Santa Tour
2021

Santa Claus has confirmed his route with the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department! He will begin his routes on Tuesday, December 7.

- If you meet Santa at the intersections listed below on the schedule, he will be able to meet more children and see more of Beltsville.
- Always use caution when visiting Santa. Please pay attention to the fire apparatus and stay out of the street.
- Sometimes Santa runs behind schedule by a couple of minutes, so be patient. He will follow the schedule as close as possible.
- We will be handing candy cane out this year.
- Santa must keep moving due to Covid.
- We will not go up to your home.
- Tour could change or cancel due to any changes by State or local authority due to Covid.
- Have Fun and make sure you know what you want for Christmas!

Tuesday Dec. 7 begins at 6 pm
Indian Creek St. @ Lime Tree Way
Hockberry Way @ Hammett St.
Old Baltimore Pike @ BrewerRd.
Brewer Rd. @ Cardewal Dr.
Odell Rd. @ Old Baltimore Pike
Odell Farms Ct. @ Barkwood Ct.
Odell Rd. @ Ellington Dr.
Snowbird Woods
West Lock
Lighthouse Dr. @ Ashcroft Dr.
Cockrover Ln. @ Admiral Dr.
Boulder Dr. @ Cap Ct.
Boulder Dr. @ Trade Wind Terr.
Summer Grove Dr. @ Hickory Grove Ct.
Summer Grove Dr. @ Poplar Grove Ct.

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Falling into Action with Cub Pack 1031

Cub Pack 1031 has been busy in the outdoors! Our Tiger Scout, Rowan, has earned Games Tigers Play, Team Tiger, and Tigers in Wild working with the Wolf Den. The Wolf den has completed Call of the Wild, Paws on the Path and some electives. The Bear Den has almost finished Bear Necessities (outdoor skills), and Pups, Feathers and Ferns. Webelos earned Webelos Walkabout and the Arrow den has completed Outdoorsman. We will hike this weekend to catch some scouts up on their requirements and make s’mores!

The pack participated in the Scouting for Food Drive by collecting 100 lbs. of food within their families. Some Cubs helped Troop 1033 sort their huge number of donations on Saturday November 13th.

The pack put on their costumes and celebrated Halloween with games and distanced candy distribution. It was loads of fun!

If you are interested in discovering Cub Pack 1031 continues on page 3

CUB PACK 1031

Updates from the First Baptist Church of Beltsville

First Baptist Church of Beltsville is Looking for a Pianist

The First Baptist Church of Beltsville is looking for a pianist for to accompany their services and choir. If you are interested go to http://fbcbeltsville.org/pianist.cfm to apply. You can send your questions or resume to ocean244us@yahoo.com.

Christmas Eve Service

You are invited to celebrate the reason for the season with the First Baptist Church of Beltsville on Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve, at 6:00 pm. Come worship the coming of the Savior through music, the Lord’s Supper and ending with a candlelight singing of Silent Night. We look forward to having you worship with us!

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club’s December meeting at Beltsville Community Center (3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD) will be a joyous occasion. We meet December 16 at 11:00 am, (this is a new time) with light refreshments, a 50/50 raffle, trip information, and a chance to buy something at Clyde’s Closet. Entertainment will be provided by the Retro Rockets. We also plan a surprise gift-giving for kids from our seniors, Wear your mask. For more info., call 301-498-9736. We hope to see everyone to start the new year off with a blessing.

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Beltsville Briefs

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January 3

On the Agenda

By President Karen M. Coakley

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For the Beltsville residents who live in the communities that back to our parks if you see someone in the parks after dark or you see flashlights or cellphone lights, or if you hear gunshots back to our parks if you see someone in the park after dark or you see flashlights or cellphone lights, or if you hear gunshots.

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Dear Mr. Bergmann:

I read with great interest Sally Rhodes’s recent column, “It’s the Law,” printed in the Sept. 21 issue of The Beltsville News. She wrote with eloquence about legal protections that are in place to protect the free-roaming rights of a non-native species: cats.

While I certainly oppose animal cruelty in all of its forms, I must point out that millions of our native wildlife species – our birds, in particular – have been suffering extreme losses in recent years. A few even face extinction because of climate change and loss of habitat. But the main reason for alarming declines in bird populations is domestic and feral cats that kill between 1 and 3 billion birds each year.

Yes, I know there are arguments about how to accurately estimate the numbers of outdoor cats and the birds they kill. But there can be no doubt that a lot of predation goes on – both for food and for play. So, I have to ask myself how wise or kind it is to protect and, to some extent, nurture, the relatively few feral cats compared to the enormous numbers of birds and small wildlife they kill.

Of course, no one blames cats for behaving as their nature dictates, but it hardly seems compassionate to help them persist in the wild environment. Out on their own, cats can become prey themselves and are vulnerable to diseases and infections, one of which is the parasite known as Toxoplasma gondii.

Everyone should be aware that the feces of outdoor and feral cats can spread this widespread parasite that sometimes leads to a dangerous infection known as Toxoplasmosis. It is estimated that up to 40 million people in the U.S. carry the parasite without showing symptoms. However, its presence can lead to blindness in children born to infected women, and to a variety of serious neurological problems in individuals with weak immune systems. Readers can learn more from the Centers for Disease Control at https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/toxoplasmosis/gen_info/faq.html.

For these and other reasons, I hope that members of Beltsville Community Cats will reconsider their commitment to supporting cats in the wild. At the very least, stray or feral cats should be captured and neutered. I recently read that an average cat can have two or three litters of one to eight kittens per year -- or more than 100 kittens over a lifetime. Thus, a single pair of feral cats and their kittens could produce up to 420,000 new cats in just 7 years.

Please, let’s not favor just one kind of “wildlife.” Other creatures deserve protection, too!

— L. R. Tokarz, Greenbelt, MD

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**Neighbors in the News**

**PGCPS Proud: International High School at Langley Park Educator Awarded 2021 Global Teacher Prize**

**English teacher Keisha Thorpe was selected from over 8,000 nominations and applications worldwide for $1 million award.**

UPPER MARLBORO, MD – Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) teacher Keisha Thorpe has won the 2021 Global Teacher Prize awarded by the Varkey Foundation in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for her work to expand college access among low-income, first-generation immigrant and refugee students.

Thorpe was selected for the $1 million prize from over 8,000 nominations and applications from 121 countries around the world.

“Educators like Keisha Thorpe are at the heart of our mission of welcoming, educating and elevating scholars,” said Dr. Monica Goldson, Chief Executive Officer. “We are so proud of this well-earned recognition by the international community for her outstanding contributions to equity in education.”

A 16-year educator and immigrant from Jamaica, Thorpe served as an English teacher at Walker Mill Middle School from 2004 to 2011. She returned to PGCPS in 2018 to teach 12th-grade English at International High School at Langley Park, where all students are English language learners and most identify as low-income.

In awarding her the Global Teacher Prize, the Varkey Foundation credited her work in redesigning English curriculum to be culturally relevant for first-generation students, immigrants and refugees from Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean and South and Central America, noting that students have since shown significant improvement in reading and English language proficiency scores for English language learners.

“Ms. Thorpe exemplifies the qualities so necessary for working with our diverse student community,” said Dr. Eunice Perez-Humphrey, International High School at Langley Park principal. “Every day she goes above and beyond to address students’ needs in and outside the classroom.”

The Global Teacher Prize is just the latest of Thorpe’s many achievements.

In July, she received the Maryland Medal of Excellence from Gov. Larry Hogan for her work influencing equitable policies in education. During the 2018-19 school year, she was named National Lifelong-er of the Year, an award recognizing teachers who inspire students and “go above and beyond.”

Thorpe co-founded the nonprofit U.S. Elite International Track and Field Inc., which helps “at risk” student-athletes pursue college scholarships. She also founded the Hope Beyond Distance Foundation and Food4Change, a program providing support for immigrant students and their families.

Thorpe received a bachelor’s degree in English and political science from Howard University. She earned a master’s degree in educational leadership from Strayer University, and is currently pursuing a second master’s degree in social emotional learning.

The Varkey Foundation was founded in 2014 to improve educational standards and enhance the capacity of teachers worldwide. Often described as the Nobel Prize for educators, the Global Teacher Prize is presented to highlight the importance of educators who deserve to be recognized and honored.
Navigating the Holidays with Kitties

December is here, and with it, a variety of holidays with many different traditions and celebrations! For us, the holidays bring all the joys of lights, colors, tastes, and smells, along with visiting family and friends. For our kittens, it may be less joyful. Many holiday traditions can be stressful or even dangerous for cats, but with help from their owners, the holidays can be enjoyed by all.

One of the highlights of many holidays is the food. Dishes enjoyed only once a year make an appearance at many tables this month, and while it’s tempting to allow kitty to taste these foods, many can result in illness. There are lists online of the many troublesome foods that can make a cat sick. However, it’s easier to follow the general rule of not allowing kitty to eat any human foods because they could result in a visit to the vet’s office!

For those who put up Christmas trees, you may already be familiar with our feline friends’ tendency to climb them. If your kitty keeps trying to climb your tree, there are deterrent sprays available online that should keep them from trying too hard. If you have a live tree, be sure kitty isn’t drinking the water from the base, which can cause illness! Tinsel is unfortunately also a common cause of distress if eaten by kitty. The metallic material might even need to be removed surgically before it does too much damage to the cat’s digestive system.

While beautiful and festive to look at, many holiday plants are toxic to cats. These include poinsettias, mistletoe, and holly, among others. If you are keeping these plants in your house, be sure your cat is unable to reach them. The same goes for candies, whether just one or an entire menorah!

Another source of stress for kitty during the holidays is visiting family and friends. We all love to share our furbabies with visitors, but kitty might become overwhelmed with all the new people in the home. When expecting visitors, regardless of the number, make sure your cat has a quiet, out-of-the-way place to retreat to if it feels insecure. Be sure it’s a space where visitors will not go, so kitty feels safe.

No matter what holiday we celebrate, small efforts on our part can help make them both safe and enjoyable for our furbabies. Our cats are family, and holidays are about family, no matter what form (or how much fur) they have!

ON THE AGENDA

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Police Emergency number 301-459-2322. We have had problems with gunshots at night between Beltville Community Center 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, and Beltville Neighborhood Park 11508 Montgomery Rd, Beltsville. Unfortunately, on November 11th gunshots were heard in or near Beltville Neighborhood Park and a 14-year-old boy was hit by a bullet that went through an exterior wall of his home.

It’s great to post warnings about suspicious or criminal activity that you have seen on Nextdoor.com. However just an fyi the police cannot see those postings. You need to call 911 and make a report, give an address. If you do not want a police officer to come to your house you can ask them to call you. For those of you who have called the Beltsville Station call 911 instead. Calling the station delays the response time. Calls to 911 are recorded and the appropriate agency is sent. If you believe a situation was not handled properly you can email Major Fisher the new Commander at Beltsville Division 6 Police Station. JLFish er@yahoo.com. For problems in the parks you can email MCMPPC Park Police Lt. Brian Waters Bri an.Waters@ggparks.com. If you have any information about the gunshots on November 11th that injured the 14 year old boy, please report it. If you have a community concern I can be reached at 301-741-7672 or karenmcoakley@msn.com.

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ering the fun of Cub Scouts, our cost this year will be $130 per scout. We are a family scouting unit. We hike, bike, go boating, visit interesting places and learn about nature and do service. 95% of our scouts earned their rank this year! We are still being cautious with our scouts, we meet weekly (either virtually or in person in the outdoors), stay arm’s length apart and wear our masks and we keep it fun! Our active den leaders are 100% vaccinated. Please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cub-scouting@gmail.com for more information.

Memories of a White Cane Shift

By Beltville Lion Ted Ladd

This happened in October 1999, some 22 years ago. My job Saturday morning was to collect White Cane donations for the Beltville Lions at the Beltville Post Office. The Lions collect White Cane donations once a year to help pay expenses for eye exams, glasses and other needs in the community.

I recall a woman asking me for directions to Route 29 so she could avoid using Route 95 in getting to Columbia, and the man who asked where he could donate old glasses.

That man drove from the Post Office parking lot, turned around, and came back to drop a dollar in the jar. Said he was running his mouth so much he forgot to contribute. Then there was the man who had a stack of envelopes in his hand and whiffled through them as he approached. “See these?” he asked. “When this pile goes down, I’ll be able to give you some money.” And so it went.

One man asked if I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior yes. He dropped some change in the jar and I gave him one of our cards that tells what we do with the money. He was the second person to do a U-Turn and come back to make a larger donation.

A young man came out of the Post Office and placed $20 in the jar. Another placed $5 in the jar and asked if I remembered him. “Sure I do,” I said. I was bluffing. He looked familiar, but I couldn’t remember his name. “OK then, he said, “Who am I?” Luckily, he gave me a hint and I remembered him as the young man I would see at a neighborhood get-together or wedding on an average of once every five years.

Dave Pinchotti thanked me for recognizing the Boy’s and Girl’s Scout. We are a family scouting unit. We hike, bike, go boating, visit interesting places and learn about nature and do service. 95% of our scouts earned their rank this year! We are still being cautious with our scouts, we meet weekly (either virtually or in person in the outdoors), stay arm’s length apart and wear our masks and we keep it fun! Our active den leaders are 100% vaccinated. Please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cub-scouting@gmail.com for more information.

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Holiday Cheer

With holiday music in the air and the festivities beginning, family and friends will be arriving before long. Now is the time to get your home looking its best for holiday entertaining. There are several things that you can do to quickly update your interiors that is sure to evoke a “WOW” from your guests. Wallpapeering with a new tone on tone pattern or with a simple geometric design above the chair rail in the dining room will create warmth and interest. A large novelty mirror with an unusual shape will accentuate the wallpaper while brightening the room. There is still time to order new drapery panels, sheers and blinds for the windows that will give a finished look to any room. Wills Decorating (www.willsdecorating.com) in Hyattsville has a great selection of inexpensive in-stock wallpapers, special order wallpapers, draperies and Hunter Douglas blinds and custom made Roman and drapes. Will’s also does upholstery and has lots of beautiful fabrics to choose from.

Happy Holidays From Michael & Valerie

Valerie Kabelac
Michael Richards
Michael Richards, the owner of Will’s Decorating, recommends taking a good look at your dining room, kitchen and family room chairs. Don’t want your guests taking notice of your old, worn-out chairs. Freshen it up with a new fabric. SIX dining room chair seats only takes three to four yards of fabric. If the seat is crying in you probably just need new padding. Your chairs can look like new in no time. Wills does expert upholstery work and can do the makeover quickly. For more expert advice on what you can do to spruce up your home this holiday season call for your FREE design consultation at Will’s Decorating with Michael.

From Michael & Valerie

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Tech Sense: Holiday Shopping Ideas 2021

Another Holiday season and we are feeling the economic impacts of nearly two years of COVID. There are shortages of many popular technologies so unless you have already purchased it you may want to look for alternatives this season. Prices are also higher. A computer similar to one I purchased last year is now selling for almost $200 more this year. Some manufacturers are offering computers with older and slower chips because they are easier to get. It also seems that many stores are running “Black Friday” sales for the entire month of November.

Mobile Phones

Apple, Samsung, and Google all released new phones this year, meaning there are bargains to be found if you can get last year’s models. The Google Pixel 4a, 4a with 5G, and 5a all appear to be exceptional phones at affordable prices. Even the just released Pixel 6 seems to be an exceptional phone for $600. There is still no signs of prices returning to last year’s found if you can get last year’s models. The Google Pixel 4a, 4a with 5G, and 5a all appear to be exceptional phones at affordable prices. Even the just released Pixel 6 seems to be an exceptional phone for $600. There is still no signs of prices returning to last year’s

Motorola seems to have a good lineup of low-cost phones with long battery life. Look at the Moto G and the Moto Ace series of phones.

TVs, Sight, Sound, and Streaming

Most TVs today are Ultra High Definition (4K UHD) High Dynamic Range (HDR) televisions with resolutions of 3840 by 2160 pixels. Not much has changed since last year, but the big bargains are a little harder to find. On the other hand most streaming devices have been updated to also support 4K UHD/HDR and the streaming services like Disney+ and HBO Max are starting to deliver 4K streams. This means it may be a good time to upgrade your streaming device. All four of the major streaming boxes; Google Chromecast, Amazon’s Fire TV, Apple’s Apple TV, and Roku have released newer versions with 4K UHD/HDR support. Roku has also released a separate remote with voice which will work with most Roku devices, even older ones. Roku also supports viewing Comcast channels without renting an extra Comcast TV box, saving on your Comcast bill.

You may decide to give the gift of streaming. AppleTV breaks the Apple mode by playing nice with most streaming devices. CBS All Access is now Paramount+, and Comcast has the new Peacock Network apparently now renamed the NBC Universal Network. Disney has a bundle that includes Hulu, and ESPN, and a new option to make the Hulu commercial free. HBO provides HBOnow a new streaming version of HBO that is also showing some movies that are currently in theaters. Look for good Black Friday deals for Hulu if you are not already a subscriber. Both Disney+ and HBO Max have added 4KUHD content this year.

Sound bars are a hot item again, improving the sound when watching TV. A sound bar often combines with a woofer and a two satellite speakers to provide full surround sound for your home TV setup. There are many models with support for 2 channels and base (2.1) in the $100 range. These are great for a smaller TV. Larger 5 channel systems seem to be selling in the $150 to $300 range. Make sure your TV has an extra port to plug the sound in.

Gaming

The Nintendo Switch game platform is still popular but there are new platforms from Sony and Microsoft. Sony’s PlayStation 5 (PS5) is a hot item and is in very short supply due to the current chip shortages. It is supposed to be compatible with software for the previous PS4 box, meaning upgraders can continue to run their old software. The new Xboxes however is supposed to support several previous versions of the Xbox. Look for sales on the online connected services for both of these platforms.

Raspberry Pi

Any feast wouldn’t be complete without a desert. The Raspberry Pi is a popular small computer with the intention of allowing kids to learn computers the way many of us did decades ago by getting our hands on them and playing. The Raspberry Pi organization has just released a new computer the Raspberry Pi Zero W 2.0. This computer uses the same form as the Pi 0 computer but offers more power and memory. The price if you can get one is $15. Of course, you also need the other parts which will run you close to $50. Or you can buy a kit, or last year’s Pi 400 which is ready to go out of the box. Look it up at https://raspberrypi.org

Wrap Up

This wraps my list for this year. This year has been difficult for many of us. I hope we all remember the many things we have to be thankful for this Holiday season. May all your gifts bring joy to those that receive them!

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SANTA TOUR

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Saturday Dec. 11 begins at 4 pm: Evans Trail
Bleu Ridge @ Pocono Place
Sheanahood @ Bleu Ridge
Cherry Hill Rd. (in front of)
Major Dr. @ Cherry Hill Court
Townley Apartments

Cherry Mill Drive @ Cherry Tree Ct.
Collier @ Powder Mill Rd.
Cherryvale @ Weeping Willow
Cherrywood @ Cherrydale Terr.
Lighthouse @ Bethsville Drive
Bethsville Drive @ Bethsville Rd
Forestview @ Christine
Chapel View @ Craigslawn
Craigslawn @ Paza
Calvert @ Groomeont
Beltsville Rd @ Bellevue St
Greenmount @ Dunnington
Rosehill @ Castleleigh
Ingleside @ Balmore
Dunnington @ Oriole
Stonefall @ Taney
Dunnington @ Key
Ivy @ Susquehanna
Westfield @ Dunnington
Harbor Town Dr
Byngos @ Craney @ Myrtle Ave
Castle Pines
Old Gunpowder Spur

Tuesday Dec. 14 begins at 6 pm
Ammendale Way @ Long Feather Ct.
Ammendale Way @ Clear Brooke Ct.
Ammendale Way @ Narrow Trail Terr.
Ammendale Way @ Horse Soldier Pl.
Ammendale Way @ Ammendale Rd.
Ammendale Rd. @ Hauk Ridge Ct.
Sagua Ln. @ Sappoa Pl.
Sagua Ln. @ Sappoa Pl.
Ammendale Rd. @ Hidden Brooke Ct.
Old Munikirk @ Munikirk Rd.
Old Munikirk @ Longwood Dr.
Langwood Dr. @ Callen Ct.
Langwood Dr. @ Belmar Ct.
Stammore Dr. @ Bryeys Pl.
Stammore Dr. @ Blue Pond Terr.
Sullivan Ct. @ Burdette Way
Langwood Dr. @ Pawling Way
Langwood Dr. @ Loughborough Pl.
Langwood Dr. @ Blue Pointe Ave.
Alloway Ln. @ Northampton Dr.
Northampton Dr. @ Crossfield Dr.
Brickyard Development

Thursday, Dec. 16 begins at 6 pm
Garove @ Hennessy Dr.
Indigo @ Barbara Dr.
Langhorn @ West View Ct.
Montgomery Place @ Montgomery Ct.
Montgomery Rd. @ Kenney St.
Kenny St. @ 34th Place
35th Pl. @ Yates Rd.
35th Pl. @ Sarasota Pl.
Montgomery Rd. @ Forrest Rd.
Forrest Rd. @ Stephen Ln.
Mallory Dr. @ Cedar Ct.
Howard Rd. @ Home Acres Terr.
Selfman & Weymouth
Uller & Woodbine
Selfman & Dresden
Selfman & Hillwood

Saturday, Dec. 18 begins at 5 pm
Prince George’s Ave. @ Wicomico Ave.
Howard Rd. @ Queen Anne Ave.
Rhode Island Ave. @ Garrett Rd.
Odell Rd. @ Lexington Ave.
Statepoint Crossword: Night at the Theater

**ACROSS**
1. *Treble or bass ___
5. Pharaoh’s cobra
8. *Zeus’ sister and wife, and character in Broadway musical “Xanadu”
12. Hair-dwelling parasites
13. Quinceañera or bat mitzvah, e.g.
14. Puts money in the bank
15. Pearl Harbor locale
16. Flair
17. Inuit boat
18. *Record-holding musical for most awards received by a single production, with The ___
20. *Broadway hit “Jagged Little ___”
21. *Comment to the audience
22. Web address
23. ___”er ____, at the pump
26. Private chapel
30. Keats’ poem
31. Quit
34. Medley
35. _____ _____ or do nothing
37. Right-angle building extension
38. Razor nick
39. Like lemon
40. Make a choice
41. 1960s teen idol, Bobby __
43. Give authority
45. Bias crime perpetrators
47. *Theater, e.g.
48. Cordial disposition
50. Surrender
52. *Non-musical with record number of Tony nominations
55. Make a raucous noise
56. Shredded cabbage dishes
57. *Melpomene, e.g.
58. Just a little
59. Gold unit
60. Lodge fellows
62. Without purpose
63. Past tense of “is”
64. Short-term employee

**DOWN**
1. Hoof sound
2. Yarn spinner
3. Canyon sound
4. Like medieval European society
5. Was sick
6. Fixed look
7. Montblanc and such
8. *Musical with record number of Tony nominations
9. Like most fairytale stepmothers
10. Madrid’s Club de Fútbol
11. Pose a question
13. Chef’s prescription
14. Toyota sports car model
19. Stylock’s practice
22. Coffee pot
23. *Bob _, choreographer with most Tony awards
24. *“Break a leg” or “have two left feet,” e.g.
25. Reduce pressure (2 words)
26. Eye up and down
27. Mediterranean appetizer
28. Type of potato masher
29. Ox connectors
32. *Tiresias in “Oedipus Rex,” e.g.
33. Feverish
36. *NYC district
38. Washington, e.g.
40. Sun’s descent
41. Onion-like herb
44. Seize by force
46. Obsolete office position
48. Spurious wing
49. *Comedy and tragedy, on a Tony medallion
50. Attired
51. *James _, Jones, multiple Tony winner
52. Old World duck
53. Like Silver’s owner
54. H or O in H2O, e.g.
55. Make a raucous noise
56. Mogul equipment

See Solution on page 10
From the Office of Councilmember Tom Dernoga

COVID-19 Updates

The indoor mask mandate is still in effect. Cases in Prince George’s County are declining, and if this continues, revisions to the mask mandate are possible. For now, keep wearing your mask in all indoor locations.

Students ages 5 to 11 can now receive the COVID-19 vaccine. There are free COVID-19 vaccines for eligible children available at many pediatricians’ offices, retail and grocery store pharmacies, hospitals, and other health care providers across the County.

Find nearby clinics by using the County’s vaccine clinic locator at mypgc.us/COVIDvaccine.

Third Dose VS. Booster Dose of COVID-19 Vaccines

There is confusion over the differences between a third dose and a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccines. The third dose is specifically for:

- Individuals with weakened immune systems.
- They can receive a third dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine 28 days after receiving their second dose.

The booster dose of Pfizer and Moderna is for anyone who is:

- 65 years old and older
- 18 years old and older and living in long-term care
- 18 years old and older with health conditions
- 18 years old and older and work- or live-in high-risk settings

The booster dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is for anyone who is:

- 18 years old and older
- Received their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna at least six months prior
- Received their first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months prior

Winter Festival of Lights

Prince George’s County’s Winter Festival of Lights is going on now nightly from 5 PM until 9:30 PM until January 2, 2022.

For more information on the event, please visit https://bit.ly/3c86W9K.

Happy Holidays,
Feliz Navidad, Chag Sameach, Joyeuxes fêtes,

From our District One Team, we send holiday wishes of health and happiness to you and your family during this special season. During this festive time, you are in our thoughts and we look forward to serving you in 2022. Please stay safe and check on your neighbor.

Contact Us

Please keep in touch. Email us at councildistrict1@co.pg.md.us or call 301.952.3887. Se habla Español. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram: @Tom-Dernoga1

Neighbors in the News

Remembering Colin Powell

By Dr. Kandia Boyd

Secretary of State Colin Powell’s (1937-2021) legacy impacted not only the military and Americans, but also generations through his key leadership principles. His pioneering achievements include serving as the first African American four-star general of the U.S. Army, Secretary of State, and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. His leadership principles are highlighted in his 2012 memoir, It Worked for Me: In Life and Leadership, and are essential for anyone pursuing leadership both personally or professionally.

It ain’t as bad as you think! It will look better in the morning.

Get mad then get over it.

Avoid having your ego so close to your position that when your position falls, your ego goes with it.

1. It can be done.
2. Be careful what you choose.
3. You may get it.
4. Don’t let adverse facts stand in the way of a good decision.
5. You can’t make someone else’s choices. You shouldn’t let someone else make yours.
6. Check small things.
7. Share credit.
9. Don’t take counsel of your fears or naysayers.
10. Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier.

Secretary of State Colin Powell was the epitome of leadership in a variety of key senior level positions throughout his years of service to the American people. His 13 leadership principles are timeless and can be applied to anyone seeking leadership. Good leaders are defined over time, often by making mistakes and then making adjustments and moving forward with refined wisdom and insight. These 13 principles highlight that good leaders have many characteristics; they use a methodical approach to make decisions and work through problems, they listen to others to gather feedback, give accolades, and put their ego aside for the greater good.

Beckie Hutchings
11/3/2021
Beltsville Adventist Community Center Receives Grant for ADA Compliant Ramp

Beltsville Adventist Community Center (BACC) received a $10,000 Seed Grant from North American Division Adventist Community Services and $10,000 from the Potomac Conference Corporation in order to build an American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) compliant ramp to provide access to the building. The community center, located behind the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church on Ammendale Road, is staffed by a team of gifted volunteers from both the church and the community and has been serving the local community since 2012. This capital improvement has been high on the priority list and is just the first of many capital improvement projects planned. The ramp provides disabled clients the access to the facility they deserve so they can receive the services they require.

BACC provides Maryland residents access to a Department of Social Services (DSS) Agent, crisis counseling, and mental health counseling. The community center operates a food pantry and through partnerships with county council members from District 1 and District 2, BACC has been positioned to grant mortgage, rental, and utility assistance to residents affected by significant financial hardships. On November 23, BACC along with staff members and volunteers from the District 1 Council office will prepare 550 Thanksgiving baskets to be distributed to low income households in District 1, so they will be able to experience the gratitude this season brings.

BACC is a 501-3-c tax deductible charity and maintains the desire to increase its ability to be a force for health and wholeness to the people in this community. You can find more information about the services BACC offer by visiting the website at MYBACC.ORG

Physical Address: 4220 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, MD 20705

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Beltsville Adventist Community Center’s new American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) compliant ramp

BELTSVILLE BRIEFS

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Kolachi Carry-Out Event at St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church December Orders

On December 11 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church will be holding a bake sale. Kolachi Carry-Out Event. Delicious kolachy, a traditional East European holiday sweet bread will be available for $14.00 you get a choice of walnut, poppyseed, or apricot fillings. They will be ready for in-person sales or by pre-order for quick, easy pickup. St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church, 12420 Old Gunpowder Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705. See our webpage for more information, directions, and online ordering: https://stgregoryofnyssa.net.

Scouting for Food Returns with Great Generosity

The annual Scouting for Food Program returned this November after being canceled in the area last year due to the pandemic. Scouting for Food is a national event of the Boy Scouts of America and is one of several service projects local scouts participate in each year. On the weekend of November 6 scouts from Troop 1033 put fliers on the front doors of many houses in the Beltsville and Calverton neighborhoods. On Saturday, November 13th, the scouts went back through the neighborhoods and collected food donations from front porches. Due to the overwhelming generosity of so many local residences, the scouts collected over 3,500 pounds of food donations. The food was then distributed to the food pantries at St. Joseph’s Church and Emmanuel Methodist Church to help those in need in the area. The scouts would like to thank all the generous supporters who made this year’s Scouting for Food a great success.

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Struggling with job loss, to pay rent, to get food, or need emergency help? The Beltsville Adventist Community Center (BACC) exists to help those in the Beltsville Community and beyond take the next step toward financial independence.

FIND US at 4220 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, MD 20705, located in the house behind the Beltsville Adventist Community Center’s new American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) compliant ramp

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• Rental & Utility Assistance
• Medical Assistance for Families & Children (FAC)
• Maryland Children’s Health Program (MCHIP)
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*APR = Annual Percentage Rate. Holiday Loan Special is available for qualified borrowers. Loan subject to normal underwriting guidelines. Term limit is 12 months with a minimum loan amount of $500.00 and a maximum loan amount of $3,000. Representative payment example: A $3,000.00 loan at a fixed rate of 10.00% would require 12 monthly payments of $265.00. Offer ends December 31, 2021. PGCFCU reserves the right to change or withdraw this offer at any time.
Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

Booster shots available in Beltsville

Eligible Beltsville residents can sign up to get the COVID-19 Booster shot today. Locations include the CVS and Walgreens Pharmacy on Route 1 in Beltsville. To sign up for an appointment, visit wpgc.us/COVIDVaccine.

Reminder: Health insurance deadline: December 15

Delegates Peña-Melnyk, Barnes, Lehman, and I want to be sure all working families are able to sign up for affordable health insurance. Despite all the proposals in Congress to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), it’s still in effect. Now — through December 15 — is the time to learn about coverage and other ways to save money on health insurance. Open enrollment runs until December 15. Be sure to enroll or change plans by visiting wpgc.us/COVIDVaccine.

Are you behind on rent? Are you at risk for eviction?

Apply for County rent assistance

Emergency rent assistance is available to renters and landlords in Prince George’s County. Please apply today. The County is working closely with nonprofit organizations to provide help with the applications and legal assistance.

To learn more, apply, watch a video for how to apply and find nonprofit organizations who can help you apply, visit www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3703/Emergency-Rental-Assistance-Program or call: (301) 883-6594.

Merry Christmas!
My wife Sheilah joins me in wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and great New Year!

Contact us
Please let me know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if I can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com.

The Hotel at the University of Maryland Wins 2021 Stella Award, the Meeting Industry’s Highest Honor

College Park, Md. (November 4, 2021) - The Hotel at the University of Maryland is pleased to announce that it has been honored with two of the Northstar Meeting Group’s 2021 Stella Awards. The Hotel has been recognized with the Silver Medal for Best Hotel/Resort in the Northeast Region and a Bronze Medal for Best Hotel/Resort Event Space (On-site) in the Northeast Region.

Presented by Northstar Meetings Group and its leading brands, Meetings & Conventions and Successful Meetings, this award honors hotel and service providers that consistently deliver quality service and innovation to meeting and event professionals.

“We are thrilled to have received this honorable recognition after a year of unparalleled challenges,” said Linda Westgate, The Hotel’s general manager. “Our team has worked so hard to ensure that all event, meeting, and guest experiences receive superior service and attention, and earning this award and recognition is a tremendous honor for our team.”

This year, more than 6,000 votes were cast from around the world for the 603 destinations, hotels, and service providers nominated in 17 categories across six regions in the United States and worldwide. The Hotel and other winners were selected based on overall excellence, superb food and beverage, professionalism of staff, sustainability initiatives, and other critical aspects of the meetings and event experience.

After nominations closed in 2021, finalists in each category were determined by meeting planners during an open voting period. Winners were then selected by an expert panel of judges overseen by the Stella Awards, Northstar Meetings Group.

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Gerrits, Roger John

Roger John Gerrits, age 89, of Riderwood in Silver Spring, Maryland, passed away on November 7, 2021 of congestive heart failure. Born on February 8, 1932 to Gerald and Leona (Guerts) Gerrits in Green Bay, Wisconsin, he was raised on a dairy farm, learned about hard work at a very young age, and began his education in a one-room school. He graduated from Wightstown High School, and then earned his Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, and his Masters and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. His education was focused on agriculture education, animal science, genetics, and food production.

Interrupting his college studies, Roger served three years in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. It was during this time he met Joan Appleby of Brewster, NY, also in the Air Force. They were married on December 27, 1955, and together had six children.

Roger and the family moved to Maryland in 1962 when he acquired a position with the Swine Research Branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a research physiologist. Eventually, he established himself in leadership positions including Research Program Leader for Livestock and Veterinary Sciences, National Program Director for Animal Production, and USDA National Budget Director. These programs focused on swine production and diseases, toxicology of agricultural chemicals, and domestic and international livestock programs.

Roger retired from the USDA in 1998. He was passionate about gardening, and was active in the American Legion, Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society, PTA, and attending his children’s and grandchildren’s school, arts, and sporting events. He moved to Riderwood Retirement Community in 2015, where he became active with its affiliated Church of the Resurrection. He established agricultural scholarships at his alma maters: Wightstown High School, the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, and the University of Minnesota.

Roger is survived by his children: Mary Beth (Danny) Brightwell, Ellicott City, MD; Joanne Spivey, Thurmont, MD; Christine Fisher, Brooklyn, MD; Diane Gerrits, St. Petersburg, FL; Roger (Robyn) Gerrits, St. Petersburg, FL; and Cari Gerrits, Atlanta, GA. Five grandchildren, Steven Spivey, Lexi (Dave) Baumgartner, Victoria (John) Felts, Patrick Gerrits, and Phillip Kolb; one great-grandchild, Luke Felts; a sister, Dolores Kettenhofen of Green Bay, WI; sister-in-law, Mary Jane Gerrits of De Pere, WI; former wife, Joan Gerrits, Walkersville, MD; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Roger was predeceased by his parents; his brother, Gerald Gerrits, Jr.; sisters and brothers-in-law, Norma and Kenneth Buechlein, Carol and Russell Titel; brother-in-law, Robert Kettenhofen; and son-in-law forever, Fred Fisher. Relatives and friends may call from 9 to 10 am at St. Camillus Catholic Church, 1600 St. Camillus Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20903 on Monday, November 22, 2021, where Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 am. Burial will be at St. Paul Catholic Cemetery in Wirtstown, WI in Spring 2022.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Camillus, 1600 St. Camillus Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20903, or Church of the Resurrection, 3315 Greencastle Rd, Burtonsville, MD 20866. www.CollinsFancierHome.com

University of Maryland Choral Activities presents:

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

COLLEGE PARK, Md — UMD Choral Activities presents the 20th annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Friday, Dec. 10, 2021 at 8 p.m. at the University of Maryland’s Memorial Chapel in College Park. Md. The festival is modeled after the historic Christmas Eve tradition presented by King’s College of Cambridge, which is broadcast by National Public Radio.

Conductors Kenneth Elpus, Nathan Lofton, Matthew Goinz, and Mark Helms will lead host choirs UMD Treble Choir, UMD Men’s Chorus, and University Chorale, which will all be accompanied by organist Bryan Holten and Terrapin Brass. Guest performances include student vocal ensembles Femmes de Chanson and MännerMusik. Readers from the university and community will join the artists, and audience participation is encouraged during performances of traditional Christmas carols.

Tickets are $20 for general admission, $15 for senior (62+) tickets, and $10 for students and youth. Call 301-405-2787 or visit http://theclarice.umd.edu for tickets.

Partnership Will Bring Personal Finance Education to Prince George’s County High School Students

As large urban school districts continue to operate with tight budgets and uncertain funding, an initiative in Prince George’s County Public Schools promises to help students prepare to be financially successful, thus contributing more fully to the economy in their communities and state.

Next Gen Personal Finance, the nation’s largest provider of free curriculum and professional development for personal finance teachers, has committed to supporting large urban school districts like Prince George’s County. Their Financial Empowerment and Equity (FEE) grants program will address inequities in education by committing $3 million to districts around the nation to enable more students of color to develop financial skills and knowledge.

“We want to help change the paradigm where large districts in our cities lack resources to develop comprehensive financial education programs,” says NGPF co-founder Tim Ranzetta. “Every day, we witness the heroic efforts of thousands of educators helping students develop new money habits and behaviors, and take what they learn into their homes to share with their parents.”

Susan Bistransin, a personal finance teacher at Parkdale High School, will be part of a partnership between NGPF and Prince George’s County Public Schools to help prepare students for financial success.

Organizers from Prince George’s County Public Schools and NGPF are excited about the potential impact of this partnership.

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MERRY Christmas & Happy Holidays!!!

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Laurel–Beltsville senior Activity center

The center and its fitness room, computer room, and billiards room are open with limited occupancy. Masks are required; contact the center for more information. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are 60 years old or older. Regular hours of operation are: open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; open Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed Sunday and most major holidays. Address: 7120 Contoye Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the University of Maryland Medical Center. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402.

Laurel Senior Friendship club

The Laurel Senior Friendship Club (LSFC) will meet on Wed., Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting room doors are open at 9:30 a.m. We will have a business meeting, musical entertainment & our catered Holiday Luncheon. Reservations are required by Nov. 29. Call to ask if there is a waitlist after the deadline. Interested people can contact the LSFC office for more details on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 301.206.3380.

College Park aviation museum

Address: 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.699.2544. Masks are required indoors. See CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com for more information. Regular hours of operation are Tuesday – Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Mondays, most major holidays, and some special events. Cost: $5/adults, $4/seniors, $2/children, free/age 7 and under.

Santa fly-in

Sat., Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Arrive by 9:45 to watch Santa fly into the College Park Aviation Museum! Guests will have the opportunity to take two pictures with Santa, create several in-person crafts throughout the museum, and take a craft bag home. Full craft kits are available to take home for those who can’t stay. Pictures with Santa are by reservation only. To register pictures e-mail jamie.jones@pgparks.com. Signing up for a picture slot is just your slot for pictures, not when you can arrive at the museum. Cost: Free with museum admission. For questions and corrections, e-mail jamie.jones@pgparks.com.

Black Aviators tour

Tue., Dec. 7 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. This tour highlights just some of history’s Black Aviators, from the legendary Eugene Bullard to local aviator Gus McLeod, and their impacts on aviation. We will also dive deeper into the story of nearby Columbia Air Center, which was the first licensed airfield owned and operated by black aviators in the country. Cost: Free with museum admission. Registration is NOT required.

Trains and planes!

Fri., Dec. 17 through Sun. Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The National Capital Trackers are back this year with their fleet of modeled trains just in time for the holiday season! Watch the models trundle around their tracks and hear their whistles echo through the gallery. Learn about the connection between trains and the College Park Airport. Cost: Free with museum admission.

National wildlife visitor center

Address: 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rte. 197. Free admission and parking. Current social distancing and face covering requirements match those of Prince George’s County. All dogs must be kept on a leash (no longer than 6 feet) for their own safety as well as that of other visitors and wildlife. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays.

The building and bookstore

The Visitor Center building is open Tuesday – Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed on Sunday, Monday, and federal holidays. Call to ask about late changes during the holidays. The bookstore is located inside; it is open Wednesday – Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the building is open. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Join our e-mail list by contacting timothy_parker@fws.gov. For future volunteer training (ages 18 and up), contact Diana Online at 301.497.5665 or Diana_Ogilvie@fws.gov. The registration phone number is 301.497.5887.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

National Agricultural library (NAL)

Address: 10301 Baltimore Ave., in Beltsville. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/@National_Ag_Lib. Due to COVID-19, the NAL building remains closed to the public. We continue to serve our customers remotely during regular business hours. Online information products are always available at NAL.usda.gov. Food and Nutrition updates can be accessed at Nutrition.gov. Get MyPlate nutrition information for babies and toddlers via the free Amazon Alexa app. To learn more, visit www.myplate.gov/myplate-assistant.

Beltsville Library

Address: 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. For more information or updated COVID-19 protocols, call the main phone number 301.937.0294 or see www.pgcms.info/location/Beltsville. With limited capacity, the Beltsville Library is open to the public for full browsing, with computer use and curbside service by appointment. Current hours of operation are Mon., Tue., Thur., and Fri. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wed. from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Closed most major holidays. Study rooms are open, but meeting rooms remain closed. The library is not able to accommodate group visits except from children or adult care services at this time, including but not limited to pre-schools, daycares, or camps. We ask for your continued support as we strive to keep everyone safe while welcoming you back to the branch.

Club News

Prince George’s County Genealogical Society invites you to a meeting

Carol Carman, president of the Anne Arundel County Genealogical Society, will speak at the December 1 meeting of the Prince George’s County Genealogical Society. Her topic is “Digital Books: Free Resources for Your Genealogical Research.” Learn to use this important, and free, source of books online. The meeting starts at 7 pm on Zoom.

Members will receive an email invitation the week before; non-members may email president@pgcgs.org for an invitation. Please join us; the public is welcome. Visit our website at pgcgs.org and view information about our library, now open Wednesdays, 10 am to 2 pm.
By Jason Inanga

“Stay In Your Lane.” This is a popular saying I have heard from people older than me, and I learned what it means, recently. In Texas, there is a popular travel gas station, Buc-Cee’s. They have a popular item called, beef jerky. I decided to try it out and the flavor I went for was the ghost pepper one. They gave me a sample which tasted okay. I figured I could handle it. BIG MISTAKE!

I bought one strip, among other flavors and took it home to share with my family. Apparently, the flavors and took it home to share with my family. I bought one strip, among other flavors and took it home to share with my family. I could not make up anything from the name. I still took a guess and guessed incorrectly. Then we got talking and he actually is from Cambodia, course, none of us guessed right. He actually was from Cambodia, and I excitedly told him he was the first person from his country that I had knowingly met.

I have met people from Wyoming, North Dakota, Seattle and one or two other states in the USA that typically would not be on the radar. The North Dakota meet up was in Washington DC and she said she was surprised that schools shut down for snow fall. In North Dakota, she said many times you walked to school in heavy snow. I cannot relate to this, simply walking to school in heavy snow.

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Usage St. @ 45th Ave.
Tonquill Pl. @ 44th Ave.
Tonquill St. @ 45th Ave.
45th Ave. @ Samar St.
Rommel St. @ 44th Ave.

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in pain, so I am trying to make it out to my doctor next week. Prayerfully it is nothing serious.

Anyone tells you Texas does not get cold…ask them when last they were here. I find it strange that all my years working in Maryland, I wore shorts and a very thin layer on top. I would be outdoors working for FedEx Express in West Baltimore for 12 hours, and the cold never got to me. Now I am in Dallas --- 50 something degree weather has me putting on layers. I wonder what has changed. It gets cold in Dallas – cold and windy, and ooooh, when the roads get wet, accident numbers increase. I think when we go for road tests at the DMV, there should be a component of testing folks on a wet road surface, so they are certified to drive fully. I see people hitting 70 to 80 mph on the highways here, in rain, and sadly when they get involved in accidents, it is never a simple crash.

As we get ready for thanksgiving, please eat responsibly. If you drink, drink responsibly and if you decide to do something out of the norm, please, STAY AWAY FROM GHOST PEPPERS. Those things are not items to be played with. Learn from my experience. That’s the Jive!
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School for 25 years, will coordinate the program, her role being funded by NGPF’s Financial Empowerment and Equity grant. “We have gone from 15 teachers helping students learn about personal finance through an elective or a course with this subject embedded in it, to more than 60 teachers in the county’s 32 high schools teaching a mandated course.” Bistran notes that the mandate was initiated this fall, and the class of 2024 will be the first to have the course required for graduation.

Tori Mansfield, senior project manager at NGPF, has traveled the country and reports that teachers and students everywhere crave personal finance as a critically important and practical course in today’s world.

She says her organization initially will fund three-year grants in Milwaukee Public Schools (WI), Miami-Dade County Public Schools (FL), Prince George’s County Public Schools (MD), Clark County Public Schools (NV) and Denver Public Schools (CO).

The grants will range from $125,000 to $175,000 annually over three years, and will cover a position to manage the program in the district and all curriculum resources and professional development for teachers, says Mansfield.

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