Cub Pack 1031 Getting Ready to Camp
By Regina Halper

Cub Pack 1031 is looking forward to the Arrow of Light Crossover campfire on April 24th. Coming in May and finishing their core requirements, then it’s the fun of electives!! The Arrows have completed the Arrow of Light, the highest rank in Cub Scouts and are ready to bridge, and the rest of the pack is getting ready to camp! We haven’t camped since 2019 so this will be exciting!!

UpStage Artists Presents Arthur Miller’s 
A View From The Bridge

Upstage Artists is preparing its second show of the 2023 season, Arthur Miller’s Tony Award Winning Play A View From The Bridge. This will be UpStage’s first full dramatic and tragic show. Up until now their shows have either been straight comedy or comedic dramas. A View From The Bridge will change that. The limits of family bonds and personal honor are tested in Miller’s gripping tragedy. The poverty of an American working class family comes face to face with the sheer destitution of their immigrant cousins, desperate to make a new life. Eddie Carbone is devoted to his wife Beatrice and his niece Catherine. When Beatrice’s cousins Marco and Rodolpho enter the US illegally, desperate to find work having fled the poverty of Sicily, the pair is welcomed into the Carbone home. But as Rodolpho and Catherine fall in love, Eddie’s adoration of his niece is no longer touching, but terrifying. Simmering with jealousy and obsession, Italian-American immigrant life of 1950s Brooklyn colors Miller’s searing drama of tragic propotions. The universal story of family, immigration and justice cuts deeply.

As always, UpStage Artists invites you to come see this powerful show. Show dates are

Volunteers helping Volunteers, Communities helping Communities

Several months ago, the membership of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department made the decision to look for another home for our aging 2001 Pierce Quantum Pumper fire truck. It had served us and the community well since it was purchased new, but with two newer fire engines to protect our citizens, it was not getting much use just sitting in our storage garage. That coupled with the rising cost of insurance and maintenance, it became apparent that we would be fiscally responsible to find another party whom the fire truck could benefit. We had discussed selling it, but

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On the Agenda
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James E. Duckworth Regional School “Challenge Day” is May 19th. Read the article on Challenge Day and take a moment if you can and send a “Congratulations, Good Luck, or a You Can Do It!” to their Parent Engagement Assistant, Ana Flores, so she can share words of encouragement with the students. You can email her at ana2.flores@pgcps.org or you could mail cards to the school James E. Duckworth Regional School 11202 Evans Trail Beltsville, Maryland 20705. As always, if you have a Community Concern I can be reached at karenmcokaley@gmail.com

The Prince George’s County Planning Department of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPDC) will host a Community Stakeholder Workshop and Open House for the U.S. Route 1 Land Redevelopment Study on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, Maryland, to explore possible strategies for a more walkable, connected, and thriving corridor. Residents, business leaders, and other stakeholders will participate in an interactive workshop from 9:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to learn about findings from previous community engagement sessions, hear examples of successful case studies from across the country, and provide feedback to guide recommendations for future development along the Route 1 Corridor study area. M-NCPDC will offer an open house from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. where planners and consultants will be available to answer questions on the study.

The U.S. Route 1 Land Redevelopment Study examines the 2010 Approved Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for Subregion 1 and the area along the Route 1 Corridor boundary from Quinty Avenue to Sunny side Avenue, adjacent to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and the immediate surrounding neighborhoods. Through collaboration, the community will help create recommendations for future development that will align with the approved master plan and sectional map amendment, improve the coordination among the commercial and industrial uses with the surrounding neighborhoods, enhance the visual appearance of the area, and ensure a pedestrian-friendly environment.

Interested participants should register for the workshop in advance. To access the link to the online registration form and additional details on the study (in English and Spanish), individuals may visit the Prince George’s County Planning Department’s website: https://pgplan.org/Rte1LRStudy.
Beltville News: Blast from the Past

By Ted Ladd

Second Annual Talk for Lions Vision Nets $5,000
(From the Beltville News issue of May 2013)

The second annual “Talk for the Lions Vision Research Foundation” was held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltville on the morning of Saturday, 13 April 2013. Keynote speaker was Dr. Robert Massof, PhD., founder and Director of the Lions Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center, a Division of the Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute in Baltimore. Massof is Professor of Ophthalmology and Neurology at the John’s Hopkins University School of Medicine. The event was organized by the Beltville Lions Club.

Beltville Briefs

Beltville Lions Club April Meeting
CPL Kenneth Hibbert, Prince George’s County Police Beltville Division, presented a captivating program at the Beltville Lion’s meeting of 5 April. His talk focused on community service and the Police Explorer Post at District VI. SGT Joseph Mullendore and three members of the Police Explorer Program accompanied CPL Hibbert. Following Hibbert’s presentation, each Police Explorer spoke in turn about their dedication to community service.

In addition, club members recognized Lion Ted Ladd for sponsoring 25 club members during his membership in the Beltville Lions Club.

VBS at First Baptist Church of Beltville
Join our team as we discover God’s plans for us at Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church of Beltville, June 26-30. VBS will take place Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. All VBS events are FREE. Children 4 years-6th grade are welcome. Check out our website: www.fbcbeltsville.org/vbs.cfm if you need more information.

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June 2, 3, 9 and 10 at 7:30 pm and June 4 and 11 at 2 pm. The show runs approximately 90 minutes with one 10-minute intermission. Tickets are only $10 and can be purchased at www.upstageartists.com/tickets. Please note that this show does have some adult language and intense situations. If you have any questions, contact Upstage Artists at info@upstageartists.com.
Helping Neonatal Kittens Survive

Did you know that kittens cannot regulate their body temperature until they are 4 weeks old. As a result, hypothermia is a major cause of death in neonatal kittens. The neonatal stage for kittens is from birth to three weeks of age. This is a very fragile time as the kittens are totally dependent upon their mother for protection, warmth, and nutrition.

Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) recently rescued three 2-day old kittens that had been outside without their mother for several hours. The kittens were immediately taken to a Laurel Cats’ volunteer with an incubator and years of neonatal experience. With the kittens being so young and no sign of the mother cat, this was their best chance for survival.

A quick check of the kittens’ body temperatures showed that they were too chilled to be fed. A kitten’s body temperature must be at least 97 degrees for it to digest its mother’s milk or kitten formula. Since kittens (and cats) should never be fed milk, young kittens without access to mother’s milk must be fed a specialized kitten milk formula.

Each rescued kitten got a shot of Penicillin (to prevent pneumonia due to exposure to the cold) and was placed in an incubator. If the kittens were ready to be bottle-fed. Not all neonatal kittens need to eat formula every two hours and must be stimulated to go to the bathroom. Even with the care of an experienced neonatal specialist and access to an incubator, two of the kittens died within 48 hours of being rescued.

If you find neonatal kittens, look for their mother before you do anything. If the kittens are in a safe environment, their best chance for survival is to stay with their mother until they are about 4 weeks old. If the mother can’t be found, immediately reach out to your local cat group. Find the local cat groups serving Prince George’s County at: https://princegeorgescountycat.org/contact. If the kittens are in Beltsville, contact Beltsville Community Cats immediately (hello@beltsvillecats.net or 204-444-8833). Your local cat group will advise you on what to do. The advice may be to leave the kittens where they are and monitor the situation until they are 4-5 weeks old and eating solid food. If the mother can’t be found or the kittens are in an unsafe environment, the cat group may want to rescue the kittens immediately. Please remember that the cat groups are run by volunteers and their capacity to take in kittens is limited.

If you are rescuing and caring for young kittens yourself, please take advantage of the wealth of information available at Resources - National Kitten Coalition. You may want to put together a “Neonatal Kitten Care Go Kit” (see NKC-Fast-Facts_Kitten-Care_Kit_5.9.17.pdf) and was placed in an incubator. If you prefer educational videos over face sheets, check out the Kitten Lady’s website (KittenCare-Kit_5.9.17.pdf) for great advice and service.

Over half the kittens born to feral mothers die before they are a year old. Let’s work together to protect the kittens born in Beltsville!
5 Ways to Show Your Support This Military Appreciation Month

(StatePoint) U.S. military service members are ready to be called upon at any time to protect the country, and May, which is Military Appreciation Month, is the perfect opportunity to express gratitude for their sacrifices.

With its long history of keeping America’s military service members connected to family, home and country, the USO is providing five ideas for how to honor and support service members and their families.

1. Say “Thank You.” The simplest way to support service members is to thank them for their service. According to the Blue Star Families 2022 Military Family Lifestyle Survey, only one-third of active-duty families feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community.

You can send a message of support and encouragement to service members through the USO’s website.

2. Send a Care Package. Sending care packages with items such as snacks and hygiene products lets service members know that the American people are thinking of them, even from thousands of miles away. The USO Care Package program simplifies the process of sending military care packages, which can be complicated. You can support this program by making a monetary donation to the USO. Another option is to check out the USO Wishbook, where you can select a symbolic gift, such as a USO Care Package, from a catalog to be sent to service members. In 2022, the USO delivered 200,000 of these care packages globally.

3. Support Military Spouses. Deployments are challenging for military spouses. Aside from being separated from their loved ones, military spouses must also shoulder household responsibilities alone. For military families with children, this can be even more difficult. Offer to cook a family dinner or pick up groceries. Even simply reaching out to ask how they are doing can make a difference.

4. Volunteer. There are many challenging, but rewarding volunteer opportunities that serve the men and women in uniform, including with the USO, where you will see the MILITARY continues on page 7

Local CPA joins Board of international disaster relief organization

BELTSVILLE, Md. – Interna-
tional disaster relief organiza-
tion ShelterBox USA announced today that Beltsville, Md., resident and CPA Sharon Oluga has joined its board of directors.

ShelterBox provides emergency shelter and other life-saving aid items to individuals and families who have lost everything in disasters and conflicts. Known for its iconic green box, it has served more than 2.5 million people in nearly 100 countries since its founding 23 year ago.

“We are thrilled to welcome Sharon to our board,” said ShelterBox USA President Kerri Murray. “With more than 113 million people displaced around the world due to disasters and conflicts, the need for our work is growing, and we are working to scale up our programs and responses. Sharon’s deep financial expertise will help us reach more of the world’s most vulnerable who have lost everything in an instant.”

Oluga is currently the Senior Director of Financial Reporting and Program Support at PBS, where she handles the broadcaster’s financial statements and annual audits. She was born in Kenya and said she was immediately drawn to ShelterBox’s mission of “no one without shelter after disaster.”

Growing up, she saw droughts and famine ravage Northern Kenya, as well as severe floods rip through other parts of the country. “There are times when people are literally starving to death,” Oluga said, “then there are parts of the country that have torrential downpours of rain. They cause landslides and people’s homes get wiped out.”

Often, she recalled, disasters strike the most vulnerable populations.

“Disasters can devastate a community,” Oluga said, “especially ones that are already in dire straits when the disasters strike.”

ShelterBox works with local partners and communities to assess the needs and provide critical aid items after typhoons, hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes, floods, and in conflict zones. Its customizable aid packages can include tents and other shelter options, home repair kits, solar lanterns, cook sets, and clothing, stoves, and other items.

In the last year, ShelterBox has launched multiple programs that have helped more than 50,000 people displaced by the war in Ukraine. It has also responded to the catastrophic earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, and devastating floods in Pakistan. ShelterBox has ongoing programs in Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mozam-bique, Somalia, Syria, and Yemen.

Storms and disasters that are becoming increasingly severe due to climate change as well as increased political conflict are driving the world’s growing displacement crisis. ShelterBox is seeking to expand its programs and help more people.

Oluga will play a vital role in helping the organization meet the financial management challenges associated with that effort. She discovered ShelterBox USA looking for ways to apply her skillset to the global humanitarian world.

“The whole mission,” she said, “just resonates with me.”

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Wolves finished three core requirements this month and helped our Lion Scout complete some of her requirements! – A Scout is Helpful. Bears are working on learning knife safety and Baloo the Builder. Webelos completed their First Responder and Duty to Gold pins.

April 22nd is the Anacostia Watershed Earth Day, and we hope to see everyone in the park!

If you are interested in joining Cub Scouts, contact Regina Harper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for information. We are a family scouting unit. We learn outdoor skills, citizenship, STEM, nature and doing 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.
Statepoint Crossword: Cartoon Characters

**ACROSS**

1. Unsuitable
6. Agency behind food labels, acr.
9. Pastoral sounds
13. More painful
14. “Maggie May” singer
15. Secret storage
16. Hajj destination
17. Inflated feeling
18. One in a quiver
19. *Scooby-Doo’s best friend
20. *Stone Age Fred’s best friend
23. Zip
24. Type of wave
25. “Mangia!”
28. Apple leftover
30. Unlike Pinocchio
35. Law school test acronym
37. Tiger’s forte
39. Jack Black’s Libre
40. For____ kitchen counter
41. Jewish folklore creature
43. Singer Whitman of “Secret Love” fame
44. Formerly known as droopy
46. Spanish Surrealist
47. Stay out of its way!
48. Make a remake
50. Shawm
52. Yoda: “Do or do not. There is no ____.”
53. Like hard times
55. Tube in old TV, acr.
57. *Jessica or Peter
60. *Anthropomorphic squirrel’s last name
63. Small and elegant
64. Mozart’s “L’____ del Cairo”
66. Like a whistle?
67. Butterfly catcher
69. “Time,” e.g., colloquially
70. Hint of color
71. “The Way We ____”
72. Farm pen
73. Skedaddle

**DOWN**

1. What hedonism and idealism have in common
2. Rejections
3. Flatfoot’s lack
4. Pie option
5. Calamitous
6. One of the Eagles
7. *Pluto or Snoopy
8. Acrobat maker
9. Rural building
11. Nabisco’s “Chips ____!”
12. To use a Singer
15. Dairy industry missing person-seeking prop
20. Nordic glühwein
22. Ooh and ____
24. Troublemaker
25. *Fudd’s first name
26. Line to the audience
27. “It is silent,” in sheet music
29. Living space
30. Don Johnson’s Bridges
32. Pauudit and pomp
33. Bake an egg
34. *One of the Pickles
36. Like a broken horse
38. *Phineas’ stepbrother
42. Be a parasite
45. Just about (2 words)
49. Hula necklace
50. Builds a tower, e.g.
51. Lotto variant
52. Palm starch
53. Like hard times
55. Tube in old TV, acr.
57. *Jessica or Peter
60. *Anthropomorphic squirrel’s last name
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From the Office of Council Member Tom Dernoga

District 1 Community Conversation: Comptroller Brooke Lierman

Beltsville residents are invited to join the District 1 Virtual Community Conversation on Tuesday, May 23, at 7:00 PM. Our guest will be Brooke Lierman, Maryland’s new State Comptroller, and she will provide an update from her office. RSVP online at bit.ly/d1cc523

Prince George’s County and the Environment

Prince George’s County regained its number one position in recycling and waste diversion, according to a report recently released by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). The county reduced waste by banning foam packaging made of #6 plastics, updating business and commercial recycling requirements, banning plastic straws, and expanding the Curbside Composting program. The county is now considering passing the Better Bag Bill (Council Bill 32-2023), which aims to reduce the distribution of single-use carryout bags and incentivize reusable bags to maintain the health, safety, and welfare of County residents and visitors.

Undoubtedly, with an increase in plastic pollution globally, statewide and countywide, it is critical to shift the culture of Prince George’s County residents away from single-use carryout bags. Consequently, the enactment of CB-32-2023 will adhere to a priority recommendation outlined in the County’s Climate Action Plan: expand County waste reduction and diversion efforts. Using a hybrid ordinance model, we can ensure that all Prince George’s County residents can continue seeing their county beautified by eliminating single-use carryout bags.

Annual Health Fair at Beltsville Academy

Beltsville Academy will host its Annual Health Fair on Saturday, May 6th, from 8:00-10:00 AM. A variety of health screenings and educational materials will be provided, along with information about health and wellness resources within our community.

Community Day Fair at High Point High School

High Point High School will host a Community Day Fair on Friday, May 12th, from 3:30-7:30 PM. The event will be filled with student performances, games, food, and more! Residents are invited to drop by the District 1 table to say hi and learn about County resources.

Coming Soon: WSSC Water Bill Amnesty Program June 1-30

The financial impact of COVID-19, coupled with economic uncertainty caused by current inflationary pressures, requires bold action to help customers in need. Therefore, WSSC Water has approved a temporary water bill amnesty program to help customers “Get Current” with delinquent water/sewer bills. The program, which will run from June 1-30, provides bill credits & waives late fees for qualified customers. To learn more about WSSC Water’s “Get Current” program and to sign up to be notified when it launches on June 1, visit wsscwterwater.com/getcurrent. Information on other customer assistance programs can be found at wsscwterwater.com/assistance.

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School News

Challenge Day at James E. Duckworth Regional

We are excited to host our year-ly “Challenge Day” event again this year. Due to the pandemic, this event has not been hosted since 2019. Challenge Day is a Special Olympics sponsored event that includes training in motor activity and recreation for all students. Our students have been practicing different sports year-round to prepare for this spectacular day. They demonstrate their skills in basketball, adaptive bowling, Rock and Roll Boul- der, Heavy Stone Walk, Yarn Ball Toss, Stocking Cups Games and many others with adult assistance and support from their SSA student mentor. This event will occur at James E. Duckworth Regional School on May 19, 2023, from 9 AM to 12 PM. All staff will participate in training and the culminating activities with students and families to add to the high energy and enthusiasm of the day.

James E. Duckworth Regional School is a separate public day school for students with severe cognitive, physical, and emotional disabilities between the ages of 5 - 21. The school specializes in serving students with autism, cerebral palsy, sensory processing disorders, and intellectual disabilities who use assistive technology and other adaptive equipment and materials to access, learn, and display their knowledge and skills.

Remember the date: The James E. Duckworth Regional Dragons will be ready to display their unique talents on May 19, 2023. Wish them luck.
Riderwood Arts Council Cultivates a Creative Culture

Silver Spring, MD - "The wonderful thing about Riderwood is that it gives you the time and opportunity to not only be yourself, but to uncover new ways to express yourself," says Amy Greenwood, who moved to the Erickson Senior Living community in Silver Spring, Md. "Amy, a Chicago native, started her career as a high school art teacher. "I’ve always been interested in art," she says, "I then became the executive director of a nonprofit program that brought art into public schools." Since her move to Riderwood eight years ago, Amy - an active member of the community’s Arts Council - has continued her artistic pursuits in retirement, working with acrylics, painting boxes, and creating collages and 3D constructions.

“Riderwood is such a creative, inspiring community, offering so many possibilities," she notes.

Engaging exhibits

Shortly after her move, Amy shared her work in an annual exhibition held at “Art for the Eyes” at the community’s Montgomery Station clubhouse. “There were so many residents participating in the exhibition," recalls Amy. "Fiona Drievecha, who at the time was Riderwood’s community resource manager, asked if I would be interested in helping create an arts council to support the artists on campus. I said yes, of course!”

And thus, the Arts Council of Riderwood was born. Working with administration, the council hosts three to four exhibitions a year, featuring the work of both residents and staff members.

Mary Belen "Mody" (Ponte) Hammond

Marybel Belen Hammond, nee Ponte, age 45, passed away peacefully from natural causes on Sunday, March 5, 2023 at her home in Millsboro, Delaware. Mody, as she was known to family and friends, was an active member of the Marine Corps League, a veteran of the Vietnam War, and a life-long lover of animals into a career in veterinary medicine, working as a skilled technician in emergency services, surgical procedures and routine care.

Mody is survived by her daughter Winter Hammond, of New Orleans, LA; her loving parents, Victor and Teresa Ponte, longtime residents of Beltsville, MD; a brother, Victor Ponte III of Greenbelt, MD, and a sister, Angela Ponte, of Brooklyn Park, MD. She also leaves behind a niece, Cambria Carroll, and a nephew, Kai Ponte, as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins on both sides of the family. A celebration of her life was held on Thursday, March 16th, at 1:00 p.m. at Borgwardt Funeral Home in Beltsville, MD. Friends and family are invited to pay their respects and share their memories of Mody. In lieu of flowers, Mody would have loved donations in her name to the Brandywine Valley SPCA, BVSPCA, ORG, in Georgetown, DE.

Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

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impact of your support firsthand. Many USO locations need volunteers who can facilitate programs and events, and help ensure the military community has the resources and support they need to carry out their missions.

5. Donate. Show your support for the 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 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. The MIA also urges owners of impacted vehicles to take action to protect their vehicles from theft. Law enforcement has advised:

• Don’t leave phone charging cables in your car.
• Lock and park your car in secure well-lit areas.
• Use a steering column lock device or other theft deterrent technology.
• Contact your car dealer to learn about the available software updates for your specific vehicle.

For questions: 410-468-2000 or 800-492-6116, or visit their website at www.insurance.maryland.gov

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World Password Day 2023

May the 4th be with you. This year World Password Day occurs on Star Wars Day. It seems like such a long time ago in a galaxy so far, far, away. In case you don’t remember, the first Thursday in May has been designated as World Password Day. A day to remember to change all of your passwords. The day when I begin changing all of my passwords, because I am not able to do the job in a single day.

To be fair, there is also a National Change Your Password Day that occurs on February 1st. I tend to ignore this one and since the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) recommends only changing passwords once a year, I choose to use the later date. Passwords have of course been in the news lately. The password manager known as LastPass has been cracked very publicly, not once but multiple times. If you are using LastPass, I strongly recommend first changing to a different password manager and then reapplying all of your passwords immediately with new hard to remember or recreate passwords for each website and application you use.

A Word on Password Managers

I do use a password manager. I also recommend that you do as well, but I do not rely on it. However, I commonly need access to a password when my password manager isn’t available. In my opinion, the best password managers are the ones that are secure, and that securely synchronize passwords between multiple devices. This makes it less likely that you will not be without your passwords when you need them. Keepass is a secure, free and open source, password manager that operates on many platforms.

I feel more comfortable when I know that I don’t have to rely on my password manager. The scheme described later allows me to remember or recreate passwords I need when I need them.

Practically Perfect Passwords

Let us revisit the first method I suggested for creating strong passwords when I first started to write this column many years ago. I call this method “practically perfect passwords” or (PPP). The key for PPP is to establish a rule or rules. These rules should allow you to create unique passwords for each website. When you start to change all of the passwords on World Password Day, or National Password Day, or January 1st, I suggest the creation of new rules for the next year.

First, the goal is to create good, strong passwords that are easy to remember or recover. A good secure password is at least 15 characters long and has a combination of upper- and lowercase characters, digits, and special characters.

We do this by creating “password construction rules.” The order of the rules does not matter and each rule may be as simple or as complex as you like. The first example of a rule is to select a phrase, maybe from a book, or a poem, or song lyrics. Try not to pick one from the beginning of the passage. I will pick, “Everyone has all we need in our yellow submarine”. Now select the first letter from each word of the phrase giving, “eHawnioYs”. As the final step for this rule, I will capitalize the second and next to last letters giving, “EHawNiOyS”. The numbers were random.

In this example, we base the next rule on the website name, known as the domain name. We will use Amazon.com and Facebook.com as our examples. We want a rule based on the domain name, so the passwords are different for each website. We will set this rule to take the first two letters of the domain and the last one. For Amazon this is “Amn” and for Facebook this is “Fak”. At this point, we could reverse them or scramble them but for this example, we will leave them as is.

The third rule will pick the digits. The rule is to use the digits for the numbers that correspond to the first and second letters of the domain. For Amazon this is 01 and 13 and for Facebook 06 and 01. These numbers are simply the count from “A” to the letter so “A” is always 01 and “Z” is 26. You can choose to use all four digits or just two digits.

The next rule adds one or more special characters. This rule we will use the character above the largest digit we selected in the third rule. So, for digit 3 for Amazon the special character is “$” and for Facebook the digit 6 gives us “#”.

The final rule is what I call the assembly rule. It tells us how to mash everything together into a password. The rule in this example is to start with rule 1 (the phrase), then rule 3 (the digits), followed by rule 4 (the special character) and rule 2 (the domain). Putting this together, the password eHawNiOyS0113#Amn for Amazon and, eHawNiOyS0601#Amn for Facebook.

Your Rules

These are the rules that I created as an example. You are free to make up any rules and variants you want. Just remember that if you want to connect to the site, you claim to be. The site may ask you for additional proof that you are who you claim to be. This may ask for a code generated by an app, or you may need to provide a thumb print or an image of your face.

While less secure, some sites may want to send email, text, or voice messages to your phone to verify it is you trying to connect.

We All Live in a Yellow Submarine

So yes, I am a Beatles fan, but I only use their lyrics for my examples. I tend to select more obscure phrases for my actual passwords. Any site should be based on that. If you want to see the ways I have suggested in past articles to create strong passwords they can be found in my columns from March and April of 2015, January 2017, July 2018, April 2019, January 2020, May 2021, and last year, May 2022. It is important to change your password once a year, so I try to repeat this topic at least annually because it is that important.

Have a happy World Password Day. Until next month, stay safe online!
Club News

Women's Community Club of Beltsville: Community Yard Sale Fundraiser

It’s the perfect time to spring clean and sell your treasures at our Community Yard Sale. The Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, May 13th in the Calverton Yard Sale Park. Reserve your space now by making a donation to the Women’s Community Club of Beltsville. Required Donation per space is $20. When you register, please send us an email with your name, email and phone number and we will send you the final details via email. 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

Join us for our next meeting, Thursday, May 11th 7:00 p.m 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.

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By Lois Hamilton

Our May 18 meeting will have a singer-Melissa Christenson, a local lady, to entertain us. Shirley D. still has many one day trips you can sign up for. We get on the bus at the Community Center and return there (plenty of parking). We’ll also have announcements, a Ways & Means table of treasures, and a chance at the 50/50 winnings. Please come & bring a friend—you only have to be 55 years old to join us, not just live in Beltsville. Our June 15 meeting is going to be a potluck meal that people will start signing up for in April. We always have plenty of food. We will not meet in July and August, because the community center needs “our” room to have their “kids camp”. But we’ll be back on September 21—same place and time.

For more information, call Lois at 301-498-9736; leave a message if I’m not home & I’ll get back to you. “No matter how chaotic life is, wildflowers will still spring up in the middle of nowhere.” S. Crow

Easy Hacks to Live a More Sustainable Lifestyle

(StatePoint) Ninety percent of Americans want to live more sustainably, but only 11% consistently do. Why? Research from Procter & Gamble conducted in 2023 found that Americans think sustainable habits at home are too difficult (82%), too expensive (69%) and sacrifice product performance (73%).

Sustainable choices don’t have to be a burden though, especially if you know where to prioritize your efforts. For example, the highest environmental footprint of many everyday products, like laundry and dish detergents, comes from the water and energy needed to do the job, like when you wash your dishes in the sink or your washing machine.

As part of the #ItsOurHome campaign, Cascade and Tide have partnered with digital creators to offer the following easy hacks to help you live a more sustainable lifestyle, continue to get great results and save money on household bills:

Skip the Sink

Did you know that a dishwasher uses 4 gallons of water per cycle while the sink can use the same amount in just two minutes? In fact, each week you use an Energy Star-certified dishwasher you can save up to 140 gallons of water versus washing dishes at a running sink for 11 minutes per day. You can also skip some of the traditional dishwashing steps when you select the right detergent. Brands like Cascade are building a water-positive future and helping to reduce daily water use in American households by offering options that provide a high-quality clean without the need to pre-rinse dishes. With its innovative formula, the enzymes within Cascade Platinum Action Pacs latch on, break down and wash away food so you can skip the sink and save water.

“We know people want to save water, but they also want clean dishes. That’s why we created a sustainability hack, not a trade-off,” says Marchoe Northern, senior vice president and general manager of North American Home Care at Procter & Gamble.

Beyond ecology-minded productivity, recycling is another easy win. Single-use plastic bags end up in our trees, streets, parks, and waterways, blocking storm drains and polluting our environment. Unfortunately, according to the EPA, only about 3% of single-use plastic bags are recycled nationwide. Further, single-use plastic bags are not accepted in the City’s recycling program because Prince George’s County, which receives City recycling materials, does not accept them at their Materials Recycling Facility as they damage sorting equipment. By restricting the use of single-use plastic bags, the Better Bag Ordinance will help the city meet its sustainability goals laid out in the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan for a more sustainable College Park.

To help alleviate the cost of reusable bags on the College Park community, the city will begin distributing a limited supply of reusable bags to City residents later this year. Dates and locations for bag distribution will be announced via City communication channels including City social media and email.

City of College Park Passes Better Bag Ordinance to Reduce Plastic Bag Litter and Waste

The City of College Park is pleased to announce the new Better Bag Ordinance to reduce single-use plastic bag waste and litter in our local waterways and tributary system. Passed during the February 14, 2023, Council meeting and effective September 1, 2023, the Better Bag Ordinance will restrict the use of non-reusable plastic bags given or received at the point of purchase by City retailers and restaurants. “Keeping the City of College Park beautiful and sustainable is a major initiative for the city,” said Mayor Pro Tem Denise Mitchell, “by reducing single-use plastic bags, we can improve our community’s waterways, cleanliness, and overall health.”

This new Ordinance encourages shoppers and patrons to use reusable bags for their groceries and other purchases. As part of the Ordinance, alternative bags like paper bags or reusable bags can be provided, but retailers must charge a minimum of $.10 per bag and may retain the entirety of the fee to cover costs. Restaurant carry-out bags are included in the Ordinance. There are exemptions to this law, like bulk food, meat, ice, or produce packaging; for more information about the Better Bag Ordinance, please visit www.collegeparkmd.gov/betterbag.

Public engagement through a City Sustainability Survey and the City’s Committee for a Better Environment’s outreach revealed that members of the College Park community ranked litter as one of the most prevalent environmental issues within the City. “Small changes by businesses and residents that encourage sustainable behavior can reduce the amount of waste and promote a cleaner, greener College Park” said City Manager Kenny Young.

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AREA EVENTS

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

Address: 1985 Corporate Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. Fax: 301.927.6472. Regular hours of operation: Open Tuesday – Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Mondays and major holidays. Some events may have special hours of operation. Cost: Adults/$5, Seniors/$4, Children/$2 (1-year-old and under, free). The museum exhibit area highlights 10 unique aircraft and objects relating the history of early aviation at the College Park Airport. Please contact the museum regarding additional activities and updates to COVID-19 protocols.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MAY 2023**

**AVIATION LECTURE SERIES: HERBERT JONES, JR.**

Thurs., May 11 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The sons of Herbert Jones, Jr. will be talking about their father’s involvement in the Columbia Air Center and the International Air Association, the first black-owned and operated airline. Guests can enjoy an optional brief Black Aviators Tour at the Montpelier House Museum. Contact the museum for more information. Cost: Free.

**LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER**

Masks are optional. Contact the center for information about activities in Beltsville. Contact the center for updates to hours of operation and current COVID-19 protocols. Address: 7120 Center Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the University of Maryland Medical Center. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. Maryland Relay 7-1-1 for customers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability.

**LAUREN SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Our next meeting will be Wed., May 10 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting room doors open at 10:30 a.m. We will have a short business meeting and columnist John Bell of The Bethesda News will speak about Tech Sense.

**ROBERT LAURENSEN**

Tues., May 3 at 11 a.m. Mrs. Laurensen will entertain us with various Frank Sinatra songs. July 12, Holly Burnham from the Montpelier House Museum will speak about Tech Sense.

**BELTSVILLE RESIDENTS’ HISTORY SOCIETY**

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**ATLAH SLAVERY RESISTANCE IN MARYLAND**

Sun., May 7. Join us to work on the Atla Slavery Resistance in Maryland. E-mail: robertayaklich@gmail.com • Office: 301-970-2447

**BOOKSTORE**

The featured artists for May 2023 are from the Olney Art Association. The bookstore is adjacent to the bookstore.

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Sometimes you have to blow your own trumpet. I want to start off by congratulating FedEx Express, where I work full-time, on attaining 50 years of operation. The company started on April 17, with 389 employees delivering 186 packages, using 14 aircraft. I am now one of 380,000 employees of the company. I have been with them since June 2000. Imagine I never wanted to go for the interview that fateful day because I had to go to a family get-together. I took a left and the right arm the night before in a volleyball league game and had to dress up in a suit and do a presentation with one-and-a-half arms. I started off in corporate sales in the Caribbean, and the Divisional Manager who hired me, Danny Dasent (now an actor in Hollywood) kept laughing the whole time as I was a mess, trying to gesticulate but was impeded by my arm in the sling.

I had almost finished typing my article for the month and then flight complications. Then today I met Joe Philly, a rapper, and producer based in North Carolina but happened to be passing through Dallas due to a business trip. I have known for a while here in Dallas. They actually were part of a popular group about 13 years ago, GS Boyz. They were in the big leagues, traveling the world, option when I was 12 years old, and I took it. I stopped playing the piano and ended up hating myself as I am the only one of four siblings who plays no instrument. My children play the piano and cello, so I am thankful, so back to music! On April 13 I met a young man in Dallas and in the six minutes of conversation, I am going to be helping him with his music from a media perspective – promoting him, doing press releases, and a lot of other media-related stuff. He will then be able to focus on making music. He is the first ever artist I will work with, and I am excited. Here is a link to one of his songs https://youtu.be/GLSdlBipHch. I can see since that meeting been able to reach out to a few more artists; one in Maryland, a gospel artiste, and then in the last 24 hours I met Joe Philly, a rapper, and producer based in North Carolina but happened to be passing through Dallas due to flight complications. Then today I connected with two young men I have known for a while here in Dallas. They actually were part of a popular group about 13 years ago, GS Boyz. They were in the big leagues, traveling the world, featured on prominent US TV stations and more, before the group broke up. Their genre is rap. So, for me, it is going to be a bit of a challenge in the next few months, helping a variety of artists hone their craft, but it is what I enjoy doing.

Garden again. I have finally summed up the courage to grow a garden up front. In Beltsville I had to battle the deer, to get my plants to grow. In Dallas, the problem is the rabbits. So far, so good. I have a few flowers I planted from seeds, and they have germinated. I have some regular flowers but my most prized possession in the garden are two blackberry plants. I got them from Walmart on clearance for $1.75 and was able to revive them. They have fresh shoots and I have to get a little chicken wire to cover them before the rabbit patrol reaches there. My dog sheds a lot, and a coworker has suggested sprinkling some of the dog hair in the shrubs around the garden, so it is harder for them to tell if the dog is actually there or not. I will try it and let you know whether or not it worked. Happy Mother’s Day to all of you.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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301-572-5718

St. Gregory of Nyssa
Byzantine Catholic Church


12420 Old Gunpowder Spur Road, Beltsville
(301) 953-9323 - Come and See

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Pastor: Father Robert Maro
Masses: Please contact parish office for schedule
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HACKS

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The Hack of the Week

Washing in cold water with Tide means lower emissions, more financial savings on your energy bills, and a gentler wash that helps preserve clothes longer.

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Learn more about Tide’s sustainability initiative by joining the conversation on social at #TurnToCold.

With today’s current climate crisis, you may be looking for ways to lower your carbon footprint at home, and thanks to product innovation, that’s easier today than ever before.

* The Mass on Saturday is 5:00pm, Sunday 8:00am, 11:00am; Mon, Wed-Friday 8:00am; Wed 2:15pm*.

** The Mass on Wednesday at 2:15pm is only when School is open.

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**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

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The Reverend Joseph M. Constant, Rector

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Thursday Bible Study and Compline 7 PM via Zoom

Contact the Church office if you are interested in any of these resources

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301-937-7771
www.fbcbeltsville.org
Keith Holland, Pastor

**Sundays:**
- Sunday School for all ages 9:45 a.m.
- Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
- Children’s Church (4yr - 3rd grade) 11:00 a.m.
- Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesdays:**
- Adult Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.

**Vacation Bible School**
At First Baptist Church of Beltsville
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June 26-30 • Monday – Friday
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All VBS events are FREE
Children 4-years-6th grade are welcome
Pre-register online at http://www.fbcbeltsville.org/vbs.cfm or call the church office at 301-937-7771

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You can also watch the live stream on our Facebook page.

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**CALENDAR**

**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)**
10301 Baltimore Ave. in Beltsville. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib. We continue to serve our customers remotely during regular business hours. Online information products are always available at NAL. usda.gov and Nutrition.gov. Get MyPlate nutrition.
The idea came from the fact that many of us don’t explore our creative sides until we retire and move to Riderwood, where we enjoy both the opportunity and the time to do things we couldn’t do during our working life,” says Amy. “Many of our neighbors have discovered passions for artistic endeavors. ‘Adventures in Creativity’ allows these people to showcase their newfound skills.”

Over the years, the Arts Council has also sponsored Art Talks, in which residents discuss their pieces in a particular exhibit, and Art Walks, where artist leads guests through a current exhibition, providing details and insight. “There are so many reasons why I love our exhibits,” says Amy. “The chance to show others what I am doing provides so much inspiration and encouragement. I also love seeing what other people are doing. It’s really amazing, the talent we have here at Riderwood, and it’s such a joy to see people discover creativity withing themselves.”

‘The ideal place’

Fellow council member Jerry Weinstein agrees. “Whether you’ve never done anything in art before or you’re already involved, this is the ideal place to work on your art and develop new interests,” he says.

EDITORIAL

My husband and I chose Riderwood for council member Tom Mertz, “I fell in love with clay in 1970 to Riderwood because of the very and began making functional pot- other disciplines. I decided to move to Riderwood because of the very active arts community here, as well as the art room devoted to ceramics.”

For council member Tom Mertz, moving to Riderwood opened the door to a new hobby. “As a relative newcomer to art, I feel honored to have shown my pieces in several of Riderwood’s exhibits. This opportunity has proven invaluable to me,” he says. “Riderwood’s art exhibits are a tre- mendous asset to the residents.”

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RIDERWOOD

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Volunteers from the Beltsville Volunteer Firehouse made the trek from Beltsville, Maryland to Slanesville, West Virginia to deliver the truck to its new home. It will replace a 1989 International American Eagle Pump fire truck, which could only carry 2 firefighters, as their primary fire response engine. The Quantum, which has a cab that seats up to 10 firefighters, will assist in provid- ing better fire and rescue service to Slanesville and surrounding com- munities. The membership of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Depart- ment will miss our ‘old wagon’, but hopes that the Slanesville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company will get many more years of ser- vice from it.

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