Car Safety Tip

Car and airbag theft continues to be a problem in our 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.

Cub Pack 1031 Working Hard in March

By Regina Halper

This month the Cub Scouts are working on their core requirements and working toward completing them. Wolves are working on Running with the Pack and learning about dinosaur and fossils. Bears worked on Bear Breadbasket and food preparation. Webelos are completing their Art pin and the Arrow den is getting ready to bridge over in the end of April.

Free Family Movie Night at Emmanuel United Methodist Church

Join Emmanuel United Methodist Church (11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705) on Friday, April 7, 2023 at 6:30 for FREE Family Movie Night in their sanctuary. They will be showing The Miracle Maker!

The Miracle Maker is retelling of the life of Christ, his experiences are recreated using claymation. Starting with his birth in Nazareth, Jesus goes on to meet and inspire his apostles, perform various miracles and reveal his teachings. His baptism by John the Baptist is shown, as well as his meeting with Mary Magdalene. Christ must eventually face the betrayal of Judas and succumb to Herod’s vendetta against him.

This is wonderful story for kids and adults of all ages. The movie will be shown on our twin screens in Emmanuel’s Sanctuary. Popcorn and water will be provided.

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!

Easter at St. John’s Episcopal Church

Please Join us for Holy Week & Easter Celebration!

Palm Sunday, April 2, at 10:00 AM-Holy Eucharist
Mundy Thursday, April 6, at 7:00 PM-Holy Eucharist
Good Friday, April 7, at 12:00 Noon- Stations of the Cross & 7:00 PM-Holy Eucharist
Easter Day, April 9 at 9:00 AM and 11:30AM Services
St. John’s Episcopal Church 11040 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20704
Phone: 301-937-4292, Website: www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org

Be in Touch: Karen Coakley

The Beltsville Citizens Association April Meeting will be a virtual and occur on Wednesday, April 19th at 7:00 pm. Details for our Guest Speaker have not been finalized yet. Look for details on the Beltsville News Facebook page and Nextdoor.com.

Cub Pack 1031 at the 2023 Blue and Gold Dinner

Wolf scouts looking at fossils and rocks.

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The Beltville Lions Club usually conducts a White Cane drive twice a year. This year the Club decided to try something new. We are asking potential donors to become a liaison between the Lions Club and her church’s Social Concerns Committee. Some of Ginger’s sellers periodically have unneeded furniture and other household effects which they donate to either the Lions Club or Ginger’s church. Ginger believes she is “very blessed to be the coordinator of this effort,” and finds it, “very gratifying to be helping people, especially behind the scenes. I just want to help others in whatever little ways I can, doing what we’re supposed to do in life. I’ve been very blessed, and feel the need to try to give back, especially to my community.”

Kitty Post

By Stephanie Stullich

Since our first litter of foster kittens fell into our laps in May 2020, my husband Bob and I have fostered a total of 49 kittens – and 7 adult cats! Although we didn’t plan to become foster parents, that first litter was such a joy – as has been every foster kitty since then – that we haven’t been able to stop.

One reason we keep fostering is we know we are literally saving lives. Sadly, about 90 percent of feral kittens do not survive to their first birthday, becoming victims of disease, predators, cars, and other hazards. Those that do are likely to have a much shorter, more difficult life than pet cats.

As cute as kittens are, there are not enough people willing and able to foster all of the kittens born in life. People often say they could give it a much longer life. It’s a great feeling.

One thing that made fostering much easier for us was connecting with Beltville Community Cats.

BCC covers the cost of spay-neuter and any medical care that is needed, so we only pay for food and cat litter. Other volunteers have generously shared their advice and experience, and BCC advertises our kittens for adoption when the time comes, so we don’t have to feel like it’s all on us.

People often say they could never foster because they wouldn’t be able to give the kittens up. Truth be told, we have “foster failed” a couple of times (a tongue-in-cheek term for when a foster parent “fails” to let go of their young charges). But, if we don’t let them go (at least most of them), then we won’t be able to keep fostering new ones, and those are lives that won’t be saved.

So as much as we love them while they are with us, we know that “goodbye is the goal.” For us it has been an incredible joy that is totally worth the brief sadness at the end when we send them to their forever homes. And after the last foster kitty goes to their new family, it’s not long before the house starts to feel too quiet, and we start thinking about getting a new group of foster kittens!

If this story intrigues you, please reach out at hello@beltsvillecats.net or 204-444-8353, and we’ll try to answer whatever questions you may have. It could be the start of a wonderful adventure for you!
M-NCPPC Seeks Community Input on the US Route 1 Land Redevelopment Study

On Wednesday, March 15, 2023, the Prince George’s County Planning Department of The Maryland-National Capital Park, and Planning Commission hosted an open house and community meeting at the Beltsville Community Center to engage residents and stakeholders and to receive input that would be useful in developing recommendations for improvement of the US Route 1 Land Redevelopment Study. The study looks at the 2010 Approved Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for Subregion 1 and the area along the Route 1 Corridor boundary from Quimby Avenue to the area and ensure a pedestrian-friendly environment that is a safe and enjoyable place to walk. To access the links to the survey (in English and Spanish), learn more about the study, view presentations and videos from past workshops, and sign up to receive updates, visit: https://pgplan.org/Rte1LRStudy.

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Halper has led for the past five years. Regina is also working to complete her Outdoor Ethics Awareness patch. If you are interested in participating in the AWS Earth Day on Saturday, April 22nd, go to https://anacostiaws.salsalabs.org/earthday2023-littlepaintbranchbeltsvillecommunitycenter/index.html to sign up.

We had our first Blue and Gold Dinner indoors in three years and are preparing for a camping weekend this spring!!

If you are interested in joining Cub Scouts, contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for information. We are a family scouting unit. We learn outdoor skills, citizenship, STEM, nature and do service. We are back in Beltsville Academy for our den meetings. And happy to be meeting in our usual place and learning about nature, doing service and hiking in the outdoors. We are mask optional.
Consumer Alert: Thefts of Hyundai and Kia Automobiles

As of February 21, 2023, Kia and Hyundai vehicles continue to be stolen at increased rates in Maryland and nationwide. These thefts are related to “challenges” circulating on social media that show how to start certain Kia and Hyundai models using a USB cord. Contact your dealer to find out if your car is one of the models that are vulnerable to theft.

There have been reports in the media of some insurance companies refusing to write a policy for these vehicles in some states. This is not allowed in Maryland and the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) has confirmed that coverage for these vehicles continues to be available from all of the state’s largest insurer groups. If you have been refused coverage because you own a Hyundai or a Kia, you can file a complaint with the MIA through their website at https://insurance.maryland.gov/Consumer/Pages/FileAComplaint.aspx.

The MIA also urges owners of impacted vehicles to take action to protect their vehicles from theft. Law enforcement has advised:

- Use a steering column lock
- Lock and park your car in secure well-lit areas.
- Don’t leave phone charging
- Secure well-lit areas.
- Contact your car dealer to learn about the available software upgrades for your specific vehicle.
- Make medications in a lab
- Explore precision medicine and the pharmacist’s role in research and patient care
- Learn about medication therapy management
- Discover which pharmacy career best fits them
- Get tips for applying to pharmacy school
- Bedside Commodities and Toilet Safety Rails
- Home Hospital Beds
- Mechanical Lifts

Law enforcement has advised:

- Protect their vehicles from theft.
- Impacted vehicles to take action to protect their vehicles from theft.
- Visit MIA’s website at aging.maryland.gov for more information.
- Contact the Prince George’s County drop-off location, visit bit.ly/reuseinpgc.

Contact me

Please let me know if you 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 or call 410-841-3144.

"TIS DARKEST 'ERE THE DAWN"

There is a saying often heard, “Tis darkest ‘ere the dawn.” And to friends of the Nazarene It seemed all hope was gone.

He’d told them what would happen, yet, Before their very eyes What they had feared had come to pass, Their vibrant Lord had died.

Depression, fear, anxiety Shred reasoning apart, No words of comfort could they find To mend their broken hearts;

But, this is why the Son of God Identified with sin, Its horrors He would crucify, Destroying it through Him.

Yes, Satan danced upon His grave, Howe’er he was surprised When Jesus used the stone that sealed His tomb to crush his pride.

The mysteries of His sacrifice Came brilliantly to light; Christ’s resurrection made faith heirs Of everlasting life.

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Mother-Baby: Care for Pregnant or New Mother

Statepoint Crossword: Earth Day

ACROSS
1. Blood-related problem
5. Econ. measure
8. Blue
11. A perch for Christmas partridge?
12. Domain
13. Fill college entrance form
15. Archaic preposition
16. Chili seed
17. Ski run
18. *Swedish environmental activist
20. Makes lace
21. Pi meson, pl.
22. Digital map marker
23. *Rachel Carson’s “____ Spring”
26. Heater
28. “Wheel of Fortune” vowel request
31. Trouble, in Yiddish
34. Epochs
35. Type of single-story house
37. Noble title
38. Sandler and Driver
39. Not “out of”
40. Advice on shampoo bottle
42. *Pollinator of plants
43. ____ Gray, a.k.a. the father of supercomputing
45. *Earth Day founder
47. Benatar or Boone
48. Lacking clarity
50. Singer-songwriter Tori
52. *1969 Santa Barbara disaster
55. To some degree
56. Dig like a pig
57. Honoree’s spot
59. Apartments, e.g.

DOWN
1. PC “brain”
2. Christian fast
3. The Hippocratic one
4. Group of minstrels, e.g.
5. *Environmentally-friendly
6. Draws close
7. Spasm of pain
8. See him run?
10. Yellow #5 in list of ingredients
12. Highly-ranked ecclesiasts
13. On the move
14. Arranged in advance
19. Usually the last inning
22. Wound fluid
23. Delhi dresses
24. Absurd
25. Like a dryer trap
26. *Cuyahoga River disaster, Clean Water Act precursor
27. Omani and Yemeni
28. Tarantino in his own movie, e.g.
29. Ruhr’s industrial center
32. ___-friendly
33. Mummer’s wish
36. *Refuse turned fertilizer
38. Consumed (2 words)
40. Monotonous routine
41. Teenagers’ emotions
44. A mirage?
46. City in Netherlands
48. Between violin and cello
49. Not silently
50. Polly to Tom Sawyer
51. Disfigure
52. ____ Approach, music education
53. Serve soup
54. *Plastic tops of coffee cups
55. Sine ___ non
58. College entrance exam, acr.
59. Serve soup
62. ___-friendly

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Statepoint Crossword: Earth Day
From the Office of Council Member Tom Dernoga

Comptroller Brooke Lierman met with the Prince George’s County Council on March 7 to discuss supporting taxpayers and small businesses in the County.

Virtual Community Conversation – April 19
Beltville residents are invited to join our next District 1 Virtual Community Conversation. On Wednesday, April 19, at 7 PM, we will host Maryland’s 21st District State lawmakers: Senator Jim Rosapepe, Delegate Joseline Peha-Melnik, Delegate Mary Lehman, and Delegate Ben Barnes. They will provide an overview of the new laws from the 2023 Legislative Session in Annapolis. Register online at bit.ly/1cc21st, and questions may be submitted while completing the online registration.

The People’s Council Zoning Bills
Thank you to the residents that spoke on March 7, supporting three zoning bills that will bring Prince George’s County to a better place. This is part of the People’s Council agenda on land use to make the process more friendly to County residents.

Council Bill-2 will substantially limit the ability of developers to circumvent the zoning process by sneaking through legislation that benefits their property without the public likely to know about it. For example, the Freeway Airport matter, the Amazon distribution facility that would have displaced the promised Westphalia town center, and dozens of other examples.

Council Bill-3 will provide Master Plans (and Sector Plans, etc.) with legal significance. Under current law, they serve as a “guide” for development, but can also be moved and redeployed in a few hours as criminal dumpers change their patterns due to their solar-powered technology.

Earth Day Cleanup Opportunities
The Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) is hosting an Earth Day Cleanup event on Saturday, April 22, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Little Paint Branch Park, near Beltville Community Center at 3900 Sellman Road. Register and learn more at bit.ly/EarthDay-2023Beltville

If you would like to organize a cleanup event in your own neighborhood, Prince George’s County will support you with their County-wide community cleanup program, “Growing Green with Pride,” taking place on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, from 8 AM to 12 PM. Your group will receive trash bags, litter grabbers, and safety vests. Please leave your filled trash bags along the curbside of the roadways you identify to be cleaned, and the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) will pick up the trash bags. Learn more and sign up by April 14 at https://MYPGCas/GrowingGreen

Facing Rental Eviction?
If you are facing eviction due to delinquent rent and have a court summons, court judgment, Warrant of Restitution, or Warrant for Possession, you may be eligible for the Prince George’s County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).

For assistance, call the ERAP Hotline at (301) 883-6504, then press 9, and a customer service representative will help you. Or email your contact information and one of the documents listed above to: ERAP@co.pg.md.us (Include the eviction date in the Subject line if an eviction is scheduled.)

If you’re eligible for assistance, ERAP can pay up to 18 months of late rent or provide funding to help you relocate. Please note: The Emergency Rental Assistance Program has not re-opened. Funding is available for eligible renters with pending eviction.

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

M-NCPCC, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George’s County Announces 2023 Summer Camps
Riverdale, MD – The M-NCPCC, Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George’s County looks forward to welcoming children back to a summer of safe, fun programming. We offer assorted summer camps that fit the imagination of children and their parents’ needs. The Department offers structured, full-day and half-day programs for children and teens ages 3 through 17. Registration opens March 15 through www.pgparks.com/629/Day-Camps/Summer-Playgrounds.

“This summer the Department is working diligently to provide something for everyone!” states Director Bill Tyler of the M-NCPCC, Department of Parks and Recreation. “Something for every interest and every personality and ability, both in-person and virtually. We are taking steps to maximize fun, imagination, activity, and learning this summer. We want parents to feel secure and youth to enjoy.” Tyler concludes.

Most sessions are two weeks long and operate Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After Care is available at many Summer Day Camp locations. Children must be signed in and out by authorized parents or guardians. Register your child for as many summer day camp sessions as you wish, while still planning summer vacations. Before registering for summer programs, you must first create a free ParksDirect account at https://pgparks.com/1339/First-Time-Account-Setup. In-person programs have limited capacity, so early registration is strongly suggested.
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This month we conclude 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.

Page Layout

Modern word processors give the document creator control over the arrangement of the overall printed page, called the page layout. The layout includes the margin sizes for the top, bottom, left and right margins, and the page orientation, either portrait (taller on the sides) or landscape (wider across the top and bottom). Text is typically contained within these margins. However, often space is added to the top and bottom of the page for a header and a footer. The number of text columns used within the page is also controlled.

Headers and Footers

A header is a section reserved at the top of a page and may hold a title, author name, page number, section number, date, copyright, or other information the publisher wants to make certain to repeat at the top of each page. A footer is a similar section except it appears at the bottom of each page. Often additional space is added to the top and bottom margins to account for the header and footer.

About Saving Documents

I learned a long time ago about saving documents, do it frequently. Most word processors recognize control-s as a command to save your work. Modern word processors will also save a document automatically every 5 or 10 minutes in case there is a power outage or other disaster. When restarting the word processor, the program will prompt you to recover the saved document so you can continue your work within 5 – 10 minutes of where you left off. I normally change the setting to 5 minutes to minimize any loss of data.

Google Docs actually does not have a “save” command; it continuously saves the document as you write them and stores the document in the cloud.

Reviewing and Editing

Modern word processors provide tools for editing and reviewing documents. The most common tool here is the ability to add comments attached to specific locations within the document. A reviewer with access to the document can add comments and the author can also respond with their own comments. The comments do not show up in the document itself, so they do not appear printing the document unless printing comments is enabled.

Word processors can also track changes to the document and show or hide the markup so changes can easily see or hidden. The changes can then be reviewed and accepted or rejected. All of this markup can be easily hidden and removed in the final version of the document. These tools make it easier to work with editors or in a group that must agree on the final version. Many writers find the need to count how many words are in a document. For example, magazines and newspapers have guidelines for how many words should appear in an article or letter to the editor. The word processor usually includes a word count feature that will count the words for you.

Mail Merge

Mail merge allows one to merge information from a list and merge that information with a document. For example, to create customized form letters. First, create a list of names and addresses with one name and address per line. You can do this in a spreadsheet or use the outlook address book for email contacts. Next, create a document placing markers in the document. The markers use the same column names as appears in the list. Executing, the merge replaces the markers with the data in the list one line per document copy. I have used this feature to create invitations and print enveloped in the past. Google Docs requires a free add-on to perform mail merge.

And in the end…

This concludes our look at the word processor. Most of the features discussed are supported in one way or another in each of our three word processors. LibreOffice is both free and Open-source and even runs on the lowly Raspberry Pi. Google Docs runs on your browser but can be operated when offline using the Chrome Browser. Microsoft Word is a part of Microsoft Office and Office 365 and has web-based and installation-based versions for Windows and Apple. The Google and Microsoft apps also have support for Apple and Android phones and tablets. Next month we will cover passwords and personal security. Until then have a great month.
Club News

Women's Club of Beltsville: Celebrating 100 Years serving the Beltsville Community

The Women's Club of Beltsville's (WCCB) Upcoming Events

Community Yard Sale:
Saturday, May 13th
Location: Calverton Shopping Center
11603 Beltsville Drive, Beltsville

This is a perfect time to spring clean and sell your treasures at our community yard sale. Reserve your space now by making a donation to the Women's Community Club of Beltsville. Required donation is $20 per space. Donations can be made thru PayPal by using our email address WomensClubbeltsville@gmail.com. Checks & Money Orders can be mailed to: Women's Community Club of Beltsville P.O. Box 1607 Beltsville, Maryland 20704-1607

WCCB Monthly Meeting:
Join us for our next meeting. Thursday, April 13th 7:00 pm at the Beltsville Boys & Girls Club 11705 Roby Avenue. If you would like more information or you prefer to attend our meeting virtually, please email womensclubbeltsville@gmail.com.

Montgomery Station at Riderwood Unveils Fresh, Modern Updates

Silver Spring, MD - Riderwood, an Erickson Senior Living community in Silver Spring, Md., recently unveiled modern renovations to Montgomery Station, the third clubhouse to be enhanced in a community-wide renovation. The clubhouse now shines with a host of fresh, new updates in the entryway, library, restaurants, multipurpose room, and media center.

“We’re excited to evolve our spaces as needs and preferences change,” says Josh Runkles, sales director at Riderwood. “One of the purposes of this revitalization is to ensure that we are providing residents with amenities and areas that they are interested in utilizing. We’re reimagining some areas to create more welcoming spaces to enjoy conversation, host family, and spend time together as a community.”

Meeting today’s needs

Residents like Carman Gannotti appreciate these efforts. “The changes look great,” he says. “Over the years, Montgomery Station has been used for large events,” he notes, “so I’m glad to see that the space is being realigned to meet today’s needs. To me, these continuous improvements to our community demonstrate a commitment to residents’ changing desires. It means that Riderwood will remain a comfortable home and that we will be here for a long time.”

What hasn’t changed, though, is the unique personality of Riderwood—that warm feeling that first驾驭s retirees to the community.

“These updates are just the icing on the cake,” notes Runkles. “People are drawn to Riderwood because of the vibrant, maintenance-free lifestyle we offer. While these renovations are certainly attractive, it’s the community’s atmosphere that continues to stand out in the market.”

Tasteful additions

The updates in Montgomery Station include the addition of Hilltop Table, a new fast-casual restaurant, as well as a complete renovation of the Windsor Room, one of Riderwood’s premier destinations for full-service dining. Hilltop Table features a wide variety of soups, salads, flatbreads, and sandwiches. Larger, made-to-order entrées, such as the popular vegetarian option, new fresh update in the entryway, and vegetarian options will be available. “Hilltop Table is our eighth restaurant! It has its own menu and it’s been very well received,” says Carman. “Like many others, I am partial to the crab cake sandwich. Of course, the cooked-to-order entrées are always excellent at Riderwood. I look forward to trying one of the popular bowls next.”

Residents who prefer vegan and vegetarian options will be more than satisfied with the new menu. “As we planned for Hilltop Table, we made a concerted effort to offer delicious options for different tastes and preferences, as well as dietary needs,” says Runkles. “More and more, our residents are seeking vegetarian options, and those offered at Hilltop Table have earned rave reviews.”

Not to be outdone, the Windsor Room has received a complete facelift, including updated décor and a distinguished bar area that serves up specialty drinks. Later this year, an outdoor dining area will be added to the restaurant too.

Space to enjoy

Montgomery Station now boasts a new media center and an updated lobby, administrative offices, and multipurpose rooms as well. “The media center has been a huge hit. Technology is very important to Riderwood residents,” notes Runkles. “Everyone has access to large computer screens there. The media center is also a great location to enjoy a lecture or presentation.” He adds, “And the new multipurpose room, located on the terrace level, provides another place for any of our 200-plus resident-run groups to gather. Those clubs are integral to the quality of life here, so it’s important that we offer space for everyone to meet.”

Looking ahead

Beginning this year, Village Square, the community’s fourth clubhouse, will begin renovations. The residents are already looking forward to a newly updated space to enjoy conversations, host family, and spend time together as a community.

The Beltsville Young At Heart Club

By Lois Hamilton

The response to our Feb. 16 meeting was outstanding with the Valentine gifts that each person picked. March 16 was our St. Patrick’s Day theme with an Irish band to play for us and a good sing-along from our seniors. We missed the “goodies” from Carol K., but no one starved on what we had to eat. We wish Carol a speedy recovery.

Our April 20 meeting will have a barbershop quartet to entertain us and a spring flavor. Shirley D. has some great trips to sign up for. You do not have to be a BYAH member to go on our trips; just enjoy a good time together. Our May 18 meeting will have a singer, and June 15 will be a potluck with the group. We cannot meet in July and August again, because Parks & Planning needs our room for their “kids camp”.

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Montgomery Station at Riderwood

Unveils Fresh, Modern Updates

Space to enjoy

Montgomery Station now boasts a new media center and an updated lobby, administrative offices, and multipurpose rooms as well. “The media center has been a huge hit. Technology is very important to Riderwood residents,” notes Runkles. “Everyone has access to large computer screens there. The media center is also a great location to enjoy a lecture or presentation.” He adds, “And the new multipurpose room, located on the terrace level, provides another place for any of our 200-plus resident-run groups to gather. Those clubs are integral to the quality of life here, so it’s important that we offer space for everyone to meet.”

Looking ahead

Beginning this year, Village Square, the community’s fourth clubhouse, will begin renovations. The residents are already looking forward to a newly updated space to enjoy conversations, host family, and spend time together as a community.

The Beltsville Young At Heart Club

By Lois Hamilton

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Spring Cleaning: Don’t Toss That ‘Junk,’ It May Be Valuable!

(StatePoint) It’s time to hit the garage, basement, attic and closets for that age-old task of spring cleaning! Before hauling unwanted possessions to the curb, you may be surprised to learn they might be valuable -- especially if you have sports cards and memorabilia gathering dust.

With prices of sports cards rising in recent years, take time to determine if yours are valuable and how to best sell them.

“Older sports cards and memorabilia aren’t just highly collectible; they can be worth lots of money. Recent sales of scarce vintage cards have topped anywhere from thousands of dollars to tens of thousands, even hundreds of thousands. And really rare cards can go higher,” says Al Crisafulli, Auction Director at Love of the Game Auctions, an internet sports auction house that helps families identify and sell valuable items.

Crisafulli has assisted people in selling such keepsakes as a grandparent’s autograph collection and an uncle’s childhood baseball cards, for tens of thousands of dollars. In one life-changing event, he helped a family determine that a baseball but that spent decades protecting their home was used by Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig -- and Love of the Game Auctions sold it for almost half a million dollars. Today, that bat could bring more than a million dollars.

The key is understanding what makes old sports collectibles valuable. To help, Crisafulli is sharing some tips:

- **Older sports cards and memorabilia aren’t just highly collectible; they can be worth lots of money.**
- **Older *is usually* pricier.** Cards from the 1960s and earlier are collectible, and those from before the 1940s can be worth a lot of money, especially those depicting stars. Do you have cards of Hall of Famers, such as Mickey Mantle, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner or Ty Cobb? Even non-stars from the early days of a sport can be worth big bucks, especially if the cards have no creases and retain sharp corners and original gloss.
- **If you have very old cards from the 1880s through the 1930s, look for tobacco, gum and candy brands, such as Old Judge, Piedmont, Sweet Caporal, Goudey or American Camel.**
- **If you want to sell sports items for the most money, consider a speciality auction, such as Love of the Game, which has the expertise to properly research sports ephemera and maintains bidder lists of collectors specializing in sports. More information is available at loveothegameauctions.com.

**Postcards and Photographs**

We all have keepsakes of vacation destinations, but most aren’t valuable. However, photographs and postcards depicting sports stars and ballparks can be significant. Look for early “real photo” postcards from the 1900s through the 1940s, which are photographs printed on postcard backs.

As with sports cards, star power matters, so preserve those Babe Ruths as opposed to images of your great grandma’s baby cousin once-removed. And when it comes to photos, look for old markings on the back, such as photographer, publication and date stamps.

**Memorabilia**

Set aside old advertising posters depicting sports stars and food, tobacco or sporting goods brands. Ads from magazines aren’t valuable, but those used as store displays and for other marketing purposes can be pricey. Tin signs from the 1960 and earlier can be highly prized, but reproductions aren’t.

Your family’s sporting goods, such as balls, gloves and bats, can be valuable. Pre-1950s uniforms and catcher’s masks, helmets and other equipment are highly collected, especially when endorsed by star players. Top condition brings the highest prices, but even used equipment can be valuable.

“The golden rule is the older the sports card or item, the more valuable it usually is. Pre-1975 pieces start to get interesting and are worth researching,” says Crisafulli.

Don’t just clean out your “junk” this spring, examine it closely to potentially maximize its value.

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www.stjoescrs.org
Principal: Mrs. Erin Meunier

Masses: Sat Vigil 5:00pm; Sun 8:30am*, 11:00am; Mon, Wed-Friday 8:00am; Wed 2:15pm**, and 7:00pm
*The Mass on Sunday 8:30am is also live stream connected, with us on Flocknote for the link. **The Mass on Wednesday at 2:15pm is only when School is open.

*Savings shown over aggregated single item base price. Limit 2. 8 free 5 oz. burgers will be sent to each shipping address that includes 73375. **The Mass on Wednesday at 2:15pm is only when School is open.
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Rev. Jongki Na
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Contact the Church office if you are interested in any of these resources

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**First Baptist Church of Beltsville**
4700 Odell Road, Beltsville, MD 20705

Maundy Thursday Worship Service
April 6
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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**CALENDAR**

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1) Children ages 3–9, 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 parents and work with their younger siblings to help them understand and complete the activities. Upcoming Themes: Apr: Turtles. As soon as the winter soil warms up in the springtime, turtles emerge and begin feeding and searching for mates. Learn all about Maryland’s turtle populations through our fun-filled activities and art & craft projects.
May: Ants. Learn about these micro super-heroes. Did you know that these tiny insects do so much good for our world that we would be lost without them?

**SAVE THE DATES: MONARCH MAGIC IN MAY**
Monarch butterflies start passing through Maryland on their way north to Canada in May. As soon as we start spotting them, we’ll be hunting for eggs and caterpillars to fill our Monarch Magic Center! When the monarchs arrive, the Monarch Magic Center will be open Tue. – Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you would like to join our Monarch Team and help us support these beautiful, magical wonders of the sky, please call Barrie, or leave a message with your phone number at 301.497.5772.

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The Beltsville News
Anacostia Watershed Society
Earth Day Cleanup on April 22, 2023

By Regina Halper

The Annual Earth Day cleanup organized by Anacostia Watershed Society will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Signup will be on the Anacostia Watershed Earth Day site began on March 20, 2023, at https://anacostiaws.salsalabs.org/earthday2023-littlepaintbranch-beltsvillecommunitycenter/index.html

In order to stay safe, online registration is required. Vaccinations are required of all participants over the age of 5.

The Cleanup will be overseen at the Little Paint Branch Trail by Cub Pack 1031.

Anacostia Watershed will provide gloves, bags, and all the supplies needed for the cleanup we just need volunteers. Sign in and registration will be at the head of the trail at the Beltsville Community Center.

Sign up to help with the Watershed Cleanup today!

UPSTAGE ARTISTS
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sound, props, costumes, etc.) if they wanted to. They wanted to give back to the community that supports them.

In this spirit of giving back, UpStage performed a free performance of Arsenic and Old Lace for residents of Riderwood Retirement Home in Silver Spring. The performance was followed by a question-and-answer session with the cast. It was a resounding success! 40 residents were able to attend, and they spent the afternoon laughing and enjoying the show. The last question that was asked was, “Can we come back for the next show?” With UpStage’s board of directors in attendance, a vote was taken, and it was unanimous. UpStage couldn’t wait to have them back.

UpStage Artists prides itself on working with the community and will continue to find creative ways to do so. If you would like to find out more about how you can help UpStage, you can contact them through their website at https://www.upstageartists.com/contact-us.

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forward to the changes. “For residents, Riderwood is our chosen home, so we want it to be both useful and inviting. Keeping our facilities fresh and up to date is necessary for both existing and prospective residents,” says Carman.

He adds, “The new, innovative spaces and the updated furnishings are keeping spirits high! It encourages us to invite friends and family to visit and enjoy time in the attractive lounges, patios, and dining venues. These continuous improvements make the community look fresh and relevant to today’s lifestyles.”
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