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Beltsville Briefs

Fairland's Friday Family Movie Nights

Fairland Sports and Aquatics Complex (13950 Old Gunpowder Rd, Laurel, MD 20707) will be hosting free movies on two Fridays in August. On August 4, they will screen the movie *A Dolphin Tale 2*, and on August 18, *The Lego Movie*. Both movies are rated PG and can be viewed by the entire family. The films begin promptly at dusk.

Come out, bring a blanket or chair, and enjoy a free movie on the grass. Snacks will be available for purchase, cash only, while supplies last. A parent or guardian must accompany children at all times. Movies and dates are subject to change before the viewing date.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church to Host Back to School Cookout

Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, will be hosting a back to school cookout for its neighbors and the community on Sunday, August 27, from 2-4 pm. There will be free food, activities for children, live music, and more. Church members will also hand out school supplies to area students (first come, first served). If it rains, the event will be moved indoors. So come on out, bring your friends, bring your children, and bring your fam-

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Members of the Beltsville Heights Neighborhood Watch enjoying a "Walk Around."

Beltsville Heights' Neighborhood Watch "Walk Around"

On Thursday, June 29, PG County Police Officers from the Beltsville Station and several Beltsville Heights neighbors participated in our third Neighborhood Watch "Walk Around" our neighborhood. It was a great evening, we all had fun, and our neighbors really enjoyed the police officers' presence. I want to encourage our neighbors to watch out for each other and help keep each other safe.

Please also sign up to join the Beltsville Neighborhood Watch Facebook page and also join the *Nextdoor* website at www.northbeltsvillemd.nextdoor.com (<https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/northbeltsvillemd>). These sites are used to post incidents in our neighborhood to keep each other safe and inform each other about upcoming events.

Please watch out for kids walking and riding their bicycles

and people walking their dogs throughout the neighborhood. There are still a lot of people in vehicles exceeding the speed limit on the streets and not obeying stop signs.

We all really appreciate when PG police are in our neighborhood!! Please dial 911 to report any suspicious activity in our community.

Pack 1031's Fun in the Summer Heat along Little Paint Branch Trail

Cub Pack 1031 scouts are continuing their fun in the outdoors! We launched our paper stomp rockets on June 26 and had lots of fun! Also, four of our scouts attended Cub Scout Day camp in Bowie, MD, and four families attended the annual Baysox Scout Night and got soaking wet but

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At right, Cub Scouts looking for fish in Little Paint Branch



Members of the Yoo Club!

Register Now for the Yoo Club

Interested in arts, graphic design, journalism or photography? Beltsville's Youth Opportunity Outreach (YOO) program allows youth within the Beltsville area to learn all about creativity, community and leadership. Last year, students in the Yoo Club visited the Newseum in Washington D.C., wrote articles for the Beltsville News, completed several arts & crafts workshops, researched environmental issues for the TRASH project and had

lots of fun presenting their final projects at their Student Showcase in May. This coming year, the Yoo Club will do all of this and much more! Don't miss out on an opportunity to get involved and be a part of a fun-filled year. The Yoo Club is open for all skill levels, ages 9-13. Spots are limited, so register now at theyooclub.com! You can find us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/theYooClub](https://www.facebook.com/theYooClub).

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On the Agenda

By Karen Coakley

The next meeting of the Beltsville Citizens Association will take place on Wednesday, September 20th at 7 pm at Beltsville Academy. They will not meet in August.

Join your neighbors at National Police Night Out on Tuesday, August 1st from 6-8 pm. Come out and support the men and women of the District 6 Police station who serve our community. There will be information on programs, such as Community walks, Coffee with COPS, home security checks and other special programs for everyone, school children to seniors. Bring a friend...Bring a neighbor.

Finally, if you have a subject you would like the citizens association to discuss please let me know. I can be reached at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com. Have you signed up for Nextdoor? www.nextdoor.com

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Neighbors in the News



Several RC planes getting ready to fly during "Airplanes of the World 2017."

Flights of Fancy in Your Own Backyard

By Rick Bergmann

Do you like airplanes? Gliders? How about Helicopters? Have you ever wanted to learn to fly radio controlled (RC) aircraft? Well, thanks to the Free State Aeromodelers you may be able to do just that. According to their website, www.flyfreestate.com, they are "an association of avid radio controlled model aircraft enthusiasts. Our flying field is located midway between Washington, D.C. and Baltimore. Our club was chartered by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, charter number 232, in 1980. Since that time our club has

grown steadily to more than 130 members. Our current flying field, Konterra Model Air Park, opened in the spring of 2000."

They welcome "all types of fixed wing aircraft from slow fly electrics to giant scale gas planes, as well as gliders, and helicopters." They invite spectators and prospective new members to visit them at their flying field, Konterra Model Air Park, 6050 Van Dusen Road, Laurel, MD 20707. They have flight training is available on Tuesday nights at no cost to their members.

This enthusiastic group per-

forms RC Airshows on several occasions throughout the year. I was invited to spend a day at Airplanes of the World 2017 on June 24th by Beltsville Resident and Free State Member Gary Heath. It was a daylong event where several pilots showed their stuff with RC planes of all makes and models. They had everything from WWI and WWII vintage planes to modern day jets. It was a wonderful program and a real family affair. I was amazed at the number of families that were there to watch the show. They have an exciting Veterans Day program coming up this fall on November 11. If you are curious about RC planes, head on over to www.flyfreestate.com and check them out. We are lucky to have this local group of aviation enthusiasts in our community.

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The Ocean in August

Watch it:
 The sun appears
 on the ocean's horizon
 like a wide line of fire
 out of the depth
 of the sea!

Growing into a fiery ball
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The Greater Beltsville Business Association (GBBA) welcomes the Mayor of Laurel, Craig Moe

The GBBA looks forward to having Mayor Craig Moe join us for our September breakfast! Mayor Moe will update us on Laurel Hospital and its future as well as entertain questions and concerns. Don't miss this opportunity to meet the Mayor as well as local business owners, community leaders, and representatives at this free event.

GBBA's monthly breakfast meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7:30 AM until 9:00 at the Cross Creek Golf Club, 12800 Bay Hill Dr. (off Old Gunpowder Rd.), Beltsville, MD 20705. Please contact Craig Cooper for more information about upcoming events at 301.343.5584 or ccooper@cci-printing.net

GBBA upcoming events and community participation:

- National Night Out August 1st, 2017
- GBBA's 6th Annual Charity Golf Classic! Friday, September 15th
- Business Showcase/Vendor Expo, October ?? from 4:00 to 8:00 PM **Reserve your table today!!** \$35.00, \$25.00 for members
- Team Building, Awards presentation, December 20th, 2017 from 7:30-9:00 AM

Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union Awards 2017 Stallings and Prestandrea Scholarship

Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union's board of directors, management, and staff would like to congratulate both winners of this year's Stallings and Prestandrea Scholarship. Members Jaxon Hyppolite and Aimee Beardmore each will receive \$1,000 towards their pursuit of higher education.

Mr. Hyppolite plans on pursuing a degree in mathematics at the University of Maryland this fall. Ms. Beardmore currently attends the College of Southern Maryland and is majoring in biological sciences.

The Stallings and Prestandrea Scholarship highlights the dedication of two Prince George's Community Federal

Credit Union pioneers, Virginia Stallings and Cindy Prestandrea.

"Each year, our scholarship program keeps getting bigger and better. We are proud of all the applicants and would like to congratulate the top candidates this year. The mission of this program is to help our young members succeed and meet their educational goals," stated Robert Schroeder, Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union president and CEO. This year's essay asked applicants to outline community service involvement that best represents the credit union's philosophy of "people helping people."

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had a good time.

On Monday, July 10, we hiked along Little Paint Branch Trail identifying trees and looking for plants and animals. We saw two deer, squirrels, small fish in the creek, and birds. We also collected any trash we found along the path. We found many dropped tissues and bottles along the trail—and labels off water bottles.

The pack is doing spring/summer recruiting so new scouts can earn outdoor requirements as we hike, bike, and do outdoor activities all summer long. Contact us through BeAScout.org.

On Saturday, August 19 (this is a correction of the date), we will be doing a cleanup/beautification project at Beltsville Academy before school starts in September.

We will be out there from 9 am–12 pm. Consider joining us!

Each year, the pack has activities such as camping, hiking, our annual Pinewood Derby, and campfires all year long. We also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy drive and Scouting for Food. Along the way, we learn responsibility, play games, and have tons of fun.

If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts with your son, please contact Regina Halper through www.BeAScout.org—just put in our zip code and look for Cub Pack 1031. You can now register online, but additional dues will be collected for the book, advancements, neckerchief, and pack fees including space rental and leader training.



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Summer-time Blues

The summer of 2017 will best be remembered for the sweltering heat. In the design world though, well-known local designers, Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac of Will's Home Decorating in Beltsville, are exuberantly celebrating the sudden industry-wide rejuvenation of cool shades of blues, injected into the newest selections of wallpaper and fabric patterns. According to Michael, "exciting shades of blues have been ever-present in Benjamin Moore's fabulous paint palette, but you could not find any coordinating blues



in bedding, wall coverings or drapery fabrics over the last two years, until recently. As a result, my clients were unable to update their rooms if they were using blue tones."

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 Home Decorating to peruse the latest summertime blues and other color trends in-home fashions. Will's has been Beltsville's one stop design shop for custom draperies, valances, reupholstery, Hunter Douglas blinds, wallpaper, flooring, Benjamin Moore paint, artwork, mirrors and furniture accent pieces for 45 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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Emmanuel United Methodist Church Will Go "Digging for Treasure!"

Emmanuel United Methodist Church (11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705) is excited to announce its upcoming vacation Bible school program Digging for Treasure! During this week-long program, participants (both children and adults) will explore Jesus' parables and the riches to be found in his words. At first, Jesus' parables seem simple. But it takes listening and digging deeper to discover the treasures of the kingdom of heaven.

This program will explore the parables through dramas, music, games, crafts, snacks, and other fun activities. The program will include activities and classes for children of all ages as well as adults. Vacation Bible school at Emmanuel is an all-inclusive experience for everyone.

Vacation Bible school is free and open to the public. It will run in the evenings during the week of Aug. 7 through the 11 from 6 pm to 8 pm. You can find out more about this program and register by going to www.eumcbeltsville.com or by calling the main office at 301.937.7114. So come on out and join Emmanuel as everyone goes digging for treasure!

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The Maryland States Boychoir's Summer Festivities

The Maryland State Boychoir's (MSB) Tour Choir is traveling on a two-week tour of Ireland presenting concerts each evening. This tour will include performances at the Eucharist and Evensong services at St. Patrick's Cathedral and St. Finn Barre's Cathedral and concerts at Christ Church Cathedral, Wicklow Parish Church, St. Iberius Church, St. Canice's Cathedral, Holy Cross Catholic Church, and St. Nicholas Collegiate Church.

While traveling, these young men will have exciting opportunities to see famous Irish landmarks such as the Cliffs of Moher, Aran Islands, Ring of Kerry, Blarney Castle, Rock of Cashel, Muckross House, Waterford Crystal Factory, Glendalough Monastic Settlement, and the Wicklow Mountains. We can be very proud of these fine young men's achievements as they represent our great state.

On Friday, July 14, 2017, at 8 pm, the MSB Tour Choir will present a free concert at Grace United Methodist Church, 5407 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210.

The Maryland State Boychoir Center for the Arts, 3400 Norman

Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21213, hosts a number of musical events during the summer months. All events take place at this location unless otherwise noted.

The summer series began humbly with Welcome Home concerts and performances by visiting ensembles. As the audiences have grown, new summer offerings have been added, including candlelit Compline services, the choral masterwork Summer Sing, an organ recital, the Community Hymn Sing, and Silent Movie with Organ improvisation.

Quickly becoming a Maryland tradition, these events in historic Mayfield appeal to a wide mix of ages and types of people. See our websites for more information: www.msb-summerseries.org or <http://www.marylandstateboychoir.org/Events> include:

Concerts: Welcome Home concerts are presented by The Maryland State Boychoir's two touring choirs. Tour Choir will perform on July 14 at 8 pm and Concert Choir on August 4 at 8 pm.

Recitals: An organ recital on Wednesday, July 5, featured Frank Cimino, with Collin Power

performing "Trinity" by Daniel O'Neill, 2017 AGO Student Commissioning Project.

Compline: Compline is a service of evening prayer and reflection that originated from the daily worship (offices) of the monastic tradition. A choir of alumni and friends of the MSB sing a 45-minute service of original music composed by choir alumni and friends accompanied by favorite anthems. Services take place at 8 pm on most Wednesdays.

Silent Movie: On Wednesday, July 12, at 8 pm the choir presents *Steamboat Bill, Jr.*, (starring Buster Keaton) accompanied by Michael Britt on the organ.

Hymn Sing: On Sunday, July 16, 5:30 pm., local organists will lead a community sing-along of favorite hymns.

Summer Sing: On Sunday, August 13, singers of all levels are invited to brush up on Handel's *Messiah*, directed by Stephen Holmes, artistic director. Registration is at 5 pm, rehearsal at 5:30 pm, and light refreshments at 7 pm with the concert beginning at 7:30.



Above is CRC Soccer 3-5th grade team, The Phoenix

Calverton Recreation Council Soccer

Come out and play with the Calverton Recreation Council Soccer. They are a non-profit, volunteer based, organization whose mission is to foster the positive development of youth and strengthen the local community by providing a fun, semi-competitive program to teach the fundamentals of sport including technical skills, tactics, and sportsmanship.

tics, and sportsmanship.

Their goals are to offer all children, regardless of their athletic ability, the opportunity to play sports and develop to their full potential, and to provide a safe and supportive environment for children to develop their athletic abilities and character.

The fall soccer season's first game is on September 9. Reg-

istration for the fall season is now open and will be closed on August 17. Children from pre-k to 8th grade are welcome to play. If you are interested in registering to play, you can check them out online at <http://calvertonrec.splay.com/site/>. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns contact them at calvertonsoccer@gmail.com.

This Past 12th of June, Ackerman's Local Office Celebrated Its 7th Year in Beltsville

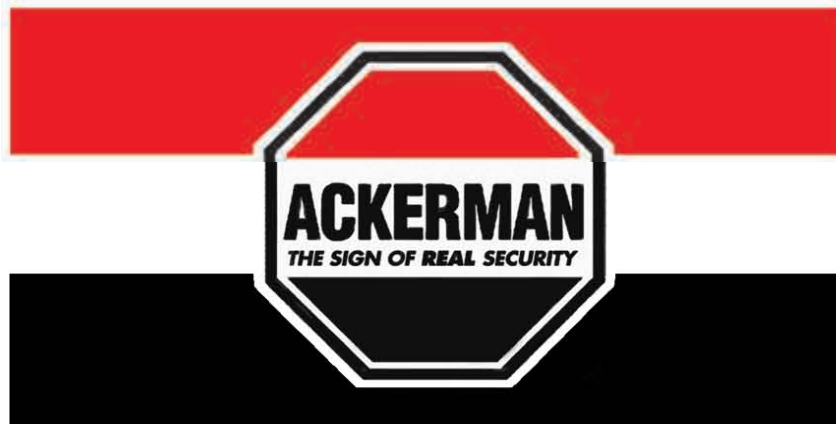


The celebration event was held at their new office at 12240 Kiln Court, Suite C. The leadership team, skilled technicians and security consultants have protected over 40,000 customers and businesses in the Greater Metropolitan Washington Area. The staff of 52 employees and subcontractors continue to grow "At An Alarming Rate" covering a radius of 75 miles that secures Washington D.C., most of Maryland and Northern Virginia.

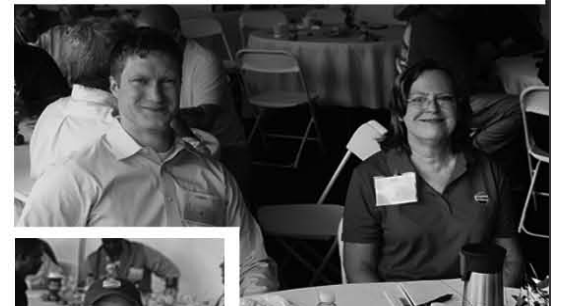
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Join the Delegates and me August 1 at the Beltsville Police Station

Delegates Barbara Frush, Jose-line Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I hope to see you Tuesday,



Senator Jim Rosapepe

August 1st, 6:00-8:00 PM, for the 34th Annual National Night Out. It will be held at the police station at Sellman and Montgomery Roads. Everything is free, including food, drinks, and fun activities for families. It's a great opportunity to strengthen the relationship

between the police department and the community, see friends and neighbors, and display Beltsville's commitment to keep crime out of our neighborhoods.

Tax-Free Shopping Week August 13-19

Just in time for back-to-school shopping, Maryland is helping working families by having a week of tax-free shopping. Clothing and footwear priced at \$100 or less per item will be exempt from Maryland's sales tax. A more detailed list of eligible items is available on the Comptroller's website at www.marylandtaxes.com.

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.

What to Do to Stop Unwanted Phone Calls

(StatePoint) Whether you use a landline, mobile phone or both, you've likely received those pesky robocalls — phone calls that use a computerized auto-dialer to deliver a pre-recorded message. As a consumer, here is what to know about this common annoyance to your home or personal line.

• Robocalls are often illegal. However, keep in mind that some

robocalls are permitted, such as companies you have done business with under certain circumstances, medical appointment confirmations and school closing calls. Political and charitable calls are among others that also may be allowed, along with banks and telephone companies, provided those companies make the calls themselves. Remember, many

robocalls illegally disguise, or "spoof," their Caller ID information or violate other rules.

• Advocates are working to mitigate the problem. For example, NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association and its members of more than 800 independent, community-based telecommunications

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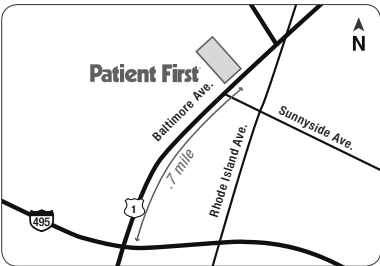


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Obituaries

Miller, Rawleen

Rawleen Miller, 98, of Silver Spring, MD, formerly of Beltsville, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 20, 2017. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert Miller; mother of Carol (Tom) Smith and Larry Miller; grandmother of Heather (Brandon) Urban, Brad Smith, and Jonathan Smith; and great-grandmother of Charlee Urban and Arianna Smith.

At a young age, Rawleen performed with her all-girls orchestra, attended business college, and moved to the Washington, DC, area to begin her career. She enjoyed music, singing, playing instruments, gardening, making

ceramics, crocheting and knitting, reading, and playing card games. She was loved by all who knew her.

The family received friends from 10 am until time of funeral service at noon on Saturday, July 1, 2017, at Donald V. Borgwardt Funeral Home, P.A., 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD. Interment Parklawn Memorial Park in Rockville.

Humphrey, George C.

George C. Humphrey (82) passed away on July 20 after a brief illness. Son of the late Thomas C. and Ruth B. Humphrey; brother of Robert T. Humphrey (Doris).

and the late Bill Humphrey; uncle of Gary Humphrey (Loriann), Donald Humphrey (Lynn), niece Sherry Ventura (Wilson), Joseph and Paul Humphrey. He is also survived by one great niece and many great nephews. Funeral services were held at the Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, MD on Monday, July 24, at 11:00 a.m. with The Reverend Jacob Young officiating. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department, 4911 Prince Georges Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705.

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ily to this wonderful and free event.

Upcoming Freestate Walking Events

Join the Freestate Happy Wanderers on Saturday, August 19, starting at the United Methodist Church, 9050 Baltimore St. in Savage, MD. The walk event will feature both a 5-km trail and a 10-km trail. The trails are on paved paths and natural wooded areas in and near the Savage Mill Historic District and Savage Park. A travel seminar on "Walking the World" with our sport is scheduled in conjunction with the volksmarch.

On Sunday, September 10, Freestate is hosting another volksmarch event at High Ridge Park, 10100 Superior Ave., in Laurel, MD. This event is a 9-11 "Commemorative Event" with displays

at Avondale Riverfront Park. The woods trail within High Ridge Park includes walking along the Patuxent River.

Both volksmarches are scheduled to start between 8:30 am and 12 noon finish by 3 pm. Check for complete brochure information on our website: <http://www.mdvolks.org/freestate/> or call 410.437.2164.

Fall Bible Study at Emmanuel United Methodist Church

Emmanuel United Methodist Church's Thursday evening Bible study will continue this fall with a look into the books of Ezekial and Daniel. The first meeting will be on Thursday, September 7, at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to join to learn and study. You can get more info at www.eumcbeltsville.com or by emailing the leader, Rick Bergmann, @rick.bergmann@eumcbeltsville.com.

PHONE CALLS

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companies are working to provide information to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Robocall Strike Force to further develop and implement solutions to detect, assess and stop unwanted calls from reaching customers.

• Never respond to a robocall. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that if you receive a robocall, simply hang up. They also warn consumers not to press any number to speak to a live operator or to unsubscribe from the list, as this will tell the robocaller that it's reached a live number.

• Don't give out personal information: If you receive an unsolicited call from any company, including one you do business with, tell them that you will not give them information until you verify the call is legitimate. Then, call the phone number you know or that you get from the company's website to confirm.

• Ask your phone company to block the number. Your carrier may be able to block certain numbers, although robocallers frequently change and disguise their numbers.

• You can use technology to block calls. Various companies offer products or services that help you control what calls ring on your phones. They range from mobile apps you can plug into your home phone jacks in order to block robocalls to your wireless phone.

The FTC encourages consumers to report unwanted calls to www.donotcall.gov or 1-888-382-1222. Complaints may also be filed with the FCC online or 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322).

More information can be found at ntca.org/robocalls and fcc.gov/consumers/guides. As a consumer, you have more power than you may realize to control who calls you and when. Thanks to new resources, you can take concrete steps to help put a stop to robocalls.

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Internet of Household Things

Everybody seems to be talking about the “Internet of things” or IoT. The Internet of things has many definitions but conceptually it is the idea that we can attach devices, some with limited intelligence, to a network that eventually connects to the Internet. If you have a smart phone for example, (like an Android Phone or an iPhone) it is a thing on the Internet and is a part of the Internet of Things. This month we will look at IoT devices in your home that you may not even realize are part of the IoT.

The Router

If you have the internet in your home you are almost certain to have a router. A router is the device that directs internet traffic and allows multiple devices to connect to the internet at the same time.



Many routers also provide wireless access to the internet. Most Internet Service Providers (ISPs) like Verizon or Comcast provide a router to their customers. The router is configured through a web page that can be accessed using a web browser on your home network. Some of these routers can be configured to be accessed remotely or through the wireless network.

Your Phone

Ok, the mobile phone is not a “Household Device” as much as it is a “Mobile Device” but I have included it here because the phone is like a computer that fits into your pocket and it is the tool used commonly to communicate with your own Internet of Things. Most modern phones connect to your home wireless when you are home and to the mobile internet when you are away. Since it is connected to the internet you can often use it to “phone home” and talk to the devices back at home.

mands from the Voice device you own.

Thermostats

Another popular home automation device is the smart thermostat. Nest popularized these several years ago before the company was purchased by Google. The Nest thermostat learns your preferred settings and allows you to view the current temperature and change the settings through your mobile phone. Now there are several devices on the market that work with phone apps and the Voice Assistants.



Cameras

Popular uses for IoT cameras are as baby cameras and security cameras. These smart cameras allow you to monitor what happens in and around your home while you are away. You can watch a live feed or a captured recording on your phone or computer for example. Often the cameras can be configured to notify your phone when motion is detected and then record a few minutes of video for you to review and determine if everything is OK.

Televisions

Today many televisions are “smart” and connect to the internet to allow you to rent movies or access services like Netflix and Amazon Prime. Even if you have a “dumb” TV you can purchase a Roku, Google Chromecast, Amazon Fire, or Apple TV device to add the missing smarts.

Door Knobs

A more recent addition to Household IoT is the smart door lock. Have you ever had someone lock themselves out of the house? With a smart door lock, the door can be unlocked remotely using your phone. No more need to bring keys as long as you don’t forget your phone.



Security

Talking about locks brings me to the down side of IoT. Some people have started calling the IoT, the Internet of Insecure Things. Recently some large web attacks have used compromised IoT devices

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Club News

College Park Unit #217 Members Celebrate In Ocean City

By: Ivy Christoffers

The week of July 9 thru 15 was a fun time for several members of College Park Unit #217 as they attended the state convention of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary held in Ocean City, MD. The week began with a reception held by Bill and Michelle Hill on Sunday afternoon at their condo in Thunder Island and featured dynamite mango daiquiris, yum, yum.

On Monday there was a luncheon held at Coins for the past Southern Maryland District Presidents organized by past Southern Maryland District (SMD) President, Brenda Miller. Later in the afternoon, we attended Southern Maryland's annual fish fry.

On Tuesday morning the last Department Executive Committee meeting was held for the 2016-2017 year. This was followed up by the annual Past Department Presidents luncheon held at the Dunes Hotel. Later that evening we attended the joint opening of the convention where we were privileged to have the incoming National Commander as a guest speaker. History is being made this year as this is the first time we will have a female veteran serve in this capacity. She is a dynamic speaker and focused on the family of the military.

Bright and early Wednesday morning, 8:00 am, we began our sessions. Included in the business conducted was the nomination of officers for the coming year and nominations for delegates for the national convention being held in Reno, NV in August. Later in the afternoon the current officers and Past Department Presidents met for a wonderful dinner at The Dunes Restaurant where we

were entertained by the seven district presidents. After dinner, we attended the very moving joint memorial service at convention hall that is always very beautiful and heart-wrenching.

On Thursday, the elections were held with Alta Glotfelty being elected as president, Linda Sarkisian as 1st vice president and Linda Green as 2nd vice president. Then it was time to begin giving out the certificates and awards to the top units in each category of size. College Park Unit #217 was fortunate to receive nine certificates. On Thursday afternoon we had the Past Department President's luncheon where all the past presidents in attendance entertain. This year it was a hillbilly beauty pageant.

On Friday morning the installation was held after which the new membership theme was presented by Linda Sarkisian. This year we are farm animals, with Southern Maryland District being horses. The other districts are ducks, chickens, dogs, sheep, cows, and pigs. Our junior members are rabbits and our Department Secretary in the wise old owl who watches over them all. Alta is the head farmer and Linda is foreman. I was given the theme on Tuesday and asked to come up with a membership song by Friday. Although it was a mighty task, a nine verse song was completed and delivered to the participation of all in attendance. We will have a lot of fun with this theme.

In June our Legion held its installation of officers for the coming year. Bill Knupp was re-elected as Post Commander and yours truly, Ivy Christoffers, was re-elected as unit president. Several awards were given to deserving

members and the unit presented a special "Community Service Award" to Larry Pendleton IV, owner of Old Line Wine Shop and Bistro Restaurant, for his unwavering support of the Maryland Veterans Creative Arts Festival. Larry has provided free lunches for the artists (disabled veterans) and staff for the past three years. He is a true believer in "veterans helping veterans". We are very fortunate that Larry decided to locate to our community. His interest and involvement in our community have become remarkable.

We also held a "grand opening" on Monday, the 3rd of July as we had been closed on Mondays for quite a long time. We are now open 7 days a week again so come on down. Bingo is still held on Tuesday and Wednesday at noon and Friday night dinner dances with live bands each week. This is the place to find relaxation and enjoyment.

If you have not yet obtained a "veterans bracelet" we have several on hand. These bracelets are made of wood tiles with the icons of the branches of the military and patriotic icons as well. There is a new one that also depicts all the wars since WWII. They cost \$5.00 each and the profit benefits veterans affairs and rehabilitation. If interested, call 240.421.9580.

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The Beltsville Young At Heart Club

By Barbara Schofield

The Young At Heart Club had a nice visit with Senator Rosapepe and Josephine Pena Melnyk at our July 6 meeting. A lot of questions were asked and answered. Thank you to the people who brought cakes. Everyone loved Viola's ice cream sandwich cake, which was a surprise.

The club trip to see Jonah on July 13 was a success; a good time was had by everyone. There are a few seats left to see Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, you can call Shirley Denell at 301.937.5342 for trips info. "Life doesn't have to be perfect to be wonderful." (Annette Funicello)

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39TH ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Fri., Aug. 4 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Bring a friend, picnic, blanket, or chair to enjoy a performance on the west lawn of the mansion grounds. Sit back and relax while the musical group *Classroom Dragons* performs R & B, classic rock, and soul music. Free admission to the concert. No reservations required. All ages welcome.

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THE WINDSOCK ARMS

Wed., Aug. 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Join us on the third Wednesday of each month and get after-hours access to the exhibits and socialize with friends. Each month will feature different activities and libations. August's theme is *Countdown to Airmail*. Help us kick off a year of celebrating the centennial of airmail! Snack-on appetizers will be provided by Geppetto Catering. Cost: \$10/person, includes food and drinks. Ages 21 and up only.

ENGINEERING 101

Sat., Aug. 19 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Ages 8 and up. This event takes place on the third Saturday of the month. What is an engineer? Engineers are people who design and build things to solve specific problems. Learn the basics of engineering through an interactive, hands-on design challenge by creating your own design from drawing to prototype. This is a structured program. Cost: \$5; it includes museum admission and supplies.

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SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club regular office hours are Mon. — Fri. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Phone: 301.206.3380. The monthly meetings and luncheons take place on the second Wednesday of each month. The meeting for August will take place on Wed., Aug. 9 at 10:30 a.m. We will have speakers from Fidos for Freedom. Sign-up and pay for luncheon by Wed., Aug. 2. Please note that special upcoming one-day trips include a 1) Casino this August, 2) Luncheon/cruise in September, and 3) Holiday show in December. Contact the Friendship Club for more details.

THURSDAY MOVIE MATINEE

The featured movie for Thur., Aug. 10 is *Jackie*. The featured movie for Thur., Aug. 24 is *Collateral Beauty*. Start time is 10 a.m. and the end time is about 12 noon. Popcorn will be provided. Cost: free.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore—Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are: Fri. — Wed. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., **closed Thursdays and federal holidays**. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. See <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/directions.html>. Cost: 1) Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails, and 2) Other activities and events are free of charge if not noted. Space in public programs is limited. *Registration is by phone only and is required unless otherwise specified* — call 301.497.5887. Note: These public programs are designed for individuals/families. **Programs are subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation.** Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you. Contact the Visitor Center regarding events for August.

HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

The featured artist for August is Jing-Jy Chen. The gallery is open when the Visitor Center is open. *Registration is not required*. All ages.

WATERLILIES IN BLOOM

It is prime waterlily season at the Visitor Center! The flowers can be seen from the grounds or from the air-conditioned viewing pod.



Waterlilies in bloom at the National Wildlife Visitor Center. Photo courtesy of Matthew Beziat.

AUGUST 2017

Calendar of Events

WILDLIFE IMAGES BOOKSTORE & BLUE GOOSE PASSPORT

The bookstore is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the days that the Visitor Center is open. Copies of the recently updated Blue Goose Passport for the National Wildlife Refuge System are for sale, and free stamps for the passports are also available.

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The summer tour calendar continues through Sun., Sept. 3. Tours for the general public are scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and weekends at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. *Seating is on a first come, first served basis and registration is not required*. The tram is an all-electric, open-air vehicle which provides a unique type of access to the wildlife and their habitats. The tours are operated by the Friends of Patuxent and are free of charge, but optional donations are gratefully accepted. Children need to be accompanied by adults. For updates and more information, call the front desk at 301.497.5772. Group reservations can be made by calling Tim Parker at 301-497-5776.

SKULL DETECTIVES

Sat., Aug. 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Ages 7 — 15. What was that animal? When you look at a skull there are many clues as to what the animal was. We'll be looking at the teeth, eye placement, and something called a skull ridge. Participants will be using real and plastic animal skulls.

FAMILY FUN: NATURE'S RAINBOWS

Fri., Aug. 11 and Sat., Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. All ages, *no registration required*. Animals and plants are sometimes brightly colored and sometimes drab. Why is that? Do colors serve a purpose or are they just for decoration? Come find the answers to these and other questions through hands-on activities, games, and crafts. *This is a drop-in program: come when you wish and leave when you're ready*.

DAMSELS & DRAGONS

Sat., Aug. 19 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Ages 7+. Darting through meadows and over ponds, dragonflies and damselflies are our colorful friends of the sky. Using nets and bug jars we'll take a close look at these flying insects and even get to hold a few.

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Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operations, especially during holidays or inclement weather.

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NAL offers online, digital exhibits that are free of charge. There are previews and links to more detailed informa-

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EXTENDING THE VEGETABLE GARDEN THROUGH THE FALL

Sat., Aug. 12 at 2 p.m. Yes, there are vegetables after tomatoes. Join Carol Allen as she digs into the world of the fall garden: what to plant, when to plant and harvest, and how to keep some crops going into the winter. Cost: free.

BACK TO SCHOOL DONATION DRIVE

The donation drive continues through Sun., Aug. 20. Behnke's, in conjunction with Beltsville's Emmanuel United Methodist Church, is collecting donations to purchase school supplies for local children. It's so easy to help. When you check out, just tell the cashier you want to donate. Choose \$1, \$5, or more. Every dollar counts.

KEEPING LAWNS GREEN AND HEALTHY

Sat., Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. Tall fescue lawns are not naturally occurring native plantings. For the best results, they do need a little help from people. Learn how to garden smart and have a healthy, green lawn. Cost: free.

SAVE THE DATE

Sat., Sept. 23 at 1:30 p.m. Rescheduled from June. Join horticulturist Jim Dronenburg for his talk, *Vita Sackville-West—Garden Guru and Inspiration*. Vita Sackville-West, a prolific novelist and poet, is remembered for her garden writing and for turning Sissinghurst Castle from a ruin and a trash dump to the most visited garden in England. Cost: free.

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PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

FREE SUMMER MEALS

The program continues through Fri., Aug. 18. It is offered Monday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. each day for children under 18 years.

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Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Drop in to learn to play or improve your game. All ages welcome: children, teens, and adults.

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SUMMER @ YOUR LIBRARY

The summer reading program continues through Sat., Aug. 19. Enjoy fun, home-based reading activities! Enjoy fun, home-based reading activities! Prizes available while supplies last. All ages.

STEM FOR FAMILIES: MARBLE RUNS

Wed., Aug. 2 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Have fun making marble runs from recycled materials! Ages 5 to 12.

KIDS ACHIEVE CLUB

Two Mondays: Aug. 7 and 14 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for students in grades K to 6. Homework help and reading practice with tutors.

STEM FOR FAMILIES: LIVE ANIMAL DEMONSTRATION!

Thur., Aug. 10 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join us for Echoes of Nature with native animals of (and one that has been introduced to) Australia!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Mon., Aug. 14 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Join us for a screening of the award-winning movie *Hidden Figures*. Ages: Families and teens.

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Two sessions: Tue., Aug. 15 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sat., Aug. 19 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Children read to a dog. Ages 5 — 12. For information, call or visit the branch.

SOLAR ECLIPSE PARTY

Mon., Aug. 21 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join us in saying goodbye to summer while safely viewing the solar eclipse with free glasses *while supplies last*. Call the branch to register.

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YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 12 noon. Members must be at least 55 years old. If you visit us three times you can become a member. We have speakers, entertainment, trips, 50/50, bingo, plus light refreshments. Call Jean at 301.879.4304 with any questions.

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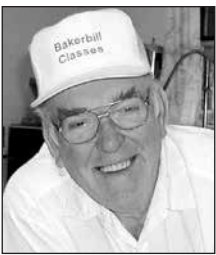
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Baker Bill@Riderwood

I just learned Raulin's Bakery has a new service, a drive-thru lane. No, not really: I just saw a picture of the front boarded up after a car jumped the curb into the glass. I hope no one was hurt. I guess by now things are back to normal. Well, I hope so.

August is sports month. Baseball is going strong, then football will be starting, soccer is in finals, and even the Capitals are in camp. Wow, I hope the Nationals are not in a "srump" as usual this time of the year. No, I spelled it right: "srump."

Things are about to change here at Riderwood. A major upgrade is starting at the town center with new construction happening. Riderwood is going to gut the hub and enlarge the restaurant to give us a new and better pub. All

the offices are going to trailers so that construction can start in the middle of July. Frankly, I think it's going to be a mess.

We are also getting a newer, larger fitness center with a large pool, and that's not all. The company is going to build, or I should say install, another elevator in the center. There's only one now, and there should have been two from the start, one of the only mistakes made 15 years ago. I think Riderwood is upgrading the playgrounds and picnic areas. Over by where residents can have a garden, there's a new covered table that is great for lunch out of the sun. I hope Riderwood improves the areas over by the back lake or at least cuts the grass. There is a play area there that was rebuilt last year, but like I said, the grass is so

long no one uses it.

All things are going well for this super senior here at Riderwood. With my power chair, I have the run of the place. Tomorrow, I go to the ShopRite on the bus that takes wheelchairs with a special lift. Man that's a trip; I call it my adventure once a month.

No recipe again this month, but in September I'll have a lot of new and tasty ones. I'll give you a list to set up your pantry.

Well, that's all for now. To contact me write to bill@bakerbill.net or go on my website @ BakerBill.net—lots of good stuff there. But use any Internet assess other than Google: it does not like me somehow.

Baker Bill AKA Bill Raulin @ Riderwood.

Church News

Bishop Kenneth W. Chism Celebrates Eighth Pastoral Anniversary

Restoration House International's senior pastor will celebrate his eighth year as pastor of the local Beltsville church. In 2009, Bishop Kenneth Chism founded the multicultural ministry Restoration House International in Silver Spring, MD, and in 2012 relocated the ministry to its current address. Bishop Chism later extended his vision as he founded a second campus, Restoration House South, in Bowling Green, VA, in 2014.

In 2011, Bishop Chism was appointed as the general secretary of One Way Churches International, a fellowship of churches based in Axton, VA. On Saturday, July 30, 2016, One Way Churches International consecrated him to



Bishop Kenneth Chism

the Bishopric during the organization's 7th Annual Holy Convocation in Baltimore. Currently, Bishop Chism provides spiritual guidance, direction, and oversight to churches in Maryland, New York, North Carolina, and Virginia.

The Pastoral Anniversary Celebration will take place on Sunday, August 20, 2017, at 10 am. There will be contemporary worship music with a live choir, guest presentations, light refreshments, and free giveaways for first-time visitors. The services are free and open to the public with ample parking on-site. The event will be held at Restoration House International, 4600 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD.

New Ways Classrooms are Changing

(StatePoint) Today's classroom are in flux. And these changes, rooted in technological innovation, are making it easier for students to become more engaged and collaborative.

Here are several areas where technology is changing the way lessons are taught and information is absorbed.

- Collaborative Apps. While in the past, group study sessions and group projects could become logistical headaches, today, there are a wealth of free apps that allow students to share, collaborate, edit and provide feedback simultaneously and in real-time, from the comfort of home or while on-the-go using mobile devices. Teachers and students are also using these

same technologies to share homework and receive feedback. With so much communication taking place among students and teachers at their convenience outside the classroom, class time is becoming more productive and efficient as a result.

- Modern Mathematics. The latest graphing calculators are a far cry from the kind you may remember from your own high school days. Certain models today feature the ability to draw 3D graphs and view them from various angles in order to better understand their shapes, as well as offer picture-plot function, for plotting graphs over real-life scenes. In the past, students may have felt isolated working out problems on

their own, however, with the latest models, such as the fx-CG50 from Casio's PRIZM line, teachers can now easily display and share lessons with the entire classroom thanks to full-color textbook-style LCD display, and direct projector and USB connectivity.

- Modern Music. In many classrooms today, students are learning to read, write and play music on the most up-to-date digital pianos. Many such models offer the performance and playing comfort of acoustic pianos, but with the benefits of modern tech, such as split and layer capabilities, multiple audio outputs and two-track

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to crash popular web sites. The
primary culprits were insecure
web cameras and routers. Several
brands of televisions have been
caught tracking what users watch
and selling the information to
third parties. Parents have found
hackers talking to their children
through their baby monitors. A
news TV program discussing an
incident where a child ordered
toys using the Amazon Echo and
Alexa without parental permission
ended up ordering toys through
Alexa for all of the thousands of
home that had an Echo within ear-
shot of the TV.

In a future column, I will dis-
cuss how to protect your selves
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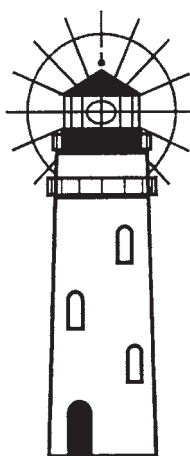
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