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## 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 now 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, 1<sup>st</sup> graders and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.



Pack 1031 scouts after their hard work picking up trash at Little Paint Branch Trail.

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.

**NEXT ISSUE:**

**Submissions Due**

**No Later Than:**

**November 18**

**Paper Out:**

**November 28**

**On the Agenda**



Karen Coakley

By President Karen Coakley

Happy Thanksgiving! 2020 is almost over! If you can help those in our community who are less fortunate please reach out to one of our non-profit organizations and churches during the holiday season.

**Holiday Safety Tips:** Lock your doors to your home and car. Get an "RFID" wallet or envelope for your driver's license, passport, credit & debit cards. Thieves have found easier way to pick your pocket and your identity at the same time. Don't leave gifts visible in your car. If you are going out of town have timers on your lights and stop your mail and newspaper. Thefts from cars is still a problem in our community. Don't leave valuables in your car.

Solicitors and salespeople who are going door to door are required to have a license. PG County verifies they are legitimate and licensed. Ask to see their license from the county. Some door to door solicitors are legitimate, others are scouting out homes to

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## Beltsville Briefs

### 2020 Slavic Kolachi (Dessert Roll) Festival

In lieu of our annual Slavic Food Festival, St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church, Beltsville is holding an on-line bake sale for purchase of our homemade sweet bread filled with walnuts or poppyseed. Pick-up dates: November 7, December 12. Place your order at [www.stgregoryofnyssa.net](http://www.stgregoryofnyssa.net). For more info, call 410.727.2580.

### Peace Bridge Announces Community Bazaar

At the Brickyard Bazaar, Peace Bridge creates a space for individuals and businesses to free up space, sell gently used or business items, and connect to other community members.

Participants and business owners will have the opportunity to sell products or advertise services at the

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## 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 giveaway 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.



This family arrived early at the Urban National Wildlife Refuge Day. They selected their favorite chalk colors and chose a great spot for their chalk art figures.

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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## Neighbors 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 unites, 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. Innuendo, 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 thing 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 works, 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 our 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 mornings at 10am, Bible Study on Wednesdays, and Check-in to chat on Thursdays. The information can be found on our webpage [www.eumcbeltsville.com](http://www.eumcbeltsville.com) or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/EUMCBeltsville/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/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 Latasha 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-125898049455>



## Kitty Post

# 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 neuter (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 to advertise for a mate. Fixing female cats and dogs reduces these behaviors and lowers the risk of uterine infections (e.g., pyometra) and breast cancer. The fatality rate for these diseases is 50% in dogs and 90% in cats. Spaying a female before her first heat offers the best protection against these diseases.

Neutering male pets lowers 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.

The bottom line is that spaying and neutering house pets improves their temperament and keeps them



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](http://www.beltsvillecats.net), for more information. Contact BCC at [hello@beltsvillecats.net](mailto:hello@beltsvillecats.net) or 240.444.8353.



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## Obituaries

### 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.

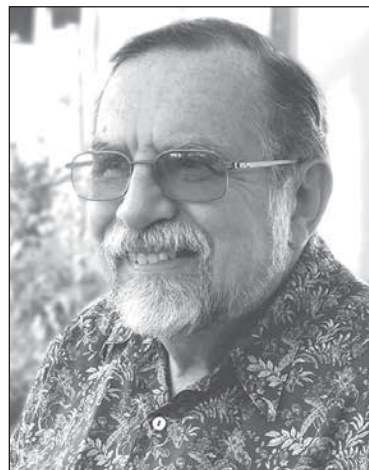
Patsy was born in Presque Isle, ME, in March 1935. She grew up picking potatoes with her four sisters and brother. She was the baby of the family. She attended Mapleton High School where she excelled in her classes, was editor of her yearbook, and a cheerleader. She graduated in 1952, the same year she 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, Appalachian State Mountaineer, 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 is survived by her husband, Wilford "Babe" Johnson; her two daughters, Cathy Slaybaugh (Chris) and Sandra Matia (Bob); her two grandchildren, Jessica Daves (Darren) and Jason Slaybaugh (Sofie); her great-granddaughter, Avery Daves; and her step great-grandson, Chase Daves; 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 Por-

ter, 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](http://www.act.alz.org). Arrangements made by Borgwardt Funeral Home ([www.borgwardt-funeralhome.com](http://www.borgwardt-funeralhome.com)).



Raymond Joseph "Ray" Terry

### Terry, Raymond Joseph

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 carriers *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 *Mitsawokett.com*, an extensive record of Betty's mixed-race heritage and the tri-racial communities 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 others, as well as for his year-round preference for Hawaiian shirts and open-toed Birkenstock sandals, an enduring puzzlement 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://action.aclu.org/give/make-gift-aclu-someones-memory>) or the Southern Poverty Law Center (<https://donate.splcenter.org/ssl-page.aspx?pid=1367>). A virtual memorial service will be held at a later date. Please contact the family at [rjtmemorial@gmail.com](mailto:rjtmemorial@gmail.com) for updates and information.

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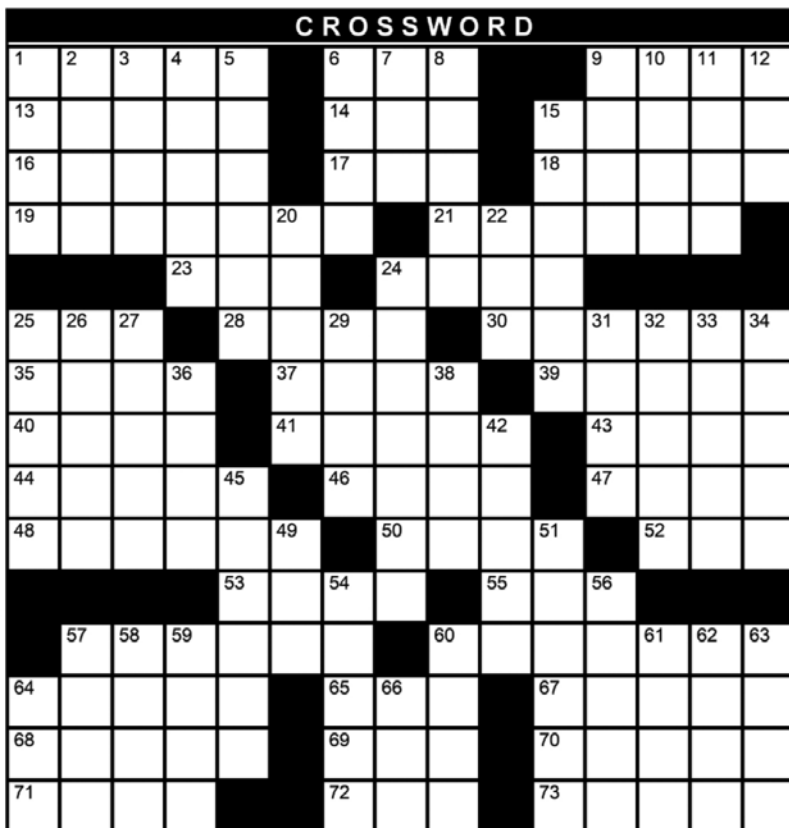
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9. \*Warsaw Pact opponent
13. Ringworm
14. Romanian monetary unit
15. Well-known
16. Contain the ashes
17. Paris' \_\_\_\_ De Triomphe
18. Wear away
19. \*Group of President's advisors
21. \*Balance partner, pl.
23. Ever, to a poet
24. Joker, e.g.
25. Type of coniferous
28. Man Ray's genre
30. Switches topics
35. "Beware the \_\_\_\_ of March"
37. Large casks
39. Beyond suburban
40. Fatalist's future
41. Weasel's aquatic cousin
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

53. Miso bean
55. One of Indiana Jones' quests
57. \*Part of Congress
60. \*One who introduces a bill
64. Recurring pain
65. Consumed
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

#### 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. Koppel and Kennedy
12. Percy Bysshe Shelley's poem, e.g.
15. Avian rest stop
20. Muse of love poetry

22. Store posting, abbr.
24. Choral composition
25. \*"Miranda Rights" amendment
26. Leading potato-producing state
27. Yesteryear style
29. \*Serving on a jury
31. \*One of five U.S. territories
32. One that insists
33. Ahead of time
34. \*List of candidates
36. Radio button
38. Red Cross supplies
42. Summary
45. Sushi restaurant burner
49. "Too \_\_\_\_ to handle"
51. \_\_\_\_ of Cancer
54. Brewer's staple
56. Snack of Jewish origin
57. Edmund Fitzgerald, e.g.
58. Marine eagle
59. Lymphatic swelling
60. \*John Roberts' spot, e.g.
61. Black Friday lure
62. Half of binary code, pl.
63. Decomposes
64. Definite article
66. \*Number of amendments in the Bill of Rights

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## From the Office of Councilmember Tom Dernoga

### 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 loca-

tions. The actual process and zoning have been approved, but not 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 19<sup>th</sup> hearing is set for the CMA.

- For a handout on the new zones - <https://bit.ly/3m6vaEe> . For an interactive map showing old and new zones - <https://bit.ly/2HhqsF4>.
- 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

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### 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/2T7tyOi>.

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The US Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) announced in the *Federal Register* on November 6, 2020 the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the **Proposed Construction and Operation of a Replacement Currency Production Facility (CPF) at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC)** in Prince George's County, Maryland. The Proposed Action would construct and operate an up to 1 million square-foot CPF within the National Capital Region (NCR). In

accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Draft EIS analyzes potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts and recommends mitigation measures to reduce potential adverse impacts.

The Proposed Action would replace Treasury's existing and obsolete currency production functions located in downtown Washington, DC (DC Facility), and would provide Treasury with a modern, scalable, sufficiently sized production facility within the NCR that meets Treasury's needs. The Proposed Action would result in more efficient currency production, while allowing Treasury to maintain its presence within the NCR. Following construction of the Proposed Action, currency manufacturing at the DC Facility would be phased out.

The *Federal Register* announcement initiated a 45-day public comment period during which Treasury is seeking your input. Treasury will consider your comments and use them to prepare and publish a Final EIS before making any decision regarding Proposed Action implementation. The Draft EIS and related informational materials are available for review online on the project website: <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/home/bep-replacement-project>. If you cannot access the Draft EIS materials online, please send a request for information to the below address.

Please submit written comments on the Draft EIS or requests for additional information to:

**ATTN. Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) Project EIS**  
US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Baltimore District Planning Division  
2 Hopkins Plaza, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21201 **or**  
[BEP-EIS@usace.army.mil](mailto:BEP-EIS@usace.army.mil)

**Treasury is also holding a virtual public meeting** regarding the Draft EIS and invites your participation. This virtual public meeting includes (1) an online reading room, available at <https://bep-eis.consultation.ai/> for the duration of the public comment period, that contains informational materials, and (2) a public webinar on December 2, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The link to the public webinar is available on the project website: <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/home/bep-replacement-project>; alternatively, you may call in by phone to 1-866-692-3580 using access code 130 592 2057. Verbal comments will be accepted during the public webinar.

Treasury requests your comments on the Draft EIS be sent by December 21, 2020 to ensure equitable consideration in the Final EIS. If you have any further questions about the Proposed Action, you may contact Mr. Harvey Johnson, USACE – Baltimore District, Programs and Project Management Division, by email at [BEP-EIS@usace.army.mil](mailto:BEP-EIS@usace.army.mil). Treasury has also established a webpage that contains additional information about the Proposed Action, including a Digital EIS (i.e., a digital representation of the data presented in the Draft EIS) on the project website: <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/home/bep-replacement-project>.

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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.

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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

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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 give 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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## ON THE AGENDA

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break into.

Our next meeting will be a ZOOM meeting. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

The meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m. If you have a community concern, I can be reached at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com.

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### Pepco Urges Customers to Make Payment Arrangements.

Pepco is asking all customers who are facing financial hardship due to COVID-19 to contact them now and make arrangements. If you are past due on your power bill, please contact the company at 202.833.7500 or [pepco.com/help](http://pepco.com/help) as soon as possible. Energy assistance also is available for limited-income customers. In Maryland, Pepco customers can apply for energy assistance through the Maryland Department of Human Services by calling the Office of Home Energy Programs



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Please let me know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if I can be of help to you. Just email [21stdistrictdelegation@gmail.com](mailto:21stdistrictdelegation@gmail.com).

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## Jason's Jive

By Jason Inanga

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, 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 right?

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 harassed 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 misrule 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

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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](http://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.

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## BELTSVILLE EVENTS

Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operations.

### NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

Staff members are at work and have assembled several digital exhibits. However, the building is closed until further notice. Address: 10301 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter at [http://twitter.com/#!/National\\_Ag\\_Lib](http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib). See [NAL.USDA.gov](http://NAL.USDA.gov) for more information.

### FROST ON CHICKENS — ONLINE

Do you like chickens? Did you know that the poet Robert Frost worked as a chicken farmer in Derry, New Hampshire from 1900 to 1909? NAL has copies of Mr. Frost's chicken-related writings as well as other materials related to chicken farming as it was

more than a century ago. The online series is called *Frost on Chickens*. It is made of nine smaller topical exhibits that relate directly to the subjects contained in Mr. Frost's pieces. Each exhibit presents relevant excerpts from Frost's articles, an overview of the topic, and links to full-text, digital NAL and USDA materials. The structure of the site follows the general subjects addressed by Frost's stories. There are nine focused exhibits: *Hen Houses*, *Backyard Chickens*, *Chicken Feed*, *Fancy Chickens*, *Poultry Breeds*, *Poultry Farming*, *Egg Production*, the *Poultry Marketplace*, and the *Poultry Press*. There is also an overview of Robert Frost's time in Derry, New Hampshire in the early 1900s and the Frost Farm. See [www.NAL.USDA.gov/exhibits/ipd/frostonchickens](http://www.NAL.USDA.gov/exhibits/ipd/frostonchickens).

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## 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."



Riderwood Wellness Center

The two-story Riderwood Wellness Center is approximately 25,000 sq ft and houses a state-of-the-art fitness center, aquatic center, and indoor pickleball courts along with a bridge to adjacent buildings at Riderwood. Residents can enjoy fitness center classes and more with limited capacity and by appointment.

"I can't thank the residents enough for all their ideas on the Wellness Center and the staff and our corporate partners for their help in making today possible," said Hibbs.

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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.

Yanga is another term for 'confusion.') 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 our 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 in 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 Soke! (Speak Up... in Yourba... the language spoken in Western Nigeria).

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# COVID-19 and Face Coverings: The Different Types and Why It Matters

Your neighbor is selling fashion masks. Your uncle—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 distancing 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](https://news.3m.com) to help explain the differences between cloth masks/face coverings, surgical masks, and N95 respirators. Ultimately, how you live



The type of mask you wear matters. It's important to know the differences. (c) Phynart Studio, Getty Images

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](https://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.

## What Parents Can Do About Cyberbullying Amid the Current Crisis

(StatePoint) Screen time is on the rise for kids and teens as a result of remote learning and social distancing measures. At the same time, cyberbullying and hate speech are reaching new heights amid the current crisis, according to analysts.

A recent new study conducted by L1ght recorded a 70 percent uptick in hate among children and teens during online chats since December 2019.

While this is worrying, there are steps parents can take to help protect kids from the surge of online toxicity they may be encountering:

- Pay attention: There are many common red flags that a child is



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either involved in cyberbullying or a victim of it. Those who are instigating or participating in cyberbullying may exhibit increased secrecy around their mobile device or laptop, display arro-

gance or have other behavioral problems. Signs your child is a target of cyberbullies include depression and anxiety, (particularly while or after using their device), problems with sleeping, changes in appetite, self-harm or suicidal thoughts.

- Communicate: Open a line of dialogue with your child about what they are experiencing, but be patient. Your child may be reticent to share everything going on with you at first. It can be helpful to draw in the assistance of another adult role

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## Club News

### Women's Club of Beltsville Keeping Our Community Clean!

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) cleaned trash on Montgomery Road from Route 1 to Sellman Road as a part of the Adopt-A-Road project in October. WCCB remains active in spite of the pandemic. Women who are interested in joining them should contact WCCB at [womensclubbeltsville@gmail.com](mailto:womensclubbeltsville@gmail.com).

Members of WCCB cleaning up Montgomery Road.



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

**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.com](mailto:womensclubbeltsville@gmail.com) 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, Lidl, Shopper's, Walmart.**

## College Park Unit #217 Meets the Challenge

**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, 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, legislature, 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 undergo-

ing 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 11 am 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 lounge 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.

## Share Your News!

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## Church News

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

*But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you.*

—Job 12:7

Animal blessing is a special ceremony conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. St. Francis considered animals to be his brothers and sisters, saying, "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." For many people, a pet is a member of the family. Animals experience emotions such

as happiness, love, fear, or loneliness just like people do. Therefore, they build close emotional bonds with human beings.

Animal blessing is an annual tradition at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, and 2020 will be no exception; it will just be a little different. Emmanuel's Blessing of the Animals is going virtual through Zoom! You and your pets can join the members of Emmanuel and the surrounding community virtually on November 22 at 11:30 am. You will need to register in

advance by going to <https://forms.gle/h9cCen2Z8rrUAcky5>. You can register to have your pet blessed, or if you have had a pet pass away this year, you can register to have them included in the prayer for animals that have passed this year. Rev. Dr. Jalene Chase, the pastor of Emmanuel, and the members of the congregation look forward to meeting with you. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 301.937.7114 or [office@eumcbeltsville.com](mailto:office@eumcbeltsville.com) today.

# Emmanuel United Methodist Church Food Distribution Ministry is Seeking Donations

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. If you would like to donate cash, please send a check to the church, and designate "food distribution." We will purchase the needed cards with funds collected. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 301.937.7114, or [office@eumcbeltsville.com](mailto:office@eumcbeltsville.com). Thank you for your support!

## CYBERBULLYING

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model or even a professional therapist. If your child is the one doing the bullying, work on identifying their motivations, so you can better address the root of the issue, and of course, continue to serve as a positive role model when it comes to expressing empathy and kindness toward others.

- Keep kids active: When remote class time is not in session, it's important to place an emphasis on spending quality time offline. Encourage kids to be physically active outdoors in order to raise levels of mood-boosting hormones and promote better sleep at night (something that may be suffering more these days as a result of additional blue light from screens). 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 Euri 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](http://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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While praise ascended in  
Thanks for this precious pearl.

Since then enlightened man  
Has taken time to let  
His mind remember Who  
Provides for all he gets.

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Beckie Hutchings  
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## PHISHING

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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.

## 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.

## Next Column

November is our annual Holiday shopping column. In the meantime, stay safe and secure.

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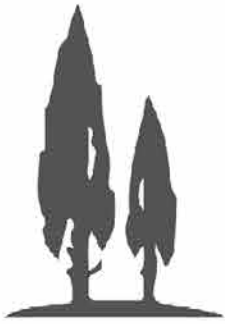
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