Troop 1033 Update

By Jenny Kresge

The year 2023 is off to a busy start for Troop 1033! In January, for the MLK Day of Service, the troop joined forces with Cub Scout Pack 1031 to pick up trash and litter from the grounds of Beltsville Academy. In February, we participated in the Klondike Derby, an all-day competition of scout skills that is themed around a dog sled race in Alaska. The scouts had to travel

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Beltsville Briefs

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Beltsville Native Noah Gomes Makes The Dean’s List at The Conway School of Nursing at The Catholic University of America

Congratulations to Noah Gomes, a Beltsville resident who attended Calverton Elementary, Buck Lodge Middle, and Eleanor Roosevelt High and is now a sophomore attending The Conway School of Nursing at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. While studying abroad in Rome, Italy he received a letter from the Dean about making it on the Dean’s List for the Fall 2022 semester (GPA 3.5 and greater). Congratulations to Noah, we look forward to celebrating all his future accomplishments!

Women’s Community Club of Beltsville, Celebrating 100 Years of Serving the Beltsville Community

The Women’s Community Club of Beltsville is celebrating 100 years serving the Beltsville Community. Join us for our next meeting. Thursday, March 9th at 7:00 pm at the Beltsville Boys and Girls Club 11705 Roby Avenue. Take a stroll along the hiker biker trail at Beltsville Community Center... the daffodils that we have planted will be blooming soon. Upcoming Events: Community Yard Sale. If you would like more information, please email womensclubbeltsville@gmail.com

It’s Safety Month for Cub Pack 1031

By Regina Halper

Firefighter Clark of the Prince George’s Fire Department came visited Cub Pack 1031 on Monday February 6th. We learned to be sure we had a family escape plan, how to stay safe in our bedrooms if we hear the smoke alarm go off (check the door be sure it isn’t hot), be sure we had working smoke alarms and fire extinguishers in our homes. The Webelos learned how to perform CPR.

On February 13th, we checked where the AED is at Beltsville Academy and practiced Stop, Drop and Roll. The dens are also completing the Protect Yourself achievement. One part for the Wolves it is No, Go, Yell, Tell. Scouts from Pack 1031, ack 740 and Troop 1033 took part in Scout Sunday at St Josephs on February 5 and P1031 and T1033 Scouts also took part in Scout Sunday on February 12th at Emmanuel United Methodist Church. Other Cub Scouts attended their church in uniform, and all earned the Scout Sunday patch.

This month the Cub Scouts are working on their core requirements and reviewing SAFETY MONTH continues on page 6

By President Karen M. Coakley

Right Tree Right Place Program Phase 2

The Beltsville Citizens Association March Meeting will take place virtually on Wednesday, March 15th 7:00 pm. The Zoom details are at the end of this month’s column.

On the Agenda

Congratulations to Noah Gomes for making The Dean’s list at The Conway School of Nursing at The Catholic University of America!
Letter to the Editor

On November 19, 2020, along with Mrs. Bernadine Karns, President of the Calverton Citizen Association, I testified in support of PG-303-21 for a speed camera for Briggs Chaney Road. Over the years, speeding cars have caused serious traffic accidents along Briggs Chaney Road.

In early 2021, the speed camera legislation was approved by the Maryland General Assembly, which will allow speed cameras to be installed on Prince Georges County residential roads. An online news article by Matthew Delaney for WTOP.com titled, ‘Speed Cameras Are On Their Way to Residential Areas in Prince Georges County,’ was published to WTOP.com on November 12, 2021. As of today, in 2023, neither Briggs Chaney Road nor Calverton Blvd has had their long-promised speed cameras installed by the contractor for the Prince Georges County Police Department.

While the residents of Briggs Chaney Road and Calverton Blvd are still waiting for the long-promised speed cameras to be installed by the contractor for the county Police Department, the speeding-related traffic accidents continue on Briggs Chaney Road and Calverton Blvd. One resident of the 4100 block Briggs Chaney Road has had 6 speeding-related accidents damage his property in the last three years.

On December 12, 2022, I sent an email letter to the Traffic Engineering and Safety Division of the Prince Georges County Department of Public Works and Transportation to request a Traffic Study for Briggs Chaney Road. As of the time of this letter, I have yet to hear back from the Traffic Engineering and Safety Division. And the speeding related accidents continue to damage residential property along Briggs Chaney Road; the most recent speed-related accident was on January 26, 2023 at 7 AM.

While there are continued promises that the speed camera as ‘are on their way’ to Briggs Chaney Road, Calverton Blvd, and other Prince Georges County residential roads, the residents of Briggs Chaney and Calverton Blvd continue to advocate to bring speed cameras to their residential streets, while still experiencing serious speed related traffic accidents. If the speed cameras are on their way to Briggs Chaney Road and Calverton Blvd, exactly when will they be installed by the contractor for the Prince Georges County Police?

Mrs. Susan Virginia Lee
Delegate to the Calverton Citizen Association Board
Advocating for the residents of Briggs Chaney Road

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Kitten Season Is Coming - BCC Needs Your Help!

By Sallie Rhodes

Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) is gearing up for kitten season and, although we have been hard at work with our Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, Return (TNVR) program, we know there will be many kittens born in the coming months. Each year in this area unaltered cats can have 2 to 3 litters with 2 to 6 kittens in each litter. And kittens as young as 5 months old can get pregnant! Well over 50 percent of kittens born outside die before they are a year old. Our experience has taught us that kittens under 10 weeks old are generally able to be socialized and adopted as happy indoor cats. While BCC is not able to take all kittens brought to our attention, we try to rescue as many young kittens as possible.

Our kitten rescue program is possible only because of our network of approved foster homes. BCC is indebted to these volunteers whose dedication and devotion made it possible for us to rescue over half of the 1,150+ cats and kittens that BCC trapped between March 2019 and December 2022.

In preparation for the 2023 kitten season, BCC is seeking compassionate residents in Beltsville and the surrounding areas to join our foster home network. We need foster homes that can care for kittens for several weeks to several months and to provide short-term care while kittens are recovering from surgery and while foster parents are on vacation.

Fostering is great for people who live alone, telework, or simply spend a lot of time at home. Involving older children in fostering is good for both the kittens and the young person. Growing up around animals and participating in their care often helps a child grow into a kind and compassionate adult. Several BCC foster homes claim that fostering was critical in maintaining their children’s mental health during COVID.

For the person that loves cats but is not ready for a long-term commitment, fostering is a good alternative to adopting. You can enjoy the satisfaction of knowing you provided a safe haven for a cat or kittens in need while you explore your interest in owning a cat.

Interested in learning more about how you can help BCC through the challenge of the upcoming kitten season? You may email rescue@beltsvillecats.net or complete the application to foster online at: http://www.shelterluv.com/matchme/foster/BCC/Cat. Even if you are not interested in volunteering for BCC, please be aware of what is going on in your neighborhood. Report free-roaming cats that are not ear-tipped. Ear-tipping is the universal sign that a free-roaming cats has been sterilized and vaccinated. If you see kittens, contact BCC immediately so that someone can visit and determine the best course of action for that litter of kittens.

Thinking about adopting a furry family member, check out the kittens BCC has available for adoption at: https://www.petfinder.com/member/us/md/beltsville/beltsville-community-cats-md506/.

Kitty Post  
By Sallie Rhodes
Join us in Annapolis
March 27th!

Delegates Joseline Pena-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, Mary Lehman, and I invite you to join us for our annual 21st District Night in Annapolis. It’s 6 to 8 pm, Monday, March 27th. There’ll be good food — from sliders, antipasto and crisp vegetables to flatbreads and oyster stew — and good fellowship at Market House at 25 Market Space Annapolis near the dock.

As in previous years, a number of other state and county officials will be joining us.

We have arranged for buses which will leave from College Park and Laurel.

They will return soon after 8 pm. If you come on your own, let us know ahead of time if you’d like to visit the State House before or after dinner.

Space is limited, so please RSVP soon to attend 21st District Night in Annapolis, https://forms.gle/eduicsNjxB4PnNYtAFor further information please email my office at jim.rosapepe@senate.state.md.us or call at 410-841-3141.

CMIT North Students Visit Annapolis

A wonderful group of High School students and staff visited me in the Senate from Chesapeake Math and Information Technology (CMIT) Academy North in Laurel. CMIT North is a Science Technology (CMIT) Academy North in Laurel. CMIT North is a Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) public charter school that serves grades 9 through 12 with an academic program focusing on mathematics and information technologies. Along with College Park Academy, CMIT offers Beltsville and other Prince George’s students rigorous college prep and college courses. For information check out CMIT’s website.

Project HIRE

Project HIRE is an apprentice-ship program that provides individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities between the ages of 18 and 25 a meaningful paid job training experience with a Prince George’s County Government agency. Program participants must be associated with a supportive Employment Provider Agency.

• Prince George’s County resident with an intellectual or developmental disability
• 18 to 25 years of age
• Available to work Monday through Friday for a maximum of 8 hours

Interested residents should contact their support Employment Provider Agency and complete the application at https://www.prince-georgescountymd.gov/FormCen-ter/Family-Services-28/Project-HIRE-Disabilit y-Apprenticeship-P-146.

Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund

From the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development: You may not need assistance to stay in your home, but you may know someone who does. The Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund can provide mortgage relief, weatherization, housing counseling, and legal services.

Visit the website http://homeownerassistance.maryland.gov or call 877-546-5595.

Cold Weather and Your Pets

Exposure to extreme winter weather can hurt our pets if we leave them outside for a prolonged period. Prince George’s County law states that “all domestic animals, except livestock, are prohibited from being kept outdoors when the effective outdoor wind chill index is 32 degrees Fahrenheit.” For their own safety, ensure your four-legged family members are kept warm, their paws are clear, and to report animal cruelty incidents to 301-780-7200.

If left unattended outdoors, pets can get frostbite or become disoriented and freeze to death. Hypothermia can result from extended exposure to cold and is a life-threatening condition.

If there are outdoor cats in your yard, bang loudly on your car hood before starting the engine to give them a chance to escape. Cats like to seek shelter from the cold and can be under the hood of your car. Learn more tips to care for our animals during winter and County laws at https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/204/Animal-Services.

First Tee of Greater Washington Registration is Open

For those who might be interested, First Tee of Greater Washington’s sign up opened on February 1st. First Tee is an organization to allow young people to learn the game of golf as well as life and leadership skills. Their program includes two locations in College Park and many others throughout the county. For anyone interested in signing up please go to: https://firstteedc.org/register/.

Contact me

Be in touch if I can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com___ or call 410-841-3141.
Statepoint Crossword: Board Game

**ACROSS**
1. G in mg
5. Medicinal amt.
8. Say no
11. Popular Scotch mixer
12. Country dance formation
13. List of candidates
15. Certain battery component
16. Exclamation of sorrow
17. “*The Game of Unspeakable Fun“
18. “*Fascinating two-handed strategy game“
20. Dutch cheese
21. Not quite right
22. “*I thee ___“
23. Crème de ___
26. Where Japan is
27. Theater passage
28. Asparagus unit
29. Written works
32. Hipbones
33. Butterfly catcher
36. *Like pursuit of no vital importance
38. “____ a high note“
40. A Camel, for short
41. Result of equipment failure
44. The beauty of the ball?
46. Morgan Freeman in “Driving Miss Daisy,” e.g.
48. Sign of bad news
49. Inflict a blow
50. Supernatural life force
51. Drunkard, slangily
52. Exhibiting good health
53. Swing seat, sometimes
54. Knitter’s supply
55. Tree fluid
58. Dropped drug, accr.

**DOWN**
1. Govt. property org.
2. Fabled fliers
3. Mine passage
4. India’s Chennai, pre-1996
5. Flooring choice, pl.
6. Hose woes
7. 100 centavos in Mexico
8. Rum cake
9. Particle in A-bomb
10. What’s-old-is-new-again prefix
12. Somewhat late
13. Be at the helm
14. *Not chutes
19. #39 Across, pl.
20. Result of equipment failure
21. Is no longer
22. Is no longer
23. *Trade, build, settle this island
24. Oenophile’s concern
25. Curtain fabric
26. *Connect how many?
27. Theater passage
28. Asparagus unit
29. Written works
30. Part of circumference
31. Threatened Asian or African odd-toed ungulate
34. Ready for picking
35. Reasons to sue
37. Romanian money
38. English county
39. Popular Arabic name
40. Lemon, in Paris
42. Latissimus dorsi, for short
43. Angola’s southern neighbor
45. Dairy farm glands
47. Relax, or ___ out
48. Brooke or John Jacob, of New York
49. Inflict a blow
50. USPS delivery
52. *Cards against what?
55. Medicinal plant with purple berries
56. Bug-eyed
57. Tiny bottle
60. Plucked string instrument
61. Makes a mistake
62. *“____ Day,” desirable square in The Game of Life
63. Bard’s before
64. Rip apart

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**Solution on page 11**
**From the Office of Council Member Tom Dernoga**

**District 1 Virtual Town Hall: Budget Priorities & More**

Beltsville residents are invited to join me at the District 1 Virtual Town Hall on Wednesday, March 29th at 7:00 PM. County Executive Angela Alsobrooks will be joining as a featured speaker.

Learn about the County’s fiscal outlook and priorities for FY 2024. Weigh in with your priorities. In addition, we will have agency representatives on hand to discuss your concerns and ideas for improving County services.


**Video of Community Conversation: UM Laurel Medical Center**

Last month, my office hosted a virtual Community Conversation providing an update about the University of Maryland (UM) Laurel Medical Center. Representatives from the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) provided a project update and answered residents’ questions. View a replay of the event online at https://bit.ly/medcenterfeb1

**How do I Start with my Green Cart?**

The Department of the Environment (DoE) recently hosted a virtual workshop for County residents to learn more about composting. Discussion topics included: how using your green cart helps reduce waste, how to prepare your green cart for collection, acceptable food scraps, and what happens to the collected food scraps. View the video on YouTube at your convenience at https://bit.ly/doecompost

**Purple Line Briefing**

Last month, the County Council’s Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy, and Environment (TIEE) Committee received an update on the Purple Line from the Maryland Transit Administration. The committee is chaired by District 3 member Eric Olson, with myself serving as Vice-Chair.

The Purple Line is an additional metro rail line connecting Bethesda to New Carrollton, which will cross Silver Spring, Langley Park, College Park, Riverdale Park, and other areas. The project is approximately 16.2 miles long, with 21 stations. While the road to the completion of the Purple Line has been bumpy, the end is in sight. With system-wide testing to begin in the Winter of 2025, the full passenger service could begin in the Fall of 2026.

As for residents who continue to be patient with the construction and temporary realignments of sidewalks, the permanent alignment of the sidewalks and roads should be expected during the system-wide testing process. Completing the Purple Line will bring economic benefits to Prince George’s County while ensuring a reduction of vehicular emissions. By connecting a convenient and dependable east-west transit rail, residents can move across counties and spur economic growth.

**Contact Us**

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**Obituary**

Brown, Albert Cleveland “Cleve”

On Thursday, February 9, 2023, Beloved husband of 63 years to Jane Law Brown; father of Lucinda “Cindy”, Lauri (John), Matthew, and Frances (DR); also survived by many loving cousins, extended family and friends; preceded in death by parents, Hervy and Katherine “Kitty” Brown and his sister, Audrey Gesenhuys; Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 14, at 12 noon with The Reverend Jennifer Kokoski officiating. Interment private. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

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Word Processing Part 2

This month we continue our “Using our Tools” discussion of the Word Processor. We are focused on the three products, Microsoft Word, a part of Microsoft Office, Google Docs, and LibreOffice Writer, a part of the Free and Open Source (FOSS) LibreOffice Suite. There are many other Word Processors and Office Suites out there but, these three are the most popular. We will focus on only these products.

More than a Text Editor

Before the Word Processor we had text editors. A text editor does just what it sounds like it should do, it allows you to edit text. An example is Notepad that comes with Windows. Before modern word processor many writers would use a text editor to capture their writing and a separate process would be used after the content was written to prepare the content for publication, selecting fonts, line spacing, paragraph indentation, and so forth and setting it all up for printing. UNIX and Linux systems still offer these tools for example LatEx has been used for many years to electronically typeset technical documents in the UNIX community. These tools are typically built into the modern word processor which provides control of the appearance of the document, including fonts, letter and line spacing, page formatting, and many other aspects of the document appearance.

Styles and Templates

Styles, another common feature allows multiple attributes to be combined, like text sizes, font styles, bold, italics, underlining, paragraph numbering, indentations, and so on, into a style that can be easily selected, often from a menu at the top of the application. For example, as I type this article, the paragraph style I am using is called “body text”. It uses the Calibri font, set to 11 points, and the paragraph is block form (not indented) and left aligned with 6 points of space added at the bottom of the paragraph for separation with the next paragraph.

Notice here that spacing between paragraphs is automatically handled. There is no need to add a carriage return between paragraphs like you might do on a typewriter. This is a common error I see from people that are not used to word processing. Remember that this is not a typewriter.

Some people insist that double spacing shouldn’t be used after a period in a sentence when word processing. Their rational is that book publishers tend to single space here. I argue for double spacing because it gives the eyes a visible stop and makes reading faster as result. This is important for most business documents and most of us are not writing for the book market.

It is also common to allow these styles to be combined into style sheets or templates which control the default appearance of an entire document. Templates make it possible for multiple documents to have a consistent appearance in an organization.

Common templates based on best practices are often available within the word processor. Standard templates for business letters, reports, resumes, and other common documents are provided or can also be downloaded from the web.

Lists, Headers, Numbers, and Bullets

Often documents need to handle lists. It is not to the three of a strong password are:
- Make a password 13 characters or longer
- Use a mix of upper and lower case characters, numbers and symbols.
- Make it different for each application or website you are using.

This is a numbered list. The work processor will handle the numbers for you even if you go back and insert or delete a line later. It also handles multi-layer lists handling both the indents and the numbering scheme (letters, numbers, italics, etc...). A bullet list will place a large dot or other symbol in front of each line and a multilevel list can vary the bullet at each level.

Headers are the various levels of titles used within a document. You can think of these headers as a special list. Each level can have its own style to make each one distinguishable from the rest. They can also be automatically outline numbered to reflect the outline of the document.

Outlining and Tables of Contents

Whenever I start working on a larger document I normally begin by creating an outline. Word processors allow you to use the headlines to build an outline and support automatic outline numbering of the headers. Most also support an outline view of the document which allows you to reorder the outline moving any content at the same time. So chapter 2 can be swapped with chapter 3 with almost no effort. Word provides a nice feature, if you select the view menu and pick navigation pane it will show the outline of a document as a navigation pane for the document on the left side of the screen. I use this feature all of the time and it is a must for larger documents. The outline represented by the headers can also be used to create a table of contents for the document. Some document also benefit from tables showing the locations of the figures and other tables with a document. If you have captured these tables and figures the word processor can create tables of figures and tables automatically. It is important to remember that these tables will often need to be updated and regenerated after edits because the page numbers may change.

Final Words

Again, I have run out of space this month. There will be a part 3 to the Word Processing series, and then a short break because May is World change your Password Day/ Month. Then I plan to do a series on Spreadsheets. Until then have a great end of your Winter.

The Value of Generosity: Community Theater

By Pastor Andrea Middleton King

In recent news making headlines, multiple media platforms have expressed public dismay and downright outrage at the cost of what spending an evening out could potentially cost an individual, a couple, or dare say a family.

**Concert Tickets per person range from:**
- Taylor Swift Tickets: $244 - $9945
- Beyonce tickets: $884 - $10,208
- Super Bowl Tickets $5,348 - $41,430

Even a Lizzo concert in Baltimore at the lower end of the entertainment spectrum, has a price range $88 - $1023

Supershit status aside, a quick survey of all ticket prices for live stage performances in the metropolitan area has a range of $66-$621 per person, with a special nod to Kennedy Center tickets ranging from $90 to $1932

Let us consider that the minimum wage for a card-carrying professional actor is $1056 per day or $3664 per week. A Stage Technician in Maryland is easily worth $800 per week (not to mention the cost of set-building, props, marketing, and all the elements of producing) that cost the proverbial pennies, which may help explain why the ticket price to a stage performance at the Kennedy Center ranges from $90 - $1932.

When a troupe of actors such as the Upstage Artists bring their top-notch talent, with all the components of live theatre and stage performance at a humble cost of $10 dollars per ticket, it is nothing short of a miracle - not quite on the level of how mana fell from heaven, but certainly a miracle of generosity.

Given that at the barest bones a week’s worth of performances is valued at $3664, it’s not hard to imagine how the ticket buyers have the equivalent value of $1000! Multiply $1000 times the number of performances that Upstage Artists provide for the Beltsville audience, and you have a grand total of approximately $25,000 in generosity that is offered by Upstage Artists, a community partner of Emmanuel United Methodist.
How the Right Pair of Shoes Can Support Your Wellness, Hobbies and Goals

(StatePoint) Looking to stay motivated and achieve your personal goals? New shoes might just be the answer. Not only can they update your wardrobe, helping you look and feel your best, but they can also support your physical and mental wellness, help you try out new hobbies, and even take small steps towards a more sustainable lifestyle.

It’s important to replace old, worn-out sneakers before embarking on a new exercise routine. When gearing up, check out brands like Nike, New Balance and Asics for athletic footwear that combines style, comfort and performance.

Ready to try out a new hobby or get back into an old one? Nike Signature Basketball styles from Lebron are on-trend and are great choices for running, jumping and playing, while Brooks Ghost running shoes feature a cushioned insole and lightweight rubber outsole in fun, vibrant colors to help you push your limits.

And if your goals include adopting more sustainable practices and reducing your impact on the environment, consider selecting footwear that incorporates eco-friendly features, like the Nike Court Vision sneaker, which contains at least 20% recycled content by weight.

For more footwear inspiration to fuel your lifestyle, visit Rack Room Shoes in-store or online at www.rackroomshoes.com.

Whether it’s for fitness, self-care, trying out a new hobby or making a difference, there’s a pair of shoes to meet your needs.

Neighbors in the News

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Rebudd. Westview Court: Flowering Cherry, Willow Oak
Beltsville Citizens Association Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89097756941?pwd=NEtvUjFHSkVuTfBNGFw5lNCKHdhid109
Meeting ID: 890 9775 6941
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If you cannot attend virtually, you can call in: 301-715-8592 then use Meeting ID: 890 9775 6941 and Passcode: 488915.

Beltsville Comprehensive Community Cleanup

Phase #3-4 will occur between March 6th and March 23rd. Please look at the attached maps for your neighborhood. This phase includes homes behind North of Powder Mill Road and Rhode Island Avenue, Queen Anne, Prince George’s, Battersea, Robey, Emack, Vergie, Garrett, Edmondston, Franklin, Holly Tree, Caverly, Maple, Pine, Lincoln, Macon, Winstead, Quimby, Broad, Alcott, Brewer, Loughdon, Old Baltimore, Heartwood, St. Mary, Odell, and Pitsen. (FYI dates on the map are in correct.) If you would like a copy of the cleanup program, send me an email karenmcoakley@gmail.com.

Car Safety Tip

Car Thieves are watching so on those cold winter mornings.

Don’t leave warm your car unoccupied while warming up. In January 25 cars at a Beltsville Apartment complex had airbags stolen, consider using a “Club” on your steering wheel to protect one of your airbags. Car Theft and Air Bag theft continue to be a problem in the surrounding area. Lock your car and remove valuables when you get out of your car especially at gas stations. At night park in a lighted area at home and in parking lots. If you have a community concern, I can be reached at karenmcoakley@gmail.com.

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Beltsville Citizens Association Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89097756941?pwd=NEtvUjFHSkVuTfBNGFw5lNCKHdhid109
Meeting ID: 890 9775 6941
Passcode: 488915
If you cannot attend virtually, you can call in: 301-715-8592 then use Meeting ID: 890 9775 6941 and Passcode: 488915.

Beltsville Comprehensive Community Cleanup

Phase #3-4 will occur between March 6th and March 23rd. Please look at the attached maps for your neighborhood. This phase includes homes behind North of Powder Mill Road and Rhode Island Avenue, Queen Anne, Prince George’s, Battersea, Robey, Emack, Vergie, Garrett, Edmondston, Franklin, Holly Tree, Davenport Old Gunpowder, Caverly, Maple, Pine, Lincoln, Macon, Winstead, Quimby, Broad, Alcott, Brewer, Loughdon, Old Baltimore, Heartwood, St. Mary, Odell, and Pitsen. (FYI dates on the map are in correct.) If you would like a copy of the cleanup program, send me an email karenmcoakley@gmail.com.

Car Safety Tip

Car Thieves are watching so on those cold winter mornings.

Don’t leave warm your car unoccupied while warming up. In January 25 cars at a Beltsville Apartment complex had airbags stolen, consider using a “Club” on your steering wheel to protect one of your airbags. Car Theft and Air Bag theft continue to be a problem in the surrounding area. Lock your car and remove valuables when you get out of your car especially at gas stations. At night park in a lighted area at home and in parking lots. If you have a community concern, I can be reached at karenmcoakley@gmail.com.

Crossword Solution from page 5

GRAM TSP BAN
SODA LINE SLATE
ACID ALAS TABOO
STRATEG EDAM
AMISS WED
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ANKLE LUTE ERRS
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**MARCH 2023**

**Calendar of Events**

Remember that all venues may change or cancel events based on the current health situation in Maryland. It’s always a good idea to call ahead before going to an event.

**DANCE WITH THE KISSIN’ COUSINS**

Country Meets the Blues with Kissin Cousins: Sat., Mar. 4 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Open to the public; doors open at 7:30 p.m. Address: American Legion Post 217 at 9216 Baltimore Ave., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.441.2783. We are putting on a fabulous dance! Daryl Davis will be tickling the ivories and sharing the stage with Patsy Stephens. Your feet won’t stay still till Daryl’s boogie woogie beat. Admission: $20, CASH ONLY (exact change would be helpful). Food and drink available for purchase.

**LAUREL–BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER**

Masks are optional. Contact the center for updates. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are 60 years old or older. Closed on Sundays and most major holidays. Contact the center for updates to hours of operation and current COVID-19 protocols. (1-year-old and under, free). The museum exhibit area highlights 10 unique aircraft and objects relating the history of early aviation at the College Park Airport. Please contact the museum regarding additional activities and updates to COVID-19 protocols.

**COVID-19 protocols.** Please contact the museum regarding additional activities and updates to COVID-19 protocols.

**Cost:** Adults/$5; Seniors/$4; Children/$2

Closed Mondays and major holidays.

Regular hours of operation: Open Tues.–Sun. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 301.864.6029. Fax: 301.927.6472. Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.441.2783. We are putting on a fabulous dance!

**Home sales activity is at its lowest level in 15 years in the Washington metro area.** New pending sales were down significantly across all local markets in the region.

On the supply side, inventory has risen fastest in Fairfax County, VA; Loudoun County (+84.0%); Alexandria City, VA (+8.7%); Prince George’s County, MD (+3.6%); Fairfax County, VA (+2.5%); and Montgomery County, MD (+2.1%).

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**TROOP 1033 continued from page 1**

from station to station and demonstrate skills such as first aid, fire building, compass use, knot tying, animal identification, and shelter building. They also had to prepare a hot lunch and get to try ax-throwing and using a two-man saw. All of the supplies they needed for the various stations had to be transported on a “sled,” which the scouts and adult leaders designed and built. The troop spent a lot of time preparing for this event, and their hard work paid off as they won first place in their division!

Also in February, several scouts from both Troop 1033 and Cub Scout Pack 1031 joined the congregation of Emmanuel United Methodist Church for Scout Sunday. They presented the flags during the service and Scoutmaster Kevin d’Eustachio said a few words about the troop and thanked Emmanuel for its many years of continued support.

Big News! The Spring Mulch Fundraiser is almost here! Once again, the troop will be selling mulch and other garden products to be delivered to your Beltsville/Calverton home! The details are still being finalized at the time of writing this but watch your inbox as you’ll receive a flyer about it soon! We expect orders to be due in March for delivery in the beginning of April.

The Troop would love to share the fun of scouting with more people! We welcome boys ages 11-17 to join us as well as adults who enjoy working with youth! We now meet Sunday evenings at 6pm.

**BELTSVILLE BRIEFS continued from page 1**

**Community Easter Egg Hunt at The First Baptist Church of Beltsville**

The First Baptist Church of Beltsville (4700 Odell Road) will hold a Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 10:00 – 11:30 am for children ages 2-12. Join them for games, refreshments, and lots of fun as they celebrate the real reason for Easter: Jesus!

**Johnny Seaton’s Birthday Party!**

The College Park American Legion will be holding a Birthday Party and Show in honor of Johnny Seaton’s Birthday on Saturday, March 25 from 6 pm to 10 pm.

Come out and celebrate Johnny Seaton’s Birthday!

Feb. 16 meeting with its Valentine theme. We had light refreshments, music by “Rearview Mirror” duet, and especially the Valentine gift. Our March 16 meeting will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. “Goody Measure” will entertain with Irish music and sing-along. Remember to wear green. We’ll have any extra hour of sunlight, so we’ll have refreshments, 50/50, trips to sign up for, but no gifts.

Our April 20 meeting will celebrate spring with the barbershop quartet “Now or Never” entertaining us.

We still have our meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 11:00 am at Beltsville Community Center at 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville. Hope you can join us. For more information, call me at 301-498-9736.

Remember, no winter lasts for ever; no spring skips its turn. (Hal Barlang)
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Maundy Thursday Worship Service
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7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday
April 9
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service (outside)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School (for all ages)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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There’s always a seat for you at Emmanuel. Consider visiting us in 2023. You are welcome anytime.
“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’”
Psalm 122

What’s Happening
† Worship Sundays at 10 am (in-person & virtual)
† Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 pm (virtual)
† Food Distribution Saturday, March 25: 8:00 - 9:30 am for seniors and 9:30 to 11:00 am for the general public.

BECOME A CITIZEN SCIENTIST
Sat., Mar. 18 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. All ages, registration required. Learn how you can document your observations on migrating birds and monarchs, and then track them online. Help scientists observe and document wildlife migrations that are different every year because of changing weather conditions.

FAMILY FUN: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!
Fri., Mar. 24 and Sat. Mar. 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Did you know that, on average, every American throws away almost 5 pounds of trash each day? That’s a lot of garbage! Enjoy hands-on activities, crafts, and games while you learn how you can reduce, reuse, and recycle in order to generate less trash. This is a drop-in program: come when you wish and leave when you’re ready.

EARLY SPRING BIRDWALK
Sat., Mar. 25 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Ages 11+, registration requested. This walk will focus on lingering and early sparrows, waterfowl, and resident birds. We will walk around Cash Lake and end our trip at feeders. There will be great opportunities to photograph birds at the feeders. Beginners are most welcome; bring your questions. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot at the wolf statues at 8 a.m.

TREE TREASURES
Sat., Mar. 25 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Ages 4–8, registration required. What kinds of things might be treasures for trees? Join Ranger Diana on a tree treasure hunt to find out in this interactive kid’s program.

KIDS DISCOVERY CENTER
Tue. – Sat. from 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12 noon. Duration: 35 minutes, each session. Designed for ages 3–9; adult accompaniment required. Registration is strongly recommended. Activities are designed for:
1) Children ages 3–5, with parent/guardian support;
2) Young Special Needs populations, with adult support; and
3) Young English-language-learners, with adult support.
Older siblings are encouraged to join with

CALENDAR
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BSA PERSONAL FITNESS MERIT BADGE
Three different class dates: Sun., Mar. 12; Sat., Apr. 8; and Sun., May 7. Join us to work on the Personal Fitness merit badge. Registration for this merit badge is only online. In-person attendance that the refuge is required. Scouts must have a current BSA physical. We will complete requirements #1, #6, & #7, plus we will work on requirements #2 – #5 in class. Requirements #8 and #9 will be homework. Sign up for only one class date. For more information and registration, see https://bit.ly/3h91zJS

MEET AN AMERICAN KESTREL
Sat., Mar. 18 from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. All ages, no registration. Come meet an American Kestrel. In this informal show-and-tell time, see what makes the American Kestrel an expert at hunting in meadows.

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