Memorial Bench Dedicated at Beltsville Community Center

James (Jim) W. Moore, of Beltsville, MD, had an official memorial bench dedication service at the Beltsville Community Center on the morning of July 13, 2019. In attendance were Jacqueline R. Moore Weathers, daughter Jocelyn E. Phillips, son-in-law Dennis M. Phillips; grandchildren Aaron E. Barton (Angela), Justin H. E. Barton; nieces and nephew Michelle Robinson; Tina Robinson, Daryl Robinson (Phyllis); great-grand daughters Abigail R. Barton and Amelia G. Barton; friend of the family Rhonda McKissack, and Commemorative Gifts Specialist for Prince George’s County Parks and Recreation Foundation, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Kathy Archer.

Requested prayers from family members that were not able to attend were delivered during the service; a special prayer was offered by brother Earl Moore, sister-in-law Shirley L. Moore, nephew Talfred Moore, cousin Patrice L. Murray and family.

Beltsville Seventh-Day Adventist (SDA) School Alumnus Flies Solo

By Jason Inanga

Nick Ashman is a former student of the Beltsville SDA School, where he graduated from the 8th grade a few years ago. He is now a student at Andrews University in Michigan pursuing his career ambition of becoming a pilot.

He recently had his first solo flight and shared the moment with his friends and family. The foundation he got at Beltsville SDA School has helped him prepare for this career.

Nick Ashman stands beside the single-engine aircraft he flew.

Getting Ready for another Year of Fun with Cub Pack 1031

Cub Pack 1031 has been having a ton of fun this summer! We have been swimming at the Calverton pool, doing our egg drop experiment, and building and launching our Gnome rockets at the Goddard SFC Visitors Center. We are finishing up the summer with Stomp Rockets, a creek walk, and Raingutter Regatta this month.

We are also getting ready for our new year and our Join Scouting Night on September 30 at Beltsville Academy. We have a full year of “fun with a purpose” planned. It will include a hike with other units at Fort Washington, a big cleanup along the Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy drive, and Scouting for Food. Along the way we learn responsibility, practice citizenship, play games, and have tons of fun. If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts with your child, please come to our Join Scouting Night on Monday, Sept. 30, at 7 pm at the Beltsville Academy cafeteria.

Arrow Scout Brennan M. launching his egg drop experiment. It didn’t break! We are a gold-level unit and currently have 17 active scouts.

Over 80% of our scouts completed the program this year.

Pack 1031 is a family pack open to boys and girls grades K to 5. (Kindergarteners join in September.) The pack has activities including camping, hiking, our annual Pinewood Derby, and campfires. We also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy drive, and Scouting for Food. Along the way we learn responsibility, practice citizenship, play games, and have tons of fun. If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts with your child, please come to our Join Scouting Night on Monday, Sept. 30, at 7 pm at the Beltsville Academy cafeteria. Contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for more information.

The first meeting of the 2019–2020 year will be on Wednesday, September 18 at 7 pm at Beltsville Academy. If you have a specific concern that you would like to have answered that night, please call or email me by September 12. We will have several items on the agenda:

• A presentation on a proposed Wawa next to Ikea and the Holiday Inn on Rte. 1
• Officer Fraser, the COPS officer for Beltsville, will be our guest along with a representative from the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement. They will talk about what to do if you are having problems with trash being dumped in your neighborhood and what projects you need a permit for.

Coffee with COPS will be held on September 18 from 11 noon at the Calverton McDonald’s, and Senior Coffee with COPS will take place on September 5 at the Laurel Senior Center, 7120 Contee Rd, Laurel, MD 20707.

Future meetings will be on October 16 and November 20, 2019 and March 18, April 15, and May 20, 2020. (January 15, February 19, and June 15 and 17 meetings are as needed and weather permitting.) Watch for details on future meeting in The Beltsville News and on Nextdoor. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com.
Residents for a Better Beltsville

Residents decided to join together on July 29, 2019, to fulfill an expectation they had when they moved to Beltsville. We all agreed that we wanted to foster a neighborly spirit within the communities that make up Beltsville and foster a civic pride in Beltsville itself. During our first meeting, each person expressed why they appreciate the communities that make up Beltsville in which they live and the improvements we would like to see.

The meeting participants were excited about the idea of joining forces to not only improve Beltsville physically but also help people who have recently moved into the community understand the ideals that are a tradition or spirit of the neighborhoods.

Attendees jumped right into organizing the group by adopting a set of bylaws, choosing officers, and setting up committees. We also chose to identify topics of concern, and the first department we will hear from on August 14, 2019, is the Maryland Department of Transportation concerning the urban reconstruction of Powder Mill Road. Our September meeting will be held on September 18, 2019. The meeting will be at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Selzman Rd. in Beltsville.

Thanks to the District Six Police Department, we were able to tell many more of our neighbors about our end of the National Night Out held on August 6, 2019. We handed out flyers and recruited new members to participate with us. If you would like more information about our organization, visit our website at betterbeltsville.org and fill out the contact form. Please join us!

Superstition

By Rev. Dr. Jaleene Chase

I love Stevie Wonder’s music. My favorite album, yes, I said album, is Songs in the Key of Life, but “Superstition” is from Talking Book. The album (I know, I keep dating myself) was released in 1972 with this song being very popular. The chorus says, “When you believe in things that you don’t understand, then you suffer. Superstition ain’t the way.”

Superstition is the irrational belief or way of thinking that is based on fear of the unknown, based on ignorance, a notion maintained despite evidence to the contrary. It seems that we are inundated with people acting irrationally out of fear ignited by ignorance. I read once that, if our brain can’t explain something, we make it up. We have made up things about groups of people based on race, gender, geographically location, economic status, religion, and culture to name a few, and we believe it despite evidence to the contrary. We have marginalized, demonized, ostracized, and categorized people to the point of not seeing them as people. Instead of embracing the things that we have in common, some look for how we differ. And that’s sad.

I don’t know how irrationalization became the norm. I know it’s not a word, but stick with me. Think of some of the things we say and do: beginner’s luck keeps us trying new things; find a penny, pick it up and all day you’ll have good luck; knock on wood so that we don’t jinx ourselves; we cross our fingers so that something will happen. Superstition.

Some people have a fear of Friday the 13th, it’s called paraskevidekatriaphobia. Some building don’t have a 13th floor. Some hotels don’t have a 13th room. Some establishments won’t put 13 chairs at a table, so a 14th is added. I was curious how it came from, so I looked it up. Some writers say that it stems from Christianity. Because this is my faith tradition, I decided to read more. Apparently, some believe that Christ was the 13th person at the table for the Last Supper, and He died so horribly. Because Jesus died on a Friday, Friday the 13th is bad luck. Who knew? This train of thought dates back to 1800’s. But we call it Good Friday! And He rose again on Sunday!

Let me shift our thinking. I picked this song for this month because it has Friday the 13th. Did you know that the months that have Friday the 13th start on Sunday? Go ahead, look on the calendar; I’ll wait. Yup, September and December. And we have our Friday/Sunday pairing again. So maybe it isn’t so bad after all. Because you have your calendar, make off some Sundays to spend with us. We extended our summer worship time of 9:45am to 10:45am.

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Good day, my dear reader. Please forgive my forgetfulness. I did indicate that I would share my amusement park experience with you. Careful what you get yourself into. As you read on, you will understand what I am talking about. The fear and respect of roller coasters at amusement parks is a true sign of wisdom.

Flashback to 1980. We had just left the political turmoil in Kingston, Jamaica, and were in transition in Boston, MA. One Sunday while we were there, we were taken to Whalum Park, outside of Boston, my first ever experience at an amusement park at ten years old. I was thrilled…did the bumper cars, a merry-go-round, and one or two rides. Then we (me, myself, and everything in my body and soul) hit the brakes. Roller coaster? Never been on one before, so in the spirit of adventure, I went on, and that was where my trip to Whalum Park ended. I will spare you the details before from Europe where I went on a class trip with any of my children (demands of work just never allowed it previously). We was the first time I was ever going to Whalum Park. I had just flown in the day before from Europe where I went to see my father, who was on his deathbed. So I felt going on the trip would be a nice way to take my mind off the situation with my dad.

We got to Hershey Park, and I was as excited as the kids. This was the first time I was ever going on a class trip with any of my children (demands of work just never allowed it previously). We went through the rules, split up in groups, and then went on to explore. We approached a building that was the middle school class to Hershey Park. I looked on at amazement the rest of the day as young and old people lined up to go on roller coaster rides you CANNOT pay me to go on. Some light humor, I believe all those who love roller coaster rides are wired differently. That stuff is torture.

Dear reader, now I am reminded why amusement parks are not one, and I reminded myself I got to respect my limits. I looked on at amazement the rest of the day as young and old people lined up to go on roller coaster rides you CANNOT pay me to go on. Some light humor, I believe all those who love roller coaster rides are wired differently. That stuff is torture.

And to my good friend in Beltsville, Kiiza, who has been trying to get me to go sky diving…that is definitely not happening any time soon. I am a Christian, and the only time I will go up in the sky is at the end of time to meet Jesus. Until then, I am perfectly okay on the ground. Have a great month and, yeah, it is about that time when we got to start raking the falling leaves.

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November 3; that leaves plenty of time to change your way of thinking about what to do on a Sunday morning. You can also find us on our webpage www.eumcbeltsville.com or Facebook, www.facebook.com/groups/EUMCBeltsville /. Until next time.

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From the Office of Councilmember Tom Dernoga

2020 Census Prince George’s County

The U.S. census is a national population count that occurs every 10 years. The outcome of the census directly impacts Prince George’s County residents through congressional representation, Electoral College apportionment, business and economic development, and federally funded programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Children’s Health Insurance Program, and Women and Infant Children. A successful 2020 census count in Prince George’s County is vital to our community’s well-being and overall quality of life. If undercounted, Prince George’s County could lose an estimated $18,250 per person in potential funding and resources over a ten-year period. Learn more at www.PGCensus2020.org. To join the 2020 Census Complete Count District 1 Outreach Team, please email councildistrict1@co.pg.md.us.

Upcoming Beltsville Events

Meet the Council District 1 Team and other County and community entities, at our Community Resources and Food Truck Night on Friday, September 20, at Beltsville Academy, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Rain date is September 27.

Join us for a Community Conversation regarding the potential relocation of the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, at Vansville Community Center (next to Vansville Elementary School), on Tuesday, October 1, from 7pm to 8:30pm.

On Wednesday, October 16, the Council District 1 Office will host a College, University, and Trade School Fair, at High Point High School, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Beltsville Development to Watch

As our community continues to grow, we will keep you updated on upcoming District 1 projects. Please note, once a zoning application has been filed, State Public Ethics law prohibits the Councilmember from discussing the case; however, you may contact Chief of Staff, Michelle García, at mjgardacio@co.pg.md.us with questions, or to request a copy of the application. Historic and developer requests for permits, as well as rezoning applications, may contact Chief of Staff, Michelle García, at mjgardacio@co.pg.md.us or calling 301.952.3887. Se habla Español. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram: @TomDernogaD1.

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The Office of Central Services (OCS) supports and is pleased to present proposed County Council Resolution CR-071-2019, declaring certain County-owned parcels as surplus inventory and approving the County Executive’s plan for disposal of such parcels. The resolution, if approved, will allow for the OSC to dispose of such parcels to various agencies, as well as to the public via bid process. To learn about property specific to Beltsville, contact Michelle García.

Please keep in touch by emailing councildistrict1@co.pg.md.us or calling 301.952.3887. Se habla Español. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram: @TomDernogaD1.

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It was a picture-perfect morning for such an occasion. The bench was surrounded by colorful custom-designed butterflies and bubbles from the great-grand daughters. The beautiful butterflies were strategically placed on the bench during the dedication. They pleasantly complemented the calm, peaceful, and majestic nature of the exercise trail, where the memorial bench is located.

Great conversations were spun, memories were retrieved, and laughter was released, while those in attendance for the dedication walked the exercise trail or sat on the memorial bench to enjoy the peaceful surroundings. After gazing at the quotation engraved on the plaque at the memorial bench, family members’ popular question that morning was what each had accomplished in order to receive the “You done good!” famous accolade from James W. Moore. The group reflected and made plans to visit the bench often.

The bench and nature trail embody such positive energy that the group exclaimed, “You done good!” on the warm July morning. A response back was heard by all in the midst of the warm summer breeze, “You done good!”

The vision of the memorial bench was a success and made possible with the help and expert guidance from Kathy Archer, commemorative gifts specialist for Prince George’s County Parks and Recreation Foundation, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.
Obituaries

Karl Norris

Karl Howard Norris, a resident of Beltsville for 65 years, passed away peacefully in Alexandria, Va., on July 17 following a brief illness. He was 98 years of age. Karl and his young wife Maxine Evelyn Norris (nee Thomas) moved to Beltsville from Oak Park, Ill., in 1950, when Karl took up a post as agricultural engineer at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). His assignment and his ambition were to develop new, automated, precise, nondestructive, electronics-based instruments and methods for assessing the quality of agricultural products. Techniques in routine use at the time were labor-intensive, imprecise, and/or invasive; hence, they were costly to both producers and consumers. Together with his BARC colleagues, Karl embarked on a long series of advances that eventually would revolutionize aspects of the food and grain industries, provide a foundation for similar applications in medicine, and gain him international renown. His early work focused on sorting eggs by color and on detecting interior defects in eggs, fruits, and vegetables by measuring the reflectance and transmission, respectively, of light waves. These techniques would be extended over time to include measurements of the fat, moisture, and protein contained in grains, oilseeds, fruits, vegetables, and meats, and of other important qualities of pharmaceuticals and petrochemicals. Karl’s truly groundbreaking studies lay in the detection and analysis of near-infrared (NIR) light, especially in reflectance from the objects he investigated. Spectroscopists had long regarded unraveling the characteristic NIR lines of complex substances as a hopeless endeavor lacking practical application. Karl was not a spectroscopist and did not realize the futility of the effort, so he stubbornly but good-naturedly proceeded to demonstrate that the impossible was, in fact, possible! For his achievements in NIR instrumentation and methodology, Karl would become known as the “father of near-infrared spectroscopy,” be inducted (1980) into the National Academy of Engineering, and see the eponymous international Karl H. Norris Award in Near-Infrared Spectroscopy (2003) established in his honor, among many other awards and accolades. Karl was known for his gentle spirit, personal warmth, and generous provision of encouragement and insight to his professional peers and junior colleagues alike. These characteristics also were evident in his personal roles in the life of the Beltsville community. Soon after they moved to Maryland, Karl and Maxine became members of Emmanuel United Methodist Church (EUMC). Maxine sang in the choir; Karl was a regular Sunday-morning usher and served on numerous church committees. In particular, he was a member of the Board of Trustees that oversaw the finance and construction (1957-1961) of the current church building. Karl and Maxine endowed members of EUMC to the ends of their lives. Along with other civic leaders, in 1967 Karl became a founding member of the Beltsville Rotary Club, which was affiliated with the philanthropic organization Rotary International. He served the club as an officer on several occasions and was twice honored as a Paul Harris Fellow for his charitable work, and was recognized for his 48 years of service in 2015. Karl served sinters as president of the Beltsville Citizens Association and of the Parent Teacher Association at local schools attended by his children. He also was a volunteer leader with the Boys Scouts of America. As hobbies, Karl enjoyed bowling, fishing, photography, and card games. He was a devoted member of a Friday-night poker group of Beltsville friends for many years. Karl and Maxine moved into Sunrise at Mount Vernon assisted living in Alexandria in early 2016 when residing alone in their multistory Beltsville home was no longer feasible. They found a welcoming community of neighbors there, very near their granddaughter and son-in-law when they needed assistance. Maxine predeceased Karl by almost two years on 28 August 2017. He is survived by a daughter, Deborah Norris DeVore; two sons, Mark Norris; two grandsons, Justin D’Amato and David Norris; three great-grandsons, Ian, Gannon, and Liam D’Amato; a brother, a sister, a son-in-law, a granddaughter-in-law; and numerous nephews and nieces. In recognition of Karl’s achievements on behalf of the USDA, the nation’s flag was flown at half-staff on 13 August 2019 at Agricultural Research Service facilities nationwide including, most appropriately, BARC. A Service of Remembrance will be held in Karl’s memory at noon on 5 October 2019 at Emmanuel UMC, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville MD 20705. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be sent to the Arthritis Foundation, a favorite charity of his due to Maxine’s struggles with the disease.

Catherine Dean

Dean, Catherine R.

On Thursday, August 8, 2019, Catherine R. Dean, the beloved wife of the late David H. Dean, Sr.; loving mother of Christine Dean, Lucian Dean, David H Dean, Jr. (Valerie) and Gregory (Aalea) Dean; also survived by 6 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild and 17 foster children, passed away. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home Beltsville, MD on Saturday, August 17, at 11 a.m. with The Reverend Moses Sangha officiating. Interment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

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Free Adult Dental Clinic—Sept. 13–14 in College Park

Do you have a tooth, gum, or jaw problem but can’t afford to visit the dentist? A free adult dental clinic will be held at the University of Maryland’s Xfinity Center (8500 Paint Branch Dr.) on September 13 and 14. Doors are open 7 am to 5 pm, and care will be provided to all adults over the age of 18 on a first-come, first-served basis. Please be sure to arrive as early as possible. All dental services are provided by licensed dentists and hygienists at NO COST.

Patient services include cleanings, endodontics/root canals, restorative fillings, and extractions. Additional services provided include health screenings, dental care prevention and disease management information, community resources (social services), and Spanish translators.

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Contact Us

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Little Paint Branch Trail Community Cleanup

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

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

We will provide trash bags and trash removal. We will have water available but no individual water bottles: they are the most collected trash in the park. So, bring your own and refill. For any questions, contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com. High school students: we can sign off for student service hours for your hard-earned service. Please bring your filled-in service verification forms.

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Tech Sense  By John Bell

Back to School 2019

It’s that time again when school is starting, and once again we are scrambling to find the tools our students need for the new school year. It has been three years since we took a look at useful software for students, so I thought it might be a good time to revisit the subject but focus on free software.

Free Office Suite Software
An office suite (similar to Microsoft Office) is a collection of several software components: a word processor, a spreadsheet, and a presentation tool. Some come with additional tools like a database, a drawing package, calculators, or note tools.

LibreOffice
LibreOffice is a popular free and open source office suite application that includes word processing, a spreadsheet, a presentation, and drawing tools, a math equation editor, and a database. The current version is 6.3.0 and can be downloaded from https://www.openoffice.org. The programs can create, read, and write files that are compatible with Microsoft Office. They can also export documents as PDF, epub, and HTML web files allowing your intrepid student to create e-books and web pages. LibreOffice is available for Windows, Linux, and Mac computers.

Google Docs
Google Docs is a lightweight, cloud-based office suite that offers a word processor, spreadsheet, presentation tool, and a Forms tool. These applications are “lightweight” and do not support the full functionality of suites like Microsoft Office or LibreOffice. However, there is no need to install any software to use the programs; instead you navigate using your web browser to https://docs.google.com and login to your Google account. This will give you access to the Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Forms applications. The apps support collaboration over the web allowing multiple people to work on a document at the same time. This can be useful for working on group projects over the phone. You can also use Google Docs if your internet connection is not available, but you must use the Google Chrome browser for offline editing.

The Forms function is new, allowing documents to be created that have blanks that can be filled in by others. For example, Forms can be used to create an invitation and pose the question “Are you coming,” offering the reader the opportunity to respond “yes” or “no.” The invitation is shared via email with the people on the invite list, and they are given a link to view the invite and respond. The responses are tallied by Google, and the Form creator can view the results.

All of the Google Docs apps are available to any computer that has a modern web browser. This includes Windows, Linux, Apple, and Chrome OS computers. Mobile apps for Google Docs are also available on Android and Apple phones and tablets.

Diagrams, Art, Photos, and Image Editing
Many times a student needs to create just the right diagram or image to enhance their project or paper. There are normally two broad types of 2D images encountered on a computer: vector images and bitmap images. Vector images are made using drawing programs that create instructions for drawing lines, curves, shapes, and fills. Vec-
**Neighbors in the News**

**Message to The Beltsville News**

Hello readers, we received this message through our website. Although we are unable to set up a GoFundMe page for this man and his daughter, it is a stark reminder that we have many neighbors in our community who are struggling. If you see this man and his daughter, please stop and show a little kindness.

Sincerely,
Rick

Dear Reporter:
I just met a homeless man with his beautiful 9-year-old daughter in this smoldering 99+ heat outside a Wawa gas station at 10515 Baltimore Ave, Beltsville, MD 20707, asking for gas. I gave the little girl a $10 bill and a 28 fl oz Gatorade for gas. If you see this man and his daughter, please stop and show a little kindness.

As I sat in my van, I lost my composure and started to sob profusely with unending tears dripping on my lap. I felt a sudden headache grip my head, feeling helpless for not being able to help. I thought of returning to interview them, take photos, and maybe post a story or create a GoFundMe page. Yet I kept on driving to work and in my sobbing asked Jesus to send them an angel to rescue them. I told Jesus to forgive me for not doing more to help rather requested Him to send the appropriate help.

As my guilt began to beat me, I asked what else could I have done? Then suddenly the Holy Spirit told me to contact a newspaper in Beltsville and narrate my experience above and ask them to help. Maybe you are the angel God wants to use to help them.


**Fall Event at First Baptist Church of Beltsville**

The First Baptist Church of Beltsville at 4700 Odell Road invites you to attend its special fall event scheduled for Saturday, October 26, at 1 pm. The event begins with a festival with pumpkins, hayrides, food, and games. At the end of the day, there will be a trunk or treat for the kids. This event is free to the community.

**Neighbors in the News**

**Newly Renovated Wellness for Life Fitness Center!**

Have you seen the newly renovated Wellness for Life Fitness Center? Located inside The Gardens Ice House in Laurel, MD, and serving the community for over 20 years, the fitness center is proud to announce its recent renovation of all cardiovascular and strength training equipment. Cardiovascular equipment includes treadmills, bikes, ellipticals, rowers, a stair climber, and more! The strength area features multiple power racks, benches, medicine balls, slam balls, dumbbells, barbells, TRX straps, and even a turf strip! These renovations are accompanied by the hiring of two additional personal trainers and an updated website (including an exclusive members’ area with workouts for members)! All memberships include a complimentary fitness evaluation with a certified trainer and the chance to ask questions about any of the new equipment.

The Wellness for Life Fitness Center will be hosting an open house for the public during the week of Monday, September 23–Saturday, September 28. Fitness center access (including group fitness classes) will be entirely free for nonmembers all week. Come celebrate the first day of fall with us and “Fall” into your new fitness routine! Call 301.498.6200 or email WFLFitness@gmail.com for more information.

**Club News**

**Women’s Club Activities**

The Women’s Community Club of Beltsville has been busy having fun this summer. We attended concerts at Riversdale Mansion, Gude Park in Laurel, and Montpelier Mansion. We went to Girls Night Out at Savage Mills. We will have gone to a Bowie Baysox baseball game by the time this article has been published. We are planning our first meeting of the fall season Thursday, September 12, at 7 pm at the Beltsville Community Center. We will be having a campfire with hotdogs and s’mores. Women interested in joining us please contact us at womenscommunityclubofbeltsville@gmail.com. Hope to see you!
Another Award-Winning Year for College Park Unit # 217

By Ivy Christoffers

Yes, at our recent state convention held in Ocean City, MD, College Park Unit # 217 American Legion Auxiliary received eight certificates of award for its efforts during the past year. These were in the categories of Children and Youth, Education, Legislature, Past President’s Parley (support of women veterans), Poppy, Public Relations (2), and a very special award recognizing one of our volunteers for the many hours she contributed to the programs. In fact, Tina Zook took first place in the state in the number of hours she spent working in the community for veterans. We are so proud of her unselfish dedication and unwavering passion to enhance the lives of veterans and community citizens. We have several dedicated volunteers in College Park Unit #217 and appreciate each of them.

This month we will see how we fared in Southern Maryland District when we attend the next Southern Maryland District meeting on Sept. 22. It is being held the same day that the National Mission Training is being held in Baltimore. It is sad that some must choose which to attend.

Other dates of importance this month are Patriot’s Day-Sept.11, POW/MIA Recognition Day-Sept. 20, and Gold Star Mother’s Day-Sept. 29. Of course, there is also Labor Day-Sept. 2, the beginning of autumn-Sept. 23, and Rosh Hashanah-Sept. 30. Our thanks to all who supported our school supplies drive for Hollywood Elementary School. If you have not yet dropped off your supplies, you still have a few days to do so. I must mention a most pleasant surprise regarding this.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTMBE 2019

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SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB:

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Dunamis Worship Chapel

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Prophet Pascal Kamgang is the senior pastor of Dunamis Chapel to whom God gave the vision of God. He has his bachelor’s degree in business administration and a diploma in theology and biblical studies. He’s a gifted prophet, preacher, teacher, apostle, and an evangelist. He is a father and a mentor to both the young and old. He is passionate about evangelizing and preaching the message of Jesus and the kingdom all around the world. The hand of God has been so evident on him, and his impact has been greatly felt since his entry into America. Feel free to join us for any of our services!

SUNDAYS:
1st Service 8:00 am–9:45 am
2nd Service 10:00 am–11:45 am
TUESDAYS:
Word Encounter and Communion
Cheerleading and fall baseball are also open for registration at beltsvilleadelphi.sportssignup.com. The Bulls cheer for the football and basketball teams at home games and events. There is a senior squad (ages 10-16) and junior squad (ages 4-9). For more information, contact Cheerleading Commissioner Dana Coleman at 240-175-8707. The Bulls baseball and t-ball teams, ages 5-15, will be participating in a recreational league this fall. A t-ball clinic for ages 3 to 5 is also being offered. Recreational baseball emphasis is on participation, good sportsmanship, and personal development. No prior baseball experience is needed. For more information, contact Baseball Commissioner Sheila Montano at 240-441-3011. John F. Kennedy said, “We are inclined to think that if we watch a football game or a baseball game, we have taken part in it.” Why not do more than watch the game and come out and join the stampede and really be a part of it? We are always looking for players, coaches, volunteers, etc. for all sports. We are also still looking for people interested in bringing soccer back to the club. If interested, please contact Club Athletic Director Rian Jackson.

As always, please contact Club Athletic Director Rian Jackson at jackson_rian@hotmail.com or 301.693.6395 for any questions, suggestions, or coaching inquiries.

GO BULLS!!! AND JOIN THE STAMPEDE!!!

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At our regular meeting on August 6, a most welcome visitor made a surprising and very generous contribution to this project. Our school supply angel is Mary Reilly, a veteran visiting our area for a few days who dug very deeply in her pockets to support early education. Thank you, Mary. Have you played bingo at College Park Post #217 on a Tuesday or Wednesday? We have great games of chance to keep you entertained. And there are our Friday night dinner dances every week to live bands. We have something for everyone. Come check us out. If you have a special event coming up, we have a great hall and chef to assist you. Call Gary Kingery at 301.441.2783.

Until next month, keep your active military in your prayers as they serve throughout this world in pursuit of peace. May God continue to bless America.

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September 13, 2019, Fish Fry Friday,
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Sunday, September 15, United Methodist Men’s Day, 10:00 a.m. Worship
Saturday, September 28, Yard Sale 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

How to get involved:
Attend worship on Sunday morning.
Serve on the altar team.
Serve in the nursery.
Serve as a coffee maker.
Serve in the worship center.
Serve on the praise team.
Serve with our youth group.
Serve with the community.
Serve in the office.
Serve in other ways.

Many people live here in Beltsville, and they are here to serve God. If you want to work with other people who want to serve God, you can join our regular worship services.

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Sunday Worship Schedule
7:45 a.m. – Quiet Service/Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. - Family Service/Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. – Sunday School
11:15 a.m.- Full Service/Holy Eucharist
Sunday Nursery Care 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday Worship Schedule
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Wednesdays:
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Sundays Bible Study and Sunday School begins
Sept. 8 from 11:15 am – Noon

Are you looking for a church family this fall? JOIN OURS!

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ter images can be scaled to nearly any size without becoming blocky or "pixilated." Vector images are frequently used for diagrams and drafting. Bitmap images are created using small dots or pixels and are used typically for images from photographs, screen captures, and video images, for example. If you enlarge these images beyond a certain point, the image is lost and you see blocks of color. Image or photo editing tools are used to edit these files.

Drawing Software
Inscapce is the most popular free and open source vector drawing package. It can be found at https://inkscape.org/ with the current version being 0.92. It has many more features than Draw and supports export to a large number of file formats. Inscapce supports Windows, Linux, and Mac computers.

LibreOffice includes the Draw program supporting the creation and editing of vector graphics. Draw saves files to the .odg file format, which is a little-used OpenDocument standard that most other applications can’t read. It also supports exporting files to several popular bitmap and vector formats for use with other programs.

Google Drawings is a very limited drawing program that can be accessed like the applications associated with Google Docs.

Image and Photo Editing
The most popular open source photo/image editing software is the GNU Image Manipulation Program, better known as GIMP. GIMP can be found at https://www.gimp.org/ and is available and supports Windows, Linux, and Mac computers. GIMP is a very powerful program often favorably compared to Adobe Photoshop.

Conclusion
This month I have tried to cover software that I think would be useful for today’s students and that are both free and open source. Each program is available for the three primary platforms: Windows, Linux, and Mac. The Google software also runs on Chrome OS, iPhones and other iOS devices, and Android devices. Questions and new topics ideas are always welcome. Have a great new school year.

EVENTS
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