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Community Workshop Planned for the M-NCPPC U.S. Route 1 Land Redevelopment Study

The Prince George's County Planning Department of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) 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. – 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-NCPPC will offer an open house from 9:00 – 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 Quimby Avenue to Sunnyside 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>.

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, camping 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!!



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Pack 1031 Webelos lead the opening for a pack meeting.

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Submissions Due
No Later Than:
May 17
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On the Agenda



Karen Coakley

By President Karen Coakley

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



Director John Cusamano (left) works with actors Bill Bodie (center) and Nick Friend (left) on a scene from Arthur Miller's *A View From The Bridge*.

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 proportions. The universal story of family, immigration and justice cuts deeply.

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

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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 it would be fiscally responsible to find another party whom the fire truck could benefit. We had discussed selling it, but

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Members of the BVFD (Mike Adams, Margie Dickey, Al Schwartz, Todd Fletcher, and Steve Hamrick) with members of the Slanesville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company.



Beltsville News: Blast from the Past

By Ted Ladd

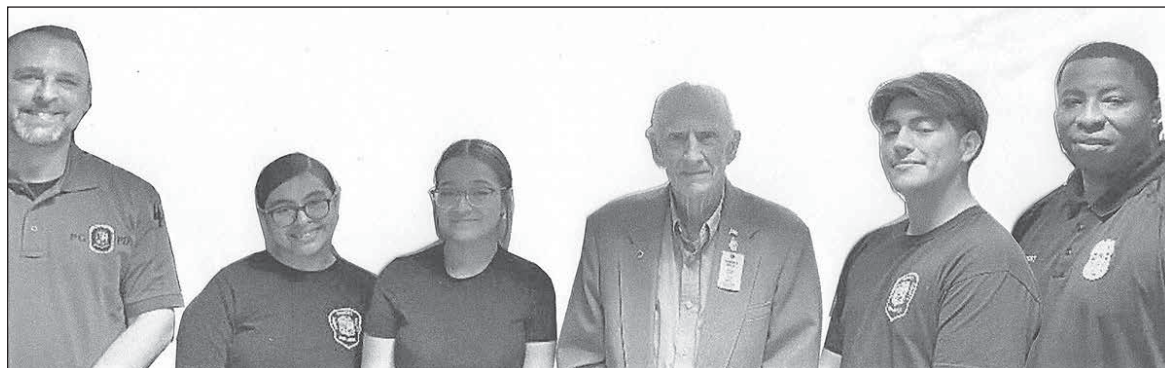
Second Annual Talk for Lions Vision Nets \$5,000

(From the Beltsville News issue of May 2013)

The second annual "Talk for the Lions Vision Research Foundation" was held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville 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 Beltsville Lions Club.

Beltsville Briefs



(L to R) SGT Joseph Mullendore, Jeileen Villegas, Glendy Aguilera, Lion Ted Ladd, Christopher Mata, CPL Kenneth Hibbert

Beltsville Lions Club April Meeting

CPL Kenneth Hibbert, Prince George's County Police Belts-

ville Division, presented a captivating program at the Beltsville Lion's meeting of 5 April. His talk focused on community service and the Police Explorer Post at Dis-

trict 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 Beltsville Lions Club.

VBS at First Baptist Church of Beltsville

Join our team as we discover God's plans for us at Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church of Beltsville, 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. Pre-register online at <http://www.fbcbeltsville.org/vbs.cfm> or they can call the church office at 301-937-7771 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.

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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. Once the kittens warmed up, they were ready to be bottle-fed. Not all neonatal kittens take to bottle feeding. Some must be fed with a syringe or be tube-fed. 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://pgcatalliance.org/contact/>. If the kittens are in Beltsville, contact Beltsville Community Cats immediately (hello@beltsvillecats.net or 204-444-8353).

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 (kittencolalition.org)). If you prefer educational videos over face sheets, check out the Kitten Lady's website (Kitten Care - Home - Kitten Lady) for short videos on kitten care.

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!

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Follow the first litter BCC rescued in 2023 at #easter-kittens.

Come meet the BCC Volunteers and Kittens at Emmanuel UMC's treasure hunt on May 20 from 10 - 1.

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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

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Local CPA joins Board of international disaster relief organization

BELTSVILLE, Md. -- International disaster relief organization 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."



Sharon Oluga

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, warm 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, Mozambique, 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 Halper 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.



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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
21. *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 dropsy
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?
68. Optical illusion creation (2 words)
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
10. Homesteader's purchase, sing.
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
31. Don Johnson's Bridges
32. Plaudit 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
51. Builds a tower, e.g.
54. Very small particles
56. Opposite of ecbatric
57. Ready for picking
58. A bit cracked
59. Not the life of the party
60. Same as cagey
61. Lotto variant
62. Palm starch
63. Gift topper
65. *Garfield or Tom
67. Butterfly catcher

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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 council 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 to reusable 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.



Hugo Cantú and Jason Nuñez at High Point High School's ESOL Night.

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 wsscwater.com/getcurrent. Information on other customer assistance programs can be found at wsscwater.com/assistance.

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School News

Challenge Day at James E. Duckworth Regional

We are excited to host our yearly "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 Boulder, 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.

Obituaries



Ray Gorham

Gorham, Ray

Ray Gorham, beloved husband of Carol Gorham, and beloved father of R.J. and Maddy Gorham, left this earth after a long struggle with illness on March 4, 2023. He also leaves behind several siblings as well as nephews, nieces, and many friends.

Ray was born on St. Patrick's Day in 1947 and spent the last 34 years in Beltsville, MD. As a veteran of the Vietnam War, Ray was a loyal member of the American Legion and a supporter of many Veteran organizations. He retired from AT&T/Lucent after 45 years. While he was there, he provided communications support to the House of Representatives, Library of Congress, White House, the Capitol and the Pentagon as well as other government agencies.

Known to many who knew him as a warm, friendly guy, he will be remembered for his

friendship and humor. He shared his avid love of watching sports with his family, especially the UMD women's basketball team, football, and wrestling. He was a loving husband, father, and friend who will be dearly missed.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, March 11, at 5:00 pm at the American Legion in Greenbelt, MD. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Wounded Warriors, or to plant a tree to revive the earth.

Marisol Belen "Mody" (Ponte) Hammond



Marisol Belen "Mody" (Ponte) Hammond

Marisol 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 loved for her generous heart and free spirit. She was always ready to offer a

helping hand or an encouraging word. She loved daffodils, the color yellow, and the beach; in her free time, she would drive her beloved Jeep onto the sandy coast and spend hours fishing, swimming and collecting shells, bits of coral and shark's teeth.

She was a 1995 graduate of High Point High School. She earned a B.S. degree in Animal Science from the University of Maryland. She translated her degree and her lifelong love 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

\$1.5 Million for public open space in Beltsville

The 21st District Delegates and I got \$1.5 million in the state budget this year for the Maryland Park and Planning Commission to help buy Cross Creek property in Beltsville for community use. The land was formerly the Cross Creek Golf Course and will be used for nature/hiking trails and the development of an arboretum similar to the Brookside Gardens in Wheaton. We're working closely with Councilman Tom Dernoga on this project.

WANTED: Your ideas on improving transportation

Beltsville deserves a safe, equitable, convenient, and connected multimodal transportation system and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is asking your input to help us deliver it. MDOT is kicking off the new Maryland Transportation Plan (MTP), Maryland's long-range transportation plan, that will guide the state's vision and corresponding policy and investment priorities for the next 20 years.

A public survey is available for you to provide your ideas on the proposed 2050 MTP guiding principles, goals, and priorities. Please click [HERE](#) to take the short survey by May 5, 2023, and help us make transportation work even better for Beltsville.

The 2050 MTP proposed guiding principles, goals and priorities will be modified and adapted throughout the planning process that will run through 2023 by incorporating input received from Maryland's residents and visitors. MDOT plans to finalize the 2050 MTP by January 2024.

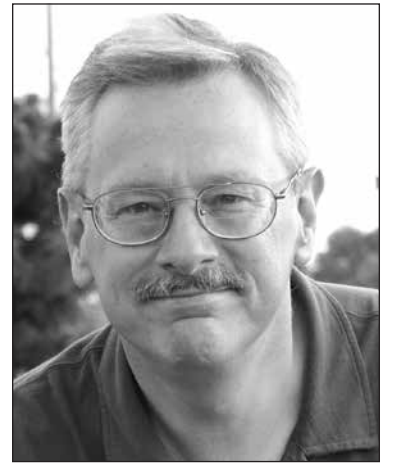
To learn more about the state's long-range transportation plan, go to <https://www.mdot.maryland.gov/tso/pages/Index.aspx?PageId=22>

Help for Homeowners

Maryland's Free Homeowner Assistance Fund was designed to provide help to homeowners who are more than 90 days delinquent on mortgage payments, property taxes, and more. Visit homeownerassistance.maryland.gov or call 877-462-7555 to learn more.

Consumer Alert Thefts of Hyundai And Kia Automobiles

The Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) reports that Kia and Hyundai cars continue to be stolen at increased rates in



Senator Jim Rosapepe

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 upgrades for your specific vehicle.

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

Contact me

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 or call 410-841-3141.

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



Arts Council of Riderwood hosts three to four exhibitions a year, featuring the work of both residents and staff members.

shared her work in an annual exhibition called "Feast for the Eyes" at the community's Montgomery Station clubhouse.

"There were so many residents participating in the exhibition," recalls Amy. "Fiona Divecha, 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.

Each exhibition rotates among the campus galleries, which are located in the Lakeside Commons, Montgomery Station, and Village Square clubhouses, and the artwork is juried by professionals that reside in the local area.

"Our goal is to bring good art to the entire Riderwood community by showcasing the talents of many residents," says Amy.

A supportive community

Other resident creatives heading the Arts Council include Winnie Coggins, Don Becker, Doug Bolt, David Ebert, Amy Greenwood, Herb Lieberman, Tom Mertz, Michele Morgan, Sylvia Reed, Thomas Smith, Jean Sonntag, and Jerry Weinstein.

Members of the council express their appreciation for the support they receive when sharing their work. In fact, for several members, Riderwood's support for the arts impacted their decision to move to the community.

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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.

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through the annual USO T-shirt campaign, which raises funds for the USO's mobile and center operations, programs and entertainment, transition services and more. The campaign also builds awareness and understanding of military families. To learn more, visit <https://www.uso.org/tshirt>.

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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 replacing all of your passwords immediately with new hard to crack 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 the 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.



KeePass

I call this method "practically perfect passwords" or (PPP). The key for PPP is to establish a set of rules. Then follow these rules 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 lower-case 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 I will 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 gives us, 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 it is important to base some rules on modifying the domain name so the result is different for each web site. Sometimes I might for example add a rule that capitalizes each letter in the domain that matches a letter in the phrase or add a rule that adds a digit for the length of the domain name.

Also, consider using different rules for different types of web sites. For example, I might use one set of rules for financial websites, another for shopping sites, and a third one for everything else.

Multifactor Authentication

While updating your passwords it is also a good time to enable multi-factor authentication (MFA). When MFA is enabled on a system the system will ask for additional proof that you are who you claim to be. The site may ask for a code generated by an app, or you may need to provide a thumbprint 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. And so should you!

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!

LORD, YOU KNOW

Lord, You know all of me,
Before I even speak,
What I would say or do
My thoughts aren't hid from You.

To please You, offering
My heart, in ev'rything.

If I go on the sea
There is no destiny
Where You could never be
For all You oversee.

In Your book all my days
Are written for Your praise,
Because You came to save
Me from sin's grip and grave.

When I was in the womb
You formed me in this room
Until the time arrived
I uttered my first cry.
Deep darkness and the night
Can't cover up Your sight;
All things both old and new
Stand open to Your view.

I cannot count the ways
Love holds me in Your grace;
Your presence is what keeps
Should I awake or sleep.

Such knowledge goes beyond
The grandeur of the dawn;
These words of mine can't teach
How precious is Your reach.

(Psalm 139 adapted)
Beckie Hutchings
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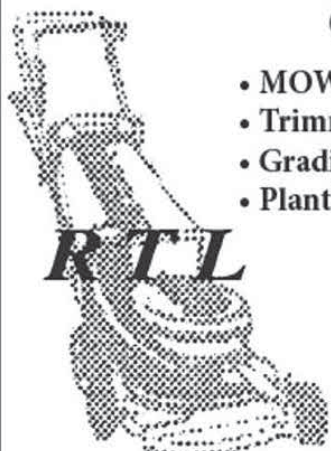
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Club News

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 Shopping Center 11603 Beltsville Drive, Beltsville.

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



Police Explorers help the Women's Community Club of Beltsville with landscaping at the Beltsville Boys and 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 refreshments, 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 (89%) 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 use 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



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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 prod-

HACKS

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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 a full list of exemptions 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.

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. The community is encouraged to sign up for City emails at www.collegeparkmd.gov/cpconnect and to follow the City's Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages.

Once the Better Bag Ordinance goes into effect on September 1, 2023, City Code Enforcement will enforce the ban through citations and fines for non-compliance for each violation. Community members can report non-compliance via the City's reporting system available at www.collegeparkmd.gov/tellus.

For more information about the Better Bag Ordinance, please visit www.collegeparkmd.gov/betterbag.

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Calendar of Events

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Address: 1985 Corporal 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.

AVIATION LECTURE SERIES: HERBERT JONES, JR.

Thur., 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 before the program. Contact the museum for more information. Cost: Free.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Masks are optional. Contact the center for updates. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are 60 years old or older. Closed on Sundays and most major holidays. Contact the center for updates to hours of operation and current COVID-19 protocols. Address: 7120 Contee 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.

cards, NO admission fee.

Interested people can contact the LSFC office for more details on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 301-206-3380.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

Main phone: 301.497.5772. Address: 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Free admission and free 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*. See the Friends of Patuxent website for more information at <https://friendsofpatuxent.org/>.

THE BUILDING, ART GALLERY, & BOOKSTORE

Contact the Visitor Center for updates. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Join our e-mail list by contacting timothy_parker@fws.gov. More information can be found at www.fws.gov/refuge/patuxent. The Visitor Center and the art gallery are open Tuesday – Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed on Sunday, Monday, and federal holidays. The art gallery is adjacent to the bookstore. **The featured artists for May 2023 are from the Olney Art Association.** The bookstore is open Tuesday – Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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BSA PERSONAL FITNESS MERIT BADGE

Sun., May 7. Join us to work on the Personal Fitness merit badge. Registration for this merit badge is only online. In-person attendance that the refuge is required. Scouts must have a current BSA physical. We will complete requirements #1, #6, & #7, plus we will work on requirements #2 – #5 in class. Requirements #8 and #9 will be homework. For more information and registration, see <https://bit.ly/3h91zJS>.

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Fri., May 12 and Sat., May 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. All ages; no registration. Did you know that, on average, every American throws away almost 5 pounds of trash each day? That's a lot of garbage! And it's causing problems for wildlife and for the earth. Enjoy hands-on

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The "Units" category represents sales settled in that month.	The average sales price is the weighted average of sales prices in the county, calculated by weighting the price of homes by the number of homes sold.	The median price is the middle value of the prices of all homes sold in the period.
In 2023 the PENDING UNITS are 6,804. In 2022 they were 8,721.	In 2023 the ACTIVE INVENTORY is 7,445. In 2022 they were 8,149.	In 2023 the MONTHS OF INVENTORY is 1.1. In 2022 they were 0.9.
Units that remain on the market.	Units that remain on the market.	Units that remain on the market.
MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET 2023: 11 DAYS 2022: 6 DAYS	NEW LISTINGS 2023: 6,855 2022: 10,377	

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 530,000 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 sustained an injury to my 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 strange things happened in the last few days and I thought I would share this with you. Most people like music, I do too. I played the piano briefly when I was younger but was given an early retirement

option when I was 12 years old, and I took it. I stopped playing the piano and ended up hurting 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 artiste I will work with, and I am excited. Here is a link to one of his songs <https://youtu.be/GLSdBfpHChk>. I have since that meeting been able to reach out to a few more artistes: 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 later whether or not it worked. Happy Mother's Day to all of you.

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uct innovation, Cascade has also joined the Change the Course initiative to support several water restoration projects in the United States. Over their lifetime, these projects are expected to restore nearly 2 billion gallons of freshwater in water-stressed regions.

Clean on Cold

Washing laundry in cold versus hot water uses over 90% less energy in every load. Put another way, that's enough energy savings to power the entire average American household for over an hour. Consider the 30 billion loads of laundry done in the United States and Canada annually. That's an enormous amount of energy that could be saved with a simple turn of the dial.

If you're concerned about the cleaning performance of a cold wash cycle, consider this, Tide has innovated its products to clean on cold, every load, every cycle. Tide is on a mission to turn three out

of four washes to cold water by 2030, which will help prevent an estimated 27 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions from entering the Earth's atmosphere.

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"At Tide, we want to reduce the environmental impact of a load of laundry and increase the impact of clean clothes," says Amy Krehbiel, brand vice president of Fabric Care Innovation at Procter & Gamble. "We are proud to be helping families live more sustainably."

Learn more about Tide's sustainability initiative by joining the conversation on social at #Turn-ToCold.

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.

How to Spend Wisely at the Grocery Store

(StatePoint) Whether you are packing school lunches or hosting a dinner party, you want your fridge and pantry to be stocked with the highest-quality foods for the best value. Thankfully, there's a better way to navigate store aisles than just picking products at random and hoping for the best, one which doesn't involve hours of product research.

Product of the Year USA, the largest consumer-voted awards program centered around product innovation, recently announced the winners of the 2023 Product of the Year Awards across 36 trending categories. Determined through a national study of 40,000 American shoppers in partnership with Kantar, a global leader in consumer research, the winners represent the best new products when it comes to thoughtful design, quality and innovation.

"It's easier than ever for today's consumers to be overwhelmed by choice. Far beyond retail aisles, they now have direct-to-consumer options, grocery delivery in the palm of their hands, and a never-ending stream of their favorite influencers reviewing products," says Mike Nolan, global CEO of Product of the Year Management. "It's important to us to help consumers and their families cut through the noise."

To make your visits to the supermarket a breeze, consider this year's 20 food and beverage winners, listed by category:



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- Bread | ALDI-exclusive Specially Selected French Baguette – ALDI
- Breakfast | Quaker Puffed Granola – PepsiCo
- Cheese | ALDI-exclusive Emporium Selection Feta Block Assortment – ALDI
- Coffee Creamer | Lactose-Free Flavored Creamer in French Vanilla and Sweet Cream – Organic Valley
- Condiment | ALDI-exclusive Burman's Dipping Sauces – ALDI
- Convenience Meals | Hot Pockets Deliwich – Nestlé USA
- Entrée | Pasta-Roni Heat & Eat – PepsiCo
- Frozen Dessert | ALDI-exclusive Sundae Shoppe Gelato – ALDI
- Keto | ALDI-exclusive Ben-


- ton's Keto Cookies – ALDI
- Meal Replacement | Complete Nutrition Shakes – Soylent
- Meal Solution | Bob Evans Mashed Cauliflower – Bob Evans Farms
- Non-Chocolate | HARIBO Berry Clouds – HARIBO of America, Inc.
- Non-Dairy | ALDI-exclusive Friendly Farms Non-Dairy Whipped Toppings – ALDI
- On-The-Go Snack | ALDI-exclusive Park Street Deli Sweet Snack Selects – ALDI
- Premixed Drink | ALDI-exclusive Zarita Margaritas – ALDI
- Salty Snack | Takis Hot Nuts Fuego – Barcel USA
- Smoothie | DOLE BOOSTED BLENDS Berry Spark Smoothie – Dole Packaged Foods
- Snack & Appetizer | El Monterey Chili Cheese Chimichanga – Ruiz Foods
- Soft Drink | Nitro Pepsi – PepsiCo
- Wine | ALDI-exclusive Don't Mind If I Do Sauvignon Blanc – ALDI


For more information about this year's winners, visit productoftheyearusa.com.

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 *The Mass on Sunday 8:30am is also live streamed, connect with us on Flocknote for the link. ** The Mass on Wednesday at 2:15pm is only when School is open.

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activities, crafts, and games while you learn how you can reduce, reuse, and recycle in order to generate less trash. *This is a drop-in program: come when you wish and leave when you're ready.*

EASY POLLINATOR-HABITAT GARDENS

Sat., May 13 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. All ages, **registration required**. Did you know you can help wildlife right from your home? Planting just a few native plants can make a great home for native pollinators, including monarchs. Come to this class for help with starting your own backyard wildlife refuge.

BUGS AND SLUGS

Sat., May 13 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Ages 4 – 7, **registration required**. How are bugs nature's recyclers? Join Ranger Diana on a nature walk to find out in this interactive kids' program.

POLLINATORS IN A POT

Sat., May 20 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. All ages, **registration required**. How do you create a wildlife home in the limited space of a patio or deck? Join in on this informative session. Adopt a native plant grown at the USGS Bee Lab—and attract monarchs!

KIDS DISCOVERY CENTER

Tue. – Sat. at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12 noon. The theme for May is: 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? Duration: 35 minutes, each session. Registration is strongly recommended. Activities are designed for:

- 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.

MONARCH MAGIC

Monarch butterflies are due to start passing through Maryland on their way north to Canada. As soon as we start spotting them, we'll be hunting for eggs and caterpillars to fill our Monarch Magic Center! Keep checking back to see if we have any of our amazing visitors on-site that you can come watch and enjoy! 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.*

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

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What's Happening

† Worship Sundays at 10 am (in-person & virtual)

† Bible Study Sundays following service (in person) and Wednesdays at 7 pm (virtual)

† Food Distribution Saturday, May 27: 8:00 - 9:30 am for seniors and 9:30 to 11:00 am for the general public.

And now these three remain:
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1 Corinthians 13:13



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RIDERWOOD

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"My husband and I chose Riderwood after we learned that the community not only supported the arts but offered a wide range of activities," says Michele Morgan. "I wanted to be active and involved in a community and meet people with similar interests."

Winnie Coggins, current chair of the Arts Council, shares a similar sentiment.

"I fell in love with clay in 1970 and began making functional pottery," she says. "As part of The Artists' Gallery in Columbia, Md., I moved toward more sculptural work and got to know artists in 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 tremendous asset to the residents."

Something for everyone

To encourage artistic exploration, the Arts Council introduced "Adventures in Creativity," an exhibit featuring artists who are new to their craft, in 2020.

"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 work 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 artists lead 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 within themselves."

'The ideal place'

Fellow council member Jerry Weinstein agrees.

"Whether you've never done anything in art before upon arriving at Riderwood or you've been involved in it for a lifetime, this is the ideal place to work on your art and develop new interests," he says.

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ultimately decided that it would be more propitious if we found an organization that we could donate it to.

As if by fate, Todd Fletcher, a longtime member of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department, was visiting family in West Virginia when he met a young man and in conversation it was discovered that both were volunteer firefighters. Todd ultimately found out more about the Slanesville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, a relationship was easily formed, and the leadership of both corporations began corresponding. Shortly thereafter, the decision was made.

On April 1, 2023 several vol-

unteers from the Beltsville Volunteer Firehouse made the trek from Beltsville, Maryland to Slanesville, West Virginia to deliver the 2001 Pierce Quantum Pumper fire truck to its new home. It will replace a 1989 International American Eagle Pumper 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 providing better fire and rescue service to Slanesville and surrounding communities. The membership of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department will miss our "old wagon", but hopes that the Slanesville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company will get many more years of service from it.

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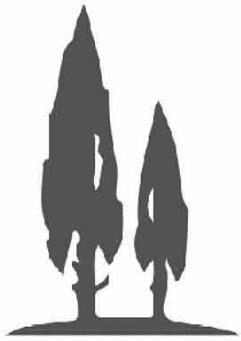
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