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Beltsville Briefs

Basket Bingo

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, Sept. 16, in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive specialty baskets, pottery and home accessories. There will be door prizes and raffles, too! Tickets are available for \$10 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or at the door. Refreshments are available.



Boating Skills and Seamanship

Now is the time to learn to boat safely. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 24-03 is offering a course for prospective, new and experienced boaters. This class, Boating Skills and Seamanship, will meet twice a week for eight weeks on Monday and Wednesday evenings at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., 20705. Classes start Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Among the many subjects covered are boating terminology, required equipment, legal responsibilities, trailering, fueling, boat handling, weather, charts, buoys, knots and lines, and radio communication. The instructors are all well-trained volunteer members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary who are devoted to promoting recreational boating safety and education. The cost is \$50 for books and charts. For further information and to register, please contact after 9 a.m. Steve at 410.531.3313 or email at tsksk10@hotmail.com, or Doug at 301.593.4743.

Senior Olympics Billiards Tournament

We would like to announce the Maryland Senior Olympics billiards tournament to be held Sept.

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Scouts Fall Flower Fundraiser – Mum's the Word

Boy Scout Troop 1033 will have its 9th Annual Fall Flower Fundraiser on Sept. 24. The scouts will only be selling top quality Behnke chrysanthemums this fall. We will NOT be selling mulch, topsoil, manure, etc. The mum color selection includes red, yellow, white, lavender (pink), and bronze (orange). The cost will remain the same as last year, \$6.50 per pot. The Boy Scouts will deliver the mums to your home, saving you time, energy and gasoline. Thirty-three percent of your purchase can be deducted from your taxes as a gift to the Boy Scout troop. The profits from this fundraiser will allow the scouts to participate in the orienteering competition and go cabin camping and skiing this winter. By purchasing products from Boy Scouts in Beltsville, you are supporting an award-winning Boy Scout troop. The deadline for placing your order is Friday, Sept. 16. See our web page at www.bsabeltsville.net or call Gary Bauman at 301.937.0944 for additional information.



Troop 1033 Scouts deliver Behnke's Mums



Kelly Parker, cofounder of PAWS New England, organized volunteers interested in aiding in the search for Lilly on Aug. 7, 2011, at the Beltsville Community Center. Ms. Parker is third from the left in this photo. Others in the photo are Hillary Catlin, Yvonne Curry, Suzanne Arnold, Elaine Cockrell, Stephan Shin, Elly Rivera, Rikki-Leigh Gaudet and Evan Snitkin. Not shown in the photo are participants Steve Parker and Amy Goldman.

The Search for Lilly

More than a dozen dedicated people met at the Beltsville Community Center on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011, to organize the continuing search for Lilly, the 40-pound black female Labrador retriever who evaded her handlers at the Beltsville Community Center on June 28, 2011. Kelly Parker, cofounder of PAWS New England, organized participants who placed posters in various parts of Beltsville and surrounding areas.

Parker said, "We put out 200 fliers and 55 large posters and almost tripled the area previously covered."

Lilly is described as being very timid, so if spotted, do not approach her; please call 410.215.5114 immediately to report her location. You may also send an immediate report via e-mail to djamato@me.com.

To get current news about the search for Lilly you may check her blog at <http://helpfindlilly.blogspot.com> or her Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Help-us-find-Lilly/102944706468712?ref=ts>.

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On the Agenda



Karen Coakley

By Karen M. Coakley

Please join us on Wednesday, September 21 to welcome Sandra Jimenez to our community! Sandra is the new principal at High Point High School. During her career with Prince George's County Schools she has served as principal at Langley McCormack Elementary and Buck Lodge Middle School. While serving as principal at Buck Lodge she received the Middle School Principal of the year from the Washington Post.

High Point will have a new curriculum. I know the community has been asking for a more challenging curriculum for a long time. I think you will be pleased when you hear the news. Mark your calendars and join us on the 21st. We need the entire community involved to make changes at High Point.

I can be reached at karenmcoakley@verizon.net or 301.937.3490.

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

*Extracted from the
September 1986 issue*

Wedding Announcement

Mary Elizabeth Fenton became the bride of David King Kennedy, III, on Aug. 2, 1986.

Engagement Announced

Teresa Tammy Berlinsky was engaged to marry Glenn Edward Moser.

Service News

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Frank Johnson was awarded the Navy Good Conduct Medal.

Hospitalman Timothy Johnson was stationed at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Virginia.

Airman Patrick M. DeVaughn graduated from the U.S. Air Force law enforcement specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Army Capt. Deborah A. Mitchell was a resident physician at Walter Reed Medical Center.

New Arrivals

John Marshall was born to Charles and Bonnie Hurley on Aug. 20, 1986.

James Bradley Caton was born to Jamie and Cara Caton on Aug. 22, 1986.

Chad Wayne and Casey Wayne, twin sons of Karen Lee and Keith Robert Leach.

Maurice Darnell Jones, Jr., son of Sharon Lorraine and Maurice Darnell Jones Sr. on July 5, 1986.

Rebecca Roland, daughter of Robyn Tracey and John David Roland on July 8, 1986.

Robert Andrew Reitwiesner, son of Diana Lynn and Andrew McAllister Reitwiesner on July 16, 1986.

Jamie Evan Leidelmeyer, son of Anne Dane and Ronal Heak Leidelmeyer on July 22, 1986

William Adonte Horkett, son of Nancy Delphine and Willie Thomas Horkett on Aug. 4, 1986

Obituaries

Ruth H. Solomon passed away Aug. 19, 1986.

Carrell L. Jenkins, 42, passed away July 17, 1986.

Julia T. "Judy" Dawson, 47, passed away Sept. 3, 1986.

Meeting of National Active and Retired Federal Employees

Chapter 1122, National Active and Retired Federal Employees, will meet on Sept. 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbrier Community Building, Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt. Call 301.441.1096 and dial 0 for directions. Mr. Rittmeyer from Fidelity Mortgage Co. in Baltimore will speak on reverse mortgages.

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Cub Scout Fun on August 29

Come join Cub Scout Pack 1031 at 7 p.m. on Aug. 29 at the Chestnut Hills Neighborhood Park (by the library) for our Join Scouting night!

Cub Pack 1031 has been busy! We have almost 30 scouts and we are having a lot of fun this summer. We have gone to Cub Scout Day Camp, had two campfires, played badminton and bocce ball, went fishing, and had a Make Your Own Boat rain gutter regatta at National Night Out.

This coming year we will once again be doing a lot of fun stuff like Pinewood Derby, hiking, and camping. Last year we went to two day programs at Prince George's District Camporees, visited the fire station, enjoyed a performance at the University of Maryland, learned about different languages and culture, went camping, learned how to roller skate, played Frisbee golf and marbles, and tons of other stuff!

This year we will have a new Cubmaster, Kevin D'Eustachio. Kevin has been the den leader for his son for the past two years and will join another Eagle Scout parent, Eric Saathoff, to head up our pack. Eric has been our committee chair for the past 3 years. We would like to thank Melissa Gill for being our Cubmaster for so many years and will keep her in the wings as an



Cubs and friends making their DIY rain-gutter regatta boat at National Night Out.

assistant Cubmaster.

If you are interested in additional infor-

mation about Cub Pack 1031 please contact Regina Halper at 301.937.9136.

The Art of Hanging Art

There is no doubt that art work adds elegance, color and interest to a room. It is beautiful to look at, but its placement can be quite challenging.

At Will's Home Decorating in Beltsville, where an abundance of eclectic, fashionable art work adorns the walls of this delightfully, charming, one of a kind design shop, the owners, Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac are frequently asked for advice with the placement of pictures.

In fact, Valerie recounts, "I don't know how many times I have discovered scores of stunning art work stacked in a corner or tucked away in a dark basement simply because a client did not know which walls to hang the pictures on or how to arrange them".



By following a few simple tips, hanging your next set of pictures will be easy. A good rule of thumb is to hang the center point of the picture at 60 - 63" off the floor. Sixty-one inches represents the average human eye height and is typically used as a standard for many galleries and museums. This also applies to pictures hung in a group. When hanging a cluster of pictures also frame them alike to bring unity to the group. Depending on how much an area needs to be elongated, evenly space the pictures 3- 5" apart. To avoid unnecessary nail holes, play with different combinations prior to hammering by grouping them on the floor first or tracing them with paper and then taping the paper of the desired arrangement on the wall. When hanging above furniture, such as a sofa or table, place the art 3" to 6" above it, to create a single configuration.

According to Michael, "leaving any more space than that will cause the eyes to focus on the unexciting wall instead of your amazing art".

And remember, the art should never be more than 75% of the length of the furniture.

For additional advice on the art of hanging art, please contact Michael or Valerie at willsdec@aol.com or at 301-937-6100.

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Dance School Expands to Better Serve the Community

Eleanor Pernia Studio of Dance is expanding into a newly renovated facility and adding additional instructors. Busy families in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties can benefit from extended hours and convenient class times.

According to school Director Gracheva, the school has grown faster than anticipated. The fast growth is due to a dedication to provide convenient, top-quality instruction. The school has many evening and weekend class times to accommodate more students in "first choice" times. With the pressure of homework, sports and family time, a lot of parents can be overwhelmed trying to fit in all the activities.

The Eleanor Pernia Studio of Dance has added new teachers to its staff for the fall. Parents are very impressed with the staff. All the dance teachers hold a university degree in dance and education. The dance school handles everything from three-year-old beginners to highly advanced professional level students. Due to the number of teachers on staff, the students are matched up with teachers that best meet their needs and who relate well to

them. The school dance program offers everything from hip-hop and jazz classes to tap dance. The school also offers a classical ballet program and a large program for adults from ballroom, salsa and belly dance to currently added ZUMBA® classes.

This past spring the school's competitive dance team did very well in competition. This year, with the additional class times, new bigger dance studio and new dance teachers, the school is offering more of its most popular classes, such as the 3- to 5-year-old dance program and evening adult classes.

One of the most important features of a dance studio is the type of flooring used; the Eleanor Pernia Studio of Dance uses floating Marley Floor that absorbs the impact of dancing and helps keep the teachers and students energized. It is also a great form of injury-avoidance.

Students are encouraged to have fun while expanding their skills. Dance provides a fun way to encourage physical activity.

Due to the expansion of teaching times, additional studios and staff, the Eleanor Pernia Studio of Dance will accept new reg-

istration now and through the early fall. Contact the school at 301.937.4230 or visit www.eleanorperniadance.com for helpful information on getting started in dance classes.

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Meet the new Principal at High Point

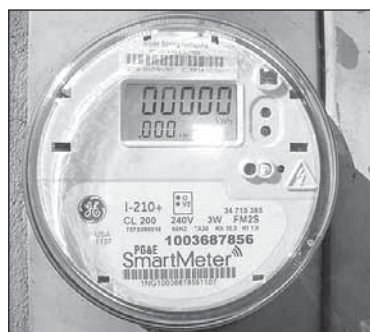
As you may know, High Point High School has a new principal for the upcoming school year. Please join the PTSA in welcoming Principal Sandra Jimenez by attending a meet and greet on Aug. 31 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It will be held in the High Point High School library, and light refreshments will be served. She is a terrific leader whom the delegates and I know well. She wants to work closely with the community. We hope you can join us to meet her.

Questions about Pepco Smart Meters

There have been a lot of questions lately about the new smart meters. Here is information from Pepco:

What do they do?

A smart meter is a digital meter that records your usage in hourly increments. The new meter and the new communication system we are installing also allows for two-way communication – the meter sends signals to Pepco and Pepco can communicate directly with the meter.



Pepco SmartMeter

What are the Near-Term Benefits?

The meters bring with them a number of near-term benefits including a fewer number of estimated bills, quicker and less expensive meter reading, access to enhanced information on customers' energy use, faster identification of outage locations, remote activation of power without a premise visit, and an improved ability for our customer service specialists to respond more quickly and thoroughly to your questions about your bill and usage reduction options.

What are the Long-Term Benefits?

While not available now, there will be additional benefits in the future. In the longer term, smart meters will: help improve customer reliability and outage management; enable special pricing options for customers to save energy and money;



Senator Jim Rosapepe

make it easier to integrate renewable energy, such as wind power; and make a way to plug in vehicles into the electric system.

Eventually, you will have the ability to link up appliances to the new meter or install in-home displays to help you save even more money on your energy bill. New products and services are expected to be available in 2013, after all the new meters are installed and the new communication system is working.

Can I refuse to accept this new meter and keep my current meter?

No. Pepco is authorized by the Maryland Public Service Commission to remove its current meters and install our smart meters for all of its Maryland customers. This initiative is part of Pepco's energy plan in which the company is seeking to help customers better manage their energy use and help protect the environment.

When will the smart meter be able to notify Pepco of an outage? Do I still have to call Pepco if the power goes out?

This functionality will be available some time in the future, but in the meantime, customers still have to call to report an outage because Pepco relies on detailed information from customers regarding outages to improve service.

Will it turn off my air conditioning without my permission?

No. Pepco has a program called Energy Wise Rewards that is completely voluntary. It won't impact you unless you sign up for it, which can be done at energywiserewards.pepco.com.

Has Public Health or Regulatory Agencies Found A Health Risk from Smart Meters?

No. Scientific research has been

conducted on radio-frequency (RF) fields and health for several decades. Recent research has focused on RF at cellular phone frequencies. This body of research has been reviewed by many public health and regulatory agencies, including the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI). None of these organizations has found that the RF signals from smart meters cause or contribute to any adverse health effects.

If you want more information from Pepco, go to www.pepco.com/energy/blueprint/smetersmd/. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to be in touch with Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnik, Ben Barnes, or myself at 301-858-3141 or 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com.

During the 2011 General Assembly Session, my colleagues and I passed tough new penalties for power failures, including: \$25,000 per violation per day, increased penalties for safety violations, and prohibited the utility companies from passing on the costs of penalties to the ratepayers.

The legislation was an emergency bill so it has already taken effect.

175th Anniversary

Sincerest congratulations to the congregants of Emmanuel United Methodist, who are celebrating their church's 175th anniversary this month!

Thanks for supporting Beltsville's National Night Out!

Beltsville's National Night Out was a great success again this year with family fun and community spirit; it also brought residents closer to local law enforcement. Many thanks to the District 6 police for their hard work in Beltsville. We look forward to next year!



Contact Us

As always, please let Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnik, Ben Barnes know if there are other issues, questions, or thoughts. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

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Riderwood Retirement Community's New Part-Time Resident

SILVER SPRING, MD (August 9, 2011) – Riderwood, a continuing care retirement community in Silver Spring, MD, has a new part-time resident who can actually make delivery truck drivers exit their vehicles to greet her – and she never leaves paw prints on them.

This particular resident is an eight-year-old beagle named Ginger who has just completed her orientation to be a Pets on Wheels dog, which means she is officially approved to help in Renaissance Gardens, the assisted living/skilled nursing facility located at Riderwood. Ginger's duties will include visiting residents to help them build friendships. She will also make residents and staff laugh and smile. Who knows...she might even help to lower blood pressures.

Ginger's path to Riderwood pulls on the heartstrings just as her symbolic ancestor, Lassie, did so many times on iconic television shows and in books. Ginger is shared by Karen Spicer, a Community Resources Coordinator at Riderwood who lives in Ellicott City, MD, and by Spicer's friend who lives in Catonsville, MD.

Spicer met Ginger nearly four years ago when she began dog-sitting whenever Ginger's family, who raised the dog from a pup, would go on vacation. Spicer's friend (a wife and mother of four)



Ginger grabs a quick nap before heading off to Riderwood Retirement Community in Silver Spring, Md.

thought up and offered this unique dog-sharing arrangement to her. It has worked out to be the best of both worlds for all involved.

Spicer picks Ginger up on the first Sunday of the month and drops her back on the third Sunday.

"It has been great because it allows both of us to enjoy her..." said Spicer.

"It's really important for me since I am the only human in my household and I work full-time; I do not leave her alone on weekdays other than the hours I must be at work. It really is a lot

of work and a big commitment to take good care of a dog."

Ginger, according to Spicer, is sweet, compliant, unusually obedient and quiet for a beagle. "She loves to tell people that they are great," said Spicer. "She is great company for me. I am a better person for having her."

Ginger has helped Spicer to build bonds with neighbors, as well as to talk with strangers.

"One guy asked what her name is," said Spicer. "After I replied, 'Ginger,' he quipped, 'She looks more like a Maryanne to me.' We had a good laugh from that."

Memorial Walk to Remember the 9/11 Victims

The Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarching Club is sponsoring a 9/11 memorial walk event on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, at the Montpelier Mansion, 9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, Md. The event starts between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and will finish by 4 p.m. Commemorative signs and lanyards with the victims' names will be featured

at the event.

The event features a 5K and 10K trail on natural surfaces and along residential sidewalks. For more information about the walk event, e-mail wahasse@ix.netcom.com or kindfellow1@comcast.net. One may also call 410.437.2164 or 301.717.3604 for details.

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Nine Million Dollars for Alzheimer's Research from NARFE

**Submitted by Bob Haas,
NARFE Chapter 1122, Northern
Prince George's County**

Nine million dollars is the grand total of contributions made to the Alzheimer's Association by the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association. Actually, it is now more than \$9 million! NARFE's extraordinary giving record makes it the Alzheimer's Association's largest membership organization donor. More than 5.3 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, which is the nation's sixth leading cause of death.

How did this small organization of a little more than 300,000 members raise such a tremendous amount of money? Some 26 years ago NARFE began collecting donations for Alzheimer's research. Bake sales are a favorite way of many NARFE chapters to raise funds for Alzheimer's. Many NARFE members baked



thousands and thousands of cakes during these 26 years, which were then sold with all proceeds going to the Alzheimer's Association. Sometimes a cake was sliced at a chapter meeting so that everyone making a donation got a piece of cake.

In addition, perhaps a thousand or more members crocheted afghan blankets or made quilts. These were raffled off at regional or national meetings, with all proceeds going to Alzheimer's.

One member won a television. He donated it to NARFE to be raffled off for Alzheimer's.

At the Maryland Federation meeting of state chapters, the hat was always passed for Alzheimer's donations. Chapter newsletters solicited donations and chapters proudly reported the totals donated. One Maryland chapter, 969 St. Mary's County, has contributed \$115,116 to Alzheimer's since 1996. Most went to research but some went to local Alzheimer's advocacy efforts. NARFE's monthly magazine contains a coupon for donations to Alzheimer's Research.

No way are we resting on our laurels. At our national convention in Grand Rapids last August, the members voted to raise our goal to \$10 million for Alzheimer's research by the end of 2012. How about that? You can be sure NARFE members are working on it and making progress!

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Youth Learning Fellowship

This autumn, Emmanuel United Methodist Church will continue its Youth Learning Fellowship program for young people ages 4 to 18 on Tuesday evenings. Students can get help with schoolwork from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8 to 9 p.m. and they are invited to stay for fun, spiritual learning to go along with their school learning. Emmanuel UMC invites Beltsville's young people to come join the learning and fellowship on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 6.

NAL's Eleanor Frierson is Federal Librarian of the Year

By Elizabeth Olson

Eleanor Frierson, Deputy Director of the National Agricultural Library (NAL), has been named Federal Librarian of the Year. The Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) of the Library of Congress gave this award. FLICC cited Frierson's "leadership and direction of NAL and her service as co-chair of the Science.gov Alliance." The announcement was made later than usual — in May of this year for the year 2010 — and the actual trophy was damaged in transit. Frierson expects to get a new one later this year.

The National Agricultural Library is popularly known as NAL. It is one of four national libraries in the United States: the Library of Congress, the National Library of Medicine, the National Library of Education, and the National Agricultural Library. It is believed to be the largest library of its kind in the world. NAL is housed in the Abraham Lincoln Building, the 14-story building located at 10301 Baltimore Ave. in Beltsville.

One of Frierson's goals is to make NAL a destination stop for the general public, not just specialists. Recently completed construction has made the free visitor parking lot available once again, and NAL is getting back to business as usual. NAL is open to the public Monday through Friday, except for major holidays. The ground floor has public displays as well as meeting rooms that can be used for training sessions and group meetings. Depending on the function, the rooms can be rented for a modest fee.

Student groups from local schools regularly schedule tours of NAL;



Eleanor Frierson, Deputy Director, National Agricultural Library

home-schoolers are also welcome to schedule tours. The phone number for NAL is 301.504.5755.

Another of Frierson's goals for NAL is to digitize many printed items to post on the World Wide Web. Many of these items are fragile and are printed on paper that needs to be de-acidified. NAL houses 50 million physical items. Only 50 to 100,000 of them have been digitized so far, although some are available from outside sources. According to Frierson, the nice thing about the digitizing process is that the work can be divided into neat chunks, two years at a time, for instance.

NAL is administratively and budgetarily separate from BARC, although it is housed on BARC's land. Frierson cited these "unique economic times" when discussing NAL's future. The CERES Trust has provided a grant for NAL's pomological collection, and Federal stimulus money has been provided for new windows. However, NAL is running out of room, and the building cannot handle the weight of compact storage. In addition, Frierson discussed the need to provide increased safeguards for the collections as a lesson learned from damage the tornado that struck "a glancing blow" caused to the Abraham Lincoln Building in

2001. NAL is open to donations and grants from outside industry.

After Frierson earned her Bachelor's degree from Oberlin College, she considered attending law school. However, law school recruiters told her that there was no scholarship money for women. According to Frierson, "a sea change" in attitude about having women at law schools occurred within five years after that, but she had already earned her Master's degree in library science after obtaining a full scholarship from Syracuse University.

Frierson said that she has been extremely fortunate in her career path, and stressed the importance of contacts and professional networking. Frierson started at NAL in 2000, after serving as the Chief of the Bureau of Library and Information Services of the International Labour Office in Geneva, Switzerland. Frierson is community-oriented and also serves as the President of Beltsville's Rotary Club for 2011-2012. She hopes to expand the club's membership. In October, Frierson will be a judge for the Chili Cook-off at the Behnke Nurseries garden center in Beltsville to benefit the club.

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Neighbors in the News

David Dabney Shares Urban Partnership Experience with Beltsville



David Dabney (center), Senator Jim Rosapepe (l.), and Paul G. Zurkowski, President, GBBA, discussed the Bicycle Sharing Program for Bethesda, part of a program to reduce single person auto travel, which was the subject of hearings in Annapolis the next week. (Photo by Stephanie Fleming, Behnke Nurseries Co.)

**By Paul G. Zurkowski,
President Greater Beltsville
Business Ass'n**

David Dabney, Executive Director of the Bethesda Urban Partnership (BUP) for the past 13 years, outlined for the GBBA monthly breakfast meeting the role BUP plays in Bethesda, Md.

"Even though all communities are different," Dabney said, "as another unincorporated community the Bethesda experience may be useful to the Beltsville stakeholders intent on Beltsville's future."

BUP grew out of a 1986 Montgomery County code amendment establishing three urban districts: Bethesda, Silver Spring and Wheaton, all of which are active today. Only the Bethesda Urban Partnership is incorporated as a non-profit to perform municipal functions and promote Bethesda.

The arrival of the Metro in Bethesda led to a lot of changes. The Bethesda Master Plan provided that developers could not build on any plot of less than 22,000 square feet and needed to dedicate 20 percent of that to public use space. Open space and brick tree-lined sidewalks resulted. Amendments to the master plan were worked out for taller buildings on smaller plots. Today there are 7,800 metered parking spaces throughout Bethesda, each costing \$60,000. Rates are \$1 per hour in two-hour meters; 75 cents in longer-term meters. Some of the parking meter fees and fines are allocated by the

Council to the Bethesda Urban Partnership.

BUP built its role over the years as a public interest activist for transportation and street maintenance over the 35 acres of land in the business district of Bethesda. Its biggest function is making sure everyone thinks of Bethesda first when shopping, starting a business, buying a home or urban apartment, going out to eat, or seeking art or entertainment.

Fourteen of BUP's 35 employees are on the street daily to deal with maintenance and answer citi-

zen and visitor questions. These 14 street ambassadors who were hired in 1995 are Latin-American immigrants who have stayed with BUP while building their lives in America. Dabney called them invaluable to the community.

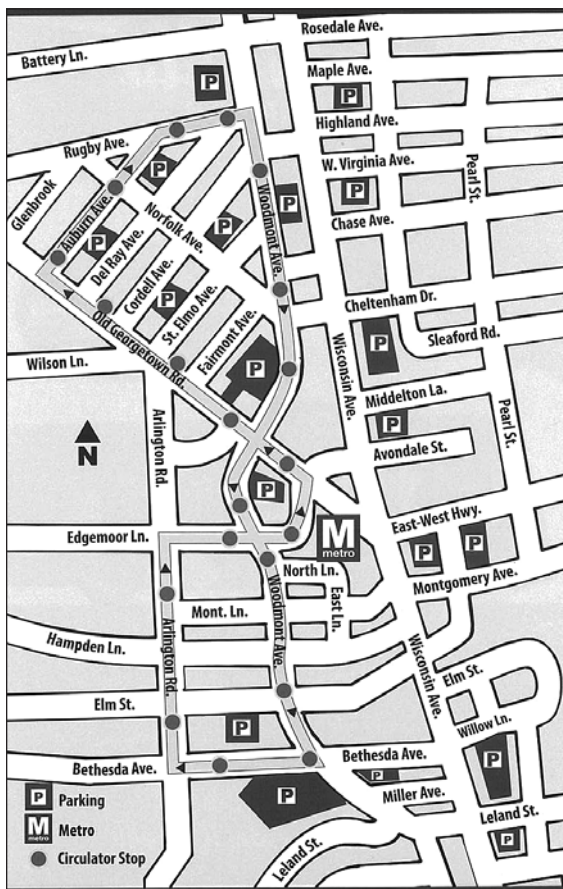
BUP sponsors more than a dozen annual Bethesda events. Taste of Bethesda has put Bethesda on the map for more than 45,000 visitors sampling menu items from many of Bethesda's 300 restaurants. Dance Bethesda, Bethesda Literary Festival, Summer Concert Series, Bethesda Fine Arts

Festival are some of the events creating Bethesda as a well-known destination for people in the area.

BUP publications include an annual classified directory of Bethesda businesses, art resources in Bethesda and a bi-monthly events calendar with circulation of more than 40,000, Save-the-Date event notices, an "Eat Here" promotion of Bethesda Restaurants, and a Home Fashion Guide to more than 100 Bethesda Home Fashion retailers.

Dabney told how Urban Partnership has built a business footprint for Bethesda; it started with a vision of the future of the community and built on the ability of the community in order to build a consensus.

"It's a working formula: start with a vision of Beltsville's future and build a consensus with all the stakeholders to proceed," counseled Dabney.



Map of the route of the FREE Urban Planning Bethesda Circulator which circulates throughout the business district at 10 minute intervals making it easy for visitors to park once and jump on the Circulator to shop all over town. A similar map of Beltsville business areas would help customers find sources of products and services they seek locally.

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19 - 22 at the Margaret Scheinhaut Senior Center on Forest Glen Road in Silver Spring, Md. The competition is open to everyone in the Washington metropolitan area, age 50 and older. The women's tournament starts at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 19 and the men's tournament will start at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20, running through Thursday, Sept. 22. The format is 8-ball, singles, double

elimination, Billiard Congress of America rules. Registration forms may be obtained from visiting the web site www.mdseniorolympics.org. For further information you may contact Helen Abrahams or Wally Brockway on 240.777.8085.

Beltsville Lions Thank Behnke Nurseries Co.

Members of the Beltsville

Lions Club wish to express sincere thanks to the Behnke Nurseries Co. for hosting the Community Yard Sale at Behnke's Nursery on Saturday, Aug. 6 and donating the rental fees to the Lions Club. This donation will aid significantly in facilitating the continuing goals of the Lions to help those in need.

Neighbors in the News

You're Invited

This September, Emmanuel United Methodist Church will celebrate 175 years of Methodism in Beltsville. As part of the commemoration, the church will host a dinner and silent auction on Sept. 17 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 9450 Cherry Hill Road in College Park. Everyone in the community is invited to help them celebrate! For just \$35 a person, guests will be treated to a delicious buffet and will have the opportunity to silently bid on a wide selection of items donated by businessmen and service providers in the greater Beltsville area.

Besides buying a ticket to the anniversary dinner, you may help Emmanuel toward their fundraising goal by purchasing a congratulatory ad in the anniversary program book. A business card

size costs only \$35.

Proceeds from the silent auction and anniversary program book will be used to renovate the church kitchen, which is 50 years old and still has its original appliances and furnishings! Despite its age, the kitchen is used frequently, not just for church activities, but to prepare hot meals that congregants serve to the needy at Community Place Café in Hyattsville, Md.; and bag suppers that are distributed to the homeless; to fix snacks for students attending the weekly English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes; and to prepare food for community events Emmanuel hosts, such as the monthly Men's Breakfasts, Pre-Shrove Pancake Supper, Apple Festival, and Parking Lot Trunk or Treat. Emmanuel

also makes its facilities available to community organizations that may need to prepare food on occasion, such as a Christian elementary school, the Beltsville Women's Club, and Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops.

As you see, both the congregation and the community get a lot of use out of Emmanuel's outdated kitchen. But they could do a lot more with equipment that is up-to-date and energy-efficient, housed in a kitchen that makes better use of the space! If you have questions or would like to purchase a ticket and/or congratulatory ad, please contact 175th Anniversary Committee Chairman Charlie Deegan at 301.937.7070 or by email at CharlesDeegan@aol.com.

Greater Beltsville Business Association to Focus Sept. Meeting on Beltsville Master Plan

Greater Beltsville Business Association (GBBA) Program Director and Vice President, Buddy Clark, of McCartin Insurance in Beltsville, announced the September breakfast meeting speakers would be Kierre McCune and Tamara Jovovic, both of whom have responsibility for the Sub-Region 1 Master Plan covering Beltsville. They will report on details of the Master Plan. The Beltsville Master Plan is a starting point for any discussion of a vision of the future of Beltsville.

"The program was assembled by Thomas Aylward, Vice Presi-

dent - Development, Jackson Shaw and chair of GBBA's development committee," Clark said.

The regular monthly GBBA meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Sept. 21 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Cross Creek Golf Club House, 12800 Bay Hill Road, Beltsville, Md. Registration is \$8 for members and guests, which includes a continental breakfast. Call Paul G. Zurkowski, President, GBBA, at 301.931.8222 for more information.

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Obituaries



Nellie Ann Ashlin

Ashlin, Nellie Ann

Nellie Ann Ashlin, 83, long time resident of Beltsville, Md., died on July 8, 2011. Nellie was born in Washington, D.C. She was the third child of Myrtle and John Jones. Her two brothers, Robert H. Jones and William A. Jones, preceded her in death. She was the mother of Beatrice A. Midkiff (Ray) of Manassas, Va. and Roy A. Ashlin, Jr., of Beltsville, Md., and grandmother of Rebecca Ann Midkiff of Warrenton, Va.

Nellie retired from Bell Atlantic with 38 years of service. She was a member of the Beltsville Young at Heart, the 50 Plus Club of St. Joseph's, The Telephone Pioneers of America, and the Senior Strollers of Laurel. In her retirement she wanted to travel, and she did. She took countless trips including ones to Hawaii, Alaska, Myrtle Beach, Niagara Falls, Branson, Atlantic City, and the Catskills, just to name a few.

Nellie was a wonderful mother, loving grandmother, sweet mother-in-law, dear aunt, and good friend to so many. We will all miss her dearly.

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on July 12, 2011, by Monsignor Mariano Balbago at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Beltsville, Md. She was laid to rest next to her parents and beloved grandmother, Nellie Ann Abell, at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suitland, Md.

Cook, Robert Jr.

Robert Cook, Jr., passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011. He was the husband of Beatrice M. Cook and the father of Arnold (Bonita) Cook, Eric Glascoe, Aileen Cook and the late Aaron Cook. He was the grandfather of Egan Conway, Elaine Conway, Robert Cook, LaTasha Cook and LaTasha Gray, and great grandfather of Christian Vias. He was the brother of Rosie Lee Nugent, Reatha Cook Haden,

Sherman Cook, Roosevelt Cook, Sarah Jernagin, Antoine Cook, Bernice Williams and the late Roger Cook. Relatives and friends called at the Silver Spring Seventh Day Adventist Church, 8900 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Md., on Monday, Aug. 15, from 10 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com



Louise M. Day

Day, Louise M. (age 87)

On Wednesday, July 20, 2011 of Beltsville, Md.; wife of the late Hugh A. Day, III; mother of Arlie M. (James) Dobbin, the late Ronald Edward Day, Hugh A. Day, IV, and Kenneth I. Day; sister of Clyde and Juanita; grandmother of Timothy E. (Tracy) Day and Dawn (Trae) Smith; Memorial service was held at First Baptist Church of Beltsville, 4700 Odell Road, Beltsville, Md., on Saturday, July 30 at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Keith Holland officiating; Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society; www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

DeGourse, Donald (age 85)

On Tuesday, July 26, 2011, of Rotonda West, Fla.; formerly of Beltsville, Md.; beloved husband of Helena K. DeGourse; father of Pamela L., Gary D. (Laura), James E. and Patricia A.; grandfather of Matthew (Kylie) and Lauren (Garth); great grandfather of Mia and Sean; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial service was held at First Lutheran Church of Bowie, 12710 Duckettown Road Bowie, Md., on Saturday, August 6, at 10 a.m. with the Reverend Connie Miller officiating; Interment church cemetery; www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

Whitman, Danny J. (age 53)

On Sunday, July 24, 2011, of Annapolis, Md.; formerly of Beltsville, Md.; son of John E. "Jack" Whitman, Sr., and the late Dorothy H. Whitman; stepson of Norma Whitman; brother of John E. (Debra) Whitman, Jr.; uncle of Brad, Ashley, Tyler and Haley Whitman; great uncle of Evan Whitman; Memorial service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, Md., on Friday, August 5, at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Connie Miller officiating; Interment First Lutheran Church of Bowie Cemetery; Memorial contributions may be made to Annapolis Lighthouse Shelter, 10 Hudson Street, Annapolis, Md., 21401; www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

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Saturday, September 10 -
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Sunday, September 18 -
Gesneriad Society Plant Show & Sale
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, September 24 -
Bulbs 101: The basics 10 a.m.

National Night Out in Beltsville Draws Crowd

On Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011, from 6 to 8 p.m. hundreds of residents converged on the grounds of the Beltsville Library and the adjacent park to celebrate the 28th annual National Police Night Out. The National Association of Town Watch sponsors National Night Out across the United States. Its goals are to heighten public awareness of crime and drug prevention programs, generate support for and participate in local crime prevention efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and display unity against criminal activity.

Many police and fire vehicles were displayed in the parking lots of District VI and the Beltsville Library on Sellman Road, offering opportunities to closely

examine fire engines, police cars, a Prince George's County Fire Department bomb squad vehicle, police motorcycles, and other interesting vehicles. The United States Secret Service was represented, as was the United States Marine Corps.

A lot of civic groups and local businesses offered information about their activities, and most were busy explaining to interested citizens what it is they do. Meanwhile, the Beltsville Lions cooked some 1,600 hot dogs and plenty of hamburgers for attendees. The Lions also offered free vision and glaucoma screenings and hearing tests in the Lions District 22-C Mobile Health Unit.

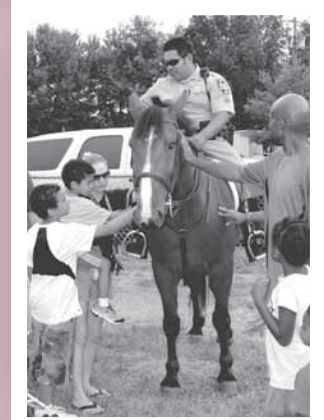
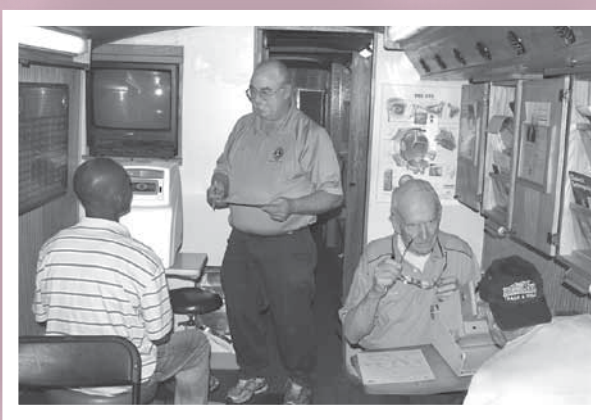
The police helicopter was an attraction as it has been at previous National Night Out events, and a beautiful horse ridden by a Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission police officer was a highlight of the event.

In a serious moment, a ribbon cutting ceremony was conducted for the Prince George's County Fallen Officers Memorial, which is located at the corner of Montgomery and Sellman Roads.

We who live in Beltsville deeply appreciate the dedication and skill of the stalwart members of the Prince George's County Police and the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department.



At left, ribbon cutting for the Prince George's County Police Fallen Officers Memorial (From left) Ian Kelly of Carrollton Enterprises, Nicole Findley, Savannah Schreiber, Mary Lehman, Lauren Findley, Kelly Findley, Chief Mark Magaw, Major Robert Brewer, Roger & Judy McClain, Explorer Daniel Tyler and Karen Coakley.



Jay Williams of the Jay Williams Design Company - Beltsville, took these photos. Jay is a member of the board of directors of the Greater Beltsville Business Association and chair of its Communications Committee. Besides photography, JWDC also creates websites, print items, signage and even customized sculptures. All viewable at www.JWDC.com

Neighbors in the News



The Beltsville-based Cropp Metcalfe co-ed softball team recently won the USSSA Mixed C State Tournament in Ocean City. The squad had won the USSSA Mixed D World's in Gilbert, Ariz., in October 2010. Cropp Metcalfe Heating and Air Conditioning has sponsored teams for the past 20 years.

"Nugget" Rescued

On Saturday, Aug. 13, Kelly Parker, co-founder of PAWS New England, was checking feeding stations and cameras near the Beltsville Community Center that are used to help find Lilly, the lost black Labrador mixed. She noticed a red daschund running across the street. It eventually reached Powder Mill Road where cars swerved to miss her. Some good Samaritans stopped to help, and she was eventually caught. Kelly took her home and was desperate to find the owner.

Kelly left a message for local animal control, the Beltsville PD, the Beltsville Veterinary Hospital, and posted messages around the Internet to try and locate the owners of the dog she now called "Ruby." It was evident that Ruby was well cared for and was desperately missing her family. After three long days of searching, Kelly finally received the phone call she was waiting for. A frantic owner asked, "Did you find my Nugget? She is a red dachshund with white on her face." The rest was history. The owner quickly came to pick up the missing pet and Nugget squealed with excitement when she arrived. The two melted into a frenzy of hugs, kisses, and tears. The owner revealed the little dog had escaped through a hole in the fence and that she had been able to locate Kelly's information when she stopped in the Beltsville Animal Hospital to hang up a missing dog poster.

The owner left, promising to keep an eye out for Lilly in hopes that she could help bring a second happy reunion to Beltsville this month.



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Neighbors in the News

Beltsville Resident Juan Diasgranados Interns on the Today Show/MSNBC

Congratulations to Juan Diasgranados, High Point Class of 2008 senior class president and current rising honors senior at Hampton University in Hampton, Va., majoring in Broadcast Journalism. During Juan's tenure at Hampton University, he has had honors all three years and doesn't expect to disappoint in his senior year. This past summer Juan was select-

ed to intern at the Today Show/MSNBC in New York City at 30 Rockefeller Center. He has been in New York since the end of May and will finish this exciting internship in a few weeks. He interned for the second year at NBC4/WRC in Washington, DC. Juan also worked with Councilwoman Mary Lehman and thoroughly misses politics! He was

the Community Liaison for long-time Councilman Tom Dernoga. Juan will surely miss Hampton University where he was on the television and radio. With graduation fast approaching in May, 2012, Juan aspires to become a television reporter—so do not be shocked if you see him on your television soon!

Emmanuel Food Bank Thanks Everyone

By Rick Bergmann

Last month the Emmanuel Food Bank wrote an article to tell you a little bit about them. We got a lot of calls to find out how one might help. Many people asked us to print a list of items we could use. We are always looking for dried and canned foods. Some specific items are: soups, cereals, fresh produce, baby food, boxed mashed potatoes, and macaroni and

cheese. In general, foods that don't spoil are needed.

Also we take clothing donations for adults and children. We are always in need of clothing of many sizes. More important, we could always use volunteers. If you would like to help, you can call our church office to find out more. The number is 301.937.7114 or you can email the foodbank for information at foodbank@emmanuelumcbeltsville.net

Mah Jongg Players Participate in Retirement Community's Annual Tournament

On Aug. 11, nearly 100 Mah Jongg players came to Riderwood in Silver Spring, Md., to participate in the retirement community's annual Mah Jongg Tournament. The players came region-wide from locales such as Northern Virginia, Silver Spring, Annapolis, Bethesda, Takoma Park, Colesville, Burtonsville, Rockville, Laurel, Beltsville, Baltimore, Crofton, Bowie, and elsewhere.

The resident-run tournament, now in its fourth year, offered cash awards to winners with a first place prize of \$300, second place prize of \$150 and third place prize of \$75. There were four rounds of play in the five-hour tournament, which was officiated in accordance with National Mah Jongg League, Inc., rules.



Riderwood has a reputation of being a Mid-Atlantic hot spot for Mah Jongg. Numerous groups of residents play this fast-paced game daily. Mah Jongg originated

in China. The game was subsequently introduced to the United States in 1920, quickly gaining popularity and spreading across the country.

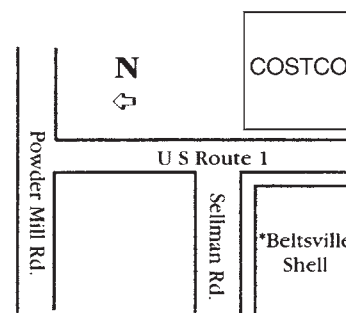


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Club News

Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

Beltsville Young at Heart met on Aug. 18 for the entertainment meeting of the month. Pharmacist Rakhi De told about the new Beltsville Pharmacy that is now open in Sunshine Plaza. A representative of Home Instead couldn't make it to the meeting, but asked Jackie Williams from Capital Caring to present

a program instead. Williams was a wonderful speaker. She told us all about in-home hospice care, where to get it, and at what point you may need it. She passed out pamphlets and key chains to everyone.

Be sure to bring your smart card and get it scanned at the desk when you come to the meetings. Keep smiling and making new friends until next time,

First Place 4 Health

Berwyn Baptist Church extends an open invitation to those seeking a healthier lifestyle. *First Place 4 Health* is a Christ centered wellness program addressing the issues of today. No Fee. Meetings are held Tuesday's at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, 4720 Cherokee Street, College Park. For additional details call Sandy Ward, 240.965.6138

Genealogical Society Meets

Submitted by
Kent Kwiatkowski

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society (PGCGS) will meet Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. in the New Carrollton Municipal Building, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton, Md. After a brief business meeting, John Humphrey will present "Researching Pennsylvania Ancestors."

All are welcome to attend this free presentation. For additional information see www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdpgcgs or call 301.262.2063. The society meets

on the first Wednesday of the month from September through June, except for January.

The Society needs an Editor for the PGCGS Bulletin, an electronic formatted newsletter.

Upcoming presentations: on Oct. 5 Megan Lewis will present "Genealogical Research at the Holocaust Memorial Museum Library" and on Nov. 2 Sharon Hodges will present "Who is Carrie Westerfield's Father?" Prince George's County Genealogical Society can be contacted at 301.474.2427 or e-mail kentk5@verizon.net.

Beltsville Lions Silent Auction

A friendly reminder that the Beltsville Lions will conduct their annual banquet and Silent Auction in the Grand Ballroom of The Villa, 4060 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., on the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 26. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. From 6 to 8 p.m. attendees will be able to bid on a variety of outstanding items. Starting at 8 p.m., a live auction of selected items will be conducted by our usual auctioneer, Past District Governor Bill Lynch of the Rockville Lions Club. He's a laugh a minute.

The banquet is prepared and

served by Uptown Caterers. Entrée selections are grilled tenderloin of beef, pan-seared mahi mahi, or chicken Devonshire. Cost per person is \$35. You may mail reservation information to Beltsville Lions, P.O. Box 252, Beltsville, Md., 20705. E-mail to BeltsvilleLions@aol.com for more information.

Bid on hotel rooms, meals in great restaurants, jewelry, designer sunglasses, tickets to sporting events, a week at a ski resort, new tools and much more. There will be opportunities to pick up some great holiday gifts.

Quick Tips For Making Healthy Food Choices

Vegetables, fruits, and grains are normally low in fat and have no cholesterol. Most are great sources of dietary fiber, complex carbs, and vitamins. The American Heart Association recommends that you eat foods that are high in complex carbs and fiber.

Below are some tips for making healthy food choices:

- When vegetable grains are cooked, saturated fat or cholesterol is often added. For example, egg yolks may be added to bread or even pasta.

- Processed, canned, or preserved vegetables may also contain added sodium. With some people, too much sodium (salt) may lead to high blood pressure. There are some food companies that are actually canning vegetables with less salt. You can look for these in the

market area or choose fresh and even frozen vegetables.

- Nuts and seeds tend to be high in calories and fat, although a majority of the fat is polyunsaturated or monounsaturated.

Foods that are high in soluble fiber are a great choice as well. Examples include oat bran, oatmeal, beans, peas, rice bran, barley, and even apple pulp.

Whenever you are looking for healthy food choices, always make sure you read the nutrition label or information about the food. You can then determine what the food contains and how healthy it truly is for your body. By taking your time and making your healthy food choices wisely, you'll have a lifetime to enjoy the foods that will take care of you.

Beltsville Garden Club September Meeting

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, Md. The guest speaker for this month will be Jim McKenney who will take "A Modern Look at Lilies." Lilies have been appreciated for millennia, but it was not until well

Mr. McKenney has been gardening in Montgomery County for more than half a century and lilies have been an important part of his garden. More of his garden interests can be found at his website: www.jimmckenney.com titled

For additional information contact Louise DeJames at 301.890.4733 or visit our website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

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Club News

Beltsville Rotary Club

By: Ivy Christoffers

Summertime: the living is easy. Fish are jumping, according to some club members. There have been quite a few who have taken some leisure time and we have missed them at our meetings, but we don't begrudge them, this time, to kick back and relax. Although our numbers dwindle during the summer months, we still meet each week at the Holiday Inn for lunch and fellowship. You really should try their soup.

Recent speakers have included Tim Pease of PEPCO who focused on the public relations problems created due to the severe storms and the extended outages during the past year. Pease spoke extensively about the programs that have been put in action to reduce these outage incidents.

Another speaker was Stephanie Fleming of Behnke's Nursery who shared her plans for the Chili Cook-Off scheduled for Oct. 8. This year, our fourth, promises to be bigger and better than ever, with more thrown-down chili cooks, musical entertainment and more advertisement covering the event. This is one fun fundraiser that everyone enjoys; a truly win-win event. We are on the lookout for award winning chili aficionados. Wouldn't it be great to come



Beltsville News Director, Ted Ladd, addressed the Beltsville Rotary Club on Aug. 9 as the guest of past Rotary President, Ivy Christoffers.

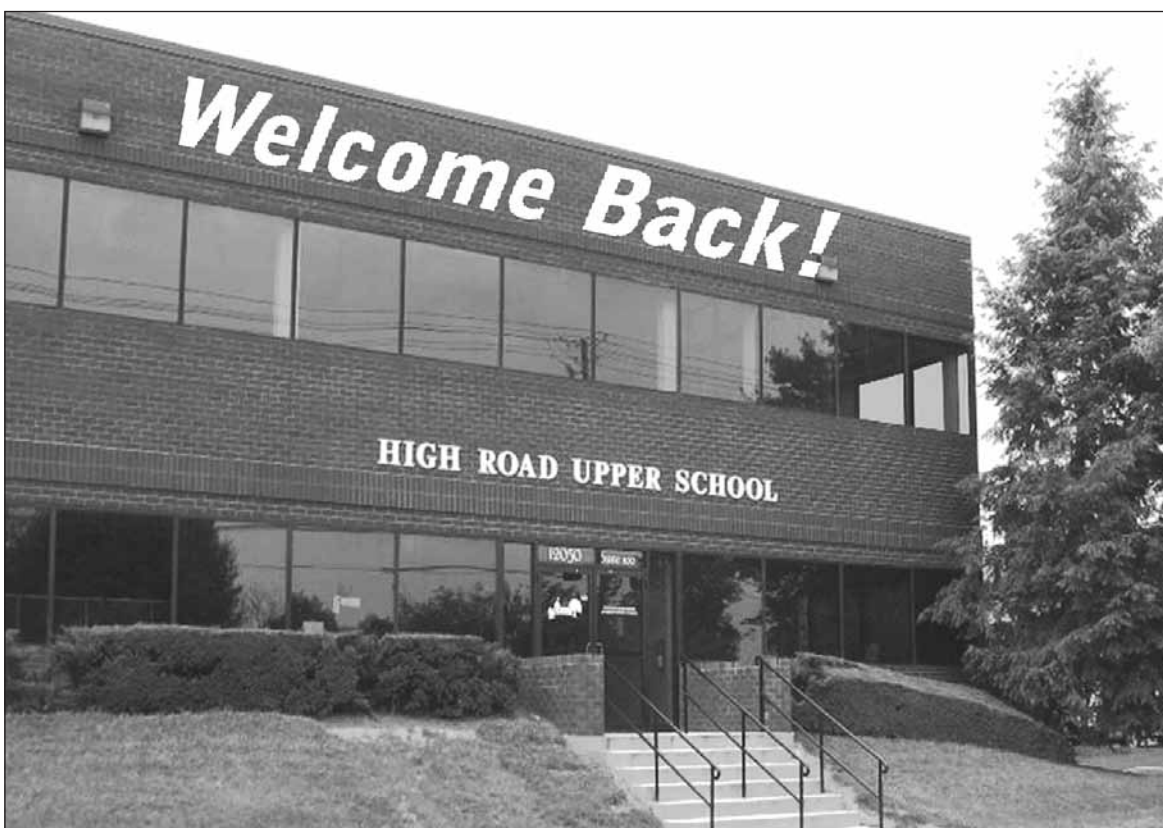
back from this special event with bragging rights? Best in class? WOW!

Another speaker was a long-time friend of Beltsville Rotary, Ted Ladd, who shared with us the history of The Beltsville News from its humble beginnings to the great neighborhood newspaper it is today. Ladd passed around a copy of one of the earliest editions, which was published by the Beltsville Boy Scouts in 1952. The paper was mimeographed on eight and one-half by eleven-inch sheets

and sold for 5 cents a copy. Some later copies were also shared. In 1956, the paper was taken over by the Beltsville-Vansville Citizens Association. While in their control, the editor position changed hands each year until Karl Norris, our Charter Rotarian and president of BVCA in 1969, contacted Walter and Marion Saddler who were the editors for the following 30 years. They were followed by Sally Ehrle, who edited the newspaper

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School News



Beginning Anew

September is a very important month in our calendar year. It marks the beginning of the fall season. It marks the start of the

college and pro-football season. Most importantly, it is the beginning of the school year.

The High Road Upper School in

Beltsville is brimming with excitement, energy and optimism for the

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College Park Unit #217 Begins Another Year of Service

By Ivy Christoffers

The first month of the new administrative year for the American Legion Auxiliary sees the hardworking members of College Park Unit # 217 busily gearing up for another year of service to our Veterans and their families, our active military, our youth and our community. When you step into the Post Home lounge, you are greeted by the large box placed inside the door to collect school supplies to be delivered to an area school. Each year our generous members supply approximately \$1,000 in much-needed school supplies for this effort. The schools that receive this largesse are extremely appreciative and we know with the state of the economy in such bad straits, many students desperately need our assistance. We are happy to serve in this capacity.

Upcoming this month will be the POW/MIA observance on Sept. 17 and the birthday of the

Air Force on Sept. 18. Check with the Post Home at 301.441.2783 regarding the time of the ceremonies; then show up to lend your support and respect to these heroes.

American Legion Baseball is over for this year. The teams had a very good time. We appreciate Coach Briam and all the hard work that went into this worthwhile program, providing such great athletic training for our young men. One only has to check out the major league baseball teams to find many of the greats had their start in American Legion Baseball.

The Special Olympics summer games are now a page in history but the fall games will soon be here. Many volunteers from Post and Unit #217 will be actively participating in these games as well as the upcoming cycling tournament, which is held later this month.

There is a Baltimore Inaugural Grand Prix car race featuring

Open-Wheel Formula Cars, taking place Labor Day weekend. Anyone with a Military ID or American Legion, Auxiliary or SAL ID will be admitted free to the qualifying heats held in Baltimore. The course runs throughout Baltimore, beginning at Hopkins Place and ending at Hanover Street. The festivities begin on Sept. 2 and end on Sept. 4. You can check this out at <http://baltimoregrandprix.com/downloads.cfm> or call 301.441.2783. Sounds like a great time, especially for NASCAR fans.

A word of caution to all: there is a scam artist active in our area. It appears they become knowledgeable about someone's family, then pose as a family member in trouble, requesting money to be sent to them to cover hospital bills or other immediate needs. Don't take the bait! Check everything out thoroughly. Too many have been fooled by these tactics; protect yourself at all times.

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High Point Principal, Sandi Jimenez (Photo by Jaclyn Reamy)

Help High Point High School Build Wider Community Base

By Sandi Jimenez, Principal

Greetings to the Beltsville community from High Point High School! I had the chance to see the community in action at the recent National Night Out event. It seemed like a large part of the community turned out! I got to meet many wonderful people. I am looking forward to working with all of you during this upcoming school year.

As the new principal of High Point High School, I would like to share my belief that it is important for everyone to be involved in the success of the high school. Studies show there is a direct relationship between a high quality high school and a high quality of life in a community! We want to make sure the school is providing the highest quality education for every student, meeting their

needs and offering opportunities for advancement. Our goal is to have every student graduate ready to succeed in college or a career.

That being said, we have a lot of work ahead of us and would truly appreciate the assistance of parents and community members being active in the school. For example, we want to form a "Parent Patrol" where parents help us to supervise students in the morning and afternoon when students are arriving and leaving. We need successful role models to speak to our students during our monthly grade-level assemblies and motivate them to make positive decisions. We are also trying to raise money for activity buses to support after-school programs. We need snacks for students who are able to stay after school and we need materials for the after-school academic tutoring and mentoring programs as well. All contributions are tax deductible!

If you have some time, a talent, or another resource you are able to share, please contact us at 301.572.6400 and tell the secretary you're ready to participate! We look forward to meeting all of you and working together to build a truly successful school-based center of the community. As they say in Spanish, "Our house is your house," and we hope you will feel welcome! I look forward to meeting more of this dynamic community!

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Bingo is still a weekly event at Post #217. Come in on Tuesday and try your luck. The games begin at 12:15 p.m. and there is always food available.

Coming soon: "Mr. Elvis," Johnny Seaton, will be entertaining at Post #217 on Oct. 8 from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. This guy is good! Tickets are on sale in the lounge. Watch this space for information on the Friday night dances.

Our President, Mary Keller, has been spending a lot of time at Prince George's Hospital after her husband, Richie, suffered a fall in their home and was seriously injured. It was touch-and-go for a few days, but after a pacemaker was installed, it appears he is finally on the path to recovery.

Remember our troops in harm's way all around the world. Pray for their safe return and the hope of a lasting peace in the near future.



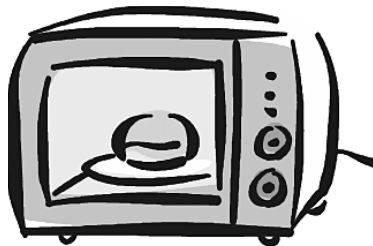
Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

We have received a lot of phone calls lately about selling stuff or wanting information about this or that, junk in general, as well as offering pre-approved credit cards, etc. I wondered why because I had registered with the no-call list and for years there were no calls. Then I read that the no-call list registration only lasts for five years; then we must re-register. I did that. To register Google the no-call list. Oh, by the way, if you respond to any product or company, they can claim you have a business relationship and the no-call notice is void for them.

I am accepting registrations for my fall baking class that starts next month. Call 301.572.4180 after 2 p.m. or e-mail bakerbill2011@hotmail.com. I only have room for a few new people.

On consumer's corner, do you remember when I wrote that the news media's job is to scare us? Well, they are doing a great job. The lead item always is the hot weather. They are telling us to stay in or we will die! Come on! It's August! Do you expect snow? It's not the hottest summer I can remember, and unless you are really stupid you will not die. It hurts all businesses because people are afraid to go out! I



wonder what's next? Don't get me started on the so-called heat index, made up by the media just so they can say it feels like 118.

Here's a tidbit. According to an article in my monthly newsletter, golf was actually first played in China in the 14th century. Of course Scotland claims it was first played there. And to be sure, the modern rules came from the Scots. Please don't hate the messenger. There are facts you may not know. St. Andrews golf overseers must approve all rules or changes worldwide.

In the consumer's corner, to test whether a dish is microwave safe, place the dry dish in the microwave. Now place a cup of cold water on top of the dish and microwave for two minutes. The water should be warm and the plate should not be warm. If it is, it's not microwave safe and could explode, not like in the movies,

but split into two or three pieces.

Well I've reached my time limit. Once again, if you are thinking about taking the baking class at Emmanuel Church you can reach me at 301.572.4180 after 2 p.m. Better still, e-mail me at bakerbill2011@hotmail.com and I will e-mail you a list of all the products we will take home each night, plus the costs and other details. Come join us

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for 8 years. Ladd assumed responsibility of News Director in 2001. He had been in charge of advertising for several years prior to this. The newspaper is now produced electronically and is much less manpower-intensive; however, its size is still dictated by the amount of advertising on a monthly basis, averaging 20 pages. Every household in Beltsville, many business-

es and restaurants, the library and other outlets all receive copies. The Beltsville News is an award-winning neighborhood newspaper that covers a plethora of topics each month. The Beltsville Rotary Club is grateful to The Beltsville News for the opportunity to publish their monthly column to continue informing the public on our charitable efforts in improving the lives of others. Our welcome mat is out to all who wish to consider joining us in this great endeavor.

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AREA EVENTS

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FAIR

The fair will open at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8 and will continue until 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11. The County Fair is located at the Prince George's Equestrian Center and the Show Place Arena, near the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue (MD Route 4) and US Route 301 in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. There is plenty of FREE parking. Free shuttle buses are provided at the fair. Regular tickets are \$6 for ages 12 and older, \$5 for ages 6-11, FREE for ages 5 and under.

See www.countyfair.org for information on entry days and times for competing in the indoor exhibits. The office number is 301.952.0270 during the fair, otherwise e-mail us at: info@countyfair.org.

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

Sunday, Sept. 11. The Prince George's County Fair is proud to honor all those who are serving

in our Armed Forces. As a way to express our thanks, all active duty members of the military and their family members will be admitted to the Fairgrounds for FREE on Sunday, Sept. 11. Retired members of the military will also be accorded free entrance.

MONTPELIER MANSION

9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, Md. Call 301.377.7817 for information on events and classes, including those at the art center; TTY: 301.454.1472; e-mail: montpeliermansion@pgparks.com. The grounds are open from dawn until dusk every day of the year. Except for major holidays, tours of the mansion are available on the following schedule: A) Self-guided tours are Monday to Thursday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.;

and B) Guided tours are Sunday at 1 to 2 p.m. Fees for all tours: \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, and \$1 for children 5-18. Children under 5 are admitted FREE.

BLUE STAR PROGRAM FOR ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

The program continues until Labor Day: Montpelier Mansion offers FREE admission to all active military and their families to show its appreciation for those who are serving this nation. If you are active duty military personnel and/or an immediate family member (spouse or child), please show either a Geneva Conventions CAC ID or a DD Form 1173 ID card at the museum admissions desk to gain FREE access.

FALL HISTORY LECTURE

Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Local historian Sara Walser speaks of her great-grandfather who was a Confederate soldier in the Civil War. He wrote a memoir of his life, including a focus on his time as a foot soldier. Free refreshments served.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, College Park, Md. Call 301.864.6029 for information on more events. TTY: 301.699.2544. Museum admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, and \$2 for children. Children under 2 admitted free. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tours for groups of 10 or more are available by appointment.

TRAINS AND PLANES

Saturday, Sept. 3 through Monday, Sept. 5. Miniature trains, villages, tunnels, and depots spark the imagination as they bring history to life. The National Capital Trackers bring a fascinating and constantly moving display of model railroads to the museum.

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md., 20770. The fall catalog is now available. Call 301.397.2208 for information and to register for classes. Also see www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, Md., 20708. The Visitor Center entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197. The center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. FREE admission to the center and its exhibits, the grounds, and the trails. For more information regarding these and other activities, call 301.497.5887 or see patuxent.fws.gov.

SEASONAL TRAM TOURS

Tours take place weather permitting. Weekend schedule until mid-November: 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. Enjoy a 30-minute guided tour through the Patuxent Research Refuge on an all-electric, open-air tram. View wildlife and their managed habitats while discovering the story of how the land has changed over time. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors over 55, and \$1 for children under 12. *Please bring exact change.* Registration is not required; seating is first come, first served.

SPECIAL TWILIGHT TRAM TOUR

Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6:15 p.m. Enjoy a 45-minute guided tour. This is a special fund-raiser for the refuge and tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors over 55, and \$2 for children under 12. **Space is limited. Registration in advance is required;** call 301.497.5887. *Please bring exact change.*

HONEY HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join the Maryland State Beekeepers as they celebrate the annual Maryland Honey Harvest Festival. Discover the busy world of bees and other pollinators, while enjoying arts and crafts, honey-tasting, candle-making demonstrations, and much more. In addition, learn about native bees and gardening at 11 a.m.

WILDFLOWER WALK

Saturday, Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon. Already love plants? Want more of a challenge? Join us on this guided walk to learn the technical details of botany and plant identification. Discover the

changes taking place as autumn approaches. Ages 13 and older. FREE.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

NAL is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. 10301 Baltimore Ave. Parking is free in the visitor's lot accessed via the Rhode Island Ave. driveway entrance. See **NAL en Español** at www.nal.usda.gov/about/spanfly.pdf or in English at www.nal.usda.gov. Call 301.504.5876 for information on basic services, resources, and special events. FREE and open to the public.

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PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 6 p.m. Families are invited to join the library for a night of video games and board games.

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Wednesdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 10:30 a.m. Songs, stories and fingerplays. Ages 3-5. Through Nov. 23.

READING THEATER

Mondays, Sept. 12 and 19 at 4:30 p.m. Be a character or a member of the audience and have fun reading out loud with a group. Ages 8-11.

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Wednesdays, Sept. 14, 21, and 28 at 11:30 a.m. Stories, songs, fingerplays, and Mother Goose rhymes. For newborns to 18 months with caregiver. Through Nov. 16.

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

Saturday, Sept. 17 at 10:15 a.m. Build your child's confidence in reading. Bring a favorite book or choose one from the library. Read to a specially-trained therapy dog who will be glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. **Registration is required.** Please contact the Beltsville Library for more information. Ages 6-12 years.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

TEEN CREATIVITY CONTEST

Entry forms will be available Monday, Sept. 19. Express your creativity by creating an original piece of artwork either by hand, digitally, or by a photograph. Entries will be displayed in the Beltsville Library as they are submitted. There will be voting during Teen Read Week (Oct. 17-22). Please contact the Beltsville Library for more information. Ages 11-18.

BELTSVILLE TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Saturday, Sept. 3 at 2 p.m. Make a difference at your library. Ages 13-18.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. Elizabeth Gilbert's *Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indone-*sia. All adults are welcome.

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Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. Carlotta LaNier's *A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School*. All are welcome.

E-LEARNING TOOLS @ YOUR LIBRARY

Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Sign up for this session to learn about Brainfuse and Learning Express Library. Your library offers multiple resources that can be accessed from home to help you transition into a new career, prepare for a test, and more. Limit 4 per class. **Registration required.**

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD

Thursday, Sept. 22 at 9:10 a.m. Don't be intimidated by computers! Be able to identify basic terminology and learn how to create and format a document. Leave the library feeling more confident using Microsoft Word. Limit 16 per class. **Registration required.**

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3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Hours of operation are: Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events); and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events). Closed on Sunday. The Program Specialist is Michael Hansborough. Contact him at 301.937.6613 or Michael.Hansborough@pgparks.com for information regarding events and classes scheduled for August. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512.

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Sept. 1-30. Please help the Northern Area Xtreme Teens reach their goal of collecting 600 pairs of used or new sneakers. Sneakers can be dropped off at any community center and will be donated to Perpetual Pumps for Prosperity Foundation that benefits families in Africa.

SCRAPBOOKING FOR CHILDREN

Tuesdays, Sept. 13 and 27 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Kids, get creative building priceless memories for your family. You will create one scrapbook page per session with the help of an expert. Bring in your favorite pictures, decorations, stickers, and a scrapbook page (12" x 12" sheet) to generate a personalized piece. At the end of 2011, you will have a book of memories. Ages 5-12. Fee: \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents.

30TH ANNUAL HISPANIC FESTIVAL

Sunday, Sept. 18 from noon to 6 p.m. Bring the family and celebrate the rich heritage of our Hispanic communities. Carnival games, pony rides, arts and crafts, music, entertainment, and displays/exhibitors. *Acompañenos a celebrar el mes de la Herencia Hispana. ¡Entretenimiento para toda la Familia!* All ages, FREE admission/Entrada Gratis. There are nominal fees for food and vendors. Location: Lane Manor Park, 7601 West Park Drive, Adelphi, Md., 20783.

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VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

6813 Ammendale Road, Vansville, Md. The Director is Christy Irving. Contact her at 301.937.6621 or Christy.Irving@pgparks.com for information regarding events and classes scheduled for August. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Hours of operation are: Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events); and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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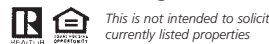
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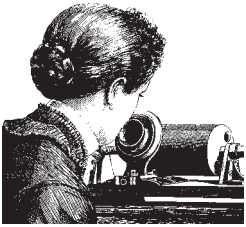


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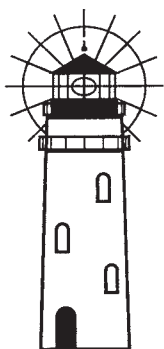
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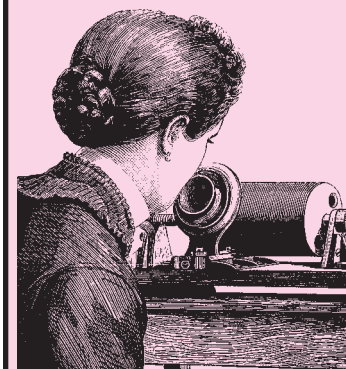
upcoming 2011-2012 school year. All summer long, Mrs. Michelle Anderson, Education Director, and Everett Richardson, Program Director, have been planning for the arrival of both staff and students.

Mrs. Anderson shared her energy: "I am extremely energized for this school year. We have an incredible staff who are equal to the task of providing our students with the tools and support needed for educational success." Each school year is a new chapter in the lives of our students and staff. The year will be full of successes and triumphs.

Among our new staff members is Everett Richardson who is joining our administrative team as Program Director. While Mr. Richardson is new to the Beltsville community, he has more than seven years of experience at our High Road Schools, including the last four years as a director. Mr. Richardson recently discussed his thoughts and feelings about his experience so far: "Since my arrival at the High Road Upper School at the start of the summer, I have been impressed by the commitment and dedication of both our staff and students. I am very much looking forward to the year ahead."

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