College Park Academy Graduates its First Senior Class

The College Park Academy (CPA), a Prince George’s County public charter school offering a rigorous college preparatory education for students in grades 6–12, celebrated the graduation of its first senior class on May 29.

“We are very proud of this first graduating high school class and see in their success evidence that this innovative model of education works,” said University of Maryland President and Board Chair of the College Park Academy Wallace D. Loh. “Thanks to the combined efforts of political leaders, the community, the university, parents, and the students, this public-charter, blended-learning approach is the future of education.”

In addition to an impressive selection of course offerings that includes 13 AP courses and 7 foreign languages, CPA students have the added benefit of access to college-level classes and programs, clubs, and events led by University of Maryland professors and students. Two CPA students are graduating high school a year early, and many are graduating with college credits under their belts. One of Beltsville’s very own, Michaela Givens, was a member of the graduating class!

Cub Pack 1031 Summer Fun

Cub Pack 1031 has been busy in May and June. We had our Arrow of Light campfire at the fire pit at Beltsville Community Center on April 29. In May, we worked towards completing our advancements and taking part in Beltsville Day. Lions received their rank patch on May 20. Congrats to Kyle T., KJ, and David H.!!

On June 8–9, some of our families went camping at Watkins Regional Park where we hiked the loop trail, had our Arrow of Light Scouts earn their rank and introduction ceremony. We then had fun making s’mores around the campfire. We introduced three families to camping!! Among our activities this summer we will be playing kickball, hiking, biking, doing STEM projects, and going to the Goddard Space Flight Center’s rocket day to launch our rockets. We will have fun out and about as we do each summer!

Pack 1031 Arrow of Light Scouts earn their rank and badges. One of Beltsville’s very own, Michaela Givens, was a member of the graduating class!

Beltsville Community Cats Comes to Town!!

By Bobbie Deegan

Beltsville has a new volunteer group! We’re called Beltsville Community Cats (BCC), and we need YOU!! It started simply enough. Several neighbors and I started leaving bowls of dry cat food and water out for the stray cats in our neighborhood. After two litters of kittens appeared, I bought two cat traps, and we started trapping the cats, having them spayed or neutered, and then bringing them back “home.” Within a year, we had gotten 25 cats altered.

When then-County Councilwoman Mary Lehman heard what we had been doing, she urged us to talk to Laurel Cats Inc. about starting a TNR group in Beltsville. (TNR stands for Trap, Neuter, Return). The result: formation of Beltsville Community Cats (BCC), a non-profit, all-volunteer program of Laurel Cats.

The goal of Beltsville Community Cats is to locate and remove unwanted cats in our community and to maintain a colony of neutered or spayed cats, protecting their health, welfare, and safety.

These kitties are part of the colony that inspired the formation of Beltsville Community Cats

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by President Karen M. Coakley

The Citizen’s Association will not meet over the summer. If you would like updates on events, please send me your email address or sign up on Nextdoor.

The Laurel-Beltsville Advisory Neighborhood Community (ANC) is meeting with Mel Franklin, at-large county councilmember, at the Laurel Public Library. The address is 507 7th St, Laurel, MD 20707. The meeting will take place on Monday, July 1, from 6:30 pm–8:30 pm. The main topic will be an update on Prince George’s County Public Schools’ plans to replace High Point High School. There will be a speaker from PG County Schools. You can RSVP at https://forms.gle/VgS-G2Rlp2d1uo8Za9.

The Police National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 6, from 6–8 pm at District 6 Police Station, 3900 Sellman Road. I can be reached at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com.
Neighbours in the News

Time

By Rev. Dr. Jaleene Chase

There are times I would like to dream with Jim Croce’s desire to save “Time in A Bottle” and cherish a moment longer. He sings, “there never seems to be enough time to do the things we want to do once we find them.” That statement is true for so many occasions in our lives, both in 1972 and today. There is another song from that time period that also talks about time. In 1976, The Steve Miller Band released “Fly Like an Eagle.” The intro stands out in my mind because it speaks truth in its simplicity: “Time keeps on slippin’ into the future.” And there is absolutely nothing that we can do about it. Both songs make me reflect on the good and challenging things of life.

In my faith tradition, the Bible says in Ecclesiastes 3:1 “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” There are some things I wish would come to an end. In “Fly Like an Eagle,” these lyrics speaks to conditions that were all too familiar forty-three years ago as they are today:

Feed the babies who don’t have enough to eat
Shoe the children with no shoes on their feet
House the people livin’ in the street

Oh, oh there’s a solution
It has been a year since I introduced myself to the congregation of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville. Time seems to have gone by quickly. Our church is doing our part to help address those stated issues, but help is needed everywhere. I’m not going to make a political statement, just an observation with a question: Why do these concerns still exist in one of the wealthiest places in the world—the United States? It troubles me that our nation isn’t meeting basic needs: clothes, food, shelter. We must come together as a community to make change happen in our lifetime. We can’t bottle or stop time, but we can use it wisely to help others and fight for the greater good. If you are looking for a faith community where you can use your gifts and talents to make our world a better place, join us. Worship at Emmanuel UMC is 9 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. Sunday worship will be July and August at 9:45 only. Check us out on our webpage www.eumcbeltsville.com or Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/EUMCEUMCBeltsville/

Until next time, I leave you with this:

Tomorrow isn’t promised to anyone; don’t waste today.
Invest in someone or something that matters now.
Make a difference that has benefits now and in the future.
Everything has a season; let’s work to make this season ours.

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all of the “community cat” (also called “stray”) colonies in zip code 20705, trap them, and take them to a clinic in Laurel to be altered and vaccinated. Then the cats will be returned to their own neighborhood to live out the rest of their nine lives. But there will be no more kittens, and in time, the community cat population will go down. Finding all the stray cats in each colony and having them all altered will be a big job, though, and we can use your help. Among our needs:

Financial assistance in any amount. Because we are an official program of Laurel Cats, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, contributions made to Beltsville Community Cats are tax-deductible.

Funds raised will be used to purchase traps and other equipment as well as to pay for spay/neuter services.

Someone to handle social media for us. This form of communication is essential in today’s world, and we are seeking someone who has this skill and is willing to manage our Facebook page and/or create a website.

A secretary to take minutes at our meetings and maintain our records.

Volunteers to help with fund raising. It costs an average of $60 to alter and vaccinate a stray cat, and if there is no one else able to cover expenses, Beltsville Community Cats needs sufficient funds to do so.

Volunteers willing to foster kittens until they are ready to be adopted into permanent homes.

I will share more information on our activities in future issues of The Beltsville News, but right now, I’d like to invite everyone to get involved in this effort. You can reach us by phone (240.444.8353), email (BeltsvilleCats@aol.com), or mail (P. O. Box 942, Beltsville, MD 20704).

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Check out our website: www.beltsvillenewstoday.com
Riderwood Awards 78 Collegiate Scholarships to Employees

This fall, local students working at Riderwood, an Erickson Living developed and managed community in Silver Spring, MD, will head to college, and for some, continue on with their college/trade school education. Thanks to the over 2,500 people who live at Riderwood, 78 employees at Riderwood will receive the Riderwood Student Scholarship.

“This year more than $228,000 was raised for the students mainly by resident contributions,” said Fiona Divoche, resident life manager, Riderwood. “The students become eligible for the Riderwood Scholarship by completing 1,000 hours of work here over a consecutive 2-year period. The students and the residents build strong bonds of friendship. They enjoy their conversations, daily interactions, and learning from each other. The scholarship program is a wonderful benefit for students working at Riderwood.”

The students were honored at a scholarship awards ceremony at Riderwood. The students and their families enjoyed hearing a speech from one of the students along with seeing a Bangladeshi dance performance by another student.

For more information about career opportunities at Riderwood, please visit https://jobs.ericsson-living.com. Visitors can register for email alerts about job postings by field of expertise and location.

The Beltsville Rec Council, Beltsville Community Center and Beltsville Lions Club Sponsor Beltsville Backyard Party

Please join us at the Beltsville Backyard Party Saturday, July 13th from 5 – 7 pm followed by Smooth Gruv Concert at 8 pm. Food and games will take place from 5 – 7 pm followed by Smooth Gruv Concert at 8 pm. Admission is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Food and games will take place from 5 – 7 pm followed by Smooth Gruv Concert at 8 pm. Admission is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

The Backyard Party will feature live entertainment by Smooth Gruv, food, games, and activities. The Beltsville Rec Council, Beltsville Community Center and Beltsville Lions Club are proud to host this event.

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The county council has adopted a $3.6 billion balanced county general fund budget for fiscal year 2020. The budget becomes effective July 1. A few highlights of the budget include the extension of Sunday hours at the Beltsville Library starting October 6. We’re also excited to see additional funding for our school system to lower class sizes. The classroom environment plays a significant role in a student’s learning process. Teachers sometimes manage 30-plus students at once, which may not allow an opportunity for each student to receive the attention they need. As a result, $6.5 million was allocated to the Prince George’s County Public School system to aid in reducing class sizes.

Free Colorectal Cancer Screenings

Doctor’s Community Hospital’s Cancer Prevention Education Screening and Treatment (CPEST) program provides life-saving cancer screenings at no cost to low income and uninsured PG County residents. For more info or to schedule an appointment, call 301.324.4968 or 301.552.7705.

Save the Date

The University of Maryland and the City of College Park will host a Fourth of July celebration with fireworks and live entertainment. Grass seating is limited, so bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Event concessions will offer hamburgers, hot dogs, funnel cakes, ice cream, snow cones, soda, and bottled water. Personal coolers are welcome, but alcohol and personal fireworks are prohibited on campus, and pets will have to stay at home. Concessions open at 5 pm, entertainment begins at 7 pm., and fireworks start at dusk. The City of Laurel is hosting its annual fireworks Saturday, July 6. The fireworks display is scheduled to begin at 9:15 pm on Laurel Lake and Granville Gade Park. The 35-minute display will be accompanied by patriotic music.

Pet Parenting Class: Saturday July 20, from 12 pm–1 pm at 3750 Brown Station Road in Upper Marlboro, MD. Come learn what it takes to be a responsible pet owner and a great family host to a four-legged friend. Time, cost, food, toys, medical, safety, social...all topics that will be covered during this one-hour presentation with Q & A to follow. Call 301.780.7220 to register for this FREE class.

Animal Foster Orientation: Wednesday, July 10, from 6–7 pm on Saturday, July 27, from 9:30–10:30 am. Our County Animal Services staff go above and beyond to help our furry, feathery, and scaly friends find their forever home, but we can’t do it without your help! Come find out how you can volunteer or foster and how that can be life changing for these companions. All sessions are held at the Animal Services Facility, 3750 Brown Station Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

Beltsville Development to Watch

As our community continues to grow, we will keep you updated on upcoming District 1 projects. A special exception for an Auto Spa Express (Car Wash), located at 10801 Rhode Island Avenue, will be submitted for review to the Development Review Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

If you wish to become a Person of Record to this application, you may submit your request online at http://www.pgplanning.org/1589/Becoming-a-Person-of-Record or by written request to the Development Review Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. Please reference the pre-application number and the name of project in your request. At this time, no government has reviewed the application. After the application has been filed, you may contact the M-NCPPC at 301.952.2530. 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 Garcia at mjgarcia@co.pg.md.us with questions or to request a list of the...
Obituaries

Horton, Virginia Beall

Virginia Beall Horton, born in Washington, DC, on February 6, 1934, died on Monday, May 27, 2019. Wife of the late Elroy Horton, mother of Robert W. Horton (wife Sandy), grandmother of Justin (wife Becky) and Jacob, great-grandmother of Chase and Robert, daughter of the late Mabel Gardner and Henry and Madeline Beall. A Liturgy of the Word service was held at St. Peter’s Catholic Church 2900 Olney Sandy Spring Road, Olney, MD, on Thursday, June 6, at 11 am. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery, www.borgwardfuneralhome.com

Dr. George Constantine Papavizas

Papavizas, George C.

Dr. George Constantine Papavizas passed away on June 4, 2019, at the age of 96. He was a resident of Beltsville until 1992. Dr. Papavizas, decorated twice for acts of heroism, was wounded in the last major battle of the Greek Civil War in 1949 and almost died from his wounds, which required the loss of his left foot. Dr. Papavizas memorialized these experiences in an autobiography published by the American Hellenic Institute Foundation in 2002 entitled Blood and Tears—Greece 1940–1949.

After emigrating to the United States, Dr. Papavizas obtained his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota, returning to Greece in 1954 to marry Mary A. Sarikas, who passed away in 1999.

Dr. Papavizas had a successful science career at ARS eventually heading the pioneering biological control laboratory as well as editing two books, publishing over 200 papers, speaking all over the world at conferences, and being named ARS Scientist of the Year in 2002 entitled Blood and Tears—Greece 1940–1949.

Superheroes

Superheroes come and go; They die and rise again. Why? Because the worlds they know Are filled with wretchedness. Sometimes as they “battle dance” Like angels in their might “Gainst demonic violence We witness “heav’nly fights”.

Deep inside our hearts exists A knowledge we are lost, Motivated by this fix New rescuers are sought. In their glory, those we’ve met Have certain weaknesses; Monsters dwell in all who let Sin rear its ugliness.

George is survived by his two sons, both of whom graduated from High Point High School, his daughters-in-law, and his five adult grandchildren.

Velasco, Lucille

Lucille Velasco passed away on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at the age of 93. Lucille is survived by her sons, Terry Velasco of Annapolis and Dean Loren of New York; daughter-in-law Bonnie Velasco; three grandchildren, Tim Velasco, Dru Sanderson, and Darren Velasco; and great grandchildren Olivia and Jax Sanderson. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Velasco, and eldest son, Jamie Velasco.

As a longtime resident of Beltsville since the 1960’s, Lucille had the great pleasure of having many friends and knowing many families. The family would like to especially thank her girlfriends and neighbors, many of whom are longtime Beltsville residents, who made her life fulfilling. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery on August 7, 2019, where she will join her husband, James Velasco.

Lucille would want to remind everyone to donate to the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department.

SUPERHEROES

Only One, the God of Faith Surrendering His life Crushed beneath His holy fist All powers of the night.

He arose to never die For death, hell, and the grave, Larger than we realize, Fell under Jesus wave.

Man’s imagination seeks A wonder yet unseen, But within God’s servants reach Waits Greater Majesty.

Beckie Hutchings 3/22/2019
Two Pieces of Wood

Some folks see the Cross as Two Pieces of Wood
High on a hill in a hole where it stood.
Rough and tattered with splinters untold,
Setting a scene of anguish and pain as destiny unfolds.
A crowd had gathered to witness the disgrace of all time
They watched with disdain as the rugged hill was climbed.

No one seemed to care that the cross represented shame;
For one whose life of purity and love died without
wealth or fame.
Oh! The cross held no beauty that we should behold
It was just Two Pieces of Wood that would soon have holes
The weight of this burden was made heavier by the
scars of sin.
But love endured all this so heaven we could enter in.

So many there seemed callous and heartless at the event;
Forgetting all the teachings of why from heaven
He was sent.
Yes, many still think of the cross as Two Pieces of Wood
And they’re bent on having fun; in not doing good
The marks of suffering embedded on the Cross has not
endured the time;
Only in the hearts of Christians is suffering still
on their minds.
Why all this fanfare over a crude Cross of Wood?
Well, it’s not the material it was made of, but for
what it stood.
We complain from time to time of the Crosses we all bear,
Yet none is any weightier than this as His flesh it did tear,
And when this earth ends, we’ll share in the Cross’s
glory above,
For that will put an end to the Two Pieces of Wood.

Written By Frank. L. Thomas

And Tomorrow
All Is Gone

When you think:
“the party is starting...”
the end has already
begun.
The trash collector
is waiting
around the corner.
All this was planned
long ago,
only you are forever
surprised!

(c) Ingeborg Carsten-Miller

Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

Calverton Neighborhood’s Birthday and 4th of July Celebration

Calverton’s annual 4th of July event is additionally celebrating
the neighborhood’s 55th birthday! Festivities will be Thursday, July
4, from 10:30 am-1:30 pm at Calverton Park (adjacent to Cal-
verton Elementary at 3400 Belts-
ville Rd). Come enjoy great food,
games, face painting, live music,
children’s entertainment, perform-
ers, and much more. Admission
is free!
And then Thursday evening,
July 4, head to College Park for
a free concert and fireworks at
the University of Maryland in Lot
1 adjacent to Campus Drive off
Adelphi Road. Concessions open
at 5 pm, the concert begins at
7 pm, and the fireworks will begin
at dusk (approx. 9 pm). Be sure
to arrive early if you can because
heavy traffic is expected to begin
around 7:30 pm.

Reminder: Senate Scholar-
ship Application Deadline—
Friday, July 12
To apply online for a 2018–
2019 senate scholarship, students
should visit www.senatorjim-
rosapepe.com/scholarships, and
the deadline to apply is Friday,
July 12. The application period
has ended for a separate delegate
scholarship from Delegates Jose-
line Petia-Melnyk, Ben Barnes,
and Mary Lehman, but look to
apply early next year. Information
on other financial aid for Mary-
land college students can be found
at www.mhec.state.md.us.
Join the Delegates and Me
August 6th at the Beltsville Police
Station:
The delegates and I, along with
Council Member Tom Demoga,
hope to see you Tuesday night,
August 6, 6-8 pm, for the annual
National Night Out. It will be held
at the police station at Sellman and
Montgomery Roads. Everything is
free, including food, drinks, and
fun activities for families. It’s a
great opportunity to strengthen the
relationship between the police
department and the community,
see friends and neighbors, and
display Beltsville’s commitment
to keep crime out of our neighbor-
hoods.

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eBooks and eReaders

Summer is here, and many of us will spend time on the beach or in the mountains relaxing and catching up on our reading. This month I will look at eBooks and eReaders.

Formats

Over the years, there have been many file formats designed for eBooks. Currently the most common format is Portable Document Format (PDF). This format was originally developed by Adobe to ensure a document could be printed correctly from any system. The PDF format was eventually opened up and is currently an international standard. The original standard has been updated to allow the reflow of text. Text reflow is the process of dynamically reorganizing the text on a page to fit the size and shape of the display medium making the text readable on multiple devices.

The ePUB format is the official standard of the International Digital Publishing Forum and can be used on many eReaders. ePUB is the most widely based eBook standard that is based on XML files as opposed to PDF files. ePUB provides support for audio book overlays allowing the audio to be synchronized with the current page in the book. Most eReaders handle ePUB directly, but the Kindle can’t handle compressed (zipped) ePUB files and recommends they be tested before use.

The Kindle Reader uses a proprietary Amazon standard based on the old and now defunct MOBI standard. While Kindle is based on MOBI, it does not support MOBI files or files created by Mobipocket.

eReaders

eReaders are the hardware devices that can be used to read eBooks. An eReader can be a dedicated hardware device or software running on a computer, tablet, or phone. Most eReaders use eInk displays. These black and white displays use a very small amount of power allowing eReaders to remain charged for days or weeks instead of hours. Some eReaders provide a headphone jack and support for audio book overlays allowing the audio to be synchronized with the current page in the book.

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School News

First Generation College Bound Comes to High Point HS

By Todd Reitzel

Joe Fisher grew up in a setting in which he knew very little about higher education. “My life experience was in a low-income housing community, not realizing the resources I might have to access college,” said Fisher.

Fortunately for Fisher, an athletic scholarship allowed him to attend Catholic University, but as he progressed into graduate school and began a career in teaching, he contemplated how other students might be unaware of how to get into college and succeed.

Then Fisher did something about it.

The result is First Generation College Bound (FGCB), a nonprofit organization that has supported the development, growth, and well-being of youth since 1990. FGCB has supported 733 college graduates and is currently supporting 1,026 enrolled students, including 142 who matriculated last year. FGCB identifies students whose families don’t have the advantage of a college degree and then helps them succeed getting into and graduating from college.

Starting with Laurel High School, FGCB’s College Success program has grown to partner with 6 area high schools. In 2018, FGCB added Beltsville’s High Point High School to its roster of partner schools, and the result is that this year 19 graduating High Point seniors will be supported by FGCB.

Rising seniors from low to moderate income families, who have at least a 2.0 GPA and whose parents do not have a bachelor’s degree, are eligible. FGCB works with these students throughout their senior year, coaching them on standardized test registration, college applications, and financial aid opportunities. This College Success program is followed by the College Retention program, which coaches the students throughout their college tenure.

Manoel Fangmo is one of the 2019 High Point graduates, and he will attend the University of Maryland at College Park on a full scholarship. FGCB showed Fangmo the opportunities he had for college, giving him numerous tips about getting financial aid and prompting him to meet scholarship application deadlines.

“FGCB was a support system to ensure I had the right documents and met my deadlines,” said Fangmo.

Fellow High Point graduate Crystal Khoeun agrees. “I didn’t know much about how to apply to college, but they guided me step by step on applying and on making my decision,” said Khoeun. This autumn, she will attend Bowie State University and plans to study criminal justice and English.

“First Generation College Board is like family to me,” said Khoeun. “They connected with me, came every day, and would always come help us, be there for us. And if we weren’t on our game, they made sure we’re got on our game.”

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Local Student Awarded Scholarship

The Women’s Community Club of Beltsville is proud to announce the winner of this year’s scholarship, Nicole Panebianco. Nicole is a graduate of Pallotti High School. She plans to attend the University of Maryland in the fall. The Women’s Club has been active in Beltsville since 1922. The club has many projects in addition to the annual scholarship program and welcomes new members interested in community service. The club’s next meeting is Thursday, September 12, at 7 pm at the Beltsville Community Center.

A New Administrative Year Begins for College Post and Unit # 217

By Ivy Christoffers

On June 15, in the afternoon, the American Legion Family officers of College Park Post and Unit # 217 were installed by Steve Brennan, past Prince George’s County commander and Sandi Dutton, past national president of the American Legion Auxiliary. Due to a lack of desire to lead, no changes took place. Commander Bill Knupp was reinstalled along with Unit President Ivy Christoffers. A State of the Legion speech was given by Elando Lindsey, post adjutant, and Ivy recognized those volunteers and officers who worked with her all year with small gifts of appreciation. The Ken Slarb award went to post member Earl Neilus. After the program was completed, a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.

Membership was spoken of by Ivy and Elando, and a membership drive is in effect. If you are qualified to be a member, you only have to stop into the post home to get an application. We are a very welcoming and pleasant American Legion Post to belong to.

At our June meeting, delegates were elected to attend the Department Convention being held in Ocean City July 15–20. This is always a great time, and our unit usually comes home with several awards because of the work put in on our many programs each year. Every year there are changes, and that is good because it keeps everything fresh and uplifted. Even though many people are going on vacation in July and August, we still hold our usual big bingos on Tuesday and Wednesday each week at noon, our Friday dinner dances beginning at 5 pm, and our shotgun bingo on Monday evening. We have several other attractions to entice you to visit Post # 217. A quick stop in can be quite educational.

As I write this column, our Girls State and Boys State citizens are attending their programs. I don’t have the names of the Boys State citizens, but our Girls State citizen is my granddaughter, Hannah Zozobrado. The only time they can attend this program is when they are finishing their junior year of high school. Until next month, keep our troops in your prayers. May God continue to bless America and each of you.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2019

FAMILY FUN: FAMILY FUN: BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS

Fri. and Sat., July 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. All ages. No registration required. Join us in our beautiful flying jewel! Come enjoy hands-on activities, crafts, and games for all ages as you learn more about butterflies and their nocturnal cousins the moths. This is a drop-in program! Come when you wish and leave when you’re ready.

BIRD WALK AT CASH LAKE

Sat., July 20 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Ages 5+. Parent participation required. Please join us for a two-mile leisurely bird walk around Cash Lake searching for and identifying multiple species of birds. Walk is weather-dependent and begins at the Visitor Center. At the conclusion of the program participants will review the reliefs’ bird checklist. Water bottles and binoculars are recommended. Strollers are not recommended for this tour.

TINY TOTS

Sun. and Mon., July 28 and 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. each day. Ages 16 – 48 mo.; parent participation required. Learn about baby animals’ habits through fun and interactive songs, stories, and activities.

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 Sunny Side Ave. Parking is free. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter @NAL-USDA. See NAL.USDA.gov/visit-library for more information.

CLOSING AUCTION AT BEHNKE’S GARDEN CENTER

Sunday, July 21 at 10 a.m. 11300 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705. Complete liquidation of remaining assets from office supplies to the greenhouse. The Beltsville Lion Club will be selling food and drinks. The auction is being conducted by Cochran Auctions. For more details, call 301.739.0538 or 800.310.2844 (toll-free for Maryland).

WILLIAMSBURG HORTICULTURAL GARDEN

The featured artist for July is Verran Sears of Mt. Rainier, Maryland. He specializes in oil pastels. The gallery is open when the Visitor Center is open. All ages are invited; no registration is required.

WHAT IS A BLUE GOOSE?

Get a free blue goose stamp for your Blue Goose Passport at the Wildlife Images Bookstore. Extra copies of the passports are for sale. The bookstore is open when the visitor center is open; no registration is required.

OWL & KESTREL

Three Saturdays in July, July 6, 13, and 20 from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. each day. Ages 3–5. 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.

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays in July 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.

2019 SUMMER @ YOUR LIBRARY

The theme for 2019 is A Universe of Stories. All programs and prizes are available. The program continues through Mon., Aug. 19.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

SUMMER MEALS

Weekdays from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Come by one of these neighborhood branch libraries, Beltsville, Oxon Hill, Spauldings or Suitland-Darlington, for a free fun lunch for you and your child!

READY 2 READ STORYTIMES

PRESCHOOL: Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

TYLERS: Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. for ages 2 – 3 years old.

BABIES: Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and at 11:15 a.m. Ages 0 – 12 months. Ages 1 – 2 years old.

BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS

Sun., July 21 from 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

NOW: Thursday at 10:30 a.m. for ages 2 – 3 years old.

TODDLERS: Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 – 3 years old.

WEEKEND DAYCAMP: July 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for ages 5 – 12.

KIDS ACHIEVE CLUB: SUMMER EDITION

Wed., July 3 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.

STEM KIDS: 2019

Wed., July 3 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.

SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER

Wed. and Thurs., July 10 and 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For ages 6 – 12. Children will learn about the cicatization process of water and the human body. Learn about DNA. Limit 15 kids per session. Bring a big bag lunch.

TODDLERS: Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 – 3 years old.

OATMEAL: Fridays at 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for ages 3 – 5 years old.

CHESS CLUB

Wed., Aug. 1 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meet to discuss ideas and experience play by move! All ages welcome: children, teens, and adults.

MY PGCMLS LIBRARIAN

Meet our librarians: Mon., July 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Wed., July 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Contact your library for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: WOMEN’S CLUB

Meetings resume starting Thur., Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be in the 3rd Thursday of each month. All members must be at least 55 years old. Visit us three times and become a member. We have speakers, entertainers, classes, and lots of fun. Feel free to bring your own materials or to learn about computers. Requests for appointments can be made at our website at www.pgcmls.info, under Services and Help One-on-One.

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 a.m. Members must be at least 55 years old. Visit us three times and become a member. We have speakers, entertainers, classes, and lots of fun. Feel free to bring your own materials or to learn about computers. Requests for appointments can be made at our website at www.pgcmls.info, under Services and Help One-on-One.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

HEALTH INSURANCE PRESENTATION

Thu., July 11 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. A presentation about benefits, Medicare, and Medicaid. All ages. Free and on-site computer help. Questions can be presented for a month at 3 p.m. Free with valid ID Card. Ages 10 – 17.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Address: 3900 Selmans Rd, Beltsville. Phone: 301.937.6673. Spanish line: 301.445.6415. 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. 7 Hours of operation for Youth Teens and Pre-teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the center regarding events for July.

FUTURE MAKERS: MOTOR BOTS

Mon., July 15 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Highlights ground, games, horseshoes, music, door prizes, fun. Sponsored by Mon.. July 1. Call 301.442.9982, ask for Bobbi.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

Address: 1950 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.986.2229. Tue., Wed., Thurs. – Sat. from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Regular hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, except for most major holidays and some special events. Cost: $5/adults, $4/seniors, $2/children ages 5 – 18, free/freages 4 and under. The museum is closed on Wednesdays and some holidays. The grounds are open from dawn until dusk every day of the year and access is free of charge. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Sat. 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. Meet the boundaries of the Beltsville Agriculture Research Center, Food from crabs to hot dogs. Drinks BYOB. Cost: $45 donation. No reservations under 12 free. Play-ground, games, horseshies, door prizes, fun. Respond by Mon., July 1. Call 301.442.9982, ask for Bobbi.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Closed Thurs. Regular hours of operation are 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: 1733 Old Baltimore Pike, Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.739.0538 or 800.310.2844 (toll-free for Maryland). Meet Chris Schultz fly a fun-to-flying Eaglecopter into the College Park Airport! All ages welcome. Cost: $25/person. Contact the museum about booking an activity in advance.

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Senior Friendship Club

Friendship Club regular office hours are Mon. – Fri. from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed on Saturday and Sunday. Address: 301.206.3380. Phone: 301.206.3380. The monthly meetings and luncheons take place on the second Wednesday of each month. The meeting for July 10 is scheduled for Wed., July 10 at 10:30 a.m. Sign-up and pay for our catered luncheon by Wed., July 3.
Dear Reader, I am back. Sorry for my unannounced absence last month. My father passed away on May 31, after battling an illness for the last two years. Most of my month of May was spent between my base in Maryland and The Netherlands, where my parents live. Death is never a nice experience. I am just thankful that dad has gone on to a better place and we continue to heal and move on.

Father’s Day just passed, and I was able to reflect on the times I had been able to enjoy the presence of my Father and learn from his examples of integrity.

I write this to reinforce the statement that it is important to train up a child the right way. When the child grows older, that child will not depart from what you have taught them.

Growing up, television was not important to my parents. They cherished their radio a lot more. Although I wondered why we didn’t miss much, So, growing up with no television was important to my parents. They knew since the very beginning what it was important to let him have his way and when it started to get confrontational, I walked away. Police at the scene looked at me in disbelief. I told them I had not done anything wrong and that he should know better. Understand, St. Kitts is a small island with a population of 40,000 people. Doing what I had just done amounted to relative career-suicide as a public servant as I opened myself up to possible victimization. It never happened!

For years, we would see each other, and he would speak to me and I would stare right back. After about nine years, we got back to being on speaking terms.

So, I hope this serves to encourage parents, to be good examples at all times, for it rubs off on the children in one way or another, eventually. I spend a lot of my time talking to my children about integrity, dressing right, speaking right, being respectful and also being helpful. I pray one day it manifests itself.

Next month, I will share my Hershey Park experience – I got tricked into going on a roller coaster – first time in 39 years --- and my last ever. That’s the Jive month.

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FGCB is funded by grants from several private foundations and public entities as well as by 23 sponsors. Funding supports FGCB’s operations and programs, including 7 staff who support and coach the numerous public school and college students.

More details about First Generation College Bound and its funders and sponsors may be found at www.fgcb.org. Donations are also accepted.

“The important the community know since the very beginning we’ve been committed to students for the long term, and our success rate shows that,” said Fisher.

“Low-income students can experience many interruptions in their lives, and First Generation College Bound seeks to provide continuity for them as they transition to and succeed in college.”

Church News

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Regular services will resume Sunday, September 8. Please contact the church office at 301.937.4292 or visit the church’s website at www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org if you have any questions.

The Bull Pen

The Bull Pen’s spring teams are headed to the playoffs! I am happy to report that all the teams have made it, including 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U flag football and 10U and 12U baseball. The 12U coed baseball team went into the tournament as the 2nd seed. Their first-round game was quite the nail-biter and went into double overtime. After playing for three hours (typically games are a max of 2 hours), 12U lost but ended the season with pride and integrity! The 10U coed baseball was also eliminated in the first round but showed significant improvement. The 15U baseball season runs May–July. Flag football’s playoff games will occur while the paper is in publishing, so you’ll have to wait until the August edition of the Bull Pen to learn the outcomes. Let’s Go Bulls!!!

We want to thank all of the businesses, organizations, and individuals who donated money to the banner fundraiser for the t-ball and baseball program, including the following community members: Gold Sponsors: Horchers Mechanical Services; Silver Sponsors: The Beltsville Pharmacy, Donald V. Borgwardt Funeral Home, PA, Prince George’s Community Federal Credit Union, Karen M. Coakley Your 110% Realtor Remax Advantage, Crescent Day Nursery and Summer Camp, Council Member Tom Demoga; Beltsville Dental Care/Dr. J.J. Moyihan; Bronze Sponsors: Kimberly Reed Consulting, T.J.’s of Calverton Restaurant, Scott Covington Insurance Agency-State Farm, Shine My Ride By Empire Auto Detailers, Woods Flowers and Gifts, and The Beltsville News. Baseball almost didn’t happen this season, but thanks to volunteers and community support, the program is able to continue and thrive.

It is not too late to be a sponsor and have your name added to the banner. The sponsorship levels are: Gold: $250; Silver: $100, and Bronze: $50. The banner will be prominently displayed at home games and community events. If interested, please contact Tracy Fuller at 301-395-5422 or tracyaddis@aol.com by July 31.

We are still looking for people interested in playing soccer back to the club in either the fall or next spring. If interested, please contact Club Athletic Director Rian Jackson. As always, please contact Club Athletic Director Rian Jackson at rian.jackson@hotmail.com or 301.693.6395 with any questions, suggestions, or coaching inquiries.

Go Bulls!!! and join the Stamps!!!

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Church Directory

St. John’s Episcopal Church

11007 Montgomery Road
Beltsville, MD 20705
301.937.7183
www.stjoes.org
Pastor: Msgr. Karl Chmiak
Mass: Sat. 5 pm;
Sun. 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon

St. Joseph’s Regional Catholic School
Principal: Dr. Janine Bertolotti
301.937.7154

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church

10774 Rhode Island Avenue
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www.APLChurch.org
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301-937-4292 • www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org
The Reverend Joseph M. Constant, Rector
Come and Join Us
Sunday W orship 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 W orship Schedule
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*Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Children’s Church (4yr-3rd gr) 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays:
Adult Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Children’s Church (4yr-3rd gr) 7:00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
*Childcare available for children up to 3 years old.

Cross Creek Apostolic Church
12511 Old Gunpowder Rd Spur
Beltsville, MD 20705
Phone: 301-498-6006 - Website: www.aup.org
Sunday Service
Adult Sunday School 9 am
Praise & Worship 10 am
Children’s Ministry 10 am

Thursday Service
Adult Bible Study 7 pm
Youth Ministry 7 pm
Kids’ Power Hour 7 pm
Discipleship Class 7 pm
Search for Truth 7 pm

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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
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Next Month
Next month I plan to discuss getting free and inexpensive books online. Until then, enjoy reading.
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BELTSVILLE LAWNS is now accepting new clients for the 2019 lawn mowing season. Our prices range $40 to $45 depending on lawn size and we mow every two weeks. Call Javier @ 301-455-4491 for a free, no obligation, mowing estimate and yard consultation. 7/19

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