St. John’s Will Bless Pets

In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, who is said to have loved animals and all nature, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Zion Parish, will have a service of the “Blessing of the Pets” on Sunday, Oct. 7, at 1 p.m. in the church upper parking lot, 11040 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, Md., 20705. Pets and owners from throughout our community are invited and encouraged to bring their pets – dogs, cats, gerbils, rabbits, etc. – to this special ceremony. Saint John’s has hosted this fun event for the last three years, and looks forward to having pets from our community come out for this happy activity. We ask that pets are caged or leashed at the service for the comfort of all involved. The service is short, and all pets present (or brought by photo) are blessed. Water and cat and dog treats will be provided for all pet participants.

Come out, bring your pets, and invite your neighbors to do likewise. It will be a nice time for all. In case of rain, the Blessing of the Pets will be held indoors.

Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department to Host Annual Open House

As Fire Prevention Month quickly approaches, the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) is preparing for its Annual Open House. As chairman of the Fire Prevention Committee, and organizer of the event, Mike Shaffer has been busy for months in order to ensure its success.

Mike, or “Doc,” as he’s called at the firehouse, grew up in the District of Columbia, but his family moved to Beltsville, Md., in 1970. After watching Gage and DeSoto on the popular TV show Emergency, “Doc” often wondered what it would be like to be a firefighter.

The weekend of September 14-16 found the Boy Scouts of Troop 1033 in Beltsville, Md., camping and hiking at Gettysburg National Military Park. Scouts Patrick, Joseph, Surya, Kyle, Solomon, Tyis, Al, Trey, Luke, Alex, Henry, and Luis and their adult leaders including: Scoutmaster, Rick Deery, Troop Committee Member Laurie Deery; Scout dads, Mike Yarmas, Bob Miller, and Clennie Murphy and Pack 1031 Chairman Eric Saathoff, camped Friday and Saturday nights at McMillan Woods youth campground on the Gettysburg Battlefield.

Scouts and scout parents tour Gettysburg, Penn.

Hilda Mercado and son, Andrew, helped the Prince George’s Scouts reach out to the Hispanic community at the Hispanic Festival. Shown above: Emily M. Hilda, Regina Halper, Andrew M. and Joe Vlcek.

Cub Scout Pack 1031 Begins a New Year

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Karen Coakley

BY PRESIDENT KAREN M. COAKLEY

DISTRICT 1 SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM will convene on Monday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m., at Martin Luther King, Jr., Middle School 4545 Ammedale Road, Beltsville, Md. Our School Board representative impacts all of our lives, not just the residents with children in the school system. Schools are one of the top quality-of-life issues in a community. Schools are a true sign of the health and stability of a community. Schools are the heart of a community. We must elect a School Board candidate who cares about our children, our schools, our community. Please come and hear David Murray and Zabrina Epps. Please call or email any questions you would like the candidates to answer. This event is being sponsored by several civic and PTA organizations in District 1.

The October Beltsville Citizen’s Association will be on Wednesday, Oct. 17. We will have a presentation on the proposed redevelopment of the American Legion Property across from High School. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about this important issue.

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Amended Development Letter

In a detailed letter to the editor, Brother John Patzwall, F.S.C. presented the plan for development from the Brothers’ point of view.

Firefighters Capture Championship

On Aug. 12, 1987, the Beltsville Firefighters defeated Branchville and Kentland Fire Departments for the County Fireman’s League softball championship.

ARS Scientist Retires


Cox-Peterson Wedding

Dorothy Marie Cox became the bride of Frank William Peterson on May 16, 1987.

New Arrivals

Richard Keith Fox, Jr., son of Kimberly Rae Fletcher and Richard Keith Fox was born Sept. 2, 1987.

Brittney Laurel Rogerson, daughter of Paula Anna and Dwayne Laurel Rogerson, was born Aug. 30, 1987.

Richard Patrick Berard, son of Patricia Lee and Robert Paul Berard was born Sept. 11, 1987.

Edward Mayberry Halley IV, son of Elizabeth Wojtech and Edward Mayberry III was born Sept. 12, 1987.

Woman of the Year

Mary Ellen Jenkins, Chair of Prince George’s County Commission for Women, received Woman of the Year on Oct. 12, 1987, at the banquet of College Park Business and Professional Women.

Married in Hawaii

Brian Keith Batten and DeAnna Simpkins were married July 21, 1987, in Hawaii.

Service News

Yeoman Sean O. Jones graduated from Recruit Training School in Orland, Florida.

Obituaries


Letter to the Editor

I am writing to support David Murray for the Board of Education in District 1. His experience as a state Board of Education member will bring a perspective we need on our local board. He is a candidate that has good working relationships with students, teachers, and community leaders. As a former PTA President at Beltsville Academic Center, PTA Vice President at MLK Middle School, PTSA President at High Point High School, Athletics Booster President at High Point High School and long-time Beltsville resident, I know we need a leader in our community who is interested in listening to the community and values public input.

It is time for a new direction of leadership in our district. More than ever we need someone that knows our system, our schools, and our students. David is a product of our school system and knows the challenges that we face. I am supporting him because he will not be afraid to speak up for us. I urge you to take the time to learn more about his campaign.

Linda Diasgranados, Beltsville, Md.

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Paul G. Zurkowski Takes Leave of Absence to Build the Beltsville Business Directory and GBBA’s Membership

By Paul G. Zurkowski, GBBA President

At the September GBBA Board meeting, President Paul G. Zurkowski requested a leave of absence from the duties as President in order to pursue full time the opportunity to fully develop GBBA’s membership by contacting as many Beltsville businesses as possible about advertising in the directory and becoming a member. The board supported the request and endorsed elevating GBBA’s Vice President Henry “Buddy” Clark IV, C.I.C. of Joseph W. McCarrn Insurance of Beltsville to Interim President. The 2013 President will be selected by the new board for which elections will be held in Nov. 2012.

Initially targeted for publication in November, the publication date of the 2013 Greater Beltsville Business Directory has been set for January 2013. Promotion flyers have been sent to nearly 3000 Business most of which have an IBC code designation indicating their main business category, enabling GBBA to place the company in classified business categories. The plan is to contact as many of these businesses as possible to expand their listing, to consider highlighting their business in the directory with advertising and to join the Association in support of Beltsville and all of its businesses.

Buddy Clark will provide leadership for the board in supporting business interests in the greater Beltsville area through meetings, publications, web sites, social media and its growing committee list. The Sept. 14 Greater Beltsville Charity Golf Classic, co-sponsored by GBBA with the Beltsville Rotary Club drew over 40 sponsors and 126 golfers filling the 18-hole golf course as well as the bar and dining room for the concluding banquet. It was a great day for Beltsville businesses supporting Beltsville charities, which will share in the proceeds of the event.

The monthly meetings will continue the current series of GBBA member speakers addressing tested ways businesses can increase their business volumes. Business listings continue to be received, many of which include both membership applications and advertising commitments. By comparison the Golf Classic program had over 40 advertisers for a one-day event. The target of the current effort is to sign up between 135 and 150 business advertisers to appear in 10,000 copies of the directory sent to all Beltsville residents and businesses. A membership offer covering the remainder of 2012 and all of 2013 for the annual membership fee is being offered to member prospects. The goal is to double the number of members from the 50 with which GBBA began 2012 to a total of 100 by year’s end.

There’s Something for Everyone at Emmanuel UMC in October

By Rick Bergmann

Emmanuel United Methodist Church, a staple in the Beltsville Community for 175 years, will be having a very busy month in Oct. The month will be filled with fun and interesting activities for all ages as well as activities to help our neighbors in the Beltsville community.

Oct. 7 is World Communion Sunday and Emmanuel’s two services will celebrate the diversity that exists in their congregation. After both services, at 12:30, we will be having an international potluck picnic.

The annual blessing of the animals service will be held on Oct. 14 at 4 pm. From the earliest parts of the bible, God’s love for animals is evident. From Creation to Noah and beyond the kindness God has shown to animals has always been abundant. So why bless the animals? Well, the answer is a simple one; when something is blessed, attention is focused on the perfection that God put into it when God created it. When the good in our lives is blessed that good is increased, adding our more blessings to the blessings that are already a part of it. Blessing increases God’s positive influence in our lives and the lives of the people and other living creatures around us. There is no registration necessary; participants just need to show up on the lawn of the church with their pets.

Emmanuel UMC’s doors are always open to their neighbors. They hope you can find something to attend this Oct.

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Want to beautify your home and increase its resale value while reducing allergens? Try a hardwood flooring upgrade. Wood is rich and elegant and instantly adds warmth to any room. For the best selection of top quality flooring as well as advice on the perfect wood flooring for your home consult with Michael Richards or Valerie Kabelac at Will’s Home Decorating (www.decoratmaryland.com). Will’s has a wonderful line of environmentally friendly bamboo in addition to wood flooring by Bruce, Mirage and BR111. They also have an interesting product called “ShareCasing,” which converts a carpeted or worn staircase into stunning wood stairs using a dry concrete system made of 100% genuine hardwood.

Michael Richards stands ready to help you.

When selecting wood flooring choose between solid wood, engineered wood, which is good for dry concrete basements, and snap-and-lock flooring for do-it-yourself weekend remodelers. Board width is an important element when deciding on a floor. Michael suggests using wider planks ranging from three to five inches to accentuate the beauty of the natural wood grains and to allow for additional design options. There is also a wide variety of species, such as Red Oak, Brazilian Cherry, Santos Mahogany and Tigerwood, each offering unique characteristics ranging from grain patterns, color variations to hardness. The stain of the floor can strongly impact the feel of a home. According to Valerie, “dark floors are dramatic, but tend to show dust and scratches from pets more than a lighter floor.” Most floors have a polyurethane finish though that provides a protective, durable layer, allowing for easy maintenance by dry mopping and vacuuming. Stop by Will’s for a FREE personalized flooring consultation with the wood experts, Michael and Valerie.

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Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

CSX train/truck station will not be built in Beltsville

Last year, Beltsville was one of the proposed locations for a new facility that will allow the transfer of freight trains and containers between trains and trucks. The plan would have a significant impact on traffic and the environment in Beltsville. Along with many Beltsville residents and businesses, Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes and I strongly opposed the Beltsville location for the new facility. I’m pleased to report that CSX and Maryland Department of Transportation are no longer considering Beltsville as a potential location and have begun looking at four new sites in Baltimore. Thank you so much to everyone who was outspoken about this issue. It made a difference!

Vote early. Avoid Election Day lines

You don’t have to wait until November 6 to vote. You can vote at an EARLY VOTING place in College Park. Below is the location, as well as the hours and dates. College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park, MD 20742. Hours are 12 noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, October 28 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, October 27 Monday, October 29 Tuesday, October 30 Wednesday, October 31 Thursday, November 1

There ought to be a law

Delegates Frush, Peña-Melnyk, Barnes, 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 responsibilities to state law you’d like us to consider? Just let us know your ideas.

New law for approaching non-working traffic lights

We wanted to make sure you’re aware of a new law about to take effect regarding actions drivers must take when approaching intersections with non-functioning traffic signals. As many of us know, traffic lights can stop working because of storms, traffic crashes, or other incidents that cause power outages.

Beginning October 1, a driver approaching a non-functioning traffic control signal from any direction at an intersection must stop at a clearly marked stop line before entering any crosswalk or before entering the intersection. After stopping, the driver must yield to any vehicle or pedestrian in the intersection and remain stopped until it is safe to enter and continue through the intersection. Violations of the new law carry a fine of $90 and two points if the offense does not contribute to an accident. If the violation contributes to a crash, the fine is $130 and three points.

Contact Us

As always, 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.

Congratulations High Point Junior Daniel Dasgranados

This past spring High Point High School student Daniel Dasgranados was invited to attend Hugh O’Brian Youth (HOBY) at Mount St Mary’s University. More than four decades later, HOBY is still inspiring young people all over the world to develop their leadership and critical-thinking skills to achieve their highest potential. O’Brian set out to help young people make a difference and become positive catalysts for change—in the home, school, workplace, and community. Now, with more than 375,000 alumni leading the way, HOBY is respected worldwide for its youth leadership programs.

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LIVE IN PEACE

By Ingeborg Carsten-Miller

Let us live where we can breeze in Peace, where Joy belongs to the day, where the night is resting for what we mean to accomplish with pride and respect in the future.

At times there will be storms to be endured with threatening clouds overhead but floods recede and the sun will return to a peaceful land!

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Neighbours in the News

Riderwood Culinary Team Honored at Maryland Seafood Festival

Riderwood’s Crab Soup Deemed Best in State of Maryland

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 19, 2012—As the world turns to the Internet for almost everything, finding objective and research-based information and education is critical. To meet that need, America’s Research-based Learning Network has been launched by eXtension (pronounced E-extension), an innovative, no-cost, online initiative of the Cooperative Extension System. (www.extension.org)

The launch was announced at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 19, 2012 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. immediately following the 45th Annual Maryland Seafood Festival, where the eXtension winning crab soup team won multiple honors in the following categories:

1st Place People’s Choice Best Vegetable Crab Soup.
1st Place People’s Choice Best Alternative Crab Soup.
3rd Place Judge’s Choice Best Vegetable Crab Soup.

“Despite facing a tough field of over a dozen restaurants and catering companies from across Maryland, Riderwood’s talented chefs worked tirelessly perfecting their recipes, resulting in the most creative and delicious crab soups,” said Certified Executive Chef Victor Cirrincione. “It’s an honor to be recognized as an official ‘Premier Creator of Crab Soup’ in Maryland.”

Research Based Learning Network Established Sept. 19

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America’s Research-based Learning Network, eXtension, offers free webinars, online learning sessions, multimedia projects, videos and diagnostic tools meeting public needs at the local level with research-based information on topics such as nutrition and safe food, natural resources, energy, personal finances, livestock and crops, and more. The eXtension site also includes a collection of Frequently Asked Questions, content feeds and much more to help people solve life problems. If a consumer can’t find the information he or she is looking for, experts monitor and answer questions through the Ask an Expert feature. All of eXtension’s interactive learning resources are available to consumers at no cost.

All universities engage in research and teaching, but the nation’s more than 75 land-grant colleges and universities, have a third critical mission—extension. “Extension” means “reaching out,” and—along with teaching and research—land-grant institutions “extend” their resources, solving public needs with university resources through non-formal, non-credit programs.

For nearly 100 years Cooperative Extension, as part of the nation’s land-grant university system, has worked to provide objective, research-based education and information to improve the lives of Americans. America’s Research-based Learning Network is addressing many critical issues facing the United States and the world including:

• Protecting our natural resources and the environment.
• Ensuring an abundant and safe food supply.
• Working for greater energy efficiency and independence.
• Improving physical, mental and emotional well-being.
• Strengthening financial and investment skills for individuals, families and businesses.

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eXtension - America’s Research-based Learning Network is made up of more than 70 topic communities, with 55 online at eXtension.org. New topic areas are added monthly. eXtension experts provide a range of information from beekeeping to nutrition to childcare and eldercare to livestock and crops to entrepreneurship and commuinity development to home energy, financial planning, gardening and pest management to youth development and much, much more.
Over 36 Million American Adults Have Some Degree of Hearing Loss
That is over 4 times the population of New York City.

By Dr. Kathy Mellott, Audiologist

The statistics are shocking and even more so knowing that over half of those 36 million Americans are under the age of 65. Hearing loss is an increasing health concern in this nation that is often preventable. Taking time to see an audiologist for regular hearing screenings and knowing the signs of hearing loss can protect your hearing. Make an appointment with an audiologist this Oct. during National Audiology Awareness Month.

“Hearing loss can be caused by exposure to loud noises, ear infections, trauma, or ear disease; harm to the inner ear and ear drum, illness or certain medications, and deterioration due to the normal aging process,” explains Dr. Kathy Mellott, audiologist. The amount of noise Americans are exposed to today plays an important role in the recent increase of hearing loss across the nation. It is no longer just a health concern for seniors.

Have you stopped going to restaurants and social gatherings? Do you keep to yourself when in noisy environments? If you answered yes, you may have a hearing problem. Some tell signs of hearing loss are: trouble hearing conversation in a noisy environment such as restaurants, difficulty or inability to hear people talking to you without looking at them, and/or a constant pain or ringing in your ears.

On average, most Americans don’t know how to recognize the first signs of hearing loss or which health professional is qualified to diagnose and treat the condition. If you think you may have a hearing loss, you need to see an audiologist. An audiologist is a licensed and clinically experienced health-care professional who specializes in evaluating, diagnosing, and treating people with hearing loss and balance disorders. The first step in treatment of a hearing problem is to get your hearing evaluated by an audiologist. A hearing evaluation will determine the degree of hearing loss you have and what can be done. Although most hearing loss is permanent, an audiologist can determine the best treatment, which may include hearing aids, assistive listening devices, and hearing rehabilitation.

In response to the growing number of Americans suffering from hearing loss, the American Academy of Audiology in conjunction with Audiology Unlimited and College Park Hearing Services have launched National Audiology Awareness Month this Oct.
Neighbors in the News

World War 1 Peace Cross Comes Under Fire

Liberty Institute Defends 40-Ft. Maryland Veterans Memorial

Liberty Institute on behalf of The American Legion will defend a 40-ft. World War 1 Peace Cross in Bladensburg, Md., erected in 1925 to honor men from Prince George’s County who lost their lives in the Great War. The 16-ton historic landmark that sits in the heart of the community’s historic district to greet passersby and honor the selfless sacrifice and service of veterans with the inspirational inscription: “VALOR, ENDURANCE, COURAGE AND DEVOTION” is the oldest of four memorials in Veterans Memorial Park. After standing for nearly a century at the highway intersection of Md. 45 and U.S. 1, the veterans’ memorial had never received a complaint, until the American Humanist Association sent a threatening demand letter to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission last month. The group, advocating for humanist and atheist causes, alleges that, because the veteran’s memorial is in the shape of a cross, it is unconstitutional for sitting on public land. The group demands the immediate removal of the veterans’ memorial.

“Surely, the Humanists are bluffing. I doubt very seriously this group will even file a lawsuit to disturb the Bladensburg Peace Cross, which has stood for nearly a century as a symbol of the selfless sacrifice and service of the 49 soldiers who paid the ultimate price for the freedom of others during World War I,” said Hiram Sasser, Director of Litigation for Liberty Institute.

Tom Davis, Adjutant of The American Legion Department of Maryland, said, “The American Legion strongly opposes any effort seeking removal of this historic veteran’s memorial, which would dishonor the WWI veterans who fought and died for our nation. We will do what we can to ensure that the Memorial Cross remains where it has stood for decades.”

The World War I Peace Cross is just one of many veterans’ memorials across the country under assault by the ACLU, atheist groups and their supporters. Liberty Institute is also representing veterans in the defense of other veterans’ memorial crosses, including the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial and the Mojave Desert Veterans Memorial.

Liberty Institute is a nonprofit legal group dedicated to defending and restoring religious liberty across America – in our schools, for our churches and throughout the public arena. Liberty’s vision is to reestablish religious liberty in accordance with the principles of our Founding Fathers. For information, visit www.LibertyInstitute.org.

Obituaries

Langley, Elsie E.

Elsie E. “Beth” Langley, 89, of Beltsville, Md., died on Friday, Aug. 24; wife of the late Durwood B. Langley; sister of Irene (Richard) Dow, the late Olive Mensforth and Isabelle Omichinski. Internment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Ingleside Resident Support Fund 3050 Military Road, NW Washington, D.C., 20015.


Teague, Ernest M. (age 71)

Ernest M. Teague, 71, of Beltsville, Md., died on Monday, Aug. 27, beloved husband of Margaret Mary “M.M.” Teague for 45 years; father of David L. (Sophia) Teague and Lauren E. Adelsberger; grand-father of Paige, Audrey, Bella, Kate, Alex and Marco; brother of Patricia A. Matthews. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 10 a.m. with Monsignor Mariano Balbago officiating. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery Brentwood, Md.

Memorial contributions may be made to Metro Maryland Osteomy Association, 12320 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, Md., 20852, or American Cancer Society, 801 Roeder Road, Suite 800, Silver Spring, Md., 20910. Arrangements made by Borgwardt Funeral Home. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com.

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Battlefield.

McMillan Woods is the site where General Pickett’s men camped the night before their famous charge. The scouts hiked across the battlefield. After the hike, scouts and parents kicked back and enjoyed a picnic with smores for dessert.

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de libros Scouts Españoles disponible para los padres del Tigre (1º grado) scouts para ayudarles a trabajar con sus hijos.

Muchas gracias, Sra. Merca- do.

Prospective scouts and our current scouts enjoyed an evening of fun at our Join Scouting Night on September 10 in the Beltsville Academy. We will have more potential Cub Scouts come check us out at our first Pack meeting on September 24. Welcome all new scouts!

To begin our Fun with a Pur- pose, we met at the Little Paint Branch creek on Monday, September 17, and explored the creek and learned about the nature in our own neighborhood. We found lots of crayfish, a frog and small algae eaters and other fish. We learned about the local trees along the path and how to be careful around poison ivy.

If you are interested in having your 1st to 5th grade son join Cub Scouts come see us every Monday. The school is open in the cafeteria at Beltsville Academy or contact Regina Halper at rhalper29@veri- zon.net
Kayla Cummings, Miss Maryland Pre-Teen Finalist

**Neighbors in the News**

**Kayla Cummings Finalist for Miss Maryland Pre-Teen**

Local student, Kayla Cummings, 12, was a finalist for the Miss Maryland Pre-Teen Pageant held in August. Cummings competed against other girls in her age-range from across Maryland.

Unlike many glamorized pageants, girls younger than 12 are not permitted to wear makeup and there is no swimwear competition. The pageant is based on inner-beauty, as well as poise and presentation.

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an Emergency Medical Services Worker. In 1975, after meeting a few members from the BVFD and finding out that Prince George’s County was about to implement training for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), Shaffer decided to join the BVFD and was in one of the first EMT classes offered in the county.

In order to raise fire safety awareness, the BVFD will open its doors to local residents and other guests on October 21 from 1 – 4 p.m. at the station on Prince George’s Avenue. Visitors will get the chance to explore the fire station and fire trucks up close and staff will be on hand to conduct blood pressure checks. A moon bounce will be on site and Sparky the Dog will be there to meet and greet the children. Additionally, there will be stop, drop and roll and dial 9-1-1 learning centers set up for the children in order to help teach them how to handle important fire safety and/or emergency situations. Fire safety literature will be made available to all guests. Members of the Beltsville Baptist Church will be putting on a puppet show which has been quite popular with all ages in previous years.

To add to all of this, the Ladies Auxiliary to the BVFD has coordinated with elementary schools in the Beltsville area and will again conduct a fire prevention-themed poster contest. Prior to the Open House, students of participating schools are given the opportunity to create a poster in which they are asked to depict a lesson of what fire prevention means to them. The posters we have seen produced over the years have shown the remarkable insight that youngsters have. An outside committee is arranged to judge the posters and the award winners for each grade. We are presented with a trophy in the community hall at the BVFD during the Open House.

**Point High School**

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Neighbors in the News

IDG’s Computerworld Named Riderwood Best Place to Work in Information Technology

Erickson Living, developer and manager of Riderwood Retirement Community in Silver Spring, Md., in June announced IDG’s Computerworld magazine, has selected it as one of the top 100 organizations that provide their information technology (IT) professionals with a creative and stimulating work environment, great career opportunities, as well as exceptional benefits and compensation. Erickson Living was ranked 93rd on this year’s list. Honorees are included in coverage in Computerworld (June 18, 2012), along with results from the 19th Annual Best Places to Work in IT survey.

“Erickson Living’s Information Technology professionals have a long history of quality service and a unique commitment to serving a diverse customer base,” said John F. Triscoli, Erickson Living’s Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer. “By having diversity of thought, perception, background and experience, our team culture thrives, creating a rewarding work environment that opens up new opportunities for professional development and growth.”

As one of the Best Places to Work in IT, Erickson Living’s understands the importance of creating avenues for IT professionals’ success, including in helping them gain new skills, as well as rewarding them for outstanding performance.

“Erickson Living builds its high-performance team through a comprehensive, integrated employee engagement program that includes extensive employee input into goals, development plans and performance assessments; robust two-way communication; and a performance-based employee value plan that aligns personal and team objectives,” according to Julie Judge, Senior Vice President of Human Resources. “The end result is a culture where people give discretionary effort and see Erickson Living as a career destination.”

“The organizations on this year’s Best Places to Work in IT list consistently seek out and hire the most talented IT people, offer them competitive pay and provide great benefits,” said Scot Finnie, Editor in Chief of Computerworld. “Many of these organizations have spent years building top-notch IT workplaces, and we applaud the amazing work they’ve done to sustain dynamic environments where IT professionals can work with the latest technologies and play a key role in business-critical projects.”

A TAIL OF GRACE

By Beckie Hutchings

A puppy is a window
Into the grace of God.
It gives its heart away unselfishly.
It always is accepting
Of what its master does
Erasing with its tail all our misdeeds.
When he or she is grown up
A better friend is not
To be found even in the human realm;
Without a single sentence,
Our pet can say a lot;
Love follows us whenever it’s around.
A gentle hand extended,
To scratch about its ears,
Is all our canine actually desires;
And nothing brings us comfort
More than when settled down
It warms us up by its own inner fires.
It never is ashamed of
The way we look or smell,
And none display more joy at our return.
Our dog is used by Father
In daily show and tell
Reminding us of faithfulness unearned.

These dearest of companions
Expand our lives to need
A fellowship that cannot be replaced.
To share part of existence
With any type of breed’s
A pleasure we find easy to embrace.
So thank you, Lord, for bundling
Your precious love in fur
So we can touch and hold Your tender heart,
And when the journey’s ended
Please come and heal our hurt
With memories too sweet to travel far.

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U.S. Marine Hero Passed Through Ellis Island in 1926

If ever there was a standard-bearer for the great American dream, there is none better than the likes of Riderwood Retirement Community resident Esko Hallila. Plenty of framed pictures are on the walls of his Riderwood apartment in Silver Spring, MD, most with added photos stuck into the glass. But there is a difference — not gluing, but held in honor. The photos are mementos of consequence. They reflect a story of a lifetime worth telling.

Esko passed through Ellis Island in 1926 as the six-year-old son of a shoemaker/mechanic. His father proudly proclaimed that Esko had a job with relatives already in his new country. The start was good, propitious.

Esko’s pride in his native Finland bolstered his service to his new country, and he made doubly sure the old-country work ethic and care to detail whetted his resolve to achieve. Early on, swimming became the sport of choice. He was good at it and won local tournaments at school and the YMCA.

He was a budding electrician when Pearl Harbor was bombed. That was when he made a career choice that lasted a lifetime. Early 1942, it was off to Parris Island and his induction into the U.S. Marines.

With his civilian experience as an electrician paving the way, training and assignment to the expanding Marine aviation was a perfect match. In a short three years, Esko was a master sergeant in charge of fighter squadron maintenance up and down the Atlantic coast. His requests for combat duty were duly noted but never answered and, by February 1946, he was placed on the rolls of the reserve.

This finally led to a wish being granted. When the reserves were called up in the Korean War, he was assigned first to a fighter squadron in Korea, then in charge of electrical maintenance of squadrons on three different carriers. He saw combat in the Yellow Sea.

In and out of these duties there was swimming: first, on base as a coach and competitor, and finally to star in the Senior Olympics. Proudly, he was to win a national title in the 220 meter race for the Quantico marines.

His Finnish background made him a better American, for there was no one who served this country with such enthusiasm and devotion. Even in retirement, on Flag Day, Esko recited a poem written by a fellow patriot and warrior, a stirring bit of prose that suited his own feelings of what it meant to be an American.

With all of the medals and trophies, accolades, proclamations and Hall of Fame, his excellence in the sport of swimming, competing in the Senior Olympics over the years, Esko has definitely left his mark.

As noted, in government employ in later years, he designed that bright and beautiful illumination of the Washington Monument, a tribute to the first of many great American leaders.

But the crowning achievement - his citizenship and that of his mother and father - still brings tears to his eye as he recalls the day in a courthouse in Worcester, Mass., when his mother stood with a few others and pronounced the oath that hard work and study had brought about.

Semper Fi, Esko.

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Club News

College Park Unit #217 Embarks on Another Year of Service to God and Country

By Ivy Christoffers

Our very challenging year of American Legion Auxiliary service for 2011-2012 ended with the installation of our new officers on Sept. 24. Unit President, Mary Keller, thanked her officers and members for a job well done, sometimes under difficult circumstances, but the dedication and commitment of our officers won the day. In fact, they all did such a good job serving our members; they were all installed again for the coming year with Mary Keller still at the helm. Our Past Southern Maryland District President, Ivy Christoffers, was afforded the honor of installing her friends.

Next, it was the Department Convention held in Ocean City, Md., July 10-13, which was very exciting for our unit members. Attending the convention were Mary Keller, Angie Rodriguez, Elizabeth Rice, Joan Stewart, Kimberly Morales and Ivy Christoffers who chaired the convention due to Department President, Yvonne Rhone, losing her voice. What a beautiful sight to see all our flags and banners advanced at the Wednesday morning opening ceremonies. Our colors were carried by Elizabeth Rice and Kimberly Morales. The first order of business was the presentation of Membership awards won by the units during the year. Next it was the endorsements for Department Officers to lead us during the coming year.

It was a little unusual as I was being endorsed for Department President for 2012-2013 and for this convention, and was acting president. My granddaughter, Kimberly Morales, presented me and read my endorsement speech for the high office of Department President. After the Wednesday meeting there was a small reception to meet the candidates and enjoy punch and cookies.

On Thursday another highlight of the convention were all the awards the units won for their work on our many programs that focus on our veterans, our youth and our communities. Unit #217 took many awards, as usual. That afternoon there was the Past Presidents Parley luncheon where the past presidents entertained and Unit #217 was lucky and won many door prizes. Friday highights were the installation of the newly elected officers and the presentation of the membership theme for the new year. The President’s theme for 2012-2013 is Earth Angels United in Service for God and Country. The Membership theme is a treasure hunt with the members of each of our seven districts being a different precious jewel. Here in southern Maryland, we are precious rubies. Our Department President is our Guardian Angel, watching over our miners and prospectors.

Other highlights were the annual luncheon at Coin’s for the past Southern Maryland District Presidents, the annual Monday night fish fry, the Officers lunch, held at The Clarion Hotel; the annual luncheon at the American Legion Auxiliary held on Thursday morning.

Our incoming National President, Peggy Thomas, is from our neighboring state of Virginia. Are you eligible for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary? You could enter in all the fun things we do, as well as serving our veterans, youth and communities. It is so very rewarding to serve others. God bless our troops, wherever they may be around the globe and may God continue to bless America.

Children’s Corner

Welcome Fall and all the beautiful weather that comes along with it. October brings lots of pumpkins and leaves and fun Fall activities. Look for some of the hayride and pumpkin farms to visit this month to enjoy together. Here are some fun activities you can do at home together also.

1. Carve pumpkins - there are many pumpkin carving kits now; you don’t have to just make faces you can make angels on the pumpkins.
2. Decorate your porch with beautiful Fall mums
3. Bake pumpkin muffins
4. Bake apple pies - try making mini pies
5. Make scarecrows
6. Make acorn necklaces
7. Play some family football games
8. Make leaf rubbing placemats
9. Make caramel or candy apples - go pick your own apples, too
10. Put popcorn in brown paper lunch bags, tie up the top, paint the bag orange, let the children draw on faces and enjoy for an afterschool snack Enjoy all the Fall Fun!

By Denita Johnson

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Club News

Beltsville Lions to Hold Annual Banquet and Silent Auction

The Beltsville Lions Club Annual Banquet and Silent Auction is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Villa, located at 4060 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., adjacent to the Calverton Shopping Center. Guests will be treated to a gourmet meal in the sumptuous Grand Ballroom at the Villa, and will have the opportunity to silently bid on a wide selection of items donated by businessmen and service providers in the greater Beltsville area. The items include hotel rooms, meals in great restaurants, jewelry, designer sunglasses, tickets to sporting events and much more. Items go to the highest bidder, and every penny collected by the Lions will come back to Beltsville in the form of aid to those in need.

Make reservations by sending your check for $35 per person to Beltsville Lions, PO Box 252, Beltsville, Md., 20704. Call Ted at 301.937.6796 or e-mail BeltsvilleLions@aol.com for further information. Entrée options are: grilled tenderloin of beef, pan-seared mahi mahi, and chicken Devonshire. The full menu will be forwarded on request. An order form is provided below to facilitate making reservations for this function.

Please make reservations for __ persons for the Beltsville Lions Banquet & Silent Auction of Oct. 25 at The Villa. A check or money order payable to the Beltsville Lions to cover the cost of $35 per person is enclosed.

Name & Phone: ____________________________

Entrée selection(s): Grilled Tenderloin of Beef ___
Pan-Seared Mahi Mahi ___
Chicken Devonshire ___

Mail to: Beltsville Lions PO Box 252, Beltsville, MD 20704

Beltsville Lions to Hold Annual Banquet and Silent Auction

Club News

The Greater Beltsville Business Association and the Beltsville Rotary Club wish to extend warm thanks to those who made our Golf Tournament on September 15 a great success. We express special thanks to the following supporters:

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Beltville Young at Heart Club

By Barbara Schofield

Club members enjoyed a trip to the Totem Pole Playhouse to see Cole, the life and songs written by Cole Porter. They enjoyed a delicious lunch at Hickory Bridge Farm. We are looking forward to our next trip, the Autumn Leaf Train Ride on Oct. 20. Election slates are still being put together for next year’s officers. Member attendance has gone up with the nice cooler temperatures. We had two new visitors and a second time visitor this month. Laughter is the shortest distance between two people. Remember if people are talking behind your back, it only means you are two steps ahead.

College Park Moose Lodge & Family Center #453

Seniors Club Upcoming Events

A Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lodge. You may find a treasure you just can’t do without, at a bargain price.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012 from 3 to 5 p.m. for the AUCE SHRIMP FEAST. In addition to the shrimp, the menu will include hot dogs, sloppy Joes, and coleslaw. Both of these events are open to the public.

Bring your family and friends over to the College Park Moose Lodge & Family Center for a good time. The Lodge is located at 3700 Metzerot Road, College Park, Maryland. For tickets and information, please call 301.935.5525.

October Activities and Events in Beltville

In the Garden

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The monthly meeting will be held on Oct. 10, at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building, Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, Md. Speaker will be Jacqueline Williams, who will speak on the resources available for the care of the elderly or infirm. After five years with Capital Hospice, Williams started her own program to help both those who did not qualify for Hospice care as well as those who did.

The Beltville Garden Club October General Meeting

By Louise DeJames, Publicity Chair

The Beltville Garden Club will hold their general meeting on, Wednesday, October 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, Md. No speaker information is available at this time. Please take a quick look at the Beltville Garden Club website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org before the October meeting.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Bring a plant or plant-related material for club’s door prize table. The public is welcome and admission is free.

For more information, contact Louise DeJames at 301.890.4733 or visit our website.

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High Road Upper School Connects with TeamBuilders Academy

High Road Upper School of Prince George’s County and the TeamBuilders Academy of Prince George’s Community College’s Workforce Development Program have teamed up to present industry training opportunities to students at the Beltsville, Md. school.

Thomisha M. Duru, Program Director of Workforce Development and Continuing Education at Prince George’s Community College, and her staff presented to High Road Upper School students information about opportunities that would enable students to achieve their post secondary educational and employment goals.

Michelle Anderson, M.Ed., Education Director, stated, “This is the type of training opportunity that will assist our non-college-bound students in achieving their post secondary goals.”

TeamBuilders Academy, a cohort-based accelerated career training program, was started in April 2009 by former Prince George’s County Council member Tony Knotts, who recognized a need for a specialized job training program to support his community. TeamBuilders Academy is now open to all eligible residents of Prince George’s County who are chronically unemployed and eager to enter the workforce but need training, guidance and assistance to establish a solid career path.

TeamBuilders Academy participants have the opportunity to enhance their employability by gaining vocational skills in a shared-learning model. TeamBuilders Academy staff and industry professionals will provide employability training as well as technical training specific to the occupational track selected by each participant.

This unique program training model was designed to be a national benchmark to support achievement of professional credentials and industry-specific certifications. Additionally, each occupational training track is directly aligned with local employment opportunities.

Developing a partnership with High Road Upper School of Prince George’s County will not only assist TeamBuilders with their mission, but assist High Road and its students with achieving their goal of providing the students with the tools needed to be successful contributing members of their community.

TeamBuilders and High Road Upper School of Prince George’s County are working together to develop an alternative customized training program for the High Road students in order to meet scheduling concerns. Targeted training opportunities will include construction, telecommunications, office automation and automobile technology.

After presenting training opportunities to approximately 30 students, 10 students remained behind to complete initial registration packets for training. Kevin Mattison, Transition Coordinator at High Road Upper School, stated, “I look forward to working with Mrs. Duru and Mr. Countee and the rest of the staff at TeamBuilders and Prince George’s Community College in establishing a long-term partnership that will enhance the opportunities for our students and the mission of both organizations.”

High Point High School PTSA

By Linda Diassgranados High Point High School PTSA

The High Point PTSA would like to welcome back the students, staff and parents of High Point High School. We would also like to welcome you to our PTSA meetings. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Currently we have more than 80 members that have joined since the start of school. We also have several new groups under the PTSA umbrella that are doing great things. We are hoping to have a fantastic year.
**BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER**
3900 Selma Rd., Beltsville. The Program Specialist is Michael Hansbrough. Contact him at 301.937.6617 or Michael.Hansbrough@oparks.com for information on classes and additional events in October. Spanish line: 301.445.4099. TTY: 301.445.4045. 

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**PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE**

**BELTSVILLE EVENTS**

**APRIL 2012 Calendar of Events**
Wow, I hit a nerve. I received three e-mails about heating water on the stove instead of the microwave. All agreed with me in one way or another. Of all the copies sent and picked up, 1/3 just go under the bird cage. That means over 7,000 are opened and read. I’m happy to get e-mails about something I have written. Each email represents over 1,000 people. The Beltsville News is mailed out to over 10,000 homes and businesses and another 4,000 copies are placed in area outlets.

I’m not a man whose ego is high. I am a just a guy. But now and then someone says something to me that makes my day. I was sitting in the church lobby called the narthex and a little girl, cute as can be, was running down the hall. She stopped short in front of me and said hello. I smiled and said hello back. She just stood there and said something I do not remember. I asked her if she knew me. She said, “You’re Baker Bill,” and ran off. Wow! It may not seem like a lot to you, but for a 6-year-old to know who I am is great.

I received an email asking, “What is sourdough exactly?” Well, some would have you believe sourdough came from San Francisco. Not so. Jewish bakers have been making sourdough for a couple of centuries because they had no yeast. To make sourdough starter place 1/2-cup warm water in a bowl that can be covered. Add 2 tablespoons of sugar, 1-cup flour, and a tablespoon of yeast. Mix well and cover for a couple of days to let it ferment and get stinky! Put this mess, foam and all, into your Kitchenaid mixer. Add 1-1/2 cup flour and a tablespoon of sugar. Mix for 10 minutes. The dough should be firm, even stiff. Let it rise, shape into a loaf and let it rise again. Bake in fast oven 400 degrees for 30 minutes. Do this and you have made sourdough! Note: There are a couple of other starter recipes at the bakerbill.net Web site.

If you play golf, I suggest you play Gunpowder Golf Course. They have just about completed a 2-year makeover. The greens are better than any county course and the fairways have grass on them. Yes, I know we have had a lot of rain, but they have almost completed installing a fairway watering system as well as a green watering system. The greens are watered and cut every day. It is nothing like the course you remember. Try It. Since I am one of the starters, come and say hello.

I have been teaching the baking class for over 18 years, but I am sorry to write there will be no class this fall. Last Jan. I did a winter class that turned out well. If you are one of the two who called, I will keep your name for this year’s winter class. If you have suggestions, contact me. Reach me at bill@bakerbill.net or 301.572.4180.
First Baptist Church of Beltsville (SBC)
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301-937-7771
www.fcbeltsville.org
Keith Holland, Pastor

Noah's Ark Party
Wednesday, October 31, 2012
7:00pm - 8:00pm
Ages Pre-k through 6th grade

Sundays:
- Sunday School for all ages: 9:45am
- *Morning Worship: 11:00am
- *Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Kidz Choir & Mission Kidz: 6:00pm
- Youth Fellowship: 6:00pm
- Adult Choir Practice: 7:00pm

* *Morning Worship includes: Children's Choir & Adult Choir.

Wednesday:
- *Adult Bible Study & Prayer: 7:00pm
- RA’s, GA’s, Mission Friends: 7:00pm
- Youth Fellowship: 7:00pm
- *Childcare available for children up to 4 years old

St. John's Episcopal/Anglican Church
at the corner of Route 1 & Powder Mill Road in Beltsville
(301) 937-4292
The Rev. Paula E. Clark, Rector

Sunday Worship Schedule
Quiet service: 8:00 a.m.
Family-oriented service: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

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