

# The Beltsville News

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## Come to Join Scouting Night, Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane

Visit Scout Troop 1033 at “Join Scouting Night” on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Emmanuel United Methodist Church (11416 Cedar Lane). There will be games and activities, a fire building competition, and s’mores. Everyone is welcome, and boys and girls ages 10-17 will be invited to try their hand at the water-balloon catapult. Familias hispanohablantes bienvenidas!

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**September 20**  
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**September 30**

**News You Can Use**



Karen Coakley

By Karen M. Coakley

### A Reminder About Children and School Buses

Summer is coming to an end and school has started. Drivers, a reminder to stop for buses when their lights are flashing. Do not go around school buses or pass them when they are stopped. Also, watch out for children walking to school and trying to cross the road.

### New Online Portal for Elderly Property Tax Credit

The online portal for the Elderly Property Tax Credit is now operational and available to the public. The link is: [propertytaxcredit.princegeorgescountymd.gov](http://propertytaxcredit.princegeorgescountymd.gov).

Since July 1, 2023, Prince George’s County provides up to a 20% credit of the County portion of the property tax bill for seniors, inclusive of any Homeowner and Homestead Credit (total max of 20%).

**Will there be a Beltsville Day in May 2024? The Beltsville Lions say yes! And are working on it. (BeltsvilleLions@gmail.com)**

## UpStage Artists Presents The 39 Steps

By Rick Bergmann

UpStage Artists, Beltsville’s premiere theater group is back with its 10<sup>th</sup> production, The 39 Steps! Do you like a good mystery? How about a hilarious comedy? What happens if you add the two of them together? You get “The 39 Steps,” a play that has been described as Hitchcock meets Monty

Python!

According to stageagent.com, “the show hurtles a notorious fugitive and a spellbound blonde from a London music hall north by northwest to Scotland’s most remote highlands. Will they save Britain from a den of devious spies? A cast of

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Come out and see the hilarious mystery “The 39 Steps” starring (l-r) Colleen Isaiah, Neil Swanson-Chrisman, Nancy Somers, and Joey Rolandelli!



Webelos scouts get ready to start their race!

## Cub Pack 1031 End of Summer Fun!!

By Regina Halper

This month Cub Pack 1031 had a great time at the National Night Out and met several families who are interested in scouting!

We did our introductory Nature Hike on the Little Paint Branch trail two weeks ago and did a trash pickup! We saw small fish, cobwebs, identified Poison ivy, hickory nuts, acorns, and sweet

gum balls and the leaves that go with them.

We also picked up 3 bags of trash as part of our partnership with PG Parks Adopt-a-Trail.

Gentle reminder, please be sure to pick up your trash if you spend time by the creek. And don’t move the big rocks in the creek which

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## Beltsville News: Blast from the Past

(From the Beltsville News issue of September 2010)

By Ted Ladd

### Boy Scouts March into History

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster

On July 25th, the Boy Scouts of America's Grand Centennial Parade marched into history as one of the largest parades to come down Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C. in decades.

Approximately 10,000 scouts and scout leaders, including Troop 1033 from Beltsville, were involved in the parade and just as many people were cheering from the sidelines. The scouts were led by our troop flag bearer, Eagle Scout Sean Halper. Others participating included Adrian Villarroel, David Timus, Eagle Scout Michael Clifford, Patrick Deery, Chaim Johnson, Eduardo Orellana, Danny Moreno, and Chris Walker followed by Assistant Scoutmasters

Rick Deery, Eagle Scout Gregory Bauchan, Eagle Scout Billy Wauschek, Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan, Troop Committee Chair David Timus Sr. and Charter Organization Representative Julie Pavelka.

### Phil Whitman Celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Brother Philip Whitman

Phil Whitman of Beltsville would celebrate his 60th anniversary as Brother Philip Whitman, F.S.C., a member of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, in October 2010.



Brother Philip Whitman, F.S.C., a member of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, in October 2010



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## Keep Your Home Cozy in Cool Weather With These Upgrades



(StatePoint) When the temperatures drop and the precipitation turns cold, efficiently keeping your home cozy and warm is likely a top priority.

As you make home upgrades this fall, be sure to use materials designed to withstand extreme weather events and which help manage indoor climate control. Doing so will mean greater comfort and more affordable energy bills, not only when it's cold, but all year long.

### Roofing

As your first defense against all kinds of weather, your roof sustains a lot of wear and tear. Consider prioritizing durability, strength and weather resistance in a new roof by opting for metal. The good news? You can get a classic appearance with this material, thanks to updates in roofing technology. For example, the energy-saving metal roofing offered by ProVia has the textured appearance of natural slate or shake shingles, but is constructed of highly durable 26-gauge steel, for added strength and lifetime protection from wind, rain, hail and corrosion.

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# Feline Leukemia: A Silent Threat to Our Feline Friends

Feline Leukemia, also known as FeLV, is a devastating viral disease that affects domestic cats and other felids. It is one of the leading causes of illness and death in cats, with no cure currently available. This article aims to shed light on this silent threat, providing essential information about the causes, transmission, symptoms, prevention, and management of feline leukemia.



**Cause and Transmission:**

Feline Leukemia is caused by the feline leukemia virus, which is primarily spread through close contact between infected and healthy cats. Transmission can occur through saliva, nasal secretions, urine, and feces. Kittens born to infected mothers can contract the virus during birth or through nursing. Outdoor cats are at a higher risk due to increased exposure to infected cats.

Management of feline leukemia focuses on supportive care to maintain the cat's overall health and quality of life. This includes providing a balanced diet, minimizing stress, and promptly treating any infections or complications that arise. In some cases, antiviral medications may be prescribed to slow the progression of the disease.

**The Importance of Awareness:**

Raising awareness about feline leukemia is vital to protect our feline friends. Educating cat owners about the risks, prevention measures, and early detection can help reduce the spread of the virus and improve the overall health of the cat population.

**Conclusion:**

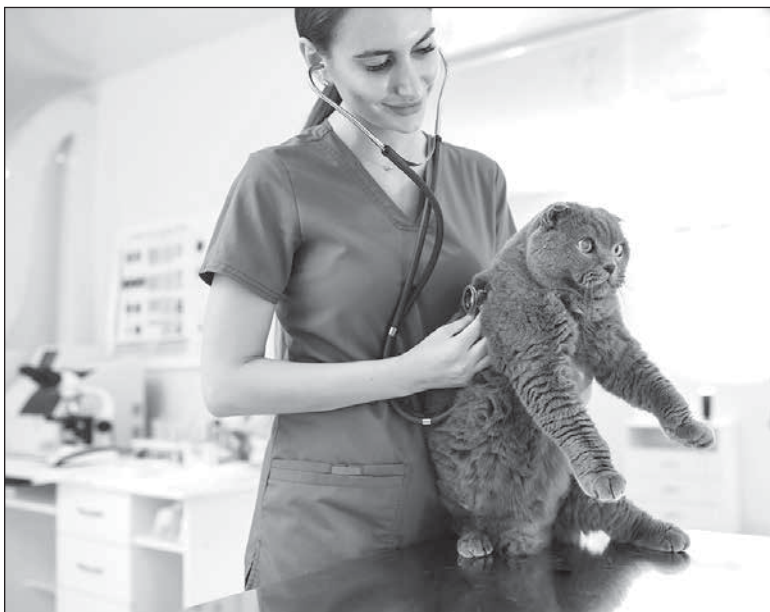
Feline Leukemia remains a significant concern for cat owners, as it poses a serious threat to the well-being of our feline companions. By understanding the causes, transmission, symptoms, and prevention measures associated with FeLV, we can take proactive steps to protect our cats and minimize the impact of this silent and devastating disease. Remember, responsible ownership, vaccination, and regular veterinary care are key in safeguarding our beloved feline friends from feline leukemia.

**Symptoms:**

Feline Leukemia weakens the cat's immune system, making them vulnerable to secondary infections, anemia, and certain types of cancer. Common symptoms include weight loss, loss of appetite, lethargy, fever, swollen lymph nodes, and recurring infections. However, some infected cats may show no symptoms for months or even years.

**Prevention and Management:**

Preventing feline leukemia starts with responsible pet ownership. Vaccination is crucial in protecting cats from FeLV. Regular veterinary check-ups and testing are recommended, especially for those in multi-cat households. Infected cats should be kept indoors to minimize the risk of transmission and should not be allowed to share litter boxes with other cats.




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# Summer Time Blues

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*Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac*

Not anymore though. Over the last three months, many fresh, vibrant shades of not only blues, but also striking introductions of greens and yellows can easily be found.

Stop by Will's Decorating to peruse the latest summertime blues and other color trends in-home fashions. Will's has been the one stop design shop for custom draperies, valances, reupholstery, Hunter Douglas blinds, wallpaper, flooring, Benjamin Moore paint, artwork, mirrors and furniture accent pieces for 49 years. Their experienced designers, Michael and Valerie, offer personalized design consultations and are delighted to assist you in formulating and implementing a design plan that will bring "WOW" into your home. Call 301.937.6100 today and make an appointment to get started on your design project.

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Senator Jim Rosapepe

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### New Property Tax Credit for senior citizens

In 2009, we helped pass a state law allowing the County to cut property taxes for senior citizens, starting at age 65.

We're pleased to report that

Councilmen Tom Dernoga and his colleagues voted to use this law to create a new tax credit for seniors (65 and over) if they've lived in their home for at least ten years and its value is no more than \$500,000.

The first deadline to apply is October 1, 2023.

For more information go to <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/426/Property-Taxes> or call the County's Treasury service at 301-952-4030.

### COVID info and help

MDGOVAX Call Center Services are transitioning to 2-1-1 Maryland. Marylanders can still receive information and referrals regarding COVID-19 resources by calling 2-1-1 or texting your zip code to 898 211.

### Legal Assistance Available for Veterans

The Homeless Persons Representation Project, Inc (HPRP) offers legal assistance for homeless or low-income veterans with service-connected ability benefits, non-service-connected pensions, and discharge upgrades. Learn more about HPRP's programs and services by calling 410-685-6589.

### Contact me

Please let me know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if I can be of help to you. Just email [21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com](mailto:21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com) or call 410-841-3141.

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1. \*Medical school entry requirement, acr.
5. \*Atlas image
8. Hula dancer's necklace
11. German money
12. Ready for picking
13. Nerd
15. Like many Brothers Grimm stories
16. Month of Purim
17. \*Some exams
18. \*Laptop and books container
20. Fastens a fly
21. Licorice-like herb
22. \*Teacher's favorite
23. Like hot lava
26. Cassava, pl.
30. Chapter in history
31. Deadly
34. DEA agent
35. Second person singular past of "do," archaic
37. Greet, to a dog
38. Be in harmony
39. Inwardly
40. Opposite of pluralism
42. Even, to a poet
43. \*Academic planners
45. \*High predecessor
47. Passé

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50. Rooftop contraption
52. \*Meal container
55. Emerald or aquamarine, chemically speaking
56. Trans-Siberian Railroad city
57. Venus de Milo's are missing
59. \*Plural of #51 Down
60. Comments from prompt box
61. Do like Ella Fitzgerald
62. \*PE in school
63. Make a choice
64. Piece of cake
1. Actress Ryan
2. Larry David's "\_\_\_ Your Enthusiasm"
3. Bizet's "Habanera," e.g.
4. Tabby's mate
5. King with a golden touch
6. Rapidly
7. \_\_\_ up, to become more cheerful
8. Spring
9. Morays
10. Abdominal pain cause, acr.
12. Plunder
13. Dirty one
14. \*One of 3 Rs in grade school
19. Genuflected

22. Letter-writing friend
23. \*M in LMC, educationally speaking
24. Circular gasket
25. Big Dipper's visible shape
26. Biblical gift-givers
27. Propelled a boat
28. Angler's basket
29. Part of an act
32. Rare bills
33. Chewbacca's sidekick
36. \*Word in thesaurus, e.g.
38. Mennonite's cousin
40. \*Gym class prop
41. \*Art class cover ups
44. Old fashioned contests at dawn
46. Lower value, as in currency
48. Plug a pipe, e.g. (2 words)
49. Beginning of ailment
50. Exceedingly
51. Bob of boxing world
52. Bonkers
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# Back to School: Local Youth Climate Program Expands Nationwide

## PG County Schools to Begin as NEW Chapter

Program quadruples in size to include 18 chapters across the country, including Maryland, Alabama and Metropolitan Washington, DC

Woodstock MD, August 9, 2023- The Youth Climate Institute (YCI), a program of the Howard County Conservancy, announced their innovative youth certification program has expanded to include 18 chapters in areas ranging from Maryland to metropolitan DC and Alabama. This growth reflects the incredible engagement and inter-

est of young people on the climate crisis and the effectiveness of YCI's chapter-based model. In Prince George's County, several schools will be participating including PG County online, Frederick Douglas HS, Eleanor Roosevelt HS and Fairmont Heights HS as they become "official" new chapters this fall when students will begin the certification program. For more information, visit Youth Climate Institute | (youthclimateleader.org).

The Youth Climate Institute is a pioneering program for

10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders that provides foundational climate education and engages students in meaningful community action projects. Upon completion of the program, students become *YCI Certified Ambassadors*®. Students can opt to continue with a capstone project to earn *YCI Certified Ambassador with Honors*®.

At a pivotal time for their college and career goals, YCI supports students and provides important recognition of their achievements, including certification, digital badges and compostable

graduation cords to wear with their cap and gown. "Many people are familiar with recognitions that come with honor societies, scouting and varsity sports, but environmental achievements are largely unrecognized. The Youth Climate Institute is changing this," said Jessica Kohout, YCI Manager.

"Climate change is the biggest threat affecting all of our futures, and YCI students are the advocates and stewards our planet so desperately needs," said Meg Boyd, Executive Director. She continued, "Our chapter model provides students, teachers and

community leaders with all the tools they need to be a force for change in their own communities."

To become a certified ambassador, students learn the fundamentals of climate science and positive solutions. Students also join action teams led by professionals in climate science fields focusing on topics such as legislation, food waste, energy, tree planting and communication. For more information on the Youth Climate Institute or to start your own chapter, visit Youth Climate Institute | (youthclimateleader.org).



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## 3 Ways People of All Ages Can Give Back

(StatePoint) No matter your age, it's likely you've questioned your ability to make a difference. Research from the global nonprofit Points of Light shows that 73% of people believe that volunteering is more important than ever, yet 66% think they can't make a big impact in their communities. Activists on the ground prove otherwise. That's why Points of Light, which is dedicated to inspiring and equipping people to take action, has recognized thousands of volunteers for their contributions to their communities through The Daily Point of Light Award.

"Points of Light's research found that Gen Z is the most civically engaged generation to date. Our youth honorees demonstrate that people of all ages can strengthen communities and solve persistent problems," says Diane Quest, interim CEO, Points of Light.

To inspire you to action, the organization is sharing the sto-

ries of youth honorees, along with three elements from The Points of Light Civic Circle®, a framework for helping individuals get civically engaged:

### Volunteer

Nonprofit organizations and NGOs need volunteer power to deliver support to the communities they collaborate with. If you're an adult wanting to facilitate youth volunteerism, consider organizing a youth-specific event or helping transport the young people in your life to an event. To find a volunteer opportunity that aligns with your interests and availability, check out Points of Light Engage, a database with hundreds of thousands of in-person and virtual volunteer opportunities.

The power of volunteering is apparent when considering Daily Point of Light Award honoree Nate Buescher, a high schooler

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# Beltsville Lions Club

By Ted Ladd

The Beltsville Lions celebrated 65 years of service on the evening of 28 June at Sierra's Grill and Taqueria in Beltsville. Officers for the coming year were sworn in by Past District Governor Bill Lynch, a member of the Laytonsville Lions Club. Officers included President Fatima Barrie, Vice Presidents, Ervin and Mae Whitehead, Secretary Diane "Deedee" Musachio, Treasurer Andy Rolle, Lion Tamer Mike Musachio, Tail Twister Camillo DiCamillo, Membership Chair Ann Ladd, Board members Mary Ann Hanson, Rick Zerbe, Max Zelaya, and Nick Barbieri. Immediate Past President Ted Ladd was also sworn in as a member of the Board of Directors.

Ted Ladd presented a review of Beltsville Lions activities over the years at Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Sunday, 13 August. The review highlighted the club's successful effort to purchase a van and chairlift for the family of a young lady with multiple sclerosis. That was accomplished through publicity, accumulating generous donations from caring citizens, and the good fortune in locating a late model chairlift-equipped van. Another highlight was the visit by the President of Lions Clubs International to train teams of Lions on starting new Lions Clubs.

On 1 August Club members participated in National Night Out on the grounds of the Beltsville Library. Several members cooked



Beltsville Lions and guests at a recent club meeting

hot dogs for those attending, while others maintained an information table. Several people indicated an interest in learning more about the Lions Club and have since been invited to a club meeting. Membership Chair Ann Ladd will provide information on joining the club. Send her an e-mail at BeltsvilleLions@gmail.com.

On Saturday, 12 August, the Beltsville Lions joined other community groups at Queens Chapel United Methodist Church participating in a health fair. The Lions offered vision screening with equipment provided by the Lions Community Outreach Foundation. It was a wonderful event.

The Club has decided to orga-

nize Beltsville Day 2024, and is working with others to hold the function in May 2024. The exact day in May is being negotiated. We plan to have the Lions Mobile Health Unit on site to provide vision, hearing and eye pressure screenings. We hope to see everyone there.

## From the Office of Council Chair Tom Dernoga

### Virtual Community Conversation: Proposed Vansville Development

Residents' opinions play a big part in how our landscape changes. Being involved in this process is crucial as new developments will alter your neighborhood's environment. I rely on input from the community to guide me on what residents prefer to see in their neighborhoods.

A developer is seeking to develop 7.75 acres of land at the southeast intersection of Old Baltimore Pike and Ammendale Way (11701 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville) into a townhouse community with a maximum of 67 units.

In February of this year, a neighborhood meeting was held with the developer to discuss this project in greater detail, per Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) guidelines.

M-NCPPC has accepted the developer's Preliminary Plan of Subdivision and is moving toward having a hearing before the Planning Board. To view the plans, visit here: <https://bit.ly/11701OldBmorePikeDev> (*This development plan is not set in stone yet but is pending approval before the M-NCPPC Planning Board.*)

The developer has agreed to hold another community meeting about the proposed Harmony Garden Townhouse project for anyone who missed the informational meeting in February. **An online Zoom meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, from 6:30-7:30 PM.** Advance registration is required at <https://bit.ly/vansvilledev>, and questions may be submitted upon registration. Request ASL or Spanish translation assistance by September 1.



Council Chair Tom Dernoga, one of the County's "pollinators," and his Chief of Staff Michelle Garcia at the Maryland Association of Counties summer conference.

All interested people are encouraged to become a "person of record" for this application. As a person of record in a zoning case, you are notified of upcoming meetings, actions, and decisions made at certain stages of the zoning application process and relevant appeals procedures. Requests to become a person of record may be made online at <http://bit.ly/MNCPPCpor> or call 301-952-3530 for additional information. Please reference the subject application number: PPS-2022-043

### Virtual Community Meeting: Proposed Speed Humps on Caverly Avenue

The County's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) recently reviewed Caverly Avenue, and the traffic study revealed that it scored 79 points, making it eligible for speed humps.

To consider the installation of speed humps, the Department of Public Works & Transportation

requires a public meeting. **An online Zoom meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, from 6:30-7:30 PM.** Advance registration is required at <https://bit.ly/caverlymtg> and questions may be submitted upon registration. Request ASL or Spanish translation assistance by September 21.

At the meeting, staff from the Traffic Engineering and Safety Division will review the traffic study findings and explain the requirements of the petition process along with the merits and consequences of the hump installation.

### Apply for Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit by Sept. 15

Maryland provides an income tax credit for residents making eligible undergraduate and/or graduates education payments on loans from an accredited college or university. Eligible participants must claim Maryland residency for the 2023 tax year, file 2023 Maryland

state income taxes, have incurred at least \$20,000 in undergraduate and/or graduate student loan debt, and have at least \$5,000 in outstanding student loan debt upon applying for the tax credit. Learn more about the credit and how to apply by visiting [bit.ly/45qvaWz](http://bit.ly/45qvaWz); applications must be submitted by September 15.

### County Council is back in Session

This September, the Prince George's County Council is resuming its legislative session after a month of recess. The recess allows the council to reset and reprioritize issues as they close out the session on November 14,

2023.

### Join our District 1 Senior Living Newsletter List

Don't miss out on resources, local activities, and events for seniors. Sign up for our monthly senior email newsletter: [bit.ly/D1SeniorNewsletterOptIn](http://bit.ly/D1SeniorNewsletterOptIn)

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# How to Set Up the Ultimate Workstation for Kids at Home

(StatePoint) Want to help guarantee your child's academic success? While you can't control what goes on in the classroom, you can facilitate their study time at home by setting up an A+ workstation. Here's how:

1. Choose a location: Select a location that's well-lit, preferably with some natural light, and away from noise and distractions. Whether it's your child's bedroom or a corner of the dining area, the area should be large enough for all their supplies and tech to stay organized.

2. Use color wisely: Research has shown that certain colors have the power to boost productivity and creativity or promote a sense of calm. Decorating the space with care could potentially help your student weather crunch periods with ease. You may also opt to color code binders, dividers and other supplies by coursework so that your child can quickly identify the items they need.

3. Update tech: Equip the workstation with the latest technology and educational tools. For easy essay composition, your child's suite of devices should include a tablet or laptop and a printer. To get your student prepped for math and science classes, be sure to supply them with a graphing



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calculator featuring the latest capabilities. The fx9750GIII, for example, is not only stylishly available in trending colors, it's

capable of programming in CASIO Basic and MicroPython. Python files are easily stored and transferred via USB to a com-

puter. With graph and statistical functions, exam compatibility mode and a suite educational resources, your student will be well prepared to take on all their STEM coursework and test prep.

4. Prevent clutter: Clutter can pile up all too easily, making it difficult to find notes and assignments. Keep the mess to a minimum with the addition of a few organizational tools. Hang a corkboard to post reminders and to-do lists. Add wall shelving or a sorting tray to keep papers filed by subject area or due date, and use small baskets or cups to collect erasers, paper clips and other small supplies. Finally, be sure the workstation has its own waste bin, so that items that are no longer needed can be efficiently tossed or recycled.

5. Consider ergonomics: Eliminate distractions by making sure the workstation is ergonomic-friendly and comfy. If your child sits at a desk, ensure their computer monitor is at eye level and that their feet touch the floor. Adjustable laptop tables can transform a makeshift work area on the couch or bed into a comfortable workstation.

By setting up a dedicated homework area designed for productivity, you can help your student make the grade.

## UpStage Artists Announces Auditions for "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

UpStage Artists is excited to announce auditions for its final show of the 2023 season, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever on **September 29 and 30 at 7 pm.**



The Best Christmas Pageant Ever is a hilarious Christmas classic about a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant who are faced with casting the Herdman kids – probably the most inventively awful kids in history. You won't believe the mayhem – and the fun – when the Herdmans collide head-on with the story of Christmas! This is a show for families of all ages.

The directors, Michael Safko and Anna Fitzmaurice, are looking to cast children and adults in a variety of roles. **Children must be 7 years old or above to audition.** This is a great show for parents who would like to get their children involved in theater and maybe have a role alongside your child. Auditions will consist of reading from the script (parents will have time to work with younger children before they are asked to read for the directors.) The children will also be asked to sing a song as

a group. A list of roles and a sign-up form are available on UpStage Artists website at [www.upstageartists.com/auditions](http://www.upstageartists.com/auditions).

Children get a variety of benefits from learning to perform. Children in theater tend to learn reading comprehension, increase their self-confidence, improve their communication skills, be more tolerant of others and other's ideas, and it gives them a greater sense of self expression. These are all lifelong skills that they will gain.

UpStage Artists is founded on the principle that theater is for anyone who wants to try, and this is what they try to bring to every show. So, bring your children and yourself out to audition for The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, you'll be glad you did! If you have any questions, email the co-director Michael Safko at [michael.safko@upstageartists.com](mailto:michael.safko@upstageartists.com).

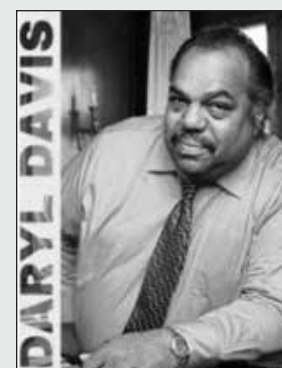


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Come out and see The Nighthawks with special guest Daryl Davis on Sept. 17 at The College Park American Legion.

## The Nighthawks to Play at College Park American Legion

Are you looking for a night where you can dance until you drop? Then come out to the College Park/John Latimer American Legion Post 217 (9218 Baltimore Ave, College Park) on Sunday, September 18 from 5-8 pm when The Nighthawks with special guest Daryl Davis will be playing. Tickets are just \$30 per person. You can



buy tickets at the door beginning at 4 pm on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Please call Tina at 301-935-5308 for reserved seating and groups. This will be an awesome and exciting night! Food (from our chef TIM) and drinks are available for purchase. Come out and enjoy some great music and fun dancing with The Nighthawks!



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## Stop For School Buses: What Are The Laws In Maryland?

Maryland State Police and the Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS) remind motorists to stop for school buses as students return to class next week.

Drivers must stop at least 20 feet from a school bus with the stop arm extended and the red lights flashing. Do not pass the bus from any direction until the stop signals are off and the bus is moving again. Motorists in Maryland are not required to stop if the road is separated by a physical median – such as dirt, grass, or a barrier.

Millions of children ride school buses and are most at risk when they get on or off the bus. There were 1,009 fatal school-



transportation-related crashes from 2011 to 2020, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The MCSS encourages Marylanders and visitors to:

- Pay attention when driving, especially in school zones and during times of day when school buses are typically on

routes.

- Stop when a bus stops. It is illegal to pass a school bus with its red lights flashing.

- Prepare to stop when the school bus is flashing its yellow lights and be cautious of students beginning to move toward the bus during these times.

- Students of all ages are unpredictable. Therefore, prepare for the unexpected and maintain a safe distance from school buses at all times.

Violators who are stopped by a police officer face a fine of up to \$570 and three points on their driver's licenses. Infractions carry a monetary penalty for each violation. For additional school bus safety tips, visit the Maryland Highway Safety Office.



### SCOUTING NIGHT

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President Gerald Ford, and Movie Director Steve Spielberg. Being an Eagle Scout is great for college applications and essays and scholarships are available to Eagle Scouts. Eagle Scouts from Troop 1033 are currently attending Georgetown University and the U.S. Naval Academy.

Scout Troop 1033 has been part of Beltsville for more than sixty years. Each year Troop 1033 spends a week at sleep-

away summer camp on Chesapeake Bay where Scouts can try sailing, fishing, sculpture, outdoor cooking, pottery, water-skiing, leatherworking, and dozens of other activities. Every year, Troop 1033 collects non-perishable food through the nationwide "Scouting For Food" program. Donations collected by Troop 1033 go to the food banks at St. Joseph's Church and Emmanuel United Methodist Church, right here in Beltsville. Scouts who participate in Troop service projects like Scouting for Food will complete

their high-school-required service hours while having fun with their friends and helping their community. Every year, Scouts decide which activities they want to do, like rock-climbing, kayaking, or camping.

For further information about Scouting for boys or girls, contact Kevin d'Eustachio at BSABeltsville@gmail.com, or just come to Join Scouting Night, 6 pm on September 17<sup>th</sup> at Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Cedar Lane.

### 39 STEPS

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four actors plays over 150 characters in this fast-paced tale of an ordinary man on an extraordinarily entertaining adventure. The 39 Steps contains every single legendary scene from the award-winning movie – including the chase on the Flying Scotsman, the escape on the Forth Bridge, the first theatrical bi-plane crash ever staged and the sensational death-defying finale in the London Palladium."

This is UpStage's 10th produc-

tion and is directed by Rick Bergmann and stars local actors Joey Rolandelli, Nancy Somers, Colleen Isaiah, and Neil Swanson-Chrisman (last seen as Teddy Roosevelt in UpStage Artists production of Arsenic and Old Lace). This promises to be one of the funniest shows that UpStage has put on yet. Come out and join them for a hilariously fun time.

The 39 Steps is a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre! This two-time Tony and Drama Desk Award-winning treat is a show packed

with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters (played by a ridiculously talented cast of four), an onstage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers, and some good old-fashioned romance!

Show dates are September 15, 16, 22, 23 at 7:30 pm and Sept. 17 and 24 at 2 pm. All performances take place at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705. Tickets are just \$10.00 and can be purchased at [www.upstageartists.com/tickets](http://www.upstageartists.com/tickets).



## GIVE BACK

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who prepares food for a local food pantry and distributes home-cooked meals to tent cities around Chicago. Buescher began fighting food insecurity at age 7 with the Honeycomb Project. Today, he mentors younger volunteers while maintaining his own service projects.

## Voice

The youth voice is vital, pointing us to which concerns are most important to future world leaders and helping broaden perspectives. Use your voice to advocate for causes you care about by posting on social media, attending a rally or contacting a government leader. Adults can amplify youth voices by sharing with their networks, or organizing forums for youth to be seen and heard.

Seventeen-year-old Daily Point of Light Award honoree Maanit Goel used his voice when orga-

nizing a rally of fellow activists on the Washington State Capitol steps to support legislation protecting the Chinook salmon and orca populations. He also regularly addresses state legislators, and travels statewide to speak to K-12 students about environmental issues.

## Listen and Learn

Social justice and environmental issues are nuanced, involving many people with different perspectives shaped by their own experiences. Listening and learning is one way to honor others' lived experiences and get a fuller scope of an issue.

Young people can commit to thoroughly researching causes they care about, talking to those working toward solutions and holding space for those impacted. Adults can connect with the young people in their lives, inviting dialogue that allows for sharing different perspectives and finding common ground.

These are the driving ideas behind the work of high schooler Kristie To, who became a leading force in Asian American racial justice when she founded Hearts Against Hate. Among the initiatives of her nonprofit is distributing Asian history and Asian American Pacific Islander civil rights curriculum to children.

"Cultural sensitivity starts with exposure, and that's what we're trying to do with these elementary schoolers," says To.

To learn about other avenues for social engagement, check out the Points of Light Civic Circle by visiting [pointsoflight.org/civic-circle](http://pointsoflight.org/civic-circle).

"There are many formal channels for civic engagement, but simple actions make a difference too," says Quest. "Whether it's carrying groceries in for a neighbor or donating books to the library, the important thing is to get started when you see a need in your community."



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*Beckie Hutchings*  
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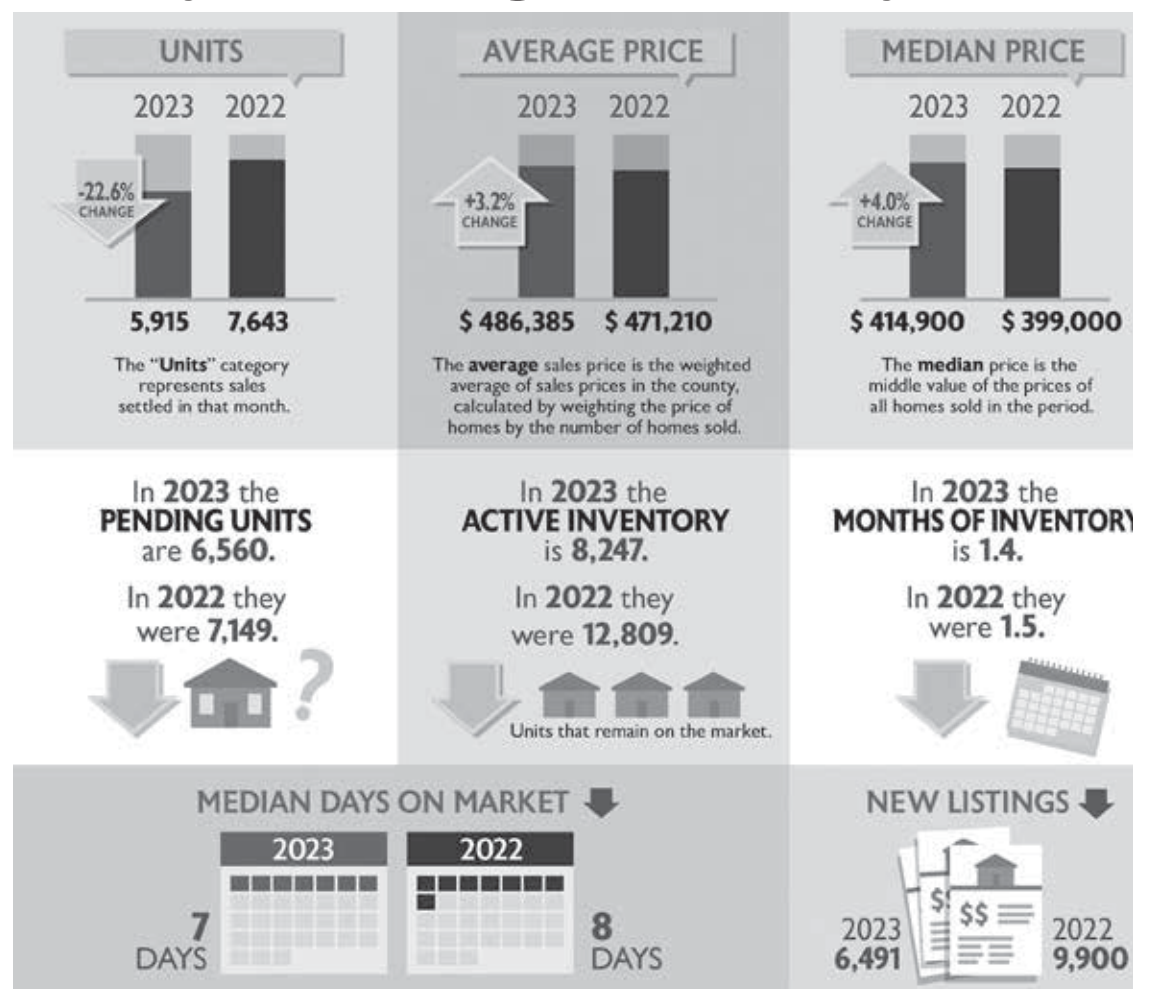
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## UPGRADES

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## Windows

Windows are a common point of heat transfer, and as such, they play a huge role in the comfort of your home. It's not often that you have to purchase windows for your home, but when you do, you'll want to ensure that they deliver the best in energy efficiency and comfort. ProVia's vinyl windows, for example, are ENERGY STAR-certified, to help keep your home warm in winter (and cool in summer).

## Interior Décor

You may not think about your interior decorating choices as something that could potentially improve your home's energy efficiency, but many such updates will not only make your home look more cozy, they'll actually help keep it warm. Thick area rugs are a good place to start, as they provide insulation underfoot. Likewise, cellular shades or Roman shades can help stop heat transfer around windows, and wall tapestries or fabric-like wallpaper can provide a touch more insulation on walls.

To learn more about building and renovating with comfort and energy savings in mind, visit [provia.com](http://provia.com).

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# Calendar of Events

## COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

Address: 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. Fax: 301.927.6472. Regular hours of operation: Open Tuesday – Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Mondays and major holidays. Some events may have special hours of operation. Cost: Adults/\$5; Seniors/\$4; Children/\$2 (1-year-old and under, free). The museum exhibit area highlights 10 unique aircraft and objects relating the history of early aviation at the College Park Airport.

### SAVE THE DATE: COLLEGE PARK DAY

Sat., Oct. 7 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. The City of College Park's annual College Park Day festival features two stages of live music and performances, food and beer, kids and game zones, helicopter fly-in, museum entry, and family entertainment—all for free! Free parking will be available nearby, along with a free shuttle service from select locations, and bike racks. Learn more at [www.collegeparkday.org](http://www.collegeparkday.org).

### LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Masks are optional. Contact the center for updates. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are 60 years old or older. Closed on Sundays and most major holidays. Address: 7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the University of Maryland Medical Center. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. Maryland Relay 7-1-1 for customers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability.

### BUILDING A BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Sat., Sept. 9 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. All ages, **registration required**. Tour the Pollinator Habitat Garden and learn how to plan and build a butterfly garden. Take home a native pollinator plant grown at the refuge. Learn the best timing for planting a pollinator garden, and when to cut plants back to encourage more frequent blooms. Hear of *green* techniques for managing plant invaders and how to maintain your garden without herbicides. Dress for outdoor weather conditions.

### BELTSVILLE LIBRARY EVENTS

Address: 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. The main phone number is 301.937.0294. TTY: 301.808.2061. Ask a Librarian telephone reference: 240.455.5451. Regular hours of operation are Mon., Thur., and Fri. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tue. and Wed. from 12 noon to 8 p.m.; Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sun. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; closed on most major holidays. Contact the library for updates and late changes. See [www.pgcmis.info/location/Beltsville](http://www.pgcmis.info/location/Beltsville) for online services.

### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

#### READY-2-READ PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Mondays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 3 – 5 years old.

#### SPANISH READY-2-READ STORYTIME

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 3 – 5 years old.

### PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

#### SALSA DANCING WORKSHOP

Wed., Sept. 20 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Get ready to groove to the Latin rhythms in this exhilarating dance workshop during Hispanic Heritage Month. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a beginner, this workshop promises a lively and enjoyable experience that will leave you feeling energized and connected to the vibrant world of Latin dance. Presented by Encanto Dance Team.

#### FAMILY ART TIME

Sat., Sept. 23 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Specifically for children who have autism or other exceptional needs and their families. Presented by Kyle's Art for Autism World, Inc., this program aims to spread autism awareness throughout the community while offering a creative and welcoming space for individuals with exceptional needs to express themselves through art.

### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

#### TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

Sat., Sept. 9 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Build your child's confidence as they read to a specially trained therapy dog. Bring a book or choose one from the library. Each child will read for 15 minutes. First come, first served.

#### KIDS ACHIEVE CLUB

Meets every Tuesday from Sept. 12 through Dec. 12 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Volunteers provide homework help for 1<sup>st</sup> graders through 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Please register online at <https://ww1.pgcmis.info/events>.

#### STEM-TASTIC

Fri., Sept. 15 at 5 p.m. Snap circuits: Become a scientist by conducting hands-on, fun science activities using basic scientific principles and build electric circuits with step-by-step directions.



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### LAUREL SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB (LSFC)

Our next meeting will be Wed., Sept. 13 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting room doors open at 9:30 a.m. We will have a short business meeting and the musical group *Good Measure* will entertain us.

- Save the Date: In October, we will have a speaker from Byrd & Byrd talk about general estate planning.
- Every Tuesday Bingo: 12 noon each Tuesday (doors open at 11 a.m.); fee for cards, NO admission fee.

Interested people can contact the LSFC office for more details on Mon., Tue., Wed., and Fri. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 301.206.3380.

### NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

Main phone: 301.497.5772. Address: 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore-Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Free admission and free parking. All dogs must be kept on a leash (no longer than 6 feet) for their own safety as well as that of other visitors and wildlife. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, *except for federal holidays*. See the Friends of Patuxent website for more information at <https://friendsofpatuxent.org/>.

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Contact the Visitor Center for updates. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Join our e-mail list by contacting [timothy\\_parker@fws.gov](mailto:timothy_parker@fws.gov). More information can be found at [www.fws.gov/refuge/patuxent](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/patuxent). The Visitor Center is open Tuesday – Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed on Sunday, Monday, and federal holidays. The bookstore is open Tuesday – Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

The art gallery is adjacent to the bookstore and is open when the Visitor Center is open. The featured artist for September is prize-winning wildlife artist Ron Orlando. His trademark is a detailed layering technique.

### OWL AND KESTREL

Sat., Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All ages, no registration required. Meet two of North America's smallest birds of prey: the American Kestrel and the Eastern Screech Owl. Both are expert hunters: the American Kestrel uses its acrobatic prowess, while the Eastern Screech Owl is a stealthy hunter. Program will be inside the Visitor Center.

### FAMILY FUN: TREE-MENDOUS TREES!

Fri., Sept. 22 and Sat., Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. All ages, no registration required. Trees do much more than give us shade in the summer and provide a place for birds and squirrels to live. Learn how TREE-mendous they are through hands-on games, crafts, and activities. *This is a drop-in program: come when you wish and leave when you're ready.*

### KIDS DISCOVERY CENTER

Tue. – Sat. at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12 noon. Duration: 35 minutes, each session. **Ages 3 – 10\***; *Parents are required to work with their child at each of the parent-led activities. Registration is strongly recommended; call 301.497.5760.* Children will explore and learn about nature and the environment through engaging, age-appropriate activities, crafts, and games. Older siblings are welcome to join with parents and work with younger siblings to help them understand and complete the activities. **\*NOTE:** The Kid's Discovery Center is neither baby-proofed nor appropriate for children younger than 3-years-old, due to small items featured in the exhibits and activities.

- **September's theme: Squirrels & Chipmunks.** How much do we know about the life cycle of squirrels and chipmunks? Come and learn about these common rodents and the good deeds they perform around your home!

### MONARCH BUTTERFLY MIGRATION!

September and October hours of operation: Tue. – Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; butterfly releases begin at noon. *The number of monarchs available each day is limited.* All ages; we encourage all visitors to come in and sign-up at the front desk to help release our monarchs. Join us as we send these beautiful pollinators on their migration route to wintering grounds in Mexico. Don't forget your camera! If interested in volunteering to help the butterflies, please call the front desk at 301.497.5772 and ask for Barrie.

### BELTSVILLE EVENTS

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# Genealogical Society Hosts Talk on Relocating Cemeteries

by **Barbara Hopkins, President, PGC GS**

Wed., Sept. 6 at 7 PM, the Prince George's County Genealogical Society will present "Lessons Learned from a 'Relocated' Cemetery: Columbia Baptist/Simon Hill Cemetery, Bladensburg," a talk by Jennifer Stabler, archeologist with the M-NCPPC. We meet at Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Dr. in Bowie. Guests are welcome and there is no charge.

This African American cemetery was the subject of recent archeological work by the Maryland State Highway Administration prior to planned development of the site. The "Lessons Learned" may be applied in other cases of cemetery relocation, sometimes encountered when doing genealogical research in metropolitan areas. Visit <https://pgcgs.org/eventListings.php?nm=95> for a link to directions.

# Women's Community Club of Beltsville



The Women's Club of Beltsville out and about in the community!

By **Karen M. Coakley**

Women's Community Club of Beltsville was out and about in the community in August. We participated in the Police National Night Out at the Beltsville Division VI event on August 1st. We provided refreshments on August 4th at the Family Movie Night hosted by MNCPPC and Beltsville Police

Division VI.

Fall 2023 is going to be a busy time for the Club as we finish Celebrating Our First 100 Years of Service this Fall. Join us for our next meeting, Thursday, September 14th 7:00 pm. at the Beltsville Boys & Girls Club 11705 Roby Avenue. If you would like more information or you prefer to attend our meeting virtually, please email [womensclubbeltsville@gmail.com](mailto:womensclubbeltsville@gmail.com).

# The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By **Lois Hamilton**

Our Young at Heart club had a terrific trip in August to Penn. We had a wonderful lunch at Hickory Bridge farm and then went to the Totem Pole Playhouse to see "Million Dollar Quartet". The play was about December 1956 in Nashville when four of the giants in country music played at Sun Radio studios. This included Elvis, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, and Jerry Lee Lewis. The show was awesome and I'm so happy that so many of us saw it. Thank you, Shirley Denell, (our trip chairman) for arranging this wonderful trip.

She has 2 more trips to come in September and November (a Christmas show).

Our next monthly meeting will be Thursday, September 21 at 10:30 am at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road. We'll have entertainment, refreshments, 50/50, trips to sign up for, and small items to purchase at Rosie's table at low prices.


I'll be so glad to see returning members and guests to see what our club is about. Any questions, call Lois at 301-498-9736. I'll be glad to "fill you in".

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 \*The Mass on Sunday 8:30am is also live streamed, connect with us on Flocknote for the link. \*\* The Mass on Wednesday at 2:15pm is only when School is open.

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# Beltsville News CHURCH DIRECTORY

## CALENDAR

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### CRAFTERNOON

Tue., Sept. 26 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Learn about Luchador Masks and Mexican wrestling, then create your very own mask during Hispanic Heritage Month! Supplies are provided.

### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

#### NEEDLEWORK SOCIAL

Mon., Sept. 11 at 2 p.m. Are you interested in getting to know more people in your community with similar interests? Join us for Needlework Social where you can bring in any needlecraft you are working on while getting to know those around you.

#### MOVIE SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

Wed., Sept. 13 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Watch *Pan's Labyrinth*, a horror-fantasy film set during the Spanish Falangism era, from famed Mexican director Guillermo del Toro. A discussion on the film will follow. Light refreshments will be served. Rated R.

## Share Your News!

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### CUB PACK 1031

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were put in there to stop erosion. This week we had a Raingutter regatta with actual Raingutter boats! The scouts and prospective scouts had a great time!

I want to thank all the citizens of Beltsville who helped our unit by purchasing Papa Johns Fundraising cards! The response was fantastic! We raised enough money to offset the increase in registration costs for this year. We will definitely be selling them again next year! It is great to offer something that is a good value and benefits the scouts!

If you are interested in joining Cub Scouts, I hope to be at the local school's Back to School nights or contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for information. We are a family scouting unit. We learn outdoor skills, citizenship, STEM, nature, camp two times a year and do service. We meet during the school year at Beltsville Academy for our den meetings. In the summer we are out and about in the parks learning about nature, STEM, doing service, and hiking outdoors.

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#### What's Happening

† UpStage Artists presents The 39 Steps Sept. 15, 16, 22, & 23 at 7:30 pm and Sept. 17 and 24 at 2 pm

† Food Distribution Saturday, May 27: 8 - 11 am for the general public.

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## Jason's Jive By Jason Inanga

In my over 50 years on planet earth, I have never witnessed anything like this – talking about the heat. Last week, near the Love Field Airport in Dallas, the temperature peaked at 130 degrees. It was a different level of heat. I had bought gasoline at the pump and needed to go inside to get a receipt. Heat exhaustion is no joke, and it does not have a defined way of creeping in. Thankfully, I knew my body well enough to take a quick break and rest a little bit before going back outside. Do not try to act macho and think you can beat the heat – know when to slow it down.

I am excited to congratulate my very close friend, Alex Straun, on the start of his own finance business, which is a very practical application to help in everyday financial transactions. For persons from the Eastern Caribbean (the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States – an 8-country economic union), it is a simple way to stay here in Beltsville or the DMV (and other parts of the USA) and manage financial or business interests back 'home.' Many like me may have migrated here and still have financial obligations back home, including supporting family members or charities. So, from the convenience of your phone in the USA,

you can remit funds, pay bills and other related activities. Eliminates the need to go to the long lines at Western Union back in the islands. They can be reached on WhatsApp (869 661 5237) for more details. <https://jad.cash>

I applaud and respect Alex for seeing a problem in the community and creating a platform with a workable solution. A lot of people see things everyday that can be areas of opportunity to start a business that can be nurtured into growth.

Last weekend, while I was uber-ing in Dallas, I was on a backroad near Uptown Dallas. Many millennials live in this area, and many are from the generation of i-don't-have-time-to-cook. As I approached an intersection, I noticed a small sign saying "open" on the side of a business. I peered over, thinking maybe an employee had forgotten to switch off the sign. Apparently, I was wrong. It was a pizza location that stayed open overnight. Most food places close for the night, between 10 pm to midnight and re-open the next day. He stays open and sells pizza to people who have a need to order food that late. Being the only one, he has a ready-made market. The two vehicles outside were presumably for delivery.

I will encourage folks to look

around, be observant and see what you can start to bring in a few extra dollars: a lot of people in the Beltsville area need help with school pick-up, Some need help with grocery shopping, rides to and from medical visits, maintenance of the garden, homework tutoring and even mechanical repairs. One can easily start something small and see it grow, with the right focus.

In 1982 as a little teenager, I couldn't get a summer job, so I started selling flower seeds on the University Campus where I grew up. I sold zinnias and marigolds for the equivalent of 25 cents to 50 cents. Some gave the excuse they had no time to garden, so I suggested, buy my seeds and I will do your flower garden for free. It worked. That was how I started making my own little pocket change and of course I got repeat customers, some who decided they wanted to pay for the garden. So, I made nice money and had a few referrals.

Well, as I wind down the Jive, as always, I encourage you to pick up the phone and make a phone call to someone you have not spoken to in a while. Just two minutes of your time to encourage them and let them know you are thinking of them. Life is short. Let us give thanks to the alive and give flowers to the living. See you next month!

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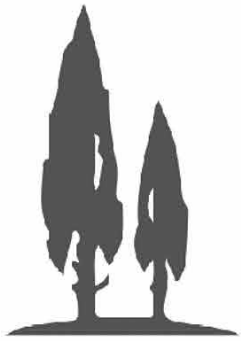
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