UpStage Artists to Present a Comedy Classic to Kick Off Its 2023 Season!

By Rick Bergmann

UpStage Artists has been presenting theater in Beltsville since 2019 but didn’t have a full season (due to Covid) until this year. They are grateful to the patrons and artists from Beltsville and its surrounding areas who have performed in and come out to see their productions. For those waiting for their 2023 season, they have some good news and some bad news.

First, the bad news: UpStage Artists had intended to kick off its season with the classic Neil Simon comedy The Odd Couple. However, due to issues with obtaining performance rights, they are unable to do so. But the good news is that they still intend to bring a classic comedy to the stage this winter. They have chosen the hysterical “Arsenic and Old Lace” this winter. They have chosen to bring a classic comedy to the stage and make it their 2023 season.

This month we did a small fall cleanup at Little Paint Branch Trail Park. We collected 5 bags of trash. Many thanks to Garvey’s family, Rowan’s family, David’s family and Juan and Rosa’s family. We also are meeting in back in Beltsville Academy! All the dens have started their achievements.

It is not too late to join just contact Regina Halper at Pack-1031cubscouting@gmail.com for information. We are a family scouting unit. We learn outdoor skills, citizenship, STEM, nature and do service. We look forward to having another fantastic year!! We are back in Beltsville Academy for our den meetings. And happy to be meeting in our usual place and camping, doing service and hiking in the outdoors.

We are mask optional and still cautiously progressing toward regular meetings.

By Regina Halper

Cub Pack 1031 is getting ready for Scouting for Food along with Troop 1033!! We will be collecting cans and boxed food with unexpired dates on November 12th here in Beltsville. The donations will go to the food pantries at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and Emmanuel United Methodist Church. We will be putting out the sticky notes on November 5th. If you don’t get one just let me know your address and we will be sure to pick up your donation.

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Riderwood Celebrates Each Member in its Unique and Diverse Community

Silver Spring, MD - According to The Movement Advancement Project (MAP), an independent think tank providing research, insight, and analysis in support of the LGBTQ+ community, “there are more than 2.7 million LGBTQ+ adults aged 50 or older. Many have faced a lifetime of discrimination and/or a lack of legal and social recognition.”

At Riderwood, an Erickson Senior Living community in Silver Spring, Md., people come together to foster a spirit of acceptance among everyone in the diverse community.

Brian Koen, a resident services coordinator at Riderwood, understands first-hand the importance of this acceptance. He serves as cochair of the Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging’s (DIB) subcommittee for LGBTQ+ and Allies, known as PRiderwood. The DIB committee, made up of both residents and staff, works together to organize and host events and programs designed to increase awareness, evoke unity, and demonstrate support.

“I enjoy being a part of a diverse and welcoming community,” Koen says. “I feel very comfortable being myself at Riderwood. I am able to express myself for who I am. This was not the same growing up in Texas - high school was very difficult. For a long time, I was not comfortable being who I am. I’ve come a long way since then; I’ve now been married to a wonderful man for eight years. It is not too late to join just contact Regina Halper at Pack-1031cubscouting@gmail.com for information. We are a family scouting unit. We learn outdoor skills, citizenship, STEM, nature and do service. We look forward to having another fantastic year!! We are back in Beltsville Academy for our den meetings. And happy to be meeting in our usual place and camping, doing service and hiking in the outdoors.

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By President Karen M. Coakley

Auto thefts are on the rise, please remove valuables from your car and lock it. Also, park in a well-lighted area. As I drive around Beltsville at night, I am amazed at the number of homes that do not have any outside lights on. Lights are a deterrent. There are a variety of flood lights, dusk to dawn or motion sensitive. Battery operated and solar lights are easy to install if you cannot afford to pay an electrician.

Just a reminder that it is the time of year to check your smoke alarms and carbon Monoxide detectors. You should update the newer 10-year combination alarms because they have a 10-year sealed battery.

If possible, avoid Powder Mill Road and use Ammendale and Cherry Hill Roads to and from Route 1. Milling and paving began in October 3rd. The first phase of paving occurred between Pine and Rhode Island Avenue, and the second phase will be between Route 1 and Rhode Island Avenue, and the
Hair + Space to Open at The Spa at The Hotel at the University of Maryland

College Park blow-dry and beauty bar relocates, expands services at The Hotel

Collegiate Park, Md. (October 18, 2022) – The Spa at The Hotel at the University of Maryland announced today that Hair + Space Blow-dry and Beauty Bar will open this month within The Spa. The three-year-old College Park beauty hub will relocate from its existing location in The College Park Shopping Center on Baltimore Avenue to a new space inside The Spa. This relocation will allow Hair + Space to expand its menu of services and styles to help clients elevate their look between cuts and color.

Founded by Regina Holbert, a graduate of the University of Maryland and beauty connoisseur, Hair + Space delivers an out-of-this-world beauty experience for the modern woman, offering the perfect chemistry of speed and service, luxury and inclusion. Serving all women of every ethnicity and every hair type, Hair + Space provides stellar service from professionals who know how to care for women’s hair. Designed by Green Owl Design of Hyattsville, the new Hair + Space setting at The Spa delivers an abstract, earthy, dreamy celestial feel with room for nine stylist stations. Hair + Space will offer its signature blowout service that includes shampoo, scalp massage, blow-dry and styling, natural curl styling, and select braided and protective styles. Clients can choose from among four classic Hair + Space blowout styles: Milky Waves, Beam Me Up Body, Cosmic Curls and Supernova Straight. Additional hair TLC treatments include a Scalp Detox, Strength, Moisture and Shine Masks and Solar Steam Treatments.

“Regina and her talented team at Hair + Space have truly transcended the art of hair styling and beauty services,” said Shanna Wisniewski, general manager of The Spa. “We are excited for this opportunity to partner with these professionals to complement our recently expanded spa services and offer a truly personalized pampering and beauty experience for all guests of The Spa.”

“When I opened Hair + Space, I wanted to provide an affordable, convenient, on-trend, and luxurious hair styling experience for all women and all hair types,” Holbert said. “While the past three years have presented a fair share of operational challenges for businesses of all types, I am truly grateful to my clients and the College Park community for their support. I look forward to opening Hair + Space in our new home and working with The Spa at The Hotel at the University of Maryland to help every woman look and feel her best.”

The Spa is located on the fourth floor of The Hotel at the University of Maryland, which is celebrating its fifth anniversary of service to the College Park community in 2022. For more information about The Spa, visit www.thehotelumd.com/the-spa or contact The Spa at 301-699-4295.

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Learn more about Hair + Space by visiting www.hairandspaces.com.
Why I Volunteer for Beltsville Community Cats: Testimonials by BCC Volunteers

Many of you may wonder why people volunteer for an organization dedicated to improving the health and welfare of feral cats. Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) asked a few volunteers to briefly explain why they do what they do. One volunteer who fostered responded, “My daughter suffers from severe depression and anxiety. We started fostering for BCC in 2019 when she was at her worst. Fostering saved her life. Caring for cats and kittens brought her joy and gave her something positive to focus on every day.”

A colony feeder said, “I started feeding when a friend asked me to substitute feed for a few weeks. As I got to know each cat’s mannerisms and personalities, I found myself looking forward to seeing them run up to me and greet me by swirling around my ankles. For three years I have been feeding these kittens voluntarily because each of them has touched my heart and brightened tough days. They offered me a perspective of gratitude for having food, water and shelter available while feral cats don’t have such luxuries unless someone takes the time to care for them. Even one or two nights a week feeding at one location can make an incredible difference in the cats’ lives and in your life!”

Another BCC volunteer responded, “My love for cats extends to feral cats in the same fashion it encompasses feral dogs, distressed animals, and humans (particularly children) who are sick, lonely, hungry or in pain! Feeding feral cats is simply an extension of my love and compassion for those in need.”

Another colony feeder said, “I feel feral cats because it makes me happy. It is amazing to see their response. They come out to greet me, rubbing my legs and demanding (in a loving way) that I take a moment to pet them. While the more vocal kittens require more attention, it is a comforting feeling to know that in their own ways they all show their appreciation for my time and effort. It makes my heart smile knowing how much they appreciate what I do. I also enjoy my uninterrupted time outdoors with nature and these little four-legged heart-throbs. The bottom line is that feeding feral cats for BCC is a labor of love for me. I encourage you to take a moment to consider volunteering for BCC. I guarantee you will not regret it!”

Using Family Volunteer Day to Deepen Children’s Civic Engagement

(StatePoint) November 19, 2022, is Family Volunteer Day, a global day of service that empowers families to work together to support their communities. Increasingly, parents of young children are placing a larger focus on civic engagement and giving back, and this annual event is a great way for your family to get started or strengthen your involvement.

Need some guidance? The following actions draw upon Points of Light’s Civic Circle, a framework that helps people understand the many facets of civic engagement and provides an opportunity to show children the variety of ways they can support causes they care about this Family Volunteer Day. Combine these ideas to engage your whole family, strengthen your community and amplify your efforts:

1. Volunteer. Hands-on action is always an impactful way to get involved, especially on Family Volunteer Day. Whether you find time to volunteer at a local organization or use one of Points of Light’s DIY project guides, there are plenty of options for families of all ages and abilities. Consider projects that focus on issue areas that children can easily understand and get involved with, such as food insecurity, animal welfare and climate change.

2. Donate. Most organizations need financial support to continue their operations and deliver on their missions. Having a family volunteering for an organization or using one of Points of Light’s DIY project guides, there are plenty of options for families of all ages and abilities. Consider projects that focus on issue areas that children can easily understand and get involved with, such as food insecurity, animal welfare and climate change.

3. Learn. Children want to know why people volunteer for an organization dedicated to improving the health and welfare of feral cats. Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) asked a few volunteers to briefly explain why they do what they do. One volunteer who fostered responded, “My daughter suffers from severe depression and anxiety. We started fostering for BCC in 2019 when she was at her worst. Fostering saved her life. Caring for cats and kittens brought her joy and gave her something positive to focus on every day.”


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Riderwood Names Fiona Divecha, 20 Year Campus Veteran, as Director of Resident Life

Senior Living Professional and Innovator Joins Riderwood’s Leadership Team

Silver Spring, Md. – Riderwood, an Erickson Senior Living-managed community in Silver Spring, Md., is proud to announce the promotion of Fiona Divecha to director of resident life. Divecha brings more than 20 years of senior living experience to this leadership position.

Divecha began her career at Riderwood as a communications specialist when the community first opened its doors in 2000. She then joined the community resources team as a coordinator and in 2007 was named philanthropy manager, overseeing community, philanthropy, and the campus television studio.

“The Riderwood community is thrilled to welcome Fiona into her new leadership role,” says Dee Dee Gray-Weaver, executive director at Riderwood. “Fiona’s tenure with the community, engaging personality and love of our mission has her well-positioned for this new leadership role.”

Divecha holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from the College of Notre Dame. Divecha’s career success reflects how Riderwood is an exciting and rewarding workplace for today’s professionals. The campus offers a wide variety of careers from dining and resident life to marketing, health care and more. As an award-winning place of work, the campus offers generous employee benefits, ample career growth and promotion opportunities. Its diverse, inclusive community of employees is its greatest strength and what truly differentiates it in the marketplace.

From the Office of Council Member Tom Dernoga

Councilmember Tom Dernoga, Delegates Joseline Peña-Melnyk and Mary Lehman, and Chief of Staff, Michelle García at the annual Division VI Police, Faith and Blue Weekend. (Left to right.)

Medicare Policy Review

Time to review your Medicare supplemental policies. Will it be a Medicare Advantage program or independent Medicare additional policies? Which is best for you? Or is this the first time you are signing up for Medicare?

Here’s the low down. Approximately 64 million Americans will receive Medicare in 2023 nationally. Annual deductibles for Medicare Parts A, B, and D are increasing from $20 to $60. You must take the time to review your premiums or visit Maryland’s webpage for information about the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) by visiting https://bit.ly/seniorsmdSHIP. Help is available at the Prince George’s County’s SHIP office and can be reached by calling 301-265-8471 or the federal office, Medicare, at 1-800-633-4227 - calls are taken 24 hours a day, including weekends. Contact them to learn more about Medicare, coverage gaps, financial help with co-pays, or out-of-pocket expenses.

Federal Student Loan Forgiveness Application

Borrowers can apply for Federal Student Debt relief at https://bit.ly/FSAStudentAid. You could qualify for up to $20,000 in debt relief if you received a Federal Pell Grant in college and meet the income requirements. You could be eligible for up to $10,000 in debt relief if you did not receive a Federal Pell Grant in college and meet the income requirements. The debt relief applies only to your loan balances before June 30, 2022. Any new loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2022, aren’t eligible for debt relief.

Once an application is submitted, the United States Department of Education will send an email confirmation and review your application to determine eligibility. The Department may follow up for additional information. However, if there is no follow-up, no further action is needed following the application submission. Visit https://bit.ly/FSAStudentAid for more details.

General Election Day – Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Early Voting begins Thursday, October 27, and continues through Thursday, November 3 - hours are 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot for the upcoming Maryland Gubernatorial General Election is Tuesday, November 1. You will still be able to register during Early Voting and on Election Day if you meet the same-day registration criteria – you must have a Maryland driver’s license or an MVA-issued identification card.

There are 13 early voting centers located throughout the County. In addition, county residents can request a mail-in ballot online or text “VBM” to 77788. For more information, visit https://bit.ly/2022generalelection or call Prince George’s County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300.

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PEACE IN THE STORM

Howling through the cracks, Shaking walls and doors, Winds upset the seas
Crashing over shores.

Fogging up the views, Gray and dimming skies Cover rays of sun’s Light from searching eyes.

Tastes of heavenly pow’rs Mocking frailes, Yet, no fear can chase Love’s strong hold on me.

Here amidst the storm, Safe in God’s embrace, Warmed by promises, Mercies now, and grace.

I enjoy the scene Perched with Him on high Held completely calm Resting at His side.

Beckie Hutchings
10/03/2022
Statepoint Crossword: TV Hosts

ACROSS
1. Big splash, in the audience
6. Diminish
9. Miss America’s accessory
13. Wear away
14. V
15. Nile’s mouth, e.g.
16. Enter password (2 words)
17. Poetic “ever”
18. Misbehave (2 words)
19. “*Carpool Karaoke” James ______
21. “*The Tonight Show” longest-serving host
23. Negative conjunction
24. One of Five W’s
25. Communications regulator, acr.
28. Australian palm
30. Branch of traditional medicine, adj.
35. Monet’s water flower
37. Succotash ingredient
39. Indian side dish
40. Like dental exam
41. Administer
43. Frequent
44. Town news announcer
46. Do like eagle
47. Recipe command
48. *Not Fallon
50. Like a “Vogue” ad
52. “Is it ____ wonder?”
53. Onion’s kin
55. Am is to I as ____ is to we
57. *Certain Barbarian’s namesake
60. “*Last Week Tonight with John ____”
63. Indifferent to emotions
64. Tokyo, in the olden days
66. Type of car
68. Not upright
69. Floor cleaner
70. Not mainstream
71. Gallup’s inquiry
72. Word for a nod
73. Particular manner

DOWN
1. Electric swimmer
2. Gator’s kin
3. NBC’s peacock, e.g.
4. Deck out
5. Muscle to bone connector
6. Balanced
7. “*Full Frontal” Samantha ______
8. “Judge Wapner and Judge Judy “hosted” from it
9. 1/60th of min, pl.
10. Palo ______, CA
11. Like nonlethal gun
12. Accident
15. Squirrel or hummingbird, moving-wise
16. Like a “Vogue” ad
19. Like dental exam
20. ____ Kane of soap opera fame
22. Pleasurable interjection
24. Male witch
25. Bo-Peep’s sheep, e.g.
26. Wispy clouds
27. Request to Geico
29. Politicians, for short
31. Opposite of riches
32. Plants and animals
33. Did not go out for dinner (2 words)
34. *Late “Live” King of CNN
36. Original matter, according to Big Bang Theory
38. *Stewart’s successor
42. Judge Judy’s event
45. Remnant of the past
49. *Regis and Kathie ______
51. Critical situation
54. Hostile force
56. Black tie one
58. Skin infection
59. Tiny river
60. “My bad!”
61. Whirlpool
62. Commuter line
63. Pine juice
65. Bambie’s mom
67. Clinton ___ Rodham

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Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

Federal Student Loan Forgiveness - November Deadline

President Biden has announced $10,000 in student loan debt forgiveness for all borrowers making less than $125,000 a year. A simple application will need to be completed by November 15th. Visit Student Aid.gov/DebtRelief to learn more. COVID-19 emergency relief measures pauses payments on student loans were extended on ED-owned federal student loans through December 31, 2022.

Health insurance deadline: December 15

Delegates Joseline Pefia-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, Mary Lehman

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Pennefeather

Alexander, Joann Louise

Joann Louise Pennefeather Alexander passed away on November 11, 2022. She was born November 18, 1929, in Syracuse, NY to Joseph and Mildred Pennefeather. Joann was known as Penny in high school and early adulthood. She graduated from Hyattsville High School and the University of Maryland. She loved the natural world and was most at home in the outdoors where she could garden, study insects and the cycles of nature. Highlights of her USDA career included rearing cockroach-es for a Smithsonian exhibit, being published in The Explorer Magazine, and participating in a NASA project on cockroach reproduction in weightlessness. Joann was a member of the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, the Goddard Space Flight Center Music, and Drama Club, and volunteered with Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Ellen P. Hadder and Mildred G. Pennefeather. She leaves behind her husband, Carl; five children and 6 great grandchildren, her children Scott (Elizabeth) Pennefeather of Denver, NC, 4 grandchil-dren and 6 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held on November 14th at the UU Church of Silver Spring. Joann would be honored by a donation to either the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge, Friends of Patuxent – Donate, or her church, Give to Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church (breezechms.com).

Schyman Jr., William

William Schyman Jr., 92, passed away on Sunday July 3, 2022, at home in Stroudsburg, PA. He was born on February 14, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois as the only son of William and Mabel Schyman. Despite being hard-of-hearing since birth, Bill attended hearing schools growing up and was an avid basketball player among the public courts on the north side of Chicago. He gradu-ated from Lane Tech High School and went on to play his collegiate career at DePaul University under legendary coach Ray Meyers. Bill was a key member of the DePaul roster and was inducted into the DePaul University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006. Upon graduation in 1953 Bill joined the US Navy and after his tour of duty returned to Chicago to play for the Chicago Club of the Deaf Bill met and married his wife Helen, the love of his life. They are now sur-vived by their 3 children Albert, Arlene, and Deborah. Together they lived in Beltsville, MD while Bill worked as a PE teacher in Prince George’s County Public Schools. In 1965 Bill purchased 44 acres in the Pocono Mountains of PA where he established Pine Lake Camp. Bill spent the rest of his years in the Poconos, where he owned and operated Pine Lake Steel Homes.

Bill had a personality that filled the room. He was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time sur-rounded by his family overseeing his beloved Pine Lake with a cigar in his hand. There will be a private gathering of family on Friday, July 8, 2022. Details on a formal service will be released at a later date.

Whitcraft, Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Whitcraft passed away on Tuesday, September 27, 2022. She was born on December 11, 1930, in Annapolis, Md; preceded in death by her beloved husband, Carl V. Whitcraft; mother of Carl V. Whitcraft, Jr., Mary Elaine Ervin (Dennis), Tina W. Meegan (Michael), extended fam-ily, Marty Bronson and Nathan Omansky; grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of nine. Mary Ellen and Carl owned and operated the College Park Cabinet and Millwork Company for thirty-five years. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 11a.m. at Fort Lin-coln Cemetery, 3401 Bladensburg Road, Brentwood, Md. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Guiding Eyes for the Blind or American Heart Association.

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fundraiser can be a great way to support an organization or cause. Whether you run a lemonade stand, plan a virtual fundraiser, sell friendship bracelets or do something else creative, activities like these help youth learn planning skills and the value of supporting organizations financially.

3. Purchase Power. With the holiday season quickly approach- ing, gift giving is on many peo-ple’s minds. Have young people help you select gifts from small local businesses or BIPOC- or women-owned businesses. You can also find and support compa-nies that give back – either with a percentage of proceeds or by working sustainably.

4. Listen and Learn. A critical element of civic engagement is listening to and learning from the community you hope to serve. Before taking action, learn about what’s really needed. If you can’t talk to those directly impacted, ask a local nonprofit organization

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Let me start with this so that it does not get lost in the body of this piece. An interesting job opportunity has arisen in Dallas, Texas. The CEO of the Dallas Arboretum is set to retire in 2023, after 27 years of service in that position. If you know anyone in your circle of friends or family who might be interested, go to their website for more details. Apparently, the search is on for her replacement.

Speaking of jobs, I am excited that in my short time here in Dal-
as, since moving from Beltsville in 2019, I have been able to help a few people get jobs. Yes, the job market is interesting right now, but these are complete strangers whom I have been able to come into contact with on my day-to-
day activities at work.

On October 18, I saw a per-
son at my job whom I had tried to get hired since November last year. He is finally on board and is excited to get a full-time career job with benefits. I say this to say, it does not hurt to help others. I am just excited to be able to make a change in the life of a person.

Finally overcame my fear of dentists and went to see one a week ago, the first time in a loooong time. I had a bad experience as a 13-year-old where I was used as a Guinea pig, to have braces put in. This was in 1983 and the technol-
gy was new to Nigeria, and I was used as a case study. Dentist and I did not get along well, as a few times he was rough, and I would nip at him. Things got so bad that an 8 o’clock appointment would not happen till close to 11 am or midday. He wanted to get as much done before dealing with me and my drama. Remember back in the day, the technology was totally different. Not to bore you, but last week, the dentist gave me a clean bill of health, which she said was remarkable, since I had not been inside a dentist’s office in many years. Here is a tip from Texas Health and Human Ser-
vices: “As we get older, our gums can recede and expose the roots of our teeth … and can easily devel-
op decay. They can also be harder to treat. Things to consider for a healthy mouth: Brush, twice a day, floss daily, eat healthy, drink water for a dry mouth and do not delay — if you have a tooth that is bothering you, don’t delay getting it examined. Putting off treatment can worsen the issue and treat-
ment can be more expensive.”

One of PRiderwood’s first efforts was a cooking class. This year, the group went to a local Rita’s Italian Ice came to serve ice cream, and various other Riderwood clubs and groups set up tables, sharing materials and providing treats and giveaways. In addition, Riderwood’s human resources department gave out “Love is Love” bags to participants and guests.

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It is great to be able to share that here is a case study, and talk about my life openly.”

Making a difference

The PRiderwood subcommit-
tee began their efforts in earnest at the beginning of 2020 at a happy hour, designed to introduce the greater Riderwood community to their efforts and purpose.

One of the first to volunteer, resident Marilyn Gerhard, met Koen prior to her July 2019 move to Riderwood.

“My sister Laura [Winters] has lived at Riderwood for 16 years,” Marilyn says. “She believed I would feel welcome and comfort-

able living here as a lesbian wom-

an. As I was considering my move, she made a point of introducing me to Brian. We continued our friend-

ship following my move, and when he told me that the subcommittee was forming, I was interested in being a part of it right away. I’ve found Riderwood to be supportive from the beginning, and I was eager to help others feel as com-
fortable being who they are - as I am.”

Community member Pam McGhee joined Brian and Marilyn in their efforts.

“Riderwood is a lovely and inclusive community,” Pam says. “I learned that the subcommittee was looking for people from all dif-
ferent backgrounds. Although I am not part of the LGBTQ+ commu-
nity personally, I have gay, lesbian, and transgender family members and friends. I love and accept them all. It is important to me to show my support by volunteering on the subcommittee.”

Start of something special

One of PRiderwood’s first efforts was a fashion show for the community’s LGBTQ+ vets in the Riderwood Memorial Day parade. The group went on a buying binge and plan to shop their way to make the most of their efforts.

That’s the Jive for this month.

In addition, Koen and Mari-

lynn appeared on Riderwood TV during Pride Month to talk about their personal coming out experiences.

“I received only positive feed-

back. I’m fully out and open in the Riderwood community,” says Marilyn. “I did not come out to my family until I was in my 40s. I felt it was important to do so, in case any of my ten nieces or nephews was part of the LGBTQ+ community. As it turned out, I later learned that I have a gay nephew, a bisexual niece, and a transgender grandmother.”

A show of pride

At Riderwood, the culmination of Pride Month celebration is the Pride Parade. “This year, PRiderwood booked its very first drag queen to walk in the parade and to bring up the rear for our mouth of songs at the end,” says Koen.

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Classic Theatre of Maryland Celebrates a Decade of Professional Theatre in Annapolis

Classic Theatre of Maryland, a premier Maryland theatre company, formerly known as Annapolis Shakespeare Company, celebrates their 10-year anniversary with a packed 2022-2023 lineup including Twelfth Night.

Annapolis, MD (October 19, 2022) -- The Classic Theatre of Maryland (CTM) was founded by Sally Boyett in 2013 as a professional theatre company with a commitment to promoting the highest level of artistic excellence. CTM cultivates the widest possible audience and contributes to the economic and cultural growth of our community, state, and region through core experiences and programs.

As the theatre celebrates a decade of providing a courageous and invigorating experience for audiences, CTM invites those throughout the region to attend the bold, re-imagined, and vibrant productions.

Whether you are looking for professional critics and patrons alike. "Set... in the 1920s Golden Age of Hollywood, the Bard’s story of shipwrecked twins Viola and Sebastian (Teddy Wright and Ethan Graham-Horowitz), complete with cross-dressing, mistaken identities, comes to life very effectively in its adopted setting," said Chesapeake Bay Weekly’s Jim Reiter. "Such a great show! Don’t miss it!" said a CTM patron.

The 10th season will feature over 170 shows planned in celebration of this exciting milestone, including interpretations of Shake-spearean classics, two family-friendly holiday favorites, a Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, and some beloved comedies with a twist.

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To kick off the season, audiences can enjoy an exclusive night out at the theatre starting with Twelfth Night, which runs through October 30, 2022. Tickets start at $55.00 and can be purchased by visiting CTM’s website. Twelfth Night is already a critically acclaimed show, by both professional critics and patrons alike. "Set... in the 1920s Golden Age of Hollywood, the Bard’s story of shipwrecked twins Viola and Sebastian (Teddy Wright and Ethan Graham-Horowitz), complete with cross-dressing, mistaken identities, comes to life very effectively in its adopted setting," said Chesapeake Bay Weekly’s Jim Reiter. "Such a great show! Don’t miss it!" said a CTM patron.

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This is reflected in the outstanding quality of the work at CTM and is unparalleled in the region."

Prominent actors and directors who have contributed their award-winning skill and talent at CTM over the last ten years include Sally Boyett, Donald Hicken, Marco Ramos, Angie Schwerer, Mike Noonan, Ian Knauer, Marc Irwin, and William D’Eugenio. Awards and accolades among this group of professionals include Helen Hayes Awards, Tony Award finalists, Emmy nominations, and more.

CTM would like to thank the Maryland State Arts Council, ACAAC, as well as this season’s partners including Reynold’s Tavern, Smashing Grapes Restaurant, Historic London Town, and the Annapolis Symphony. For more information on CTM’s 10th Anniversary season, or to purchase tickets, please visit classictheatremaryland.org.
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Tech Sense  By John Bell

Shopping for Holiday Tech 2022

In some ways I am feeling the way Costco must feel when they start to put Christmas merchandise out in October before Halloween. But if I want to give you technology shopping advice before Black Friday then I have to write in October to meet my deadline. This Holiday Season seems to be full of uncertainty as we are still feeling the economic impacts of the COVID virus. But things are better in that now seems to be safer to go out into public and shop. Even if the shelves are empty and prices are going through the roof. The sales season may be extended this year. Amazon already had big sales in October this year with some great prices on Amazon hardware. Amazon has released newer versions of their eReader, TV Streaming, and Voice Assistant devices. This usually means that the older versions will often be available at extremely good prices if any are left by Black Friday.

Home Voice Assistants

Google, Apple, and Amazon all make and sell home voice assistants. These devices wait for your command and respond with hopefully an appropriate answer. If you have an Apple household, that is; you own multiple Apple phones, computers, tablets and Apple TV, then you may get value from Apple’s Siri based assistant. Otherwise, I can only recommend the Amazon series of devices that answer to the command “Alexa.” The reasons are as follows; both Google and Alexa have many more devices sold and operationally more than Apple. Google and Alexa tend to follow standards making it more likely that the devices you want to control will work with the assistant. But Google has now earned a reputation of abandoning devices and applications leaving consumers without solutions. The Stadia gaming platform is a good very recent example. Also, Amazon usually discounts their devices during the holiday season.

Mobile Phones

Of course, mobile phones always make a good practical gift. Apple has released the 14 series of iPhones priced at $1000 and more. From what I hear, most people are better off waiting until the next series from Apple. Google has just released their Pixel 7 series and it is getting excellent reviews. Priced from $600 to $900 and with cameras that rival Apple’s the phone is less expensive and gets all of the power of the most recent versions of Android with Android security updates for 5 years. The Pixel 6a is also still available for less than $500 but is expected to be replaced early next year by the Pixel 7a. Last year I purchased a Pixel 5, and I am very happy with it.

Motorola is being recognized this year for its series of value phones, particularly the G series. These phones are priced as low as $169 many with 5G support. There are also some great bargains on last year’s models. Most Motorola phones have excellent battery life but the primary downside I have found is the slowness with deploying updates and lack of NFC.

Last year I said there was no need to move to 5G because the technology is not yet ready. Well, the technology is here now, so if you get a 5G phone it should work with the three major carriers. But if you choose to wait longer that will be OK too.

Computer Shopping

Home computers basically come in two forms, laptops and desktops. Laptops are portable devices that are easily carried around. Desktops are typically larger and tend to be stationary. In general Desktops are better for high end gaming and working with video and artwork. Desktops are often upgradable to add more storage, faster video cards, and add other expansion devices. Laptops are great for portability but have limited ability to be updated. It is possible to buy laptops for specific purposes such as gaming but if you do make certain that the laptop supports the specifications you require to play the games you want.

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third phase will be between Rhode Island and Garrett Avenue. Paving will take place between 11:00 am and 10:00 pm. In addition to the paving, there are still ongoing drainage improvements and sidewalks are being installed between Garrett and Rhode Island Avenue daily between 8 am and 4 pm.
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man will be directing it!
The show is a master class in comedy. Drama critic Mortimer Brewster’s engagement announcement is upended when he discovers a corpse in his elderly aunts’ window seat. Mortimer rushes to tell Abby and Martha before they stumble upon the body themselves, only to learn that the two old women aren’t just aware of the dead man in their parlor, they killed him! Between his aunts’ penchant for poisoning wine, a brother who thanks he’s Teddy Roosevelt, and another brother using plastic surgery to hide from the police—not to mention Mortimer’s own hesitancy about marriage—it’ll be a miracle if Mortimer makes it to his wedding. Arsenic and Old Lace is a classic black comedy about the only thing more deadly than poison: family. As always, UpStage Artists works with new and seasoned performers. Don’t let lack of experience stop you from auditioning for them. Auditions for the show will take place at Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3 from 7-9 pm. If you are interested you can visit their website, www.upstageartists.com. If you have any questions, contact them at info@upstageartists.com. Come out and support community theater!

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Most computers sold today should come with Windows 11. A Windows 11 computer has hardware requirements that many Windows 10 computers cannot meet. So, a Windows 10 computer is likely to be obsolete in the next 3 or so years.

There is a series of computers that use Chrome OS. Chrome OS computers tend to be less expensive and easier to use. They load their software from the Internet and have limited local storage capability. Many are incapable of playing modern games. But that is changing as new technologies allow remote rendering. Chrome OS is a good choice for those that primarily use their computers to access email and use the Internet.

Tvs and Streaming

If you plan to purchase a new TV for the holidays, make sure it is at least an Ultra High Definition (4K UHD) High Dynamic Range (HDR) television with resolutions of 3840 by 2160 pixels. Not much has changed since last year, but some big bargains are back this year.

Most streaming devices have now been updated to support 4K UHD/HDR and service like Disney+ and HBO Max are now delivering 4K streams.

Home and Auto Security Cameras

Doorbell cameras, indoor, outdoor, and driving cameras have all become very popular as gifts over the past couple of years. Remember that most monitoring cameras for the house also require a subscription service to capture and archive the video. This also means that your home views may be viewable by strangers if the company has a security breach.

Car cameras normally record a loop while the vehicle is being driven and will store data on the camera when an accident occurs. They are not Internet connected and do not pose much of a risk.

Wrap Up

Well, I am out of space so I guess that this will wrap up my list for this year. It is great to see our community open up again. The couple of years have been challenging for many of us. Let’s all remember the things we have to be thankful for this Holiday season. May all your gifts bring joy to those that receive them!
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