Cub Pack 1031 Scouts Helping Keep our Park Clean

By Regina Halper

This month Cub Pack 1031 is starting our new year with a clean-up at the Little Paint Branch Park! We collected eight bags of trash and an old trash can! Six youth, five leaders and two parents participated. It was good to be outside and cleaning up the environment! For the coming year, our families will be working on achievements at home along with monthly meetings in the outdoors, and we will keep it fun! We no have no access to Beltsville Academy, so we are out in the parks and on the trail.

We are now accepting new scouts and welcome them to the pack. Especially Kindergarteners, 1st graders and 4th and 5th graders. If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for more information. A flyer was posted on Nextdoor and the Beltsville News Facebook page with info. There are also several yard signs with a QR code with the flyer around town.

Urban National Wildlife Refuge Day at Patuxent

By Elizabeth Olsen

More than 400 visitors attended a socially distant special event that began at 10 am and lasted past 2 pm outside of the National Wildlife Visitor Center in Laurel on Saturday, Oct. 3. The event provided a weekend opportunity for visitors to celebrate Urban National Wildlife Refuge Day, which officially took place on Tuesday, Sept. 29. Regular staff members of the Patuxent Research Refuge (of which the Visitor Center is a part) and volunteers managed the event and were available to answer questions about the refuge and the different types of wildlife and plants that are found there.

All activities were free of charge and included chalk art, questing, and exploring trails. Volunteers had prepared give-away bags in advance and distributed them at the welcome table. The bags were filled with pollinator crafts and seeds of milkweed, a native flower species. Visitors could also learn about raptors at an educational booth.

Many of the visitors had never been to the wildlife refuge before, even though it is conveniently located. The entrance is accessed off of Powder Mill Rd. about two miles east of the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. The grounds are open to the public from sunrise to sunset seven days a week, except for Federal holidays.
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Neighbours in the News

Love’s in Need of Love Today
By Rev. Dr. Jalene Chase

This is the opening song on my favorite album, (yes, I said album), “Songs in the Key of Life”. Stevie Wonder released this album in 1976. His lyrics said then what is needed now, we must renew what it means to love. The love of self, party lines, distorted principle, money, one culture, or race over another… any love that separates instead of uniting, will destroy us morally. In verse two and the chorus, he pens a wake-up call to make changes before it’s too late.

“The force of evil plans to make you its possession, and it will, if we let it, destroy everybody. We all must take precautionary measures, if love and peace you treasure, then hear me when I say oh that… (chorus) Love’s in need of love today. Don’t delay, send yours in right away. Hate’s goin’ round breaking many hearts. Stop it please before it’s gone too far. This election season has been the most divisive period, that I can remember, in my 61 years of life. Innuedo, half-truths, and full-fledge lies are commonplace. Social media is used to manipulate people into believing things that are wrong. The offending person’s actions don’t match their words; they tell blatant lies, denies what they said, uses things of personal value in their attack, and will wear an unsuspecting person down. Unfortunately, the targeted person or group starts to question the truth, memory, common sense, perception, judgment, and sanity. The continuous rhetoric becomes reality, it is called gaslighting. It is a tactic used by abusers, dictators, narcissists, the power-hungry, and antisocial personality, and cult leaders. Anyone is susceptible to it. Their evil plan is to make other people their possession, their followers. But LOVE can stop it. The love for humankind that we see when people dedicate their lives to helping others for the common good. People like essential workers, teachers, public service personnel, volunteers… this is the highest form of love. In my faith tradition, we call it Agape Love.
If you feel like your country needs love TODAY, join us. We are not perfect, and we know it. We want to come together to share the agape love that works toward united, equitable states. We meet virtually for worship on Sunday at 10am, Bible Study on Wednesdays, and Check-in to chat on Thursdays. The information can be found on our webpage www.eumcbeltsville.com or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/EUMCBeltsville/. Until next time:

Look into your heart
Overcome divisiveness, it’s destructive
Value the things we have in common
Eventually, we will really be One Nation

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Bazaar.
This event is brought to you by community partners and is a part of Peace Bridge’s commitment to connect people, minds, and bodies to spaces that contribute to peace. The Bazaar will offer a wide range of gently used items and services designed to help community members free their minds by freeing up some physical space. Peace Bridge Consulting, LLC is a registered Maryland business.

The Brickyard Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2020 from 8 am – 2 pm at the Brickyard Station Community Center, 7301 Brickyard Blvd, Beltsville, MD. For more information, contact Lataisha or Jessica at 240.258.8856 or support@thepeacebridge.com. To register for the bazaar, go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brickyard-bazaar-tickets-1258980490455.
The Benefits of Sterilizing Cats and Dogs

By Sallie Rhodes

Congratulations on being a pet owner! Pets bring such joy to our lives. Wondering if you should get your pet spayed (females) or neutered (males). The answer is YES! Spay/neuter surgery is the process by which a veterinarian renders a cat or dog sterile. There are many benefits to sterilizing your pets.

Unaltered cats can go into heat four to five days every three weeks during mating season. They yowl and urinate more frequently during this time. Castrated male cats are less likely to mount dogs, people, or objects. Unneutered male cats spray strong-smelling urine to “mark their territory.” Sterilized dogs are less likely to roam their territory. “Sterilized male dogs are not as territorial as unsterilized males.” Sterilized pets are less likely to roam or be aggressive, and reduces their urge to roam in search of a mate. Unneutered male cats spray strong-smelling urine to “mark their territory.” Sterilized dogs are less likely to mount dogs, people, or objects.

The bottom line is that spaying or neutering a pet can contribute to a longer and healthier life. Spaying or neutering your pets can reduce surgical risks and costs. It also reduces the rate of prostate/testicular cancers, helps decrease volatility and aggression, and reduces the urge to roam in search of a mate. Unneutered male cats spray strong-smelling urine to “mark their territory.” Sterilized dogs are less likely to mount dogs, people, or objects.

Healthier, increasing the likelihood of a long and loving life by your side.

Groups like Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) are committed to seeing that house cats and free-roaming cats have access to spay/neuter surgeries and the associated benefits. The benefit to the community is a reduction in the number of unwanted litters while minimizing fighting, spraying, flea/tick infestations and the use of yards and gardens as litter boxes. BCC needs volunteers and donations. Refer to our new website, www.beltsvillecats.net, for more information. Contact BCC at hello@beltsvillecats.net or 240.444.8353.

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Johnson, Patsy Diane

Patsy Diane Dicker Johnson of Beltsville, MD, went home to her Lord and Savior on October 11, 2020, at the age of 85 with her family by her side. Due to COVID-19, a private service will be held at George Washington National Cemetery on October 17, 2020.

Patsy was born in Presque Isle, ME, in March 1935. She grew up picking potatoes with her four sisters and brother. She was the baby of the family. She attended Mapleton High School where she excelled in her classes, was editor of her yearbook, and a cheerleader. She graduated in 1952, the same year she met the love of her life, Wilford “Babe” Johnson, at a weekly dance at the Northeastland Hotel in Presque Isle. She followed him to Bluefield, WV, where they were married on December 27, 1954. They moved to Washington, DC, in 1956 when they both began working at the National Security Agency. Patsy worked at NSA until her first daughter, Cathy, was born in April 1963. Her 2nd daughter, Sandra, was born in November 1965. She remained a stay-at-home mom until 1971, when she started her career in the Prince George’s County Public School System at Beltsville Jr High as the secretary in the library. She remained there until the school closed in 1981. She then moved to Bowie High School as the secretary in the attendance office and then became the secretary to the principal. She retired from Bowie High School in 1997. After that her focus was on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. One of her favorite pastimes was watching football: high school, college, and professional. She was an avid High Point Eagle, Bowie Bulldog, Maryland Terrapin, Washington Redskin, and New England Patriot Fan. She loved them all! She was also very active in the church—both Hillandale Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Beltsville.

Patsy was survived by her husband, Wilford “Babe” Johnson; her two daughters, Cathy Slaybaugh (Chris) and Sandra Matia (Bob); her two grandchildren, Jessica Davis (Darren) and Jason Slaybaugh (Sofie); her great-granddaughter, Avery Davis; and her step great-grandson, Chase Davis; along with many nieces and nephews who love her immensely.

Patsy was pre-deceased by her two brothers, Donald and Alden, Sr. and her four sisters, Mae Porter, Margaret Hoffses, June Buzzell, and Ruth Belanger.

A private graveside service was held at George Washington Cemetery, Adelphi, MD. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent in her memory to the Alzheimer’s Association at www.act.alz.org. Arrangements made by Borgwardt Funeral Home (www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com).

Raymond Joseph “Ray” Terry

Raymond Joseph “Ray” Terry, 84, of Beltsville, MD, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 25, 2020, at the Able Plus Assisted Living Facility in Silver Spring, MD, where he had spent the last two years of his life. He had lived on Montgomery Road in Beltsville for 40 years.

Ray was born on August 6, 1936, in Bay Shore, NY. He was the only child of Francis Hallock Terry and Mildred Elizabeth (Meyer) (Terry) Knowles. His father died of scarlet fever in 1939, just a few years before the development of antibiotics, so Ray grew up with his mother, grandmother, and dog, Poochie, who followed him to school each day. Ray graduated from Bay Shore High School in 1953 and subsequently attended the Holderness Prep School in New Hampshire. He enrolled in the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia but left early to join the Navy in March 1956. Serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Hancock and USS Ranger in the Pacific through January 1960, he received training in electronics and telecommunications.

In June 1963, while living in Honolulu, HI, Ray became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and remained one until November 2015. At church, he met Betty Glendora Davis and thought he had found heaven on earth. They married on December 7, 1963, and the next year moved to Prince George’s County, MD, to be closer to their parents as they became parents themselves. Ray continued his education at the University of Maryland in College Park, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology, making Phi Beta Kappa, and coming just shy of earning a Ph.D. He used his earlier training from the Navy to work as an electronics technician at AT&T for 35 years, retiring in 1995.

Ray and Betty raised five children and later cared for their own parents. In retirement, they served a church mission at the LDS Business College in Salt Lake City with their son David and then moved back to Hawaii part-time, reliving their early married life. Ray, Betty, and David were like the three musketeers until Betty’s death in 2011.

Ray had a passion for genealogy. He researched both his own family history and Betty’s. In the 1990s, he created the website MitSawokket.com, an extensive record of Betty’s mixed-race heritage and the tri-racial alliances of the mid-Atlantic region. The website has become a valuable resource for researchers.

Ray was loved and will be remembered for his humor, intellect, and readiness to serve other, as well as for his year-round preference for Hawaiian shirts and open-toed Birkenstock sandals, an enduring puzzle to his East Coast friends.

He is survived by his children, Elizabeth Terry and her husband Michael Stoler, William Terry and his wife Lilly Terry, Frances (Terry) Meyerson and her husband George Meyerson, Ellen (Terry) Holder and her husband Jess Holder, and David Terry, as well as twelve grandchildren: Zachary, Aaron, Seth, Thomas, Meghan, Rachel, Kiera, Lauren, Michael, Abby, David, and Quinn. He is also survived by his first cousins Cornelia “Connie” Terry Ferguson and Marjorie “Punky” Meyer Palmer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis Terry and Mildred Knowles, and his wife Betty Davis Terry.

Ray was a passionate and proud supporter of civil rights. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) (https://act.aclu.org/give/make-gift?aclu-someones-memory) or the Southern Poverty Law Center (https://donate SPLC.org/sol-page.aspx?pid=1367). A virtual memorial service will be held at a later date. Please contact the family at rjtmemorial@gmail.com for updates and information.
Statepoint Crossword: Civics 101

**ACROSS**

1. Beginning of flu, e.g.
6. Espionage agent
9. *Warsaw Pact opponent
13. Ringworm
14. Romanian monetary unit
15. Well-known
16. Contain the ashes
17. Paris’ ____ De Triomphe
18. Wear away
19. *Group of President’s advisors
23. Ever, to a poet
24. Joker, e.g.
25. Type of coniferous
28. Man Ray’s genre
30. Switches topics
31. “Beware the ____ of March”
32. Like Halloween night
33. Turned skin into leather
34. Fencing weapon
35. “I ____ With You” by Modern English
43. City of Taj Mahal
44. Tossed or passed
46. Ready and eager
47. “I ____ With You” by Modern English
48. Water pipe
50. Diplomat’s forte
52. Grain in J.D. Salinger’s novel

**DOWN**

1. Ear-related
2. Santa Maria’s companion
3. Give the cold shoulder
4. Like Halloween night
5. Turned skin into leather
6. Blind segment
7. ____ capita
8. New Mexico’s state flower
9. Narcotics agent, for short
10. Every which way
11. Edmund Fitzgerald, e.g.
15. Avian rest stop
16. Definite article
17. Black Friday lure
18. Number of amendments in the Bill of Rights
19. “Too ____ to handle”
20. Sushi restaurant burner
21. Muse of love poetry
22. Store posting, abbr.
24. Choral composition
25. “Miranda Rights” amendment
26. Leading potato-producing state
27. *Serving on a jury
29. “Miranda Rights” amendment
31. Leading potato-producing state
32. One that insists
33. Ahead of time
34. Resolution
35. *Serving on a jury
36. Radio button
37. Large casks
38. Marine eagle
39. Lymphatic swelling
40. Snack of Jewish origin
41. Brewer’s staple
42. Summary
45. Sushi restaurant burner
49. “Too ____ to handle”
50. Lymphatic swelling
51. ____ of Cancer
52. Brewer’s staple
53. Miso bean
54. Brewer’s staple
55. One of five U.S. territories
56. One that insists
57. Edmund Fitzgerald, e.g.
58. Snack of Jewish origin
59. Lymphatic swelling
60. One of five U.S. territories
61. Black Friday lure
62. Half of binary code, pl.
63. Decomposes
64. Definite article
65. Consumed
66. Number of amendments in the Bill of Rights
67. Baby grand, e.g.
68. Relating to Hinduism
69. Siren’s domain
70. Tiny island
71. Fencing weapon
72. Trinitrotoluene, for short
73. Two-player strategy board game

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- Running Errands (e.g. Picking up Medication from Pharmacy)
- Mother-Baby Care: for Pregnant or New Mother

**Statepoint Crossword: Civics 101**

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Countywide Map Amendment

Due to COVID-19, the March 23, 2020 public hearing on the Countywide Map Amendment (CMA) was postponed. The new hearing has been scheduled for November 19 at 5 pm.

The Countywide Sectional Map Amendment is the final step for adopting the new county zoning process and rules. This includes remapping all existing properties to the new categories, and denser zoning in several District 1 locations. The actual process and zoning have been approved, but cannot be put into place without the CMA.

This is the final step in a complete replacement of the existing zoning processes; rules of what is/is not permitted in each zone; and zoning changes for 100% of the properties in Prince George’s County. The actual zoning process and code was approved by the prior County Council. The new document streamlines the processes. The November 19th hearing is set for the CMA.

• Register to Speak. You must pre-register before 3:00 p.m. November 18, 2020. Sign up at https://pgccouncil.us/Speak.
• Written Testimony. Written testimony, comments, and affidavits will be accepted in electronic format only via the Council’s E-portal at https://pgccouncil.us/Speak or email to clerkofthecouncil@co.pg.md.us or faxed to 301.952.5178.

Local District 1 Development

Many of you have reached out to our office with questions about current and upcoming development in District 1. As a result, we have made public a tracking spreadsheet (https://bit.ly/D1development) used by the office that lists all development actions with a link to the Prince George’s County Planning Department’s Development Activity Monitoring System (DAMS) that includes additional information. For those unfamiliar with the terms, the top row of the spreadsheet provides links to reference documents. The former Behnke property is in the pre-planning stage. The plan calls for the front portion of the property to become a 7-Eleven with gas pumps. If you wish to share your opinion with Council Member Dernoga, you must do so before the developer files officially with the Planning Board. Once a zoning application has been filed, State Public Ethics law prohibits the Council Member from discussing the case. The documents can be found at https://bit.ly/2T7tyOj. Please keep in touch! Email us at councildistrict1@co.pg.md.us or call 301.952.3887. Se habla Español. For invitations and community events you would like share with us, please email district1scheduling@co.pg.md.us with details. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram: @TomDernogaD1

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Phone Phishing

From last month, phishing is a means to try and fraudulently collect money or valuable information from a person using subterfuge. Phone phishing is when a telephone is the technology being used to conduct the scam. We all have telephones in our homes or pockets, but this technology is abused by scammers to the point that many of us no longer want to answer our phones. These scams increase significantly as the holiday season arrives.

Hang-up on Robo-callers

If you pick-up a call and it is a robot caller, just hang-up. If you listen for a minute and the caller is: offering to lower interest on your credit cards, claiming something is wrong with your computer, stating that you owe money to the IRS, asking you about back pain, or telling you that they are from Apple or Microsoft tech support these are all scams! Just hang-up. These callers are all trying to get your credit card information or get you to send them money, gift cards, or bank account numbers or trying to gain access to your computer so they can steal your information. Just hang up on these calls right away.

Protect Yourself

Your best defense is simply hang up or don’t answer a call you do not recognize but if you do answer an incoming call remember these people are experts at fooling you into giving them information and money. Never do these things; never give them any information about you, do not give them your name, address, credit card numbers, number of people living in the house, social security number, Medicare/Medicaid numbers, bank numbers, place of work, passwords, messages on your computer, or email addresses. They may offer to send you something for free or at a very low price and all they need is your address to send the item and a credit card to cover low shipping cost. Once you have given that information, they have successfully stolen all the information they need sell your credit card on the dark web. Do not purchase anything from anyone that calls you. Do not do a donation to anyone that calls you. If you feel the cause is worthy, ask them to send you information in the mail telling them you will decide then and will mail a check. Do not commit to an amount. Don’t purchase gift cards to pay someone who calls you. Legitimate organizations do not accept gift cards as a form of payment. Never put cash in the mail even if they tell you “your nephew

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Jason’s Jive

How are you today? A slight change from the regular Jive this month. Recent events in my country of birth, Nigeria, have propelled me to add my voice to the agitation of the youth there. As I sit to write this, October 20, it has been about two weeks now that the youth have embarked on a protest there to end police brutality. Recent events in my country of birth, Nigeria, have propelled me to add my voice to the agitation of the youth there. As I sit to write this, October 20, it has been about two weeks now that the youth have embarked on a protest there to end police brutality, majority of this has been at the hands of the dreaded Special Anti-Robbery Squad, SARS. Due to the high level of crime and issues of public safety, there is a need for police activity on the streets, day, and night. Police checkpoints are normal, so for example, what could be a simple drive from Beltsville to Baltimore, on Route 1, could be a challenging drive, as there will be police checkpoints en route. You will have to show your license, vehicle registration and insurance. It is not unusual for this to be used as an avenue to extort money from you, to get your papers back in your hand. It is called settlement. Commercial bus drivers and taxi drivers must also ‘settle’ them before being allowed to pass. Hard to imagine!

So, SARS has a legitimate role to play, in trying to curb crime as it happens. Again, due to the high crime rate, it is not unusual to be stopped, even as a pedestrian and at their request you must identify yourself. It is not like America where you can engage the Police about your rights. Over there, the fear of the Police is the beginning of real wisdom. To try and extort money from you, they look for something to pin you on… why do you have an apple watch? - Do you have a receipt to provide proof of ownership? They want to see proof of ownership of any electronics you are carrying or they insist you unlock the gadget or cell phone for them to go through it to make sure you are not a fraudster (yahoo boy in local parlance). People have been shot, killed for these reasons and more.

You get harassed by SARS because of the way you choose to dress or the tattoos on your body or the way you keep your hair. Sounds ridiculous but it is very real.

So recently there was another killing by SARS Officers, and the public response was what ended up as a peaceful protest with the hashtag #EndSARS. The youth decided to also add a few more demands – reform the police, improve their pay and living conditions in the barracks, hold offending officers accountable for their actions – a lot of extra-judicial killings.

I cannot attempt to address the myriad of issues that #EndSARS has led to. I just don’t have the space. What people like you and I can do is to keep some level of focus on what is happening in that country. It may not spiral into something similar to the Arab Spring, but any unrest or break down of law and order in Nigeria will have a domino effect not just in Africa, but globally.

The misuse of Nigeria since Independence in October 1960 and the unprecedented level of corruption has brought the chickens home to roost. As the Late Fela Anikulapo Kuti (a popular Nigerian musician of the 70s and early 80s) once sang in the song #EndSARS.

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Update: Laurel–Beltsville Senior Activity Center

There is no more COVID-19 testing at this site. Please call the Prince George’s County Health Department hotline at 301-883-6627 with questions or concerns. They operate the test sites. For more information, see www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3472/Covid-19-Testing. In addition, there are no current plans to have any social activities at this location this month. Any updates to the social calendar will be posted when they are available.

National Wildlife Visitor Center

Take a hike! Enjoy the fresh autumn air. The trails and grounds are open. Social distancing is required. Free admission and free parking. Be sure to take plenty of water with you. This is a great time of year at this wildlife refuge and there are wonderful photographic opportunities. Address: 10301 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, Pgcmls.info and click on “Shop”. Working to help you find resources to keep living well.

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New Wellness Center while staying socially distant. We can enjoy fitness center classes together on a beautiful day and celebrate the opening of the Wellness Center while staying socially distant.”

Jason’s Jive

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Musician and activist) said in one of his songs, “Trouble Sleep, Yanga Go Wake Am. (Trouble has been awoken from its sleep by Yanga.

Riderwood Holds Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Wellness Center

State-of-the-art fitness center now open at Riderwood

Residents and staff at Riderwood, an Erickson Living retirement community in Silver Spring, MD, came together to hold a ceremonial ribbon cutting and celebrate the opening of the Wellness Center, a two-story, 25,000 square-foot fitness and aquatic center. Welcoming remarks were made by Gary Hibbs, Riderwood’s executive director; followed by Dr. Lynne Diggs, Riderwood medical director; Rev. Dr. James Lyons; and Riderwood resident and Resident Advisory Chair Linda Wanner.

“Our residents are active and enjoy working out, and our new Wellness Center meets the health and wellness needs of our 2,500 residents,” said Gary Hibbs, executive director, Riderwood. “It was awesome to be able to come together on a beautiful day and celebrate the opening of the Wellness Center while staying socially distant.”

Yanga is another term for “con- fusion.” The youth of a troubled nation have woken up from their slumber and are demanding accountability, measurable action, and the laying of a foundation for a definite better tomorrow. We can only support from this end by making the voices heard and ensuring the international community asks for answers. The decay is deep: no medical facilities, schools and universities in despair, no roads, no water, no electricity, no food...etc.

Let me end with this: “The current base salary for all rank-and-file members of the U.S. House and Senate is $174,000 per year, plus benefits.”

A Nigerian Senator takes home close to $40,000 monthly, https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-43516825 Try explaining this to an unemployed graduate? Explain this to hungry youth.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and share this with me. My late father is Nigerian, my mother is from St. Kitts in the Caribbean. I spent half my life in Nigeria. In University I participated in my fair share of demonstrations against the military government of General Ibrahim Babangida. I chose to leave Nigeria in 1994. I had an option to leave and relocate to St. Kitts. Thousands of youths in Nigeria do not have that option. Thank you for taking the time to read this. Soro Soko! (Speak Up... in Yoruba... the language spoken in Western Nigeria).
COVID-19 and Face Coverings: The Different Types and Why It Matters

Your neighbor is selling fashion masks. Your uncle—a expert at everything—wears a sophisticated respirator with a valve. Your dental hygienist wears a medical mask. Your kid is running off to sports practice in a team-supplied neck gaiter. Is there a difference between these face coverings?

In the U.S., over 7 million people have been infected by COVID-19 and over 200,000 have died. According to health authorities, the virus that causes COVID-19 predominantly spreads when people talk, cough, and sneeze.

In addition to measures such as maintaining physical distance and frequent handwashing, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently recommends everyone wear a cloth mask when out in public, especially in areas where physical distancing is a challenge to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Since respirators are in critical supply and the global personal protective equipment (PPE) industry can’t make enough to meet this current demand, respirators and medical masks should be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders.

Wearing a face covering is important: a cloth face covering, such as a reusable mask, may help protect others from the wearer. A respirator (when worn properly) helps protect the wearer from airborne hazards around them.

With the COVID-19 pandemic still affecting our daily lives, it’s important to know how choosing a face covering can help those on the frontlines to get what they need to continue the fight. One of the world’s biggest manufacturers of N95 respirators, 3M, created a chart, available at news.3m.com to help explain the differences between cloth masks/face coverings, surgical masks, and N95 respirators. Ultimately, how you live and work should inform the type of mask you wear.

Face coverings and masks: general public and workers. At public spaces and certain workplaces where protection from occupational hazards is not needed, non-medical disposable and cloth masks that cover your nose and mouth completely may help reduce the spread of COVID-19 (along with other measures such as physical distancing and frequent handwashing) by protecting others from exposure to particles generated by the wearer. Designs with unfiltered valves, such as those with drinking straw holes, or any visible gaps, are not sufficient face coverings under some government guidance.

General use masks should not be overly tight and should feel comfortable to wear. A face mask is not the same as a medical mask or respirator.

Medical masks: healthcare workers. Medical masks are designed to be used by healthcare workers to help provide a barrier to high-velocity streams of liquid, as well as a barrier to particles that might be expelled by the wearer. This second reason is why healthcare workers wear medical masks—to help protect patients. Patients may also wear them to help protect others around them. Medical masks meet specific standards and are FDA-cleared for hospital use in the U.S. They fit loosely on the face, so they do not provide respiratory protection.

N95 Respirators: health care and critical frontline and certain other essential workers. When used correctly, N95 respirators are designed to create a tight seal to the face and provide respiratory protection. Because the entire surface of the respirator is a filter, it is efficient at capturing at least 95% of non-oily airborne particles that the wearer might breathe in, including liquid droplets that may contain viruses and germs. Respirators with valves are not recommended by the CDC for use in certain settings, such as healthcare environments that require a sterile field.

For more information on different face coverings, visit www.3m.com. To stay up to date, consult the CDC and other health authorities for the latest guidelines, updates, and recommended precautions around COVID-19.
Club News

Women’s Club of Beltsville Keeping Our Community Clean!

By Karen Coakley

WCCB is coordinating our annual holiday food and gift programs as well as fund raising for our other important projects. We are asking Beltsville businesses, schools, service organizations, social clubs, churches, and individuals to help us provide food and gifts to needy families within our community for the holidays as well as funds for our other important projects. There are times during the year when a family has reached out to us in a crisis. We would like to be able to help them as well. We hope you can assist us in these worthwhile endeavors.

At Christmas, we not only provide a holiday meal, we also provide presents for children. We accept non-perishable food, new toys, and new clothes for children. Monetary contributions, store gift cards are also appreciated. You or your organizations are welcome to sponsor a family. As a certified 501©3 organization, all contributions are tax deductible. A list of donors will be publicized in the January Beltsville News unless you prefer to remain anonymous. Monetary contributions and gift cards can be mailed to Women’s Community Club of Beltsville, PO Box 1607 Beltsville, MD, 20705.

The Thanksgiving donation deadline is Wednesday, November 18th. The Christmas donation deadline is Friday, December 11th. Contact Karen Coakley at womensclubbeltsville@gmail or 301.937.3490. With questions and/or to schedule a pickup or delivery time of your donation, Gift Card suggestions: Target, TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Ross, Kohls, Aldi’s, Lido, Shopper’s, Walmart.

Holiday Food, Gift & Fund-Raising Program 2020 The Women’s Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB)

By Ivy Christoffers

Through the many challenges that have been coming our way since the onset of COVID-19, the American Legion Auxiliary has been hard pressed to find ways to continue our charitable works for our active military, our veterans and our youth and our communities. Having said this, we have found ways to still serve. Because of this determination and commitment to do our best to support our programs, our small unit in College Park was recognized by the Department of Maryland and the Southern Maryland District at our recent Department Executive Meeting and Southern Maryland District Meeting. We received awards in education, legislation, poppy, public relations, veteran’s affairs and rehabilitation, home and field service. (Denise Ferland took second place in the state for her many hours of volunteerism), home service hours contributed by all Unit 217 volunteers. These awards were received from the state. In addition, we received three awards from the Southern Maryland District in Americanism, cancer control and veteran’s affairs and rehabilitation. Many of our scheduled programs were cancelled because of “social distancing” but we find ways to deal with the restrictions and continue our worthwhile work. Much thanks to our dedicated members.

Our post home is still undergoing remodeling. We hope it will soon be completed so we can resume operations. This month is very important, first with the upcoming election and then with Veteran’s Day when we will again be at the College Park Veteran’s Memorial at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Baltimore Ave. at 11am on November 11 to honor all veterans.

If you are planning a visit to our post home note that you will have to enter through the double doors in the rear of the house while the front area is under renovation.

Stay as safe as possible. Keep our troops in your prayers. May God continue to bless our great America.

College Park Unit #217 Meets the Challenge

By Ivy Christoffers

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Emmanuel United Methodist Church to Hold Virtual Blessing of the Animals Ceremony

By Mary Ann Vaughn

During this pandemic, food insecurity along with shortages of needed items have led the Food Distribution Ministry to ask for donations of $15.00 grocery store gift cards. This year it is difficult to go and find enough hams and turkeys to distribute for November and December, so we have decided to give each family a gift card along with the bags of shelf stable foods. Please consider helping our ministry.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
www.sjstjohnbeltsville.org
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Emmanuel United Methodist Church Food Distribution Ministry is Seeking Donations

By Mary Ann Vaughn

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Thanksgiving is an Echo

When darkness was a void 
Into if God spoke light
Formed earth with just a word
And filled it full of life.
He set apart a day
For rest in every week;
Removal from the start
Made ev'rything complete.
Joy echoed from the heav'ns,
Said all praise to you,
All kindness to mankind:
And made ev'rything complete.

Since then enlightened man
Has taken time to let
His mind remember Who
Provides for all he gets.
Not simply once a year,
But humble ones regard
All mercies we receive
As love gifts from His heart.

If possible, arrange for socially distanced meet-ups with close friends, such as bike rides. Get kids involved in positive hobbies like reading, playing an instrument or art. Manage screen time: As parents know, actually managing screen time can be tricky. Kids are not always upfront about what they are doing online and there are many hours a day where it's simply impossible to monitor your child. However, new tools are proving essential in helping parents protect kids from the harmful effects of cyberbullying. For example, OurPact from Eturi Corp. is an app that allows parents to set online schedules for kids, as well as grant or restrict access to websites and apps. Parents can also take screenshots of online activity to ensure their kids are staying safe. These can also be used to facilitate discussions regarding smart digital health. To learn more or download, visit OurPact.com.

While the “new normal” has caused a dangerous uptick in toxic online behaviors, parents have new tools at their disposal to help protect kids.

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Into if God spoke light
Formed earth with just a word
And filled it full of life.
He set apart a day
For rest in ev’ry week;
Removal from the start
Made ev’rything complete.
Joy echoed from the heav’ns,
Said all praise to you,
All kindness to mankind:
And made ev’rything complete.

Since then enlightened man
Has taken time to let
His mind remember Who
Provides for all he gets.
Not simply once a year,
But humble ones regard
All mercies we receive
As love gifts from His heart.

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The Reverend Joseph M. Constant, Rector

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9:15 a.m. - Family Service/Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. – Sunday School
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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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RA’s, GA’s, Mission Friends 7:00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m.

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Monday–Friday at office@eumcbeltsville.com or
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Block Illegitimate Calls
First make certain all of your phone numbers are registered with the National Do Not Call Registry at https://donotcall.gov. Legitimate organizations are supposed to check this list and not call numbers on the list. Of course, the real problem is from callers that do not follow the law.

Many scam calls to your home phone can be blocked for free using a service called Nomorobo https://www.nomorobo.com. When a recognized scam call is coming in, the phone rings once and Nomorobo prevents the call from ringing again. This is also available as a paid service for your mobile phones.

Recent changes in the law require all mobile phone carriers to offer a way of blocking incoming SPAM calls. Contact your carrier to find out how to enable this feature on your mobile phone. All Android phones offer the ability to put a block on any incoming number that you determine is a spam caller. Newer versions of the Android dialer will automatically flag incoming spam calls, so you know to hang-up immediately.

Some Other Common Scams
Calls for Back Pain or Pain Management are scams trying to use you to help them steal from Medicare and Medicaid. Vacation scams try to convince that you have won a vacation prize for only $299. Most of these turn out to be flat out fraud or are tied to time-share scams. Time share scams try to get you to purchase a time share for thousands that can often be purchased for a few dollars online or try to get you to sell your time-share for an up-front fee.

Duct cleaning companies call to offer a service that the HVAC industry says is not needed for most homes. These and other home service callers frequently have no valid local address and are not licensed by the state as required. If I have an interest in the services a company is offering, always ask for their company name, address, website, and phone number and then call them back after you have confirmed the information by searching online. I also always ask for the Maryland Home Improvement Council (MHIC) number of anyone that calls offering home improvement services. If they do not have one, they are not operating legally in the state of Maryland.

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was arrested in a remote city and needs cash for bail”. Never meet someone to pay a debt someone calls you about on the phone.

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