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Beltsville Briefs

Annual Apple Festival and Craft Sale at Emmanuel UMC

The United Methodist Women of Emmanuel United Methodist Church will be holding their annual apple festival and craft sale on Saturday, October 19, from 10 am–2pm. The festival will include crafters, the second chance sale, the upper crust boutique, a bake sale, and a hot lunch. If you are a crafter and are interested in renting a table, call the church office at 301.937.7114. All the details about the festival can be found at www.eumcbeltsville.com/apple-festival. Emmanuel is located at 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705.

ESOL Classes at Calverton Baptist Church

Calverton Baptist Church invites the Beltsville community to participate in a class in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). The class will be held at the church on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The ESOL class will start on Wednesday, September 25. The church is located at the corner of Fairland Road and Galway Drive where the Calverton Community sign is located, which is across the street from Galway Elementary School. Those interested in participating are asked to call the church at 301.572.5553.

Little Paint Branch Trail Community Cleanup Saturday, October 5, 2019

Cub Pack 1031 is hosting a cleanup along Little Paint Branch Trail on Saturday, October 5, 2019, as part of our obligation as Adopt a Trail Sponsors for the trail. The cleanup will run from 9 am to 12 noon.

We will meet at "Old Rec"—the northern end of the trail to allow more parking. Please bring gloves and apply bug spray as well as wear a hat, long sleeves, and pants. Also, wear sturdy shoes and long socks to pull over your pants to protect against bugs and

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Tiger Scouts Kyle T and Josiah C. racing their pool noodle sailboats

Come Join Us in Cub Pack 1031

Cub Pack 1031 is having its Join Scouting Night on September 30 in the cafeteria at Beltsville Academy at 7 pm. We look forward to talking with all the kids and parents who are interested in the fun of family Cub Scouts. We are a Gold level unit and currently have 20 active scouts. Over 80% of our scouts completed the program last year.

This past month, we had a great time in August with our creek walk and cleaned up trash along the south end of the creek. We also had our Raingutter Regatta in the Cubmaster's backyard with pool

noodles and recycled plastic lids to make our boats.

We have a full year of "fun with a purpose" planned. It will include a hike with other units at Fort Washington; a big cleanup along the Little Paint Branch Trail, October 5 from 9 am to noon; and family camping. That doesn't include our fun adventures we will complete over the next year including outdoor adventures, citizenship, and service projects.

Pack 1031 is a family pack open to boys and girls grades K to 5. (Kindergarteners can join now!) The pack has activities including

camping, hiking, our annual Pine-wood Derby, and campfires. We also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy drive, and Scouting for Food. Along the way, we learn responsibility, learn citizenship, play games, and have tons of fun.

Again, if you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts with your child, please come to our Join Scouting Night on Monday, Sept. 30, 2019, at 7 pm at the Beltsville Academy cafeteria. Or contact Regina Halper at Pack-1031cubscouting@gmail.com for more information.



Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

The Beltsville Citizens Association's next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 18, at 7 pm. We have two presentations this month from representatives from the Prince George's County States Attorney's Office and the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department. October is Domestic Violence Month and Fire Safety Month. Melissa Hoppmeyer, the chief of the Special Victim & Family Violence Unit, will speak on domestic violence crimes, and Franklin Shelton, the chief of the Special Prosecution Unit, will speak on environmental crimes.

Coffee with COPS will take place on Wednesday, October 16, from 11–noon at the Calverton McDonald's. Senior Coffee with COPS will take place at the Laurel Senior Center, 7120 Contee Rd, Laurel, MD 20707, on Thursday, October 3, from 1–2 pm. A representative from the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement will be there.

FIREFEST, an open house hosted by the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department (4911 Prince George's Avenue), will be held on

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Emmanuel UMC to Hold Annual Blessing of the Animals

But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you

—Job 12:7

Animal blessing is a special ceremony conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. St. Francis considered animals to be his brothers and sisters, saying, "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." For many people, a pet is a member of the family. Animals experience emotions such as happiness, love, fear, or loneliness just like people do. Therefore, they build close emotional bonds with human beings.

Join the members of Emmanuel and the surrounding community on Oct. 6 at 2 pm on the front lawn of Emmanuel with your pet or a picture of your pet.



Rev. Dr. Jalene Chase will bless your animals during this special service. If you have any questions, please contact the office at

301.937.7114 or office@eumcbeltsville.com today. Emmanuel is located at 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Neighbors in the News

“We Are the World”

By Rev. Dr. Jalene Chase

This song by USA for Africa, written by Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie, was a groundbreaker. I watched the faces of the different artist from different genres float across the screen. Each artist sang in their own distinctive style, and you could hear the conviction in their voice. The best part is they came together, and it wasn't for an awards show, a party, a premier, or some other red-carpet event. They came together to save lives. Yes!

The lyrics remind me (in my faith tradition) of the reason that we were created. I usually quote a verse or two when I write, but these lyrics speak to our responsibility as sojourners on this giant orb called Earth. We are temporary residents; we have the ability to come together to make a better place for all.

There comes a time / When we heed a certain call / When the world must stand together as one / There are people dying / Oh, and it's time to lend a helping hand to life / The greatest gift of all.

We can't go on / pretending



day-by-day / That someone, somewhere soon make a change / We're all a part of God's great big family / And the truth, you know, love is all we need.

We are the world / We are the children / We are the ones who make a brighter day, so let's start giving / There's a choice we're making / we're saving our own lives / It's true we'll make a better day, just you and me.

My favorite lyrics are, “There’s a choice we’re making; we’re saving our own lives.” If we don’t do it, who will? We are that somebody that we have been waiting

for. These words still ring true and can be applied to many different situations today. Why do we have to wait for people to be in dire need to do something? We have enough resources, and some people have enough money, that people shouldn't suffer. Call me an optimist, but I believe in the inherent good in people. Hope comes alive when we value the beauty of life and each other and embrace our diversity.

Our church is exploring what it means to embrace and engage our members as we build a bridge to our community. If you believe in being proactive for positive change, come build with us. Currently, we have one service at 9:45am; include your world on Sunday mornings. You can also find us on our webpage www.eumcbeltsville.com or Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/EUMCBeltsville. Until next time, I'll leave you with this:

Wouldn't it be great to hear only good news?

One story, one situation, one need at a time met without obligation

Renewed hope and our greatest gift, love, can make it possible if we believe

Let's choose to save lives and do what is best for humankind, together.

Don't miss an opportunity to build a bridge of blessing between people

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scratches.

We will have water available but no individual water bottles; they are the most collected trash in the park. So, bring your own and refill.

High school students: we can sign off for student service hours for your hard-earned service. Please bring your filled-in service verification forms. For any questions, contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com.

Fall Event at First Baptist Church of Beltsville

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

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10/18 at 10 p.m.	- Monthly Prayer Vigil
10/27 at 10:00 a.m.	- Pastor's Appreciation & Fellowship Service
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Beltsville is changing



Beltsville is changing right before our eyes. To me, this is a nice development. I know some readers would prefer the old, quiet atmosphere that was once Beltsville. But this is 2019, and we have to get prepared for change taking place around us.

The little shopping place off Cherry Hill Road near the 7-11 is booming. That location gives you an idea about the level of diversity in the community. You no longer have to spend money flying around the world...just visit the shopping center.

The place has a very nice Peruvian restaurant, and I actually prefer it to Sardis. Then a few doors down is the Dominican Bakery (Francesca's—I will talk a bit more about her later). After the bakery, you have an African restaurant, then another Spanish restaurant and bar. So sorry I do not remember all the names of these places. Africa is represented with a nice, new restaurant, and next to it is my favorite Indian restaurant in the whole of PG County—Maurya's. It all ends with the Caribbean restaurant that recently opened up. This past week I chose to patronize the local businesses there, and I enjoyed it.

So, when you want to eat out, consider supporting the local businesses in our town of Beltsville. I did that this past week, eating

from the Peruvian chicken place, the bakery, and Maurya's. I do not want to come off as being selfish, but I know there are lots of other developments in the community.

I will welcome Washington Adventist Hospital to the area, relatively speaking. However, that is one business place I have no immediate desire to visit...I will remain healthy to avoid a medical visit there.

Welcome, too, to Royal Farms, which is located in the new development near Konterra Drive on the way to Laurel. Francesca at the Dominican Bakery is my new friend. The weekend of September 14, I rushed down from Lanham with the intent to purchase her coconut cookies—they are delicious. I got there twenty minutes after they closed because I had stopped to help a lady change a flat tire. I literally stood out there for 20 minutes begging them to open the door to sell me cookies. She eventually did, and I thanked her profusely.

So please, let us continue to be Beltsville Strong. Support the local business places. Let us continue to build new friendships with those who have chosen to do business here. Thank you for reading and have a great day. In the next "Jive," we will talk about healthy lifestyles.

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Sunday, October 20, from noon–4 pm. There will be activities for children such as face painting and a moon bounce. There will also be fire safety demonstrations as well as exhibits from other community groups.

The Police District 6 COPS unit will host a TRUNK or TREAT on Thursday, October 24, from 6:30–7:30 pm at Beltsville Academy (4300 Wicomico Avenue). Decorate your car, bring some candy, and join in the fun!

Here are some safety reminders. Rear tags are being stolen. If they are stolen, immediately file a police report. Remember: "If you see something, report something." Call 911 for suspicious criminal

activity, and call 311 for additions, driveways, fences, or construction that you think isn't legal. General permits are required and should be posted on the home. If you think a home is a rental property, also call 311. Landlords are required to have a rental license and have the home inspected before they can rent.

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



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OKTOBERFEST

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Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac

The paint gurus at Will's Decorating (www.decoratemaryland.com), Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac are seasoned Benjamin Moore Paint pros. Will's Decorating features the full line of Benjamin Moore paint colors as well as deck stains. The new Williamsburg colors offer a wide range of traditional shades that supplement the original Historical colors. If you are feeling overwhelmed by the endless choices of colors or just want another opinion then see Michael or Valerie for a FREE personalized color consultation. According to Michael, "The most popular exterior colors are Richmond Bisque, Platinum Gray, Duxbury Gray, and Cottage Red." If you prefer to stay neutral though, Valerie recommends spicing things up by adding a splash of color to the front door with either a bright yellow (336 Bold Yellow), a vibrant red (Heritage Red) or an electric blue (812 Blueberry Hill). Join the paint fest at Will's and get \$5 off per gallon of Benjamin Moore Aura Exterior Paints with the mention of this article now through October 20th.

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From the Office of Councilmember Tom Dernoga

Beltsville community conversation

Join my office Tuesday, October 1, 2019, from 7-8:30 pm for an important community conversation on the potential relocation of the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. The meeting will be held at Vansville Community Center, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Beltsville. To see the press release from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing relocation, visit <http://bit.ly/BARC-PressRelease>.

College, university, and trade school fair

On Wednesday, October 16, I will host a college, university, and trade school fair at High Point High School from 6:30-8:30pm. Please share the information about



Councilmember Dernoga with the PTA president of Vansville Elementary School at its back to school night.

Academy). Trunk or Treat is a safe, fun, family-friendly event where children can collect treats from the trunks of District 6 police vehicles.

Beltsville development to watch

As our community continues to grow, we will keep you updated on upcoming District 1 projects. Please note, once a zoning application has been filed, State public ethics law prohibits the councilmember from discussing the case; however, you may contact Chief of Staff Michelle García at mjgarcia@co.pg.md.us with questions or to request a listing of the most current Beltsville development projects.

Please keep in touch by emailing councildistrict1@co.pg.md.us or calling 301.952.3887. Se habla Español. For invitations and community events you would like to share with us, please email district1scheduling@co.pg.md.us with details. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @TomDernogaD1.

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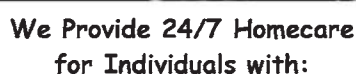


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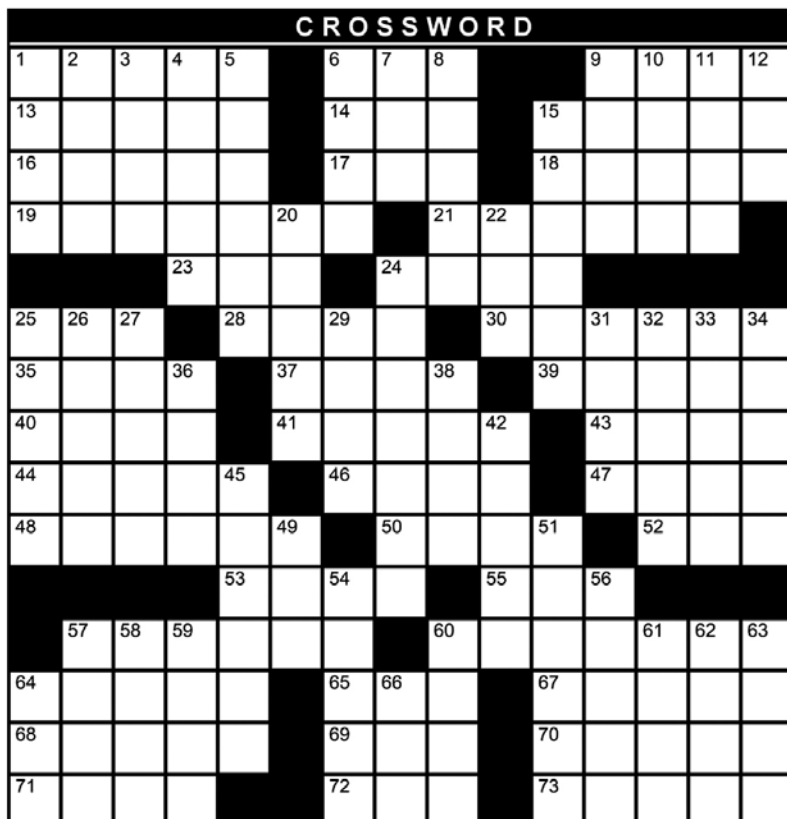
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9. Fill to satisfaction
13. Crocus, pl.
14. Reef dweller
15. Freeze off
16. Buzz Aldrin's first name
17. Wildebeest
18. Reduced, often paired with down
19. * ____ back
21. *#1 NFL pick in 2019
23. Precedes whiz
24. Bald eagle's nest
25. Summer sandwich?
28. Past tense of reave
30. Bee's favorite drink
35. German currency
37. Shower with affection
39. Africa's horned herbivore
40. Battery fluid
41. Bad-tempered
43. All over again
44. Ticked off
46. Cut with a beam
47. Rip or pull
48. Pico de gallo and such
50. Abe's coin
52. Hog haven
53. Refuses to
55. Likewise

57. *Team gathering
60. *Common play on 3rd and long
64. Committee of judges
65. One of the five W's
67. Ranees's wrap
68. Sheep-like
69. Auction set
70. Romanov's edict
71. Type of message
72. Aye-aye
73. *Worn atop thigh pads

DOWN

1. Maple tree and laptop brand
2. Pakistani language
3. *First ____!
4. Cupcake topper
5. Smaller than tiny
6. Safecracker
7. Poetic "even"
8. On D'Artagnan's hat
9. Practice in the ring
10. Certain sensation
11. *NFL Primetime and NFL Draft host Wingo
12. *Type of zone
15. More spry
20. Must-haves
22. Funerary vase
24. What opposites do?
25. *Soldier Field's team

26. “ ____ di Lammermoor”
27. Do-re-do-re-do-re-do-re, e.g.
29. *Blindside block, e.g.
31. Burn to a crisp
32. Fork prongs
33. Beside, archaic
34. *”All my ____ friends are coming over tonight...”
36. Words from Wordsworth, pl.
38. Other than what is
42. Gossipmonger
45. Waste time
49. La precursor
51. *A game that could go either way
54. Very recently
56. Port city in Japan
57. Possess
58. Windows alternative
59. *Football Hall of Famer Richard
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Hobbs, Brian Alan

Brian Alan Hobbs, age 64, passed away unexpectedly at the University of Virginia hospital on Sunday, July 28, 2019. He was born on October 27, 1954, in Washington, DC, to David Anderson and Gertrude Phyllis Hobbs. He was the fourth of eight children.

He started his real estate career in 1976 at Matzen Real Estate. In 1980, he opened his own business, Hobbs Associates, Inc., in Beltsville, MD, where he worked side by side with his father, David, until 1989. Brian, along with his wife, continued to work the Beltsville area, which he called "his

backyard" until the day he passed. In honor of his legacy, Hobbs Associates, Inc., will continue to serve the Beltsville community. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Patricia, and his children Pamela (Dale Davis) and Matthew (Samantha).

A Celebration of Life Service was held on August 13, 2019, at Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home in Silver Spring, MD, with visitation and sharing of memories.

Holliday, Frances Ann

On Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at Brook Grove Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Sandy Spring,

MD; wife of the late Stanley P. Holliday for 59 years; mother of Stanley P. (Ilze) Holliday II and Marie H. (Steve) Chaffins; grandmother of Eric C. (Jessica) Holliday, Samuel R. (Amy) Chaffins, Andrew R. Holliday, Madelyn Chaffins, and Brian D. Chaffins; great-grandmother of Kayleigh and Grant Holliday; sister of Mary (Donald) Swell, Samuel Erwin, the late Charles and Thomas Erwin; funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD, on Friday, September 6, 2019, with the Reverend Fay Lundin officiating. Interment private.

Neighbors in the News

Riderwood Residents Frank and Mary Longwell Travel Often and Share Their Top Travel Tips

When Frank and Mary Longwell moved to Riderwood, an Erickson Living developed and managed community in Silver Spring, MD, 31 months ago, they experienced the need to make some simple but important adjustments on how they prepared for trips so they could enjoy their newfound freedom to travel.

And who doesn't like to travel! According to a recent AAA Travel survey, nearly 100 million Americans are planning a vacation in 2019.

Erickson Living residents have two distinct advantages when they travel. First, they leave with peace of mind knowing their apartment home and belongings are secure (in contrast to needing house sitters). Second, many



Riderwood residents Frank and Mary Longwell

Erickson Living communities employ a special trips coordinator who plans everything from day trips, to shopping excursions and concerts, to theater events, and

more.

Whether it's a trip to Rome, Italy, or a trip to visit family in Philadelphia, the Longwells share their list of travel tips:

- Fly nonstop. Save time and schedule ahead of time so there is availability of non-stop flights and best prices.
- Do extensive online research to find out what is going on at the location you are visiting and fit in extra events according to your schedule. Professional sports, art and historical museums, local celebrations/events, and symphony orchestras. Festivals, latest microbrew beer locations, top ethnic food restaurants, or new openings.
- Plan photographic locations,

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

College, university, and trade school fair—October 16

It's never too early for high school students to start thinking about what comes next. To help plan for after graduation, Council Member Tom Dernoga is hosting a college, university, and trade school fair. The fair will be held Wednesday, October 16, from 6:30–8:30 pm at High Point High School. Meet and speak with representatives to learn more about their programs and opportunities. For any questions, please call 301.952.3887.

Home repair program for elderly in need—Nov. 1 deadline

Christmas in April * Prince George's County is a non-denominational volunteer organization that repairs the homes of senior citizens who are low-income and/or physically challenged so they may live in warmth, safety, and inde-



Senator Jim Rosapepe

pendence. After months of planning and preparation, Christmas in April culminates in a one-day repair effort on the last Saturday in April. Eighty homes were repaired in 2019 in Prince George's County, and all repairs are free for the homeowners. The 2020 application, due Nov. 1, is available

online at www.christmasinaprilpg.org or call 301.868.0937 with any questions.

There ought to be a law!

Delegates Peña-Melnyk, Barnes, Lehman, and I want to hear from you. The best ideas for new laws come from people like you—our constituents. For example, we've passed laws to ban panhandling on the roads and to stop landlords from dodging their property taxes—these ideas came directly from local citizens. Do you have ideas of improvements to state law you'd like us to consider? Just let us know your concerns and ideas.

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 help you. Just email 21stDistrict-Delegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

Neighbors in the News

Upstage Artists Incorporated Seeks to Bring Theater Arts to the Area

By Rick Bergmann

Upstage Artists Incorporated is a theater group founded by five local artists who are seeking to bring theater and theater education to Prince George's, Howard, and Anne Arundel counties. The group is made up of Spencer Nelson and John Cusamano of Prince George's County, Lorraine Brooks and Jana King of Anne Arundel County, and Rick Bergmann of Howard County. Their goals are to bring high quality theatre and arts programs to the general population, produce innovative and approachable theatre, as well as provide educational opportunities for teachers and students who wish to be a part of the theatrical arts.

For their first performance, they will be performing a staged reading of *Dracula and Mina: A Love Story* by John Cusamano. John is a local playwright, director, and actor. It reimagines Bram Stoker's classic tale as a love story. What would happen if Mina fell in love with Dracula? A staged reading is a performance without sets or costumes to get in the actors' way. They perform the story through their voice, some movement, and their expressions. The reading will be performed on October 12 at 7 pm at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705. Tickets are only \$10, and there will be light

refreshments sold as well.

If you have any questions, visit upstageartists.com or contact them at rick.bergmann@upstageartists.com.

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Smart home automation and monitoring

This month I thought I would start a discussion of home automation and monitoring. Home automation is where devices in our homes do things like control the temperature in our house, turn lights on and off, and lock and unlock our doors. Some of these technologies have been around for many years, like smart thermostats that adjust the temperature settings to save energy when people aren't home, or motion-sensor lighting that turns off in daylight and only turns on at night when motion is detected. These systems are typically autonomous, reacting to input from sensors based on configured values. Modern systems allow remote configuration of the devices and monitoring of their sensors. Home monitoring allows remote monitoring of cameras and sensors, like the motion detectors and temperature and humidity sensors, for example. The big difference between what has existed for a long time and what "smart" systems are capable of today is that the latest systems allow control and monitoring from our cell phones and from voice recognition systems like Amazon's Alexa devices and Google Home.

Alexa and Google Home

Before we discuss types of smart devices, we should discuss voice control. Amazon's Alexa and Google Home devices can often be used to control these smart devices. For example, if I say, "Hey Alexa, turn on living room lights," the lights in my living room that are connect to a smart plug will turn on. The voice command is processed by Amazon through the Alexa interface, and a Wi-Fi command is sent to the smart plug turning the lamp on. This can also be done using a phone or other network-connected device. Before you purchase a smart device, you should make certain it works with your voice devices and smartphones. Most devices work with both Android and iOS.

Smart plugs

Smart plugs are devices that plug into an electrical outlet and can turn the power on and off for the device plugged into the smart plug. These devices normally have a small circuit board inside that connects to the Wi-Fi signal in your house. Many smart

plugs connect to a service on the Internet to allow the switch to be turned on and off remotely by an app on a phone over the Internet. These devices will stop working if the company stops supporting the Internet service. Some smart plugs will allow light dimming. Dimming devices should only be used with dimmable lights. Smart plugs can be purchased from \$5 to \$30.

Smart light bulbs

Smart bulbs are light bulbs that have added circuitry to allow them to be controlled by messages sent via Wi-Fi. The bulb is simply installed into the light socket and then configured to connect to a hub or directly to Wi-Fi. The bulbs will typically accept commands to turn on or off, to dim, or to change colors. Some light bulbs connect directly to the network; others like the Philips Hue smart bulbs may require a hub that connects to the Internet allowing control of the bulbs. The hubs normally support only one brand of bulb. Smart bulbs normally use LED lights internally and can be purchased

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“Summer’s Lessons”

By Marcos Zelaya

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Yes with care, then stand and shelter proudly

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My hope’s ember can start fire – a new dawn!

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Neighbors in the News

Kitty Post

by Maria Hille

It’s been said that dogs are man’s best friend, but what about cats, feral cats? A social dog behaves affectionately with humans just like a social cat would and defends its territory as well. Without human contact for a prolonged period, cats will become shy, unsocialized, or feral; will seek shelter, find food anywhere they can, and regardless how little they eat, will reproduce up to three litters per year.

October 16 is National Feral Cat Day! The Humane Society estimates the number of feral cats is tens of millions, and they are often considered nuisance ani-

mals. Thus, they are unadoptable and eventually are killed, poisoned, or abused. The good news is that many humane groups and individual residents throughout the country are turning the cats’ bleak fate into humane rescue. We encourage everyone to view a short video on YouTube titled “Feral or friendly? Rescuing a sick street cat?” (<https://youtu.be/q5zUNkWiW0>)

Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) volunteers are here now to serve the Beltsville community to provide a compassionate approach to transform feral cats’ lives. As BCC hopes to increase its volunteer base and the number of cats it can help, donations towards spay/

neuter clinics, vaccinations, food, and trapping equipment are critical. Volunteers learn to trap, transport, and provide foster homes for kittens and injured or sick cats.

To learn more, visit our website at www.beltsvillecats.net. Questions regarding feral cats may be addressed by leaving us a phone message at 240.444.8353 or e-mail BeltsvilleCats@aol.com. Follow us on Facebook (Beltsville Community Cats) and Instagram@beltsville_cats. Mail donations to P.O. Box 942, Beltsville 20704. Please join us for dinner on our next FUN fundraiser on October 7 at Sierra’s Grill Taqueria, 11619 Beltsville Drive, from 5–9 pm.

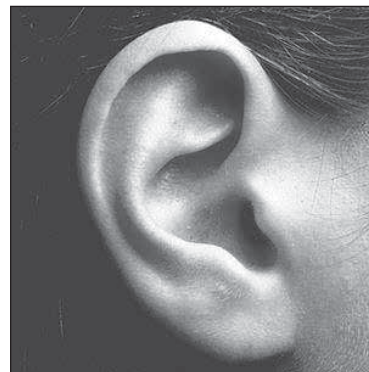
October Is Audiology Awareness Month: Follow These 3 Tips for Healthy Ears

By Dr. Kathy Mellott,
Audiologist

Hearing is a major part of how most people experience their surroundings. Despite this, approximately 36 million Americans experience hearing loss every day due to negligent ear care and improper hearing protection. With your ability to hear being so important, the professionals at Audiology Unlimited (<http://www.audiologyunlimited.net/>) would like to remind you to focus on improved ear health in the spirit of Audiology Awareness Month this October.

Symptoms of hearing loss may include difficulty understanding speech in busy environments, ringing in the ears, or the inability to distinguish between normal speech and mumbling. If you are exhibiting any of these symptoms, or aiming to avoid them, Audiology Unlimited has three helpful tips to make sure you maintain the best possible health for your inner ears:

1. Don’t Just Keep It Down for



Your Neighbors: Your ear maxes out its tolerance for loudness at around 85 decibels for extended periods. When going to places where loud sounds are expected, be sure to wear the proper ear protection. When the volume is in your control, keep it at a reasonable level; louder does not mean better.

2. Just Because It Fits in There Doesn’t Mean It Goes in There: Direct trauma to the ear can have an effect on hearing. With the exception

of products approved by audiologists, like earplugs or hearing aids, most things should not be put in your ears—particularly items like cotton swabs, which can actually cause serious damage to your ears.

3. Check Up on Your Ear Health: Knowing is truly half the battle. When you go to Audiology Unlimited, you will get an examination that will give you more information on the state of your hearing and what habits you should specifically change to ensure that you maintain proper ear health.

This October, make sure that you are on top of your ear health and that you take the necessary steps to retain your ability to hear. To find out more about Audiology Awareness Month, hearing protection, or schedule a hearing test, contact Audiology Unlimited, Silver Spring or Upper Marlboro, by visiting its website or calling 301.780.6770.

Residents for a Better Beltsville

By Eugene Jones, President

Dear Beltsville Residents:

Thank you and congratulations to those citizens and residents that participated in the general membership meeting held by Residents for a Better Beltsville on August 14, 2019. Participants were able to engage with the Maryland Department of Transportation concerning the reconstruction of Powder Mill Road.

Residents who have concerns about the reconstruction are encouraged to contact the following responsible parties:

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Club News

Surprising Changes Come to The American Legion Auxiliary

By Ivy Christoffers

At the recent national convention held in August in Indianapolis, a motion was passed to accept "spouses" of Legionnaires as members in the American Legion Auxiliary. So, after many years of trying on the part of some advocates, men will now become auxiliary members. So said, College Park Unit # 217 now has its first male member. I guess we will have to drop one word from our description as "the world's largest women's patriotic organization." I don't see too many spouses joining; however, we will make them welcome if they do.

The Sept. 21 Department Executive Committee meeting held at Post #217 was informative and educational.

The Charlotte Hall summer carnival held on Sept. 14 was a blast with all the units who participated representing eras down through the ages. Even Barney Rubble and Fred and Wilma Flintstone were represented. I don't know who enjoyed the day the most, those who participated or the residents who benefited. A good day for all.

October will be another busy month with our Junior Fall Conference coming up on Sunday, Oct. 13, at Francis Scott Key Post #11 in Frederick and our Senior Fall Conference being held at the Grand Hotel in Ocean City on Oct. 26-28. This is always a very enjoyable and informative three days. Then there is the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival held the last week of Oct. in Battle Creek, MI.

It is mind blowing to think we are coming into the season of beautiful fall colors. Where did the summer go so quickly? Were you able to fulfill your summer plans, trips, and picnics, and did you invite a veteran or two to join you?

Soon we will be making holiday plans for our organization and our hospitalized veterans, but that is for next month's column.

Come join us for a day of bingo on a Tuesday or Wednesday and remember our dinner dances on Friday nights. If you have a special event coming up, give Gary Kingery a call at 301.441.2783.

Keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers. May God continue to favor us, the land of the free because of the brave.

The Greater Beltsville Business Association

The Greater Beltsville Business Association will be holding an event where you can meet business owners and representatives from other networking groups as they mingle in a centralized location. You will be able to talk about and rally around the things that really matter to small businesses. This is your chance to meet new people because you never know who may need what you have to offer. The event will occur on October 7

from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Holiday Inn (near Ikea) Terrapin Café, 10000 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD 20740. The event will feature light fare, a cash bar, great ambiance, and extraordinary people. And to top off the event, there will be live jazz! Let's spend our money locally and continue to create the community we want! Cost: online registration \$15, at the door \$20. For more info, go to www.beltsvillebusiness.com/events.

Prince George's Genealogical Society

The next meeting of the Prince George's Genealogical Society will occur on Wednesday, October 2, from 7 pm-9 pm at New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton, MD 20784.

The guest speaker will be Sharon Hodges, professional genealogist, teacher, and lecturer. Sharon will be speaking about Maryland colonial immigration.

The society's meetings are free and open to the public. Visitors and new members are welcome. Check out the society's website at <http://pgcgs.org/> or its Facebook page at Prince Georges County

Genealogical Society of Maryland.

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Sat., Oct. 5 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Come celebrate the 10th Annual College Park Day. This event is fun for the whole family with live music and bands, awesome kids zones, live performances and performers, helicopter fly-ins, exhibitors, etc. Cost: Free museum entry during the event. Call 240.487.3508 for more information.

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Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thur. from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Sunday 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. TTY: 301.446.3402. Contact the center regarding classes and events for October. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are age 60 or older.

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 October is scheduled for Wed., Oct. 9 at 10:30 a.m. Sign-up and pay for our catered luncheon by Wed., Oct. 2.

THURSDAY MOVIE MATINEES

The featured movie for Thur., Oct. 10 is *Best of Enemies*. The featured movie for Thur., Oct. 24 is *The Chaperone*. Start time is 9:30 a.m. and the end time is about 11:30 a.m. Cost: free.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

Address: 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. Contact the Visitor Center for information about programs and other events for October. 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. Cost: Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails; 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Get free volunteer training and learn how to help out at this busy time of year. Ages 18 and up. Contact Diana Ogilvie at 301.497.5565 or Diana_Ogilvie@fws.gov for more information. Opportunities include:

- Pollinator garden help (Wednesday and Sunday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon),
- Operating the bookstore (open days when the Visitor Center is open), and
- Participating in wildlife surveys.

HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

The featured artist for October is Victoria Restrepo. The gallery is open when the Visitor Center is open. All ages are invited; no registration is required.

FOREST DISCOVERY TRAM TOURS

Saturdays in October at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. All ages. Tickets are FREE and are first come, first served. Discover how our forest is an interconnected community of plants and animals. Tours last 45 minutes.

OWL & KESTREL

Saturdays in October from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. each day. All ages. No registration required. Meet two of North America's smallest birds of prey: the American kestrel and eastern screech owl. Both are expert hunters. The American kestrel uses its acrobatic prowess, while the eastern screech owl is a stealthy silent hunter.

TINY TOTS

Sun. and Mon., Oct. 6 and 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. each day. Ages 16 mo. – 48 mo., parent participation required. Learn about wildlife at the refuge through fun and interactive songs, stories, and activities.

WEDNESDAY BIRD WALKS

Wednesdays, Oct. 9 and 23 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day. Ages 16+, parental participation required. Search

for spring migrants in various refuge habitats on this guided hike; binoculars are highly recommended. Walks begin at the Visitor Center.

NATURE TOTS: AFRAID OF THE DARK—NOT ME!

Tue., Oct. 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 4. Learn about animals that are mostly out at night, and their special adaptations.

FAMILY FUN: CREEPY CRITTERS

Fri. and Sat., Oct. 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. All ages, no registration required. Owls, bats, and spiders are everywhere at Halloween, but they're not creepy—they're cool! Come learn about these animals and their special adaptations through hands-on games and activities for all ages. This is a drop-in program: come when you wish and leave when you're ready.

CREEPY CRITTERS NIGHT HIKES

Fri. and Sat., Oct. 18 and 19 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. each day. All ages. Nocturnal animals don't go bump in the night. They know exactly what they are doing. We'll explore the forest for spiders, moths, bats, and our other night-time animals. Join us for these season-appropriate hikes.

DISCOVERING LICHENS

Sat., Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Ages 10+. Enjoy a slow walk as we stop along the trails to observe and appreciate the world of lichens, an intriguing type of fungus that grows on many of the trees and logs in the forests of Patuxent. Bring your water bottle and a magnifying glass, if you have one (some magnifying glasses will be provided). The walk begins at the Visitor Center and is weather-dependent.

SONGBIRD VIEWING AREA DEDICATION

Sat., Oct. 19 from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. All ages. No registration required. Join us as we celebrate the completion of the songbird viewing area. Constructed to aid school groups, photographers, and visitors of all ages in seeing songbirds up close, the observation area has been a great addition to the refuge.

TUESDAY MINI-CAMP: HABITATS & ADAPTATIONS

Tue., Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ages 8 – 11. Spend the day playing games and doing hands-on activities. We will explore various habitats at Patuxent and around the world, and analyze the ways animals have adapted to survive in even the most extreme environments. Be prepared for a short hike and running around outside.

NATURE TOTS: COLORS OF FALL

Tue., Oct. 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 4. Learn about leaves and the different shapes, sizes and colors that they bring to autumn.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

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

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

Free and open to the public. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. The library is located at 10301 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. Parking is free. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib. See NAL.USDA.gov/visit-library for more information.

VANSVILLE HEIGHTS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Mon., Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the Franklin Brown Recreation Community Center, 1733 Old Baltimore Pike, Beltsville, MD 20705 (located in the Vansville Park). The association meets on the second Monday of each month.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

Closed on Mon., Oct. 14 for Staff Development Day. *Starting on Sun., Oct. 6, the Beltsville Branch Library will be offering Sunday hours from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.* Address: 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Tue. from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wed. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sun. from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmis.info to use our online library services. Contact the library about other activities in October.

PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays from 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.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

READY 2 READ STORYTIMES

Preschool: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.
Toddler: Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 – 3 years old.
Baby: Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages birth – 2 years old.
Spanish-English: Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

STEM FOR FAMILIES

Wed., Oct. 2 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join us as we explore science, technology, engineering, and math. Drop in for hands-on experiments and activities. Ages 5 – 12.

KIDS ACHIEVE CLUB

Mondays, Oct. 7, 21, and 28 from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. each day. Reading

practice for grades 1 to 6. Niños entre los grados de 1 al 6 practicarán leyendo con un mentor.

STORY EXPLORERS: LATIN AMERICAN ARTISTS

Wed., Oct. 9 at 3:30 p.m. Come listen to a librarian read favorite stories about Latin American artists and create a colorful mini piñata to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

Tue., Oct. 15 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Build your child's confidence as they read to specially trained therapy dogs. Bring a book or choose one from the library. Each child will read for 15 minutes. For information, call or visit the branch.

CRAFTERNOON

Wed., Oct. 16 at 4 p.m. Come join us for an hour of afternoon crafting. Parents are welcome to participate. Families welcome!

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

LATIN DANCE SHOWCASE WITH DANCE IN TIME

Tue., Oct. 1 at 4:30 p.m. Watch Latin dance performances, try a few moves, and learn about Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, and Cha-cha—their history and cultural relevance.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

Thursdays in October from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join our club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds.

MY LIBRARIAN

A free 60-minute appointment with a librarian to learn about our library's online resources or to learn about computers. Requests for appointments can be made on our website at www.pgcmis.info, under *Services* and *Help One-on-One*. Bilingual staff are available.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Address: 3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation are: Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed on Sunday and selected major holidays. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the center regarding events for October.

BELTSVILLE YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

Join us at the Beltsville Young at Heart Club on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:15 a.m. Members must be at least 55 years old. Visit us three times and become a member. We have speakers, entertainment, trips, 50/50, bingo, plus light refreshments. Questions: call Lois at 301.498.9736.

WOMEN'S CLUB

Thur., Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. The club meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month,

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Church News

Dunamis Worship Chapel

Are you sick? Are you discouraged? Are you depressed? Do you feel like there's more to life that you still haven't uncovered? Are you searching for your purpose in life? Are you asking yourself life-challenging questions? Then Dunamis Worship Chapel encourages you to visit one of its services because God will supernaturally visit you and provide you with solutions to all your problems.

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We are located at 4715 Sellman Road, Unit G, Beltsville, MD 20705. Our worship hours are as

follows: Sundays at 8am–9:45am and 10am–noon, Tuesdays at Word Encounter and Communion Service from 7pm–9pm, Fridays at Prophetic and Miracle Service from 7pm–9pm, and the last Friday of the month at Night of Dunamis from 7pm–1am. You can find us on the Facebook by searching for Dunamis Worship Chapel Int'l - Dunamis Chapel or on YouTube by searching for Dunamis Chapel.

Club News

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By Barbara Schofield

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club has a wonderful trip to the Potomac Eagle Scenic Train Ride and lunch in Romney, WV, on Thursday, October 24. There will be a meal choice of turkey or baked ham included with the train ride. This should be a great time to

take pictures of fall colors and bald eagles. Contact Shirley Denell for more info at 301.937.5342. The price of the trip is \$117 per person.

Some upcoming events: Good Company will be the entertainment on October 2 at the club. In November, the club will have a Thanksgiving dinner at the First

United Methodist Church in Laurel, MD, catered by Bob Ball. The entertainment will be the Barber-shop Quartet.

Wear a smile and have friends; wear a scowl and have wrinkles. What do we live for if not to make the world less difficult for each other?

TECH SENSE

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under \$15 for single-color bulbs up to about \$50 for multi-color bulbs.

Smart cameras and baby monitors

The old-style security camera that recorded video allowing review at a later time has been replaced by the smart Wi-Fi camera that allows the video stream to be watched in real time on a smartphone as the video is recorded. These newer cameras also support sound, frequently allowing two-way conversations. Night vision cameras are also available with invisible infrared lighting used to illuminate the scene in the dark. Some of these cameras can be moved and zoom in and out using commands from the app on the phone. Most cameras can be configured to only record when motion is detected to minimize the space required to store the video.

Many cameras send the audio and video to the cloud where it is retrieved by the smartphone app. Some companies charge a fee for the cloud storage. If the company providing the cloud storage stops supporting the device or goes out of business, the devices will stop working. If the company's accounts are compromised, then your video recordings may be made public. Even worse, there have been occasions when accounts have been compromised allowing strangers to talk with children being monitored by baby monitors or smart cameras.

Smart cameras can be purchased for indoor or outdoor use. Often, outdoor cameras can be battery powered with batteries lasting as long as one or two years. Smart camera prices range from \$20 to over \$200 depending on the features and manufacturer.

Smart doorbells

Smart doorbells have recently become very popular due primarily to Amazon's Ring devices. The Ring devices can be used to monitor packages left by the front door. These are essentially smart cameras with a doorbell capability added. The devices allow conversation between a person on the mobile phone app and a person in front of the door. This can give the appearance that a person is at home and responding to the doorbell even when they are away.


Smart thermostats

The popularity of the smart thermostat was started by Nest. Nest designed and created a thermostat that not only learned the characteristics of how long it takes the home to get warmer and cooler, but it also learned the schedules of the residents to determine when the house needed to be warmer or cooler. Smart thermostats typically connect through Wi-Fi and the Internet to a phone app allowing the homeowner to monitor the temperature and humidity and adjust settings as needed. Smart thermostat prices typically run from \$125 to \$300.

Wrap up

That wraps up this month's col-

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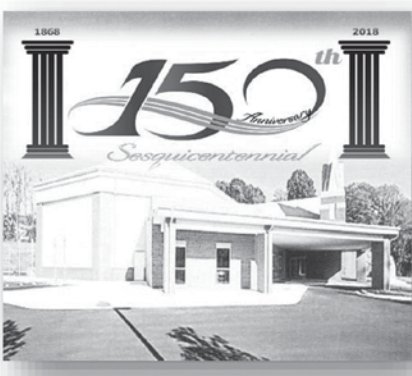
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YOU ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAYS AND DURING THE WEEK

Fall Revival and Homecoming
Revival: October 16-18, 2019 7:00 p.m. nightly
Wednesday, October 16
The Rev. Dr. Timothy West, Westphalia United Methodist Church, Upper Marlboro, MD
Thursday, October 17
The Rev. Jerome A. Jones, Sr., Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church, Charlotte Hall, MD
Friday, October 18
The Rev. Mark Nolan, New Hope Baptist Church, Bel Air, MD

Homecoming Sunday Celebration
October 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Louis W. Shockley, Retired UMC Clergy

Sunday Worship Celebration begins at 10:00 a.m.
Communion Service every first Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship
Church School for all ages 8:45 a.m.; Men's Bible Class 8:45 a.m.
Bible Study Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Rooms available for banquets, workshops, & conferences, long or short-term rentals
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- best times with sun considerations, and think entire photo process including possible sidelight opportunities.
- Plan on enjoying the area and paying a reasonable price for a hotel because nobody wants to stay inside and miss the excitement of a new location. Clean, reputable, good ratings, excellent reviews from previous patrons, and nearness to sites on your wish list. Don't forget public transportation.
 - Develop a "mnemonic": an easy to remember word or phrase that helps memorize items. The Longwells Word: **WHISKEY!**

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CALENDAR
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except for July, August, and February.

STRATEGY GAME CLUB

Mondays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Enjoy board games, strategy games, and tons of fun. All skill levels welcome. Any game can be played as well as brought to the club to be played. Cost: free. All ages.

**XTREME TEENS AND PRE-TEENS
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Fridays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free with valid Center ID card. Ages 10 – 17.

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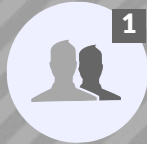
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Fridays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ages 10 – 17. Free with valid Center ID card.

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www.fbcbeltsville.org

Keith Holland, Pastor

Ken Ledwell, Director of Student Ministries

Sundays:

*Sunday School for all ages	9:45 a.m.
*Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Children's Church (age 3-3rd grade)	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship Activities	6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays:

Adult Bible Study & Prayer	7:00 p.m.
RA's, GA's, Mission Friends	7:00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship	7:00 p.m.

*Childcare available for children up to 4 years old

Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 26, 2019 • 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Come join the fun and go for a hayride, play some games and feast on the treats! Then have the kids enjoy candy from the trunk or treat cars before you leave.



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Sunday church services: 10:30-11:30 a.m. (doors open at 10 am.)
Sunday school for youth up thru. age 19 (same time)

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Come and Join Us Sunday Worship Schedule

7:45 a.m. – Quiet Service/Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. - Family Service/Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. – Sunday School
11:15 a.m.- Full Service/Holy Eucharist
Sunday Nursery Care 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday Worship Schedule

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Sunday School and Bible Study for children and adults:

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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