Buy, enjoying his time assisting customers in the appliance department, and mentoring young employees.

So much as he enjoyed this work, Best Buy was happy that he spent his pay on the gadgets and technology he cared for, ensuring he had the latest and greatest, as did his family.

Easy to talk with, and always ready with a story to tell, Bill enjoyed being around family and friends, entertaining everyone with his funny t-shirts, bad Dad jokes, and puns. After many years of being the sole Seaman male, and main target of good-natured verbal punishment from the multitude of Seaman females, Bill took great joy and pride in being the father-figure and life mentor to grandson Connor. In addition, he adored and was adored by his granddaughters and great-granddaughter.

The Seaman Family would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of condolences and support during this time, and although the current “safer-at-home” mandate does not allow for funeral services at this time, we will be planning a memorial service for when we can all celebrate Bill’s life together. Donations can be made in Bill’s name to the Lewy Body Dementia Association at https://www.lbda.org/

Marching

Marching like a lion in the breeze,
Ripping through the branches of the trees,
Meaning, growing, tossing all around,
Gently speaking wonders into being?

Is it not the God of Abraham
Gently speaking wonders into being?

Who’s behind this awesome majesty
Flourishing with flowers once again,)

Marching like a lion in the breeze,
Ripping through the branches of the trees,
Meaning, growing, tossing all around,
Gently speaking wonders into being?

Is it not the God of Abraham
Gently speaking wonders into being?

Beckie Hutchings
02/18/2020

MARCHING

Marching like a lion in the breeze, stretching
Ripping through the branches of the trees,
Meaning, growing, tossing all around,
Gently speaking wonders into being?

Is it not the God of Abraham
Sending us redemption by His Lamb?
Statepoint Crossword: Fairy Tale Creatures

ACROSS
1. *Like many mythical creatures
6. Second mo.
9. Spill the beans
13. Convex molding
14. "___ the President’s Men"
15. Ankle support, e.g.
16. Make a logical connection
17. *E.T.’s craft?
18. Des Moines native
19. *Fire-breather
21. *Household spirit
23. Tucker of “Modern Family”
24. Antonym of is
25. *Grimm’s Queen ____
28. Tailor-made
30. Showing on TV
35. “All’s well that ___ well”
37. Guilty!
39. Punctuation mark
40. Seaport in Yemen
41. Hitching post?
43. Additionally
44. Poison ivy or Poison oak
46. One more than The Beatles
47. Hold as a conviction
48. *Mrs. Potts or her son Chip
50. Andrew Sean Greer’s 2017 Pulitzer winner novel
52. Toast choice
53. Jack and Jill’s water jug
55. *Grimm’s Queen ____
57. “____ Now or Never”
58. *Horse’s cousin
60. One of the seven dwarfs
61. *Beauty’s beau
62. Sound of passing bullet
63. *Baba ____
64. Ascetic holy Hindu
65. HHS agency
66. *Who Bugs Bunny talks to?
67. Relating to #25 Across
69. Banana treat
70. Go bad
71. Australian canid
72. Lou of “Walk on the Wild Side” fame
73. Card in the hole?

DOWN
1. Wisecrack
2. Like a zealous fan
3. Regular attendee
4. Hipbone-related
5. Cuban music genre, pl.
6. *Halfman, halfgoat
7. *Santa’s helper
8. Splotches
9. Arch on a face
10. Croquet turf
11. Popular smoothie berry
12. Well, to Sofia Loren
15. Relating to living organisms
17. Choose not to do something, 2 words
18. Toni Morrison’s “____ Baby”
20. Opposite of alpha
22. Genetic initials
24. Parents hope to do this with values
25. *Beauty’s beau
26. E
27. Dropy
29. *Big Bad One
31. Yellow brick one
32. Feeling worse than before
33. *Like Curious George
34. *Garden dweller
36. Finger move
38. Moneyed one
42. Pine product
45. Choose not to do something, 2 words
49. Toni Morrison’s “____ Baby”
51. 1862 plots, for short
54. Prefix for below
56. Old photo color
57. Stalin’s domain
58. Back of the neck
59. Not active
60. Past tense of chide
61. Fill beyond full
62. Numbers, abbr.
63. *Baba ____
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OVOLO ALL BRACE
TIEI UFIO IOWAN
DRAGOBROWNIE
CAM ISNT
BEE SEWN AIRING
ENDS GOSH COLON
ADEN ALTA ALSO
SUMAC FIVE DEEM
TEAPOT LESS RYE
PAI ITS
UNICORN SNEEZY
SADHU FDA APIAN
SPLIT ROTTING
REED ACE SAGAS

Tech Sense  By John Bell

Privacy Protection Strategies

This month I am finally returning to my series on privacy and protection. In February we discussed who wants your data, what we need to protect, and why we need to protect the data. This month I want to present some strategies for securing and protecting your information.

Use Strong Passwords

The first strategy is to use strong passwords. A good, strong password is longer than 12 characters and uses number, symbols, and a mix of upper- and lowercase letters. Passwords should be different for each web site and updated at least once a year. Some techniques to create good, strong, and easy to remember passwords most recently appeared in the January-2020 column.

Use Multifactor Authentication

Multifactor Authentication (MFA) adds another layer of security to your login credentials. Normal authentication requires that you provide a user-id and a password as your login credentials. MFA requires additional proof as part of the login process. The most common MFA tools today are receiving code on your cell phone and entering the code into the login screen. This technique proves that in addition to your primary credentials you are in control of a device you are known to own.

Other MFA mechanisms include responding with a fingerprint to a notification sent to your phone or simply responding to a phone notification that you are trying to login. Fingerprints prove that you can unlock the device known to be owned by you.

Account Recovery

Sometimes a password is forgotten even when using a password manager to help remember passwords. Most systems offer some form of account recovery. This is a necessary but dangerous thing. Make certain that you always have at least two private email accounts on different services. The extra account can often be used to recover credentials from other accounts. Create email accounts on multiple services (like Gmail, Outlook, Yahoo, and AOL for example) in case one service isn’t available when needed.

Many systems will ask you to provide answers to questions that only you should know. Questions like what was the name of your first pet or favorite teacher. This is actually a very poor security practice, as the questions and answers are often the same on multiple sites and are often not protected like passwords. To keep the systems bad practices from putting your accounts at risk, I suggest you make up answers to these questions. Based on the name of the website, select from a list of animals for pet names, trees for street names, or flowers and fruits for people, for example. So, when Amazon asks me for a pet name, I might reply alligator, or if Facebook asks me for teacher, I might say forsythia.

In Closing

I may go into more detail about using lists for security questions in a future column, but for now, stay safe and protected.

Updates from the USDA

Food and Nutrition Updates

Savor the fresh tastes of spring! Nutrition.gov has recipes and meal prep tips to help you maximize the flavors that you’ve been waiting for all winter. Enjoy springtime fruits and veggies while they last with these 4 ideas. All of these can be found on at https://www.nutrition.gov/topics. Try something new: Browse Nutrition.gov’s recipe collection and choose a new recipe to try as a family. For a fun activity, you can even cook it together!

Know what’s in season: Asparagus, lettuce, and other greens are starting to pop out of the ground and into farmers’ markets and grocery stores. Strawberries and mushrooms are not far behind. Find a full guide to what’s in season on our “Farmers Markets” page.

Keep it fresh for longer: Check out our “Food Storage and Preservation” page to learn how to store produce. You can also find guidance on how long different items can be stored before safety and/or quality is affected. Spring into action: Pair healthy eating with exercise. Make the most of the warmer weather by getting outside or try our exercise examples and videos to get active at home. Use our tools for getting and staying active to help you stick to your routine. How will you be making healthy choices this spring? Follow us on Twitter for more resources to help you eat and move well at home.

Collection Highlights

USDA employed botanical artists to document fruit and nut varieties developed by growers or introduced by USDA plant explorers around the turn of the 20th century. Technically accurate paintings were used to create lithographs illustrating USDA bulletins, yearbooks, and other series distributed to growers and gardeners across America. Explore the USDA Pomological Watercolor Collection, which was digitized by NAL in 2011, at https://naldc-legacy.nal.usda.gov/naldc/collections.xhtml.
Pete (Porcho) Morillo died of Covid19, on April 13th. Pete was a truly special man, “A Great Man” according to his family. He is survived by his daughter and son, Jennie & Pete Morillo, as well as his dearest adopted daughters, Joy Villa and Rebecca Carter. Furthermore, he is survived by all his second sons, “His boys,” who he adopted in his heart, loved, mentored, cared for and treasured. Beyond his kids, all his beloved brothers and sisters, their families, and his three grandparents, survive Pete. Additionally, he is survived by Wendy Biegum, his ex-wife and Betty Moore, his sweetheart, her kids, and their families.

Pete made a difference. He was a genuinely gracious and generous man. He was always ready to lend a hand or spare a dollar. When people sought help, counsel, guidance, he was their first and last call. He never met a soul that wasn’t instantly a friend or new family member. Therefore, besides his immediate family, Pete is survived by an abundance of people whose lives he touched. Such as all the people who worked with or for Pete, and who were devastated to learn of his passing. Neighbors like Mr. Bill and his lovely wife, who by virtue of being a neighbor quickly became family and who sweetly said, “I hope when we are all in Heaven, I can be Pete’s neighbor again.” People like lovely Deb at Beltsville Family Dental Center, Pete’s longtime dental practice that only saw Pete once a year, but who upon hearing of his death, proclaimed sadly, “He was my friend.” A friend Deb was; Pete always spoke so highly of her. Another example would be Herb Raymond of Apple Ford, who for years has sold the family all their cars and who stated sadly, “We’ve lost one of the good ones.” Also, Roberta Yaklich, our longtime realtor who was truly upset to hear that Pete had passed and then quickly reminisced on how Pete always made her smile. Because that is what he did. Pete purposefully tried to connect with everyone he met. Such as all the wonderful people at our local Home Depot that he saw every single day working on his DIY projects, or Mohammed at the neighborhood gas station, and all the folks at local restaurants he frequented. They knew his face, they knew his name and he knew theirs. Pete made friends whenever he went. Our family has been so wonderfully inundated with calls, prayers, and messages from hundreds of people nationally and internationally recounting how loved Pete was, how he touched their lives and how he brought so much happiness and so many smiles to so many people. That is who Pete was, that is who we have lost.

Pete’s life was a full rich wonderful life, one full of adventures, accomplishments, successes, mishaps and a great deal of fun. He was a successful man, a happy man, and it showed. All things considered, his top priority, that which he loved the most and of which he was proudest, was being a father. It’s all he ever wanted, he devoted his life to it and it proudly defined him. He was an EXCELLENT father, the kind of father that was always involved, always there standing by his kids on their bad days and celebrating with them on their good days. Pete knew from an early age that he wanted to have a family; he wanted to be a father. Everything Pete did he did for his kids. They were the true loves of his life, and they knew it. He thought of them first, last and always, and they knew that too. Simply said, he LOVED his kids; he was a proud Dad. To say truthfully that his kids loved him is insufficient somehow. To say truthfully, they admired him and cherished him falls short. To them, he was everything, he was home, he was the one they looked to, turned to, their base, their rock, and their center. They knew they could roam freely, they knew they could fall, because they knew he was always there. They believe he was meant for them, and them for him, a true pairing made in Heaven by the grace of God. Their sorrow, at the loss of their father, is profoundly deep as is the respect, the appreciation and love that, they hold for him now and always.

Pete loved two women during his lifetime. His first love was Wendy Biegum, his ex-wife and the mother of his children. He loved and cherished her always. He loved her creativity, lust for life, her laugh, her beautiful smile, and for giving him his children. His love for her, as his first love and the mother of his kids, was very special. A divorce decree did not displace her from his heart in any way, nothing could. His tremendous capacity to love, his sense of family and loyalty ensured that. His second love was Betty Moore, with whom he spent his remaining years. Together they made a beautiful home.

With their respective kids, they made a life, a family, and by all accounts were very very happy. Pete and his beloved “Betty Lou” became the center around which the family revolved. With Betty, Pete had the life he very much wanted. Betty fell sick with Covid19 at the same time as Pete, but thankfully, through the grace of God she is still with us and is on the path to recovery. Pete loved his “Betty Lou, his sweetheart” as do his kids.

Pete came from Quito, Ecuador as a teenager and fell in love, not only with the woman he would marry but also with this country. Pete quickly set his feet on the path to proudly becoming a citizen of The United States. He worked hard to provide for his new and expanding family and while doing so, also made a name for himself. Today, his reputation precedes him. His knowledge and experience were constantly sought and freely shared. For most of Pete’s career, he worked with/for Mr. James Myers, of The James Myers Company in Beltsville. Mr. Myers was a man Pete respected greatly. Pete was a master craftsman & artist. He had a particular love for historical restoration & replication projects. A lot of his work, can be seen throughout the District, Maryland, and Virginia on historically important sites, such as The White House, The Capitol, The Pentagon, The Washington National Cathedral, The Library of Congress, The Smithsonian and many more. In fact, a tour of National Landmark buildings in DC is like a tour of Pete’s work. To work on projects of such historical importance, to help preserve the history of the country he loved was particularly meaningful to him. His creativity was endless. He was a gifted master talent and creative force. His family is so proud of him, his name and by the mark he made.

Obituaries can take on many forms. For us, this was a way to recognize all the people that Pete loved, the people whose lives he touched, and the people that loved him. It was to say his life mattered; he made a difference, not only to his family but also to many others. It is the telling of a life, of a good decent hard-working gifted family man, a partner, a father. It is a chance for his kids to say, “Dad, we are so proud of you. We love you and we miss you. Our hearts are broken. Thank you, Dad, for all the minutes, hours, days, weeks, and years you gave us. Thank you for every little thing, all the hugs and kisses, the talks and lessons, picking us up when we were down and setting us straight when it was needed, for not accepting our excuses and for helping us to be our best selves. Thank you for being the man you were, our Dad and for loving us as you did. We will make you proud.” Pete Morillo was the best kind of man and now he is gone, and his family’s lives are forever changed.

On April 13th, Pete passed and the world is a poorer place for it. We have lost an authentic, good-hearted man, a great friend, neighbor, mentor, an amazing father, and partner. His passing is all the more painful because he was so loved. He will be missed terribly. He is out of sight, but never out of mind. He will always be loved and remembered. His spirit lives through his kids who are a reflection of him in all the best ways. He will live in our hearts forever and be perpetually in our prayers. Thank you, dear Lord for giving us Pete, for giving us our Dad. We know we were blessed to have him at all. Please Lord keep him close. Amen.

Because of Covid19 restrictions, our family is unable to hold a memorial service at this time. However, when restrictions are lifted and conditions are generally safer, a memorial will be held to remember and celebrate Pete’s life. For all those that knew Pete, and are interested in being notified of that service when it happens, please email your contact info to the family at pmorriolofamily@gmail.com. The family wishes to thank all those that sent their thoughts, prayers, and support throughout Pete’s sickness and after his death. It was that support and those prayers that carried them through this unbelievably difficult time. They know the outpouring of love is a testament to their beloved father, may he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Covid19 has wreaked havoc on our family’s life. We have suffered terribly with Pete & Betty being sick. Throughout it all though, we were mindful that we are not alone and so many other families are suffering as well. To anyone reading this that has been or is suffering with or through Covid19, or who cannot get care because of this pandemic, please know we understand, we sympathize, we care and our family will continue to keep you in our prayers. Likewise, to any reader that is a first-responder or essential worker, like those that cared for Pete & Betty. In memory of our father, THANK YOU for all that you do. May God bless you all. Please take care and stay safe.
**Do You or Friends Need Help Getting Unemployment Benefits?**

As we all know, the Maryland Department of Labor was not prepared for the current economic crisis. As a result, hundreds of thousands of working people have lost their jobs but not received the benefits they’ve earned. Many have not even had their applications approved yet.

If you or someone you know has been unable to receive unemployment insurance benefits, email us at 21stdistrictdelegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141. We will contact the right people in the Department of Labor and do everything we can to get your money ASAP.

**June 2nd Maryland Primary**

As you may know, because of the virus crisis, the Primary Election was moved to Tuesday, June 2. We are not on the ballot this year, but we want to be sure you have the information you need. We will be voting on presidential nominees and several local judges.

**What Races Are on the Ballot?**

- President, Democratic National Convention Delegates, US House, Circuit Court Judges

**Can I Still Register to Vote?**

Yes! The deadline to register to vote is Wednesday, May 27. Go to https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1 to register online. Go to https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch to check your voter registration status.

**How Do I Vote by Mail?**

To protect the health of Maryland voters, the June 2 primary will primarily be a “vote by mail” election. This means the board of elections will automatically mail ballots to all eligible voters. You do not need to ask for a ballot to receive one. You can see the status of your ballot online using the Voter Lookup Tool mentioned in the last section. Voted ballots must be postmarked on or before Tuesday, June 2.

**How Do I Vote in Person?**

To maintain social distancing, all voters are encouraged to vote by mail. However, if you can’t vote by mail, there will be at least one voting center open in each county in Maryland. In more populous counties, there will be more voting centers. You can visit the voting centers if you didn’t receive a ballot in the mail.

The voting locations will be open on June 2 from 7 am to 8 pm. Click here to see the full list.

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Jason’s Jive
By Jason Inanga

As I write, the state of Texas, where I live, has virtually reopened after being relatively shut down due to the pandemic. I know it has been a challenge for many people in different ways. The new emphasis is on keeping a safe distance from others and wearing a face mask. Please, let us each do our part to control the spread.

Several positives from the shutdown are people now cook a lot more at home and others try to stay healthier by exercising, spending more time with nature, and spending more time with their families. I have tried cooking a few new things, shared recipes with friends, and started drinking a lot more water.

Let me brag about my little garden. I have created time to get back into gardening. It is a small space in the front of my home, but I have been able to plant tomatoes, bell peppers, thyme, spearmint, and two pineapples. My strawberry seeds should germinate in another two weeks and my peppermint too. I will update you.

I am excited at the prospect of having a good set of crops. So, my dear reader, I challenge you to try and plant something this month. Keep it simple—an herb like thyme or rosemary in a pot—or if you have more space, plant a few more things. Take your children or grandchildren to Home Depot or Walmart and have them pick out a plant or two, and as a little project, let them transplant what they get and take care of it until it can be harvested. Or let them plant something simple like mari-golds or zinnia flowers. They can keep a little journal or daily diary note, documenting their observation as the plant grows or seeds germinate.

By the time you read this, I would have turned 50 years old (May 24—the best day of the best month), and I am thankful to God for sparing me to see this milestone in my life. It has been quite a month for me…both my sons were born in May; my youngest brother was also born in May. Sadly, my father passed away on May 31 last year, so it is sad that he is not around to share in this moment.

I have a lot to be thankful for—surviving a stroke in November 2014 while driving on I-495 on a Sunday morning. It happened around 9:40 am, and I did not go to the hospital in Laurel until almost 8:30 pm. Then in April 2018, while on I-66W taking my son back to school at the Shenandoah Valley Academy, our car hydroplaned, and I blacked out simultaneously. Apparently while we spun in the dark of the night, a tractor trailer came round the bend and struck us. My son walked away with a scratch on his finger while I had whiplash, but the Nis-san Rogue was a total loss. So I have a lot to be thankful for.

I am also thankful that it is time to wrap up the jive this month. In the next jive, I will share my tornado experience in Texas with you. Please be safe, exercise, join me in drinking a lot of water, and let us continue to be kind to one another. I miss Beltsville and look forward to being able to visit in the summer.

Parents Guide to Screen Time During COVID-19

(StatePoint) After years of hearing study after study about the negative effects of excessive screen time, parents are now being told to set aside any concerns about limiting device time.

If you’re confused, you aren’t alone.
Life as we know it has taken a 180 and relaxing your screen time 

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Maybe May
Maybe is a funny word, Its definition is unsure; Children can think it means “yes”, They know “no” brings unhappiness.
Then, “perhaps” its synonym Describes an answer may come in “We will see” is often used, Expressing the same point of view.
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From the Office of Councilmember Tom Dernoga

3rd Coronavirus Edition

District 1 Office Update

The District 1 Team is distributing 1,000 meals a day, 5 days a week, serving District 1 residents in need. The food distribution takes place at two locations—James E. Duckworth Regional School in Beltsville and Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School in Laurel—and will continue until the county executive’s stay-at-home order is lifted. In addition, we are expecting Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church to become a county “food hub,” distributing groceries. Email CouncilDistrict1@co.pg.md.us for more information about ongoing meal and food options.

Tea Time with Tom

Join me bi-weekly for a late afternoon virtual town hall from 4 to 5 pm via Zoom! You must RSVP to join. You can RSVP and submit questions at bit.ly/Tea-Time-With-Dernoga. The next event will be Friday, June 5.

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 continues to be 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 coronavirus hotline at (301) 883-6627 to receive updated information.

Support District 1 Restaurants

The COVID-19 crisis is having a harsh impact on our local businesses. If you’re looking for carryout or delivery for your family, visit the District 1 restaurants status link at bit.ly/D1-Restaurants-Status to explore the many food options District 1 has to offer.

Prince George’s County COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program

The Prince George’s County Emergency Rental Assistance Program launched Monday, May 11. Residents are strongly encouraged to apply online. For further details about the program and eligibility requirements, please visit: mypgc.us/renthelp.

Primary Election Video

This year’s state primary election is being held primarily by mail. Check out this explanatory video for news and information about the process: https://bit.ly/MD-VOTE-BY-MAIL.

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Riderwood Residents, Staff Work Together to Stay Safe, Secure During COVID-19 Pandemic

Silver Spring, MD -- When stay-at-home orders were enacted around the country in response to the coronavirus pandemic, simple things like buying toilet paper, getting exercise, and staying in touch with loved ones became difficult. But thanks to quick action taken by Erickson Living’s management team and the staff at Riderwood, sheltering in place was much easier and more comfortable for the more than 2,500 retirees who live at the community.

Even before the first case of COVID-19 was reported in the U.S., Erickson Living enacted its emergency preparedness plan and assembled a task force, which met multiple times a day to review reports from the CDC as well as local health departments and governments. Safety measures, such as restricting nonessential visitors and screening staff and essential visitors for COVID-19 symptoms, were quickly put in place at all Riderwood continues on page 12

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Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center

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Senior Friendship Club

We have monthly meetings and special events planned for the last half of this year. Interested people can contact our office for more details. Phone: 301.206.3380.

National Wildlife Visitor Center

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Visitor Center

Contact the Visitor Center for information about updated hours of operation.

At press time, there was optimism that some sites that have been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic might be able to open during the month of June. Please check with individual facilities for current updates. Admission requirements may be instituted, and regular hours of operation are subject to change.

Calendar of Events

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National Agricultural Library (NAL)

The library is located at 10001 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyvale Ave. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#/National_Ag_Lib. See NAL.USDA.gov/visit-library for more information.

Beltsville Library

Address: 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmls.info to use our online library services. See our web site—www.pgcmls.info—

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Erickson Living-managed communities.

“Almost across our family of communities, residents and staff are taking extraordinary steps to protect the health and safety of our loved ones, friends, neighbors, and caregivers,” Erickson Living CEO Alan Butler wrote in a letter to all residents and their loved ones, friends, neighbors, and caregivers.

“The speed and agility that our staff has shown to adjust to new protocols, create new procedures, and develop innovative solutions has been truly remarkable. Our purpose is to care for our residents and embrace the unprecedented times we are facing,” says George Mishraky, Riderwood’s director of sales.

“Residents have posted signs of support and willingness to help our staff; they want to be a part of our efforts Riderwood’s staff made to keep them safe and comfortable during the coronavirus pandemic. Mishraky says he and the rest of the staff received many emails and notes from residents expressing appreciation for their tireless work during the unprecedented period of sheltering in place.

“Residents have posted signs of thanks to staff on their doors and have taken to writing appreciation notes in chalk on the sidewalks,” Mishraky says.

Plans in place

At Riderwood, the staff are working hard to enable residents to stay put in their apartment homes. Mail and newspapers are being delivered directly to residents’ doors, and the staff even walk their dogs. Instead of risking exposure to the virus by going to the grocery store, Riderwood residents have the option to have meals delivered to their doors by the dining services staff.

“The dining team has done a great job with meals,” says Riderwood resident Trudy Downs. “They have been tasty and much like we get normally in the dining rooms—we are well provided for and I look forward to dinner each night.”

Riderwood even set up a concierge service to help residents get basic supplies. People who ran out of necessities like shampoo, coffee, tea, or toilet paper could simply call the front desk and a staff member would deliver the items to their doors.

“The concierge service has been a very valuable resource in providing for the needs of residents for items they need so they do not have to go off of the property,” Trudy says.

All levels of staff are pitching in to operate the concierge service and other essential functions.

“For those who are residents and have not had meals delivered to their doors by the dining services staff, they now meet via Zoom,” Becky Hedin also used Zoom for meetings of the ukulele group she runs on campus.

“We are working on a program titled ‘Love, Ukulele Style,’” Becky says. “I’ve introduced some new easy songs via Zoom.”

Beltsville’s in-house TV station became a hub for communication and entertainment during the crisis.

“Our TV studio has completely revised its daily schedule to include a daily update from Executive Director Gary Hibbs, Great Courses educational programming, a relaxing show, a funny show, a movie every night, religious programming, and much more,” says Amy Hahn, community resource lead coordinator at Riderwood.

Pitching in

The people who live at Riderwood enjoy giving back to the community, both on campus and beyond. So, of course, they pitched in during the pandemic.

Hahn says residents spearheaded a “mask-a-thon” to make cloth masks. The hundreds of homemade masks were donated to a local hospital as well as to the staff working tirelessly at Riderwood.

“The goodness of people who live in the community is one of the good outcomes of this period,” Trudy says. “Many neighbors looking out for one another, checking to see if anyone needs anything, people making face masks to keep others safe, and, in general, paying much more attention to the comfort and safety of others.”

Women’s Club Awards Scholarship

The Women’s Community Club of Beltsville is proud to announce the winner of this year’s scholarship, Makayla Bowen-Longo. Makayla is a graduate of Stone Ridge School. She plans to attend the University of Maryland this fall. Congratulations Makayla!

Makayla Bowen-Longo, winner of the Women’s Club of Beltsville Scholarship.

Screen Time

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rules is an inevitability. Most kids are transitioning to digital learning platforms, and with stay-at-home orders in effect around the world, screens have proven essential components of household life.

Even still, establishing consistent and clear structure around screen time rules is as important as ever.

To help you cut through the noise, consider the latest research, expert advice and tips from OurPact a screen time monitoring and scheduling app that allows parents to manage what kids are doing online, create daily screen time allowances, set filters on browsers and block certain applications at certain times of day. To learn more, visit OurPact.com.

With a new reliance on digital devices, parents can continue to take steps to ensure kids are striking a healthy online and offline balance.

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Makayla Bowen-Longo, winner of the Women’s Club of Beltsville Scholarship.
The Women’s Club of Beltsville

The Women’s Club completed their Adopt a Road cleanup in spite of the pandemic. We wore masks and practiced social distancing (except for a quick photo). Women interested in joining us please contact us at womensclubbeltsville@gmail.com.

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By Ivy Christoffers

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Sunday Worship Schedule
7:45 a.m. – Quiet Service/Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. - Family Service/Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. – Sunday School
11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
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Sundays:
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*Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

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RA’s, GA’s, Mission Friends 7:00 p.m.
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Register for Virtual Vacation Bible School by emailing churchoffice@fbcbeltsville.org or calling 301-937-7771.

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Contact Us
Please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can help you. Just email 21stDistrict-Delgation@gmail.com or call 301 858-3141.

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veterans, military, and their families. We commit ourselves to the ideal “Service Not Self.”

Speaking of service. Let’s hear it for Sandi Dutton, past national president of the American Legion Auxiliary and a Beltsville resident, who reached out to the Veteran’s hospitals and medical clinics regarding their personal protective equipment and found a need there. Dutton took it upon herself to contact some close by American Legion Auxiliary Units to solicit funds for face masks and sanitizer, and seven units responded very generously—Unit #66, Unit #135, Unit #136, Unit #206, Unit #217, Unit #268 and Unit #275—enabling ordering to begin. Thus far, 250 masks have been sent to Perry Pt VAMC, 50 each to four VA medical clinics, with more to the homeless. Sanitizers are now on the way to the Healthcare for the Homeless. In times of need, we all must do whatever we can to ensure our safety and the safety of others.

Let us pray for a vaccine soon to combat this horrible disease so we may once again meet our friends and families in comparative safety while working for our veterans, our youth, and our communities.

May God continue to bless you and yours as well as our military around the world as they strive for peace for all nations.

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