Cub Pack 1031 Racing towards Summer
By Regina Halper

On Saturday, June 4th, Pack 1031 held their Pinewood Derby. We had an exciting time with fantastic cars! The winners of the Annual Pinewood Derby were First Place Tiger, Rowan M. The 2nd and 3rd place win were remarkably close with 9 heats that finally ended with Bear Scout Anya P. in 2nd Place and Webelos Ian K in 3rd Place! Excellent job scouts!! Many thanks to adults, Sean H and Christian S who ran our race and Jennifer K and Derek P who called the race results!

Interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts for your child? Beginning in the end of June we begin our summer program, where we plan to do outdoor, STEM, nature and do service. Please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for information.

We learn outdoor skills, citizenship, nature and do service. We are a family scouting unit. We learn outdoor skills, citizenship, STEM, nature and do service. 100% of our active scouts earned their rank this year! We always strive for over 85% to earn their rank but this year they did fantastic!!

We are still being cautious, we meet weekly (either virtually or in person in the outdoors), stay arm’s length apart and we keep it fun! This fall we hope to be able to meet in the Beltsville Academy. If the numbers are up, we do wear masks unless we are hiking or hiking in family groups. Our den leaders are 100% vaccinated and our scouts too!

UpStage Artists Presents The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

UpStage Artists is excited to present it’s first children’s production, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz this July. This play is an adaptation of L. Frank Baum’s classic children’s story by UpStage Artists board member John Cusumano. The cast is made of 16 children and 1 adult. All the children come from Beltsville and its surrounding areas.

Dorothy thinks she’s lost forever when a tornado whirls her and her dog, Toto, into a magical world. To get home, she must find the wonderful wizard in the Emerald City of Oz. On the way she meets the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodman and the Cowardly Lion. This is a fantastic show to bring the family to!

Show dates are July 22, 23, 29 and 30 at 7pm and July 24 and 31 at 2pm. Tickets are only $10. Purchase tickets online at www.upstageartists.com/tickets. All performances take place at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Beltsville Briefs

Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church of Beltsville
The First Baptist Church of Beltsville will be hosting vacation bible school again this year. It will take place August 1-4 from 9:00 am to noon. This year’s theme is Joy to the World and will feature Operation Christmas Child: The Samaritan’s Purse. There will be Bible Study, Shoe Box Building, Music, Skits, Games, Snacks, and more. If you have any questions you can call 301-937-7771. Register online at https://www.fbcbeltsville.org/vbs.cfm.

Beltsville Seventh Day Adventists Feeds Local Residents
On Friday May 27th, the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist church had one more food distribution event. Done by the Beltsville Adventist Community Center (BACC) in coordination with the PG county food bank, they gave out approximately 500 county food boxes at a drive through at church parking lot. This is approximately the 30th event held by BACC, due to the impending storm the event started at 10:30 AM, a bit early, and finished about 1:30 just before the storm hit; there is always food available at the Beltsville Adven...
Residents for a Better Beltsville (RBB) is working to restore the historic Methodist Slave Cemetery located in Beltsville.

Please note the historic overview and current photos taken of the location on May 21, 2022, Connect with RBB on our Social Media: Twitter:@BetterBville; Facebook/BetterBsville; and Instagram: /BetterBsville

From History of the Methodist Church in Beltsville

In June 1836, Evan and Verlinda Beall Shaw sold one acre of land to five Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church ($5 a person) for the purpose of building a structure for worship. This land was part of the Shaw plantation, located in Beltsville. The church was named Ebenezer Meeting House and stood at the northeast corner of the intersection of what is now Gunpowder Road and Powder Mill Road. The late Miss Susie Beall recorded in her writings the following: “The church building was a small log structure with a gallery across the rear of the church. The plantation slaves sat in the gallery which was reached by an outside ladder. A small graveyard surrounded the church. Some stones were still standing after 1900. The cemetery contained whites of the community and slaves. The congregation was led by Circuit Riders and later by the father of Marcellus Roby.” Today this land belongs to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and about a dozen graves are marked only by field stones. From 1842 to 1848, Ebenezer was part of the Bladensburg Circuit. Ebenezer and more than a dozen other churches were probably part of the Bladensburg Circuit before 1842. Evan Shaw’s will, dated January 1857, stated that his slaves were to be freed and were to inherit his plantation at his and his wife’s death. Mr. Shaw died in 1858 and his wife, Verlinda, died a few years later. Land records from 1866 show that the former slaves sold 100 acres of the plantation, and in 1877 they sold the remaining acres. This included the one acre of land where Ebenezer Meeting House stood and the surrounding cemetery. No record has been found showing that the Baltimore Conference has ever claimed the one-acre purchased by the trustees in 1836. Apr 14, 2007 · Ebenezer Meeting House was built on this location and was in use until about 1861. A cemetery was located near the log meeting house. Several gravestones still remain. Erected 1986 by the Prince George’s County Histori cal Society. Topics. This historical marker is listed in this topic list: Churches & Religion. Location.
It’s Raining Kittens!

We keep thinking the calls about kittens will slow down, but they don’t. Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) volunteers were extremely busy in May and June, rescuing kittens born outdoors. And, the kittens just keep coming.

Research indicates that over half of unattended kittens born outside don’t live to be one year old. That is a high rate of mortality and a sad statistic. Animal rescue groups like BCC enlist volunteers to trap and rescue kittens born outside. These kittens are placed in foster homes where they learn to be house pets. The kittens are sterilized, vaccinated, combo tested and microchipped before they are adopted into forever homes.

In May and June of 2022, BCC took in over 30 kittens. Many of these kittens came from a single industrial site in Beltsville. Most were suffering from severe eye infections and upper respiratory infections. One was born with no back feet. Finding foster homes and covering the medical bills for these kittens has placed a financial burden on BCC.

You may be wondering how you can help. There are several ways. First, you can provide a small donation towards the medical bills for these furbabies. Second, BCC is in desperate need of foster homes for both short- and long-term placements for these kittens. If you’ve thought about fostering, but are concerned about making a long-term commitment, consider signing up to foster kittens short-term while their regular foster parents are vacationing this summer. We need temporary foster homes for 2 to 5 weeks at a time, as well as for permanent foster homes for longer-term placements. And lastly, we are looking for adoptive homes for our kittens.

Interested in donating to BCC? Visit our website at https://beltsvillecats.net/donate to donate through PayPal or Venmo, or mail a check to BBC, PO Box 942, Beltsville, MD 20704. Please specify if you want your donation to go toward medical expenses for kittens.

If you are interested in fostering for BCC, complete our application to foster at: http://www.shelterluv.com/matchme/foster/BCC/Cat.

If you are interested in adopting from BCC, check out the cats and kittens we have available for adoption on our Petfinder page at: https://www.petfinder.com/member/us/md/beltsville/beltsville-community-cats-md506/, and apply to adopt at: https://www.shelterluv.com/matchme/adopt/BCC/Cat.

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FIND US at 4220 Ammendale Road, Beltsville MD 20705, located in the house behind the Beltsville SDA Church

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**Obituaries**

**Cherone, Michael Joseph (Pickle)**
Michael Joseph Cherone (known as Pickle) died June 18, 2022 after his eight-year fight with cancer. Born January 19,1960 he lived most of his life in Beltsville, Maryland. He is survived by Nancy Anderson. Beloved son to Louis and Eleanor (Jorden) Cherone. Brother to Mary and Thomas Robb, Louis Jr and Ann Cherone and Anna Reising Foley. He is the proud father of two girls, Monica and son in law Josh Denison and Gloria Cherone and her fiancé Chris Maldeon. Grandfather to Abby, Amelia, Josh, Michaela, Anna and Bianca as well as Uncle of 11 nieces and nephews and 15 great nieces and nephews. He is greatly loved by family and friends. He will be missed forever.

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**Erickson Senior Living Promotes Dee Dee Gray-Weaver to Executive Director of Riderwood**

Executive team member takes on new leadership role

Silver Spring, Md.-Erickson Senior Living, a national leader in developing and managing continuing care retirement communities, has named Dee Dee Gray-Weaver as executive director of Riderwood in Silver Spring, Md. Gray Weaver brings 20 years of managerial experience to this leadership position.

“Dee Dee has been a valued and respected member of the Riderwood family since joining us as associate executive director in 2017,” says Kerry Jones, Erickson Senior Living’s vice president of corporate operations. “Her passion for providing strong leadership and exceptional service have been instrumental in helping our community achieve impressive resident and employee satisfaction.”

Before becoming part of the Riderwood leadership team, Gray-Weaver spent nearly 15 years at Choice Hotels, where she honed her exceptional hospitality and managerial skills.

“I am honored to continue to work with the experienced and dedicated team of professionals who are committed to exceeding residents’ expectations each and every day here at Riderwood,” says Gray-Weaver. “Together, we will continue to help those who live and work on the campus receive a truly remarkable experience.”

Gray-Weaver holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Maryland, College Park and a master of business degree from American University’s Kogod School of Business.

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**This is in memory of my dear friend Carolyn Scarcia (6/25/32 – 5/29/22)**

By Karen Bowen Shaw

Carolyn recently passed away at her Beltsville, MD home after a lengthy illness. She was very close to my mother Bytha Bowen who passed away in April 2002. After my mom passed away, Carolyn took it upon herself to send me a birthday card every year that was signed by her and my mom. When I would go down to my dad’s house, I would try to make a point of going to see her. I would call her just to see how she was doing or feeling as she was legally blind. I considered her my other mother as I didn’t have one, but I always said “I love you” after my calls. The last time I visited her was on May 19th. I stopped by there after midnight. I will miss her a lot. Her and mom were considered the Beltsville Streetwalkers, as they walk together all the time. In 1976, I went with her and mom on a bus trip to New York City (my first and only trip there). We went on a carriage rides together through Central Park. So now they are both in Heaven together and can walk wherever their hearts desire.

May you rest in peace Carolyn.

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**News from St. Joseph’s Catholic Church**

St. Joseph Catholic Parish
Religious Education Program
2022–2023 registration for students in kindergarten through 8th grade is available on the parish website, www.stjosephbeltsville.org, online. Deadline is September 1. Classes are for students who are in public school or homeschooled and are held weekly on Sunday, 9:30am-10:15am in classrooms in the multi-purpose room. For more information contact: rel@stjosephbeltsville.org

Do you know someone who seems interested in learning more about Jesus or about our Catholic Faith Family? Anyone, adult, or a child who is unbaptized, baptized into another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but has never received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, contact:rel@stjosephbeltsville.org.
SPOT COLOR

Statepoint Crossword: Classic Children's Stories

ACROSS
1. Kitchen boss
5. Churchill's "so few"
8. Epochs
12. "Watch out!" on a golf course
13. East of Java
14. Pinocchio's state of being
15. Hard currency
16. Emanation
17. TV and radio
18. Mr. Popper's birds
20. Newspaper piece
21. "Like 'Goosebumps Classic'
22. "What?"
23. Richard Scarry's Things That Go
26. Oxygenate, as in lawn
29. Skin cyst
30. Middle Eastern meat dish, pl.
31. Antonym of "yup"
32. Dispatch boat
34. Female sheep
35. Throat infection
36. "I think I can, I think I can...", e.g.
41. "...Spot run!"
43. Accounting journal
45. The Plaza Hotel resident of kids' book fame
47. Long, long time
48. Caffeine-containing nuts
50. Off-color
52. Ludwig Bemelmans' Pari-
sian boarding school resident
55. Middle Eastern porter
56. "____ Brockovich"
57. Karl of politics
59. In a cold manner
60. Obscenity
61. Middle of March
62. Fringe benefit
63. Bodies
64. Put in the outbox

DOWN
1. Chlorofluorocarbon, abbr.
2. Obstacle to jump through
3. Great Lake
4. Tiny fox with large ears
5. Two halves of a diameter
6. Like one in isolation cell
7. Evergreen trees
8. "Babar, e.g.
9. Thumb-up catch
10. Full of enthusiasm
11. "The Little Mermaid" domain
13. Stock exchange, in Paris
14. Affair, to Emmanuel Macron
   greedy role
22. "For ____ a jolly ...
23. Clement Clark Moore's famous beginning
24. Live it up
25. Join forces
26. Aid in crime
27. Bodies
28. "Athos', Porthos' and
   Aramis' swords
31. "Corduroy or Paddington
32. Stiff grass bristle
34. "D'Artagnan's sword
36. "Fit ends, according to
   Shel Silverstein
38. North American purple
   berry
40. ____ at Work, band
41. Give in
44. Worshipful
46. Isis' brother and husband
48. Cause and effect cycle?
49. Abhorrence
50. RBG's collar, e.g.
51. Arabic for commander
52. Screen
53. "Little Mermaid"
54. D'Artagnan's sword
55. It ends, according to
   Shel Silverstein
56. "I think I can, I think I can...", e.g.
57. Arabic for commander
58. New York time

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Budget Highlights

The County Council adopted the FY 23 Operating and Capital Budgets. The total Operating Budget adopted equals $5.08 billion. The General Fund portion of the budget of $4.226 billion is $432 million over the approved FY 2022 budget of $3.795 billion for an increase of 11.4%. The County Council approved the Board of Education Operating Budget in the amount of $2.63 billion. In addition, we approved the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCP-PC) Operating Budget at $549.4 million and its Capital Budget for $153.5 million. There are no increases in tax rates. The WSSC FY 23 Operating Budget is $864.6 million, and the Capital Budget totals $606.2 million. There will be a WSSC Rate Increase of 6.5%. Additional budgets that the Council is responsible for approving include the Revenue Authority budget of $41,393,800 and the Redevelopment Authority budget of $661,300.

During the COVID-19 financial response and current economy recovery, Prince George’s County still maintains the AAA Bond rating, and has maintained this rating from all three major bond rating agencies since FY 2012.

The Department of Family Services will have a total budget of $7,068,100 that will include $200,000 additional funding to the Youth Services Bureaus and $75,000 for senior support services. The Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department will receive $2 million for this year and $6.9 million for next year to build a new Rescue Squad Station for the Laurel Fire/EMS #849 (Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad) after more than 20 years bouncing around the budget. The Department of Public Works and Transportation will receive an additional $3.5 million for road repairs, totaling $33 million and translating to $3.68 million per Council District.

Electric Vehicles Infrastructure

I am proud to report back that our legislation requiring electric vehicle infrastructure in all future residential buildings was enacted by the Prince George’s County Council on Tuesday, June 7th. As gas prices are climbing, the demand for electric and hybrid vehicles is increasing. I presented County Bill-15-2022 in March of this year to accelerate the transition to green technology. Following Federal and State commitments to electric vehicle (EV) charging ports, CB-15-2022 will ensure all single-family residential homes approved after 2022 will have level 2 charging ports built into the property for future use. As the number of electric vehicles in Maryland has increased from roughly 18,000 in December of 2020 to nearly 50,000 as of November of 2021, with a projection of 790,000 electric vehicles by 2030, the time to act is now. The cost for charging stations ranges from below $1,000, up to $4,000 per port. Thus, CB-15-2022 ensures that the cost of retrofitting properties for the charging ports will not be borne by the homeowners and will codify one of the recommendations from the county’s Climate Action Plan.

I would like to thank all my colleagues and stakeholders such as County residents, PEPCO and the Maryland Builders Association for their great work to ensure our County continues to move in the right direction.

Keep in touch

Email us at councildistrict1@co.pg.md.us or call 301-952-3887. Se habla Español. For invitations and community events you would like to share with us, please email district1scheduling@co.pg.md.us with details. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram: @TomDernogaD1

Caption: A successful Council District 1 Team meeting. Checking in with everyone on the team, discussing upcoming events in District 1, and how we can better serve you.

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dinner comments, I pointed out the need to correct this situation by providing greater parent choice in education. In this way, quality and value would naturally emerge in public education through the normal function of competition and choice in the free market, non-government economy. By contrast, the current centralized system, built on coercion, censorship, and monopoly, only breeds corruption and lack of accountability, such as recently reported in the review of grade-fixing in the Baltimore City school system.

According to a recent ABC news article, the Maryland Inspector General in its review of the Baltimore City Schools “found 12,542 examples where high school grades were changed from failing to passing between 2016 and the end of the 2019-2020 school year.” Sadly, this is only the latest evidence in a long history of failure and mismanagement in the governance of education in Maryland. Without a fundamental change of direction, this deplorable situation in public education will only get worse by the reckless, irresponsible funding increases and policy mandates set in motion by the current General Assembly.

In my campaign, I hope to raise this and other issues with many community groups as County residents, PEPCO and the Maryland Builders Association for their great work to ensure our County continues to move in the right direction.
Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

July 19th Maryland Primary

Maryland’s 2022 Primary Election is on Tuesday, July 19th. We want to be sure you have the information you need.

What races are on the ballot?

- US Senate and House
- Governor, Attorney General, and Comptroller
- State Senator and Delegates
- County offices, including County Council, County Executive, and State’s Attorney.
- Other important races, such as Circuit Court Judge and Democratic and Republican central committees.

Can I still register to vote?

Visit the Maryland State Board of Elections to register or check your registration status. The deadline to register to vote online has passed for the Primary election – but you can still register to vote during early voting or on election day by bringing proof of residence to your nearest polling place.

How do I vote by mail?

If you choose to vote by mail, you must request your ballot up through July 19th. You can drop your ballot off at a drop box or put it in the mail anytime up through July 19th.

How do I vote in person?

You can also vote in person at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center or the College Park Community Center (check your voter registration to know which is your polling place). Early voting begins July 7th and runs through July 14th, open 7am to 8pm. Election day is Tuesday, July 19th, and will last from 7am to 8pm.

Senator Jim Rosapepe through the state Board of Elections website by July 12th. You can drop your ballot off at a drop box or put it in the mail anytime up through July 19th.

Senate College Scholarship Application Deadline – Friday, July 8

Each Senator and Delegate is allocated funds for scholarships to students in our district who attend Maryland colleges. There are so many deserving students in Beltsville. With college tuition a struggle for many families, we need to do everything we can to help hardworking students get a good education. We can’t help everyone with Senatorial Scholarships, but we can certainly help some.

To apply online for a 2022-2023 Senate scholarship, students should visit www.21stdistrictdelegation.com/collage-scholarships, and the deadline to apply is Friday, July 8. The application period has ended for a separate Delegate scholarship from Delegates Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and Mary Lehman, but look to apply early next year.

Contact us

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

Vote By Mail

Your request for a mail ballot application must be received (not just mailed) by Tues July 12.

Ballot drop off locations:

- Laurel Beltsville Senior Center (check your voter registration to know which is your polling place)
- College Park Community Center
- Laurel Community Center

Be sure to check your voter registration to know which is your polling place.

21st District Democratic Team

Beltsville Voter Guide

Dear Beltsville neighbors,

For the past four years, Delegates Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, Mary Lehman and I have represented you in the Maryland legislature. We’ve done our best to help working and retired families — and keep Beltsville a good place to live.

Our recommendations for other offices are below. Our party is blessed with several great candidates for Governor, Attorney General, and US House. While we don’t have specific recommendations for those races, we know them and look forward to working hard for whichever wins the Democratic Primary.

If you have questions or would like to discuss any of the candidates, email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call us at 240-712-4646.

Many thanks!
Ben, Jim, Mary, Joseline

Vote Early

July 7-14

7am-8pm
Vote early July 7-14 at the Laurel Beltsville Senior Center or the College Park Community Center.

Vote By Mail Now!

Your request for a mail ballot application must be received (not just mailed) by Tues July 12.

Neighbors in the News

UpStage Artists Announces Auditions for Agatha Christie’s And Then There Were None

UpStage Artists announces auditions for its final show of the 2022 season, Agatha Christie’s incredible mystery And Then There Were None! The show will be directed by Megan and Michael Safko. It’s a wonderful thriller and mystery, one of Christie’s best.

The story involves ten strangers who are summoned to a remote island. All that the guests have in common is a wicked past they’re unwilling to reveal and a secret that will seal their fate. For each has been marked for murder. As the weather turns and the group is cut off from the mainland, the bloodbath begins and one by one they are brutally murdered in accordance with the lines of a sinister nursery rhyme.

Auditions are Friday August 19 from 7-9 pm and Saturday August 20 from 3-5 pm at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane Beltsville, MD 20705. You can register online or just walk in. If you are walking in and have a resume and headshot, please bring it with you. If not, that is ok too. Questions, contact UpStage Artists at info@upstageartists.com. You can get all the information at www.upstageartists.com.

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Still better than the 200 mbps per second but I am currently getting to replace my DOCCIS 3.0 cable my Internet service bandwidth at cast. This year Comcast increased rent inferior equipment from Com- cast.  By paying $14 per month to purchasing my own network gear cable modem I use for Comcast/ upgrades Internet Modem and personal equipment.  I want to consider for your home ics, staring with updates you may be able to make to speed of your LAN.  You can add on components that can add up to make a bigger difference.

Wireless Upgrades

I did this many years ago, but I see that many people are still running 100-megabit CAT5 cable in their houses. Most modern routers support a gigabit signal but will automatically drop down to 100 Megabit when it is detected. It is a good idea to run new CAT6 cable that can handle signals up to 10 Gbps. The faster speeds will support faster data transfer throughout the local area network (LAN) in the house even if your Internet is slower. My other Internet Service Provider (ISP) offers what they call Gigabit service both up and down. The reality is that it is closer to 800 Mbps down and about 900 up. You will need CAT6 cable to support those speeds on your LAN. You may wonder why I haven’t mentioned CAT5e. The reality is that CAT5e is already obsolete. CAT6 has been out for years and the 10 Gigabit devices are starting to appear now and have been in data centers for a long time.

Wireless Phone Upgrades

Oh, there are many things that may drive you to upgrading your mobile phone, but I am not going to talk about better cameras, new operating systems, water-proofing, foldability, or other features that don’t really make a phone a communications tool. I am talking about 5G a new technology for wireless communications. The phone companies have been telling us for 10 years that 5G was going to change the world and make it a better place and making all sorts of outlandish promises for the technology. Well 5G is finally here now and while it is impossible for it to live up to all of the hype, it does the one thing we all really wanted, it speeds up Internet access. The devices we hold in our hands.

The 5G technology hasn’t changed anything about how I use my phone except, I wait less when downloading a map. I have a better signal when I talk to someone, I can listen to music and watch video without waiting for the signal pause to catch up. In other words, it makes my mobile phone work the way I expected it to work all along (unless I am out of coverage). The 5G technol- ogy is to the point that if you are upgrading your phone you should upgrade to a 5G phone.

Connecting the Upgrades

Remember that when you upgrade the modems, routers, and wires, some of the benefit will not be realized until you also upgrade the devices that connect. For example, an upgraded modem should be connected to a router using a CAT6 cable and should be upgrade to a router that can handle at least a gigabit connection. Your wireless devices should be able to handle the faster speeds offered by the WIFI 5 and 6 standards to get the most benefit and a 5G phone will need to connect to a 5G network. Be aware that some of the MVNOs and some laptops do not currently have 5G support. Computers with older network cards and compo- nents may also need to be replaced or have the network card updated to benefit from faster WIFI or cabling.

Until Next Month

I hope this was an entertaining way to introduce some of those things that have changed over the past few years.

5 Ways to Be More Sustainable This Summer

(StatePoint) You don’t have to be a sustainability expert to incor- porate elements of eco-friendly living into your everyday routine. This summer, think about the small changes you can make that can add up to make a bigger difference.

- Store Sustainably: Single-use plastics are difficult to avoid when protecting fragile house- hold items or delicate holiday décor. Cut down on plastic cushioning and packing foam usage by incorporating Flour- ish Brand Honeycomb Cush- ion Wrap to cover and safely store your breakable and fragile items. The interlocking structure is easy to stretch and secure itself without any tape needed.

- Give Green: It’s often difficult to find the perfect presents for housewarming gatherings, family holidays and hostess gifts. Spread some sustain- able love by gifting a plant to that hard-to-buy-for friend or neighbor, or even give some- thing green as a surprise for someone special.

- Environmentally Friendly Connection: Sending a pack- age to a distant loved one is a delightful way to brighten someone’s day, but unfortunately many mailers feature excess plastic wrapping or aren’t made of earth-friendly materials. Ship sustainably by choosing an eco-friendly option like Eco- comb Recyclable Mailers. These mailers feature 100% recyclable material packaging and include a die-cut honey- comb layer to create space and cushioning that helps protect items during shipment, with- out using unnecessary plastic. Additionally, they can easily be tossed into the recycling bin after use.

- Make Small Changes: Living sustainably can sound intimi- dating at first. Like any shift in habit, changing behav- ior may take a while to stick, but small, consistent adjust- ments will mean the most over time, especially when it comes to everyday things like reducing your use of single-use plastics, and switching to reusable shopping bags and food containers. Take things one small step at a time. For example, commit to recycling one additional item each day.

- Enjoy the Outside: Being active is always easier on warm, sunny days. Take advantage of summer weather to reduce your personal carbon footprint and get some healthy exercise! Find ways to do this by walking or biking instead of taking a car to the store. If you need to travel a longer dis- tance, opt for public transport or carpool instead.
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A bane of abundance
distracts us all,
This thief whose
perspective can rob
and kill
Has blinded our labors
which make us fall
Before the desires of
self and will.

We spend our few
breaths to aspire to gain
What no one has ever
achieved. Can you
Amass wealth and
riches which will remain
Beyond this brief span?
What are we to do?

However, there’s
treasure of greater joy;
It’s hidden in paths
for discovery
Awaiting the servant
in God’s employ
Who holds Him in awe
with humility.

Unseen ‘cept by faith
for a heav’nly place,
It empties our hands to
pursue a crown,
Which Jesus has
purchased by won’d
rous grace
For those unafraid to lay
all things down.

Sweet peace full of
wisdom abides for ones
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HOME-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
The museum offers at least one Home-School Day during each school year. Activities are provided for all ages to explore various aspects of flight. Home-School Day activities typically include:
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- Presentation on the Forces of Flight
- Scavenger Hunts
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LAUREL SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB (LSFC)
The LSFC will not have a meeting in July because of early primary voting at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center. PLEASE GO OUT & VOTE! NO VOTE, NO COMPLAINTS!
- Save the date: We will have our next meeting on Wed., Aug. 10 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting room doors open at 9:30 a.m. We will have a business meeting, a special presentation on aging by an AARP speaker, and a catered lunch. Reservation and payment required by July 27.
- Our first one-day trip in July has sold out; call if you'd like to be on the waiting list.
- We have three more one-day trips scheduled this year. Call the office for more info.
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Greetings from Dallas! We are virtually at the halfway mark of the year! Let us be thankful for small mercies and appreciate that we have made it thus far. Gas prices have had an impact on our finances so adjust some of our behaviors – I won’t bore you with tips on these adjustments. I will just admonish you to plan your movement, so you reduce going up and down. Buy groceries and cook more at home – healthier and less expensive than eating out.

I finally summed up the courage to attend a live soccer match, in person, for the first time since 1986. It was FC Dallas playing at home to Vancouver City. We lost by two goals. I don’t know why Dallas waited till late in the season to take cover (University of Ibadan) and our inability to take a shot at goal. Nobody wanted to take responsibility for the loss.

By Jason Inanga

Kid-Friendly Tech Gear For a Season of Outdoor Fun

(StatePoint) Warm weather has arrived and if you’re seeking ways to promote family fun and activity, check out this round-up of kid-friendly tech gear, all of which can inspire creativity during outdoor adventures:

Smartwatches

Featuring dual cameras for pictures, selfies and videos so kids can capture bike rides, playground visits and more on-the-go, the KidiZoom Smartwatch DX3 from VTech is a great outdoor companion for those ages 4 and older. Use the built-in LED light and flash to brighten up dimly lit scenes or use as a flashlight. The watch also features energetic movement games, giving kids an opportunity to challenge themselves and stay active while having fun. The拆除 component too -- children can pair with friends who also have a DX3 to securely share preset messages or play games together. Plus, it’s a great tool for everyday storytelling -- choose from more than 50 digital and analog animated clockfaces or create custom faces from users’ own photos. When it’s time to focus, switch to “School” mode to limit the DX3 to a watch only.

Monoculars

Whether spectating at a baseball game or bird watching, the Kamoxx 16x52 Monocular Telescope is versatile and easy to use. And because it’s compact, it’s also ideal for small hands. Waterproof and fog-proof, this sturdy instrument can offer young explorers, naturalists and STEM enthusiasts a clearer and closer look at plants, animals and more in all kinds of weather.

Cameras

Budding photographers ages 4 and up will enjoy using the KidiZoom PrintCam to explore and document the world around them. After snapping images, kids can preview them on the color screen before instantly printing regular or panoramic photos in black and white. With adult supervision, full-color photos and videos can be backed up by transferring them to a computer using the included USB cable. From selfies to sunsets, children can let their creativity shine by adding stickers, filters and borders to any image or video, turning photos into drawings they can color, and by tapping into more than 110 templates and activities, including small greeting cards, printable games and more.

For kid creators who are a bit older (ages 5-10) and ready to hone their technical skills, a good choice is the KidiZoom Creator Cam, a high-definition video camera that can offer young creators the ability to let their imaginations run wild. A great kit for those ages 5-10 who yearn to create their own content.

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