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### Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department's Santa Tour 2020

Santa is coming to Beltsville courtesy of the Beltsville Fire Department again this year. His route has been planned, and he is getting ready for his visit. The tours will begin on Tuesday, December 8. There are a few changes this year due to COVID. Santa will not be able to have contact with anyone along the route this year, and he will not be handing out candy. Below are some rules to follow when Santa comes by your house:

1. If you meet Santa at the intersections listed below on the schedule, he will be able to meet more children and see more of Beltsville.
2. Always use caution when visiting Santa. Please pay attention to the fire apparatus and stay out of the street.
3. Sometimes Santa runs behind schedule by a couple of minutes, so be patient. He will follow the schedule as closely as possible.

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Pack 1031 Lions doing soccer shots—6 feet apart of course!!

## Cub Pack 1031 Scouts Getting Out and Having Safe Fun!

By Regina Halper

This month, Cub Pack 1031 is working hard on its achievements. The Lions completed Lions Honor and are working on Lions on the Run. Tigers are completing their Bobcat, Tigers in the Wild, Team Tiger, and Tiger Stripes. Wolves have finished Call of the Wild,

Bears completed Fur, Feathers, and Ferns, and Webelos completed First Responder! Lots of work done before the weather gets cold!

For the coming year, our families will be working on achievements on Zoom with our den along with monthly meetings in the outdoors, and we will keep it fun! We are out in the parks and

on the trail wearing our masks, cleaning our hands, and staying 6 feet apart. Wave hi when you see us!

If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for more information.

### NEXT ISSUE:

**Submissions Due**

**No Later Than:**

**December 16**

**Paper Out:**

**December 26**

### On the Agenda



Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

### Happy Holidays from the Beltsville Citizens Association!

There have been several incidents of racing in and around Beltsville. Please call 911 when you see groups meeting to race. Some of the favorite spots around Beltsville are the parking lots by Ikea and the Holiday Inn on Route 1, Ammendale Business Campus near Indian Creek Court, the industrial park behind District Photo, Muirkirk Road, Old Baltimore Pike, and Edmonston Road.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20 at 7 pm. It will be a virtual meeting on Zoom. If you would like to attend the meeting or if you have a community concern, I can be reached at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com.

Don't forget to be safe, wear your mask, and practice social distancing. Also, check in on older neighbors who live alone or give them a call.

## High Point High School Principal Named Principal of the Year!

By Rick Bergmann

On the website for High Point High School, Principal Nicole Isley-McClure writes "at High Point High School, the administrative team, teachers, and staff are dedicated to providing an engaging and supportive environment, which will allow our students to thrive in their academic pursuits." That's a high bar to set, and Principal Isley-McClure has not only set it for herself and her staff, but she has also hurdled it. She began her job as principal in 2016, and the graduation rate has been improving. She must be doing something right because the Maryland Association of Secondary



Principal of High Point High School, Mrs. Nicole Isley-McClure

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Beltsville Native Alejandro Diasgranados is interviewed on the Drew Barrymore show after winning DC Teacher of the Year.

## Beltsville Native Named DC Teacher of the Year

By Rick Bergmann

On Thursday, October 15, Washington, DC, Mayor Muriel Bowser named Beltsville Native Alejandro Diasgranados as the 2021 DC Teacher of the Year. According to Office of the State Superintendent of Education, the DC Teacher of the Year program celebrates outstanding educators who are experts

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## Beltsville Briefs

### December 2020 Virtual Slavic Kolachi (Dessert Roll) Sale

In time for the holidays, St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church, Beltsville is holding an on-line bake sale for purchase of our homemade sweet bread filled with walnuts or poppyseed. Pick-up date: December 12. Place your order at [www.stgregoryofnyssa.net](http://www.stgregoryofnyssa.net). For more info, call 410.727.2580.



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## Neighbors in the News

## Wake Up Everybody

By Rev. Dr. Jalene Chase

To end this eventful year, I chose Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes' "Wake up Everybody," released in November 1975. This song, on the album of the same name, spoke truths 45 years ago, and those truths hold true today. We must "wake up" and make changes in our nation. We cannot continue to be blind to injustice. How is it that this song points out things that have not changed over time? The answer is we haven't changed over time. The first line and chorus say,

Wake up everybody no more  
sleepin' in bed. No more backward  
thinkin' time for thinkin' ahead.  
The world has changed so very  
much from what it used to be.  
There is so much hatred war an'  
poverty...



The world won't get no  
better if we just let it be  
The world won't get no better  
we gotta change it yeah, just you  
and me

I am writing this December  
article in November amid unsub-

stantiated claims of wrongdoing in the 2020 election. Many people are being distracted by calls for unnecessary recounts and baseless lawsuits; and they are gathering and spreading the most aggressive virus known to mankind. I admire people having faith in the leadership, but true faith is too important to our well-being to be built on "alternative facts."

The song lyrics mention *backward thinking; hatred; war and poverty; teachers teaching a new way; doctors helping the old people because they are suffering; builders building a new land, they can do it if we all lend a hand....* These things needed our attention then, and these things must get our attention now. We cannot survive with a "them verse us" mentality because the identity of "them" and "us" changes depending on whom we ask. The lyrics also point out that it *"don't matter what race, creed or color; everybody we need each other."*

We must live in HOPE of a better tomorrow, we must let LOVE of humankind and creation guide our decisions, we must find JOY in the little things so that the big things don't disappoint us, and we must work towards PEACE by using our gifts and talents to benefit the nation. Working together we can build a new land, one person, one project, one step at a time, with purpose on purpose. Our church has members of the three major political parties. We know that it is possible to work together when we put the welfare of all people over politics. If you feel the same, join us. We meet virtually for worship on Sunday mornings at 10 am Meeting ID: 851 2578 5976 Pass-code: 850888 One tap mobile +13017158592, Bible study on Wednesdays, and check in to chat on Thursdays. More information can be found on our webpage [www.eumcbeltsville.com](http://www.eumcbeltsville.com) or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/EUMCBeltsville/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/EUMCBeltsville/). Until next time:

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**People**

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## Why Two Kittens Are Better Than One

What's better than one adorable, playful kitten? Two adorable kittens! Aside from doubling your fun, there are definite advantages to adopting two kittens instead of one.

Kittens adopted in pairs tend to be happier, healthier, and better socialized pets than those adopted singly. Contrary to the stereotype, cats are highly social creatures who need the companionship of their own species. This goes double for kittens.

Two kittens are easier to care for than one. Kittens crave constant stimulation. A pair of kittens will keep each other entertained. As a result, they are less likely to engage in destructive behaviors such as attacking furniture, plants, and electrical cords.

Because cats are predators, pouncing and biting are instinctive behaviors. A pair of kittens will play hunt with one another instead of attacking you. This type of play teaches them important boundaries related to scratching and biting.

Kittens are particularly active at night. A single kitten will often keep its owner awake with jumping, pouncing, and other hunting behaviors that are directed at toes and anything else that moves. Two



kittens will keep each other occupied with fun and games until they finally tire and fall asleep.

In most cases, an older cat is not the right companion for a new kitten. The roughhousing and energetic play that is characteristic of kittens may be annoying or even threatening to an older cat. Nevertheless, a pair of kittens may end up forging a good friendship with an older cat because they will have each other for aggressive play and can cuddle up with the older cat when it's time to rest.

Beltsville Community Cats has kitten pairs available for adoption right now, and boy are they cute! Check them out on BCC's Rescue page at [www.beltsvillecats.net](http://www.beltsvillecats.net).

## TEACHER

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in their craft as demonstrated by accelerated growth for all students. They also demonstrate leadership beyond the classroom by partnering with colleagues, students, families, and communities to support innovation in teaching and learning and champion the teaching profession.

In a press release, Mayor Bowser said "Outstanding educators like Alejandro Diasgranados help students connect what they learn in the classroom to the world around them and inspire them to be lifelong learners. We thank Mr. Diasgranados for all he has done for his students and the Aiton Elementary community. Congratulations on being selected as the 2021 DC Teacher of the Year!"

Mr. Diasgranados not only is the recipient of this prestigious award, but he will now be considered for the National Teacher of the Year Award run by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) as well as receiving a

stipend to support travel to attend conferences, workshops, and other professional development opportunities.

According to DC Public Schools Chancellor Lewis D. Ferebee, "I am proud of all that Alejandro Diasgranados has done to keep our students engaged in rigorous and joyful learning experiences and thankful for his trusted presence in our community. Congratulations to Mr. Diasgranados, whose remarkable leadership inspires us all."

Mr. Dias, as his students call him, has taught at Aiton Elementary for his entire five-year career in education. He is a graduate of High Point High School and Virginia State University. He teaches English language arts and social studies where he empowers his students to act as agents of change and inspires them to advocate for themselves and others. Congratulations to Alejandro—the Beltsville Community couldn't be prouder.

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## Obituaries

### Pope, James

On Tuesday, November 10, 2020, James E. Pope (Jim to his friends) of Beltsville, MD. Beloved husband of the late Regina Beatrice (nee Gotezl). Devoted father of James W. (Suzanne) and Maribeth. Grandfather to Douglas (Natalie), Benjamin, Daniel, Luke, Katherine, and Lillian. Great-grandfather to Isabelle and Lyla. A funeral mass was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Beltsville, MD, on November 28, and a visitation was held at the Donald V. Borgwardt Funeral Home later

that day.

Jim graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School and Fairleigh Dickenson University. After serving in the United States Army and completing college, Jim worked first for Firestone then for almost 30 years for Montgomery Ward as a manger in its Tire and Automotive Repair Department. In his spare time, Jim loved photography, researching his family's genealogy, and maintaining and adding to his extensive coin collection.

After retiring, Jim was active in his church, serving as a Eucha-

ristic minister, and in multiple senior groups. He enjoyed attending the Beltsville Young at Heart, the Laurel Friendship Club, and the Moose Seniors. He twice served as president of the Beltsville Young at Heart.

Jim was an avid fan of the Washington football and baseball teams. He took great pleasure in the Nationals' 2019 season and World Series Championship. Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels of Maryland.

## Jason's Jive

By Jason Inanga

## Thanksgiving

As we observe the period of Thanksgiving, we have so much to be thankful for in the midst of all the global events around us. Please continue to be safe and to practice safe, healthy habits—washing hands with soap, encouraging the younger ones to resist touching surfaces outdoors, and even for us as adults, using gloves when pumping gas or even when shopping for groceries.

A few months ago, I was sharing with you my experience helping a less privileged person I met in Maryland and by extension, somebody I had met here in Texas. I just want to encourage you, my reader, to do something nice for somebody this season. It is cold. One can buy some warm clothing or blankets to hand to somebody or a charity in the area. Many of the churches have community service departments that will know how to get the items to the end users. The Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church runs a community center in conjunction with the Prince George's County, and it is located on the corner of Ammendale Road and Old Gunpowder. You can also donate canned foods to them. I know in the past the youth from the Pathfinder Club would have

come round the community in Beltsville for the annual food collection drive. I am not sure what is being done this year, but still, feel free to pick up a few canned items and donate in person to the center. Thank you very much.

I am taking on a BIG CHALLENGE this season. The weather has changed, so I am doing what I can to protect some of the plants in my garden. Specifically, I have two pineapples growing, and I am determined to make sure they do not get messed up by the cold weather at nights. I have a lime tree and a lemon tree I have had to bring indoors, and I have to make sure they make it as well. They just started to flower, and I am excited that I hopefully will witness the first fruits on those trees. It has been a battle to keep them going.

Holidays and gifts. I work full-time for FedEx Express, and I want to suggest that if you are planning on ordering gifts online and shipping, you need to do so as soon as possible. The numbers we are dealing with have risen over the past few weeks. It is going to be brutal shipping season, and you want those gifts to get there safely. In addition, beware of package

thieves. Beltsville is a nice, quiet area but then every year, people will come from outside the area to try and reap where they have not sown.

If you are shipping a package to your residence, select the option for the package to be signed for upon delivery. That way, the package CANNOT be left at your residence. It is delivered in person and a signature obtained upon delivery. As an alternative, if you will not be home, consider shipping to a FedEx Office location (or UPS Mail store) or even ship to an address where you know someone will be home. Do not wait until the weeks before Christmas. Here in Dallas, we are processing ridiculous volumes of freight, and it is the same at many of the other companies in the industry.

This is going to be a short one. Enjoy your Thanksgiving and be thankful for family, friends, and coworkers. Let us continue to be respectful to one another and give true meaning to love. A simple good morning or good afternoon with a smile can make a difference to somebody else. Have a great day, and we will jive again next month.

### PRINCIPAL

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School Principals has named her High School Principal of the Year.

In an interview Principal Isley-McClure gave to local news station ABC7, she said the award "is an awesome honor and I'm extremely grateful, but I view this as an opportunity to bring attention to my diverse school community." Being a principal during the pandemic can't be an easy task, but according to senior Kameah

Holt-Daniels, who was also interviewed by ABC7, "it proves that she really cares about what she's doing which is really good." The senior described her principal as "positive and interactive."

Isley-McClure spoke to News4's Leon Harris as part of his "Harris's Heroes" series, and she described the award as "a blessing to be recognized for the work that I love to do, each and every day." She said she approached the staff with the idea to embrace the fact that they were not a traditional

high school. Once that idea was embraced, they were off and running. She spent time going to other school systems and districts to see what supports they were providing and brought some of those ideas back to High Point. According to the principal, "relationships matter; kids don't care until they know you care." High Point and the Beltsville students in the High Point Community are fortunate to have Mrs. Isley-McClure as principal.



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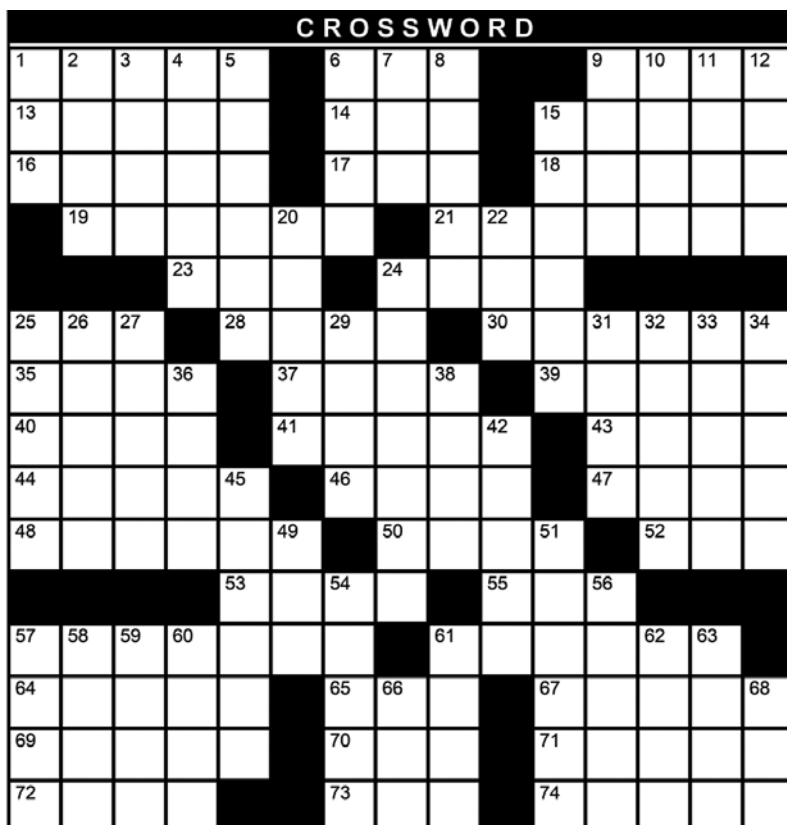
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1. Brocadopa or Larodopa
6. They are often covert
9. Used for watering
13. Vexed
14. Took the bait
15. Spot for boutonniere
16. Old West pack animal
17. Big-headedness
18. Render harmless
19. \*Bamm-Bamm's dad
21. \*Angelica, Tommy and Dil
23. Opposite of yang
24. Archipelago unit
25. Solemn pledge
28. Depletes
30. Works, as in a bakery
35. Kind of beige
37. Hammer or sickle
39. \_\_\_\_ firma
40. Lecherous look
41. Computer key
43. Lure for a dieter, on a package
44. Tropical smoothie flavor
46. Health club offering
47. Hourglass filler
48. Popular saint's name
50. Pea \_\_\_\_, pl.
52. Limit, to some
53. Peace symbol
55. Like King George, 1760-

1820

57. \*Ill-tempered fourth-grader's last name
61. \*Beast Boy and Starfire
64. Rossini's offering
65. Lobe locale
67. Sure sign of fire
69. Pretend, two words
70. Number cruncher, acr.
71. Lusitania destroyer
72. Gave the boot
73. Pivotal
74. Santa Maria's companion

#### DOWN

1. Party choice, abbr.
2. Clobber
3. Southern stew staple
4. \*Stepbrothers' bipedal platypus
5. Apollo Creed's son
6. Toe the line
7. \*Peppa's or George's last name
8. "The buck \_\_\_\_ here"
9. \*King of the Hill
10. Milky-white gem
11. Dry as dust
12. Popular street-lining trees
15. Aglow
20. Related on mother's side
22. Type

24. Carbon-12 or carbon-13
25. \*The "brains" of Scooby-Doo's group
26. Billy of '80s Billboard charts
27. Small songbirds
29. \*Pinky Pie or Fluttershy
31. Unagi, pl.
32. A in A=ab, pl.
33. Did it to Kool-Aid
34. \*Land mammal in Bikini Bottom
36. Give a pep talk
38. \*Emmet Brickowski's brick
42. Spokes of a wheel, e.g.
45. \*Mr. Magoo or Mr. Burns, e.g.
49. Bygone bird of New Zealand
51. Opposite of 'lies down'
54. Sweater style
56. More than one iamb
57. Float liquid
58. Mt. Everest to Earth
59. Network of nerves
60. Walked on
61. Cafeteria carrier
62. High part of day
63. 3-handed card game
66. \*Magilla Gorilla, e.g.
68. Pilot's announcement

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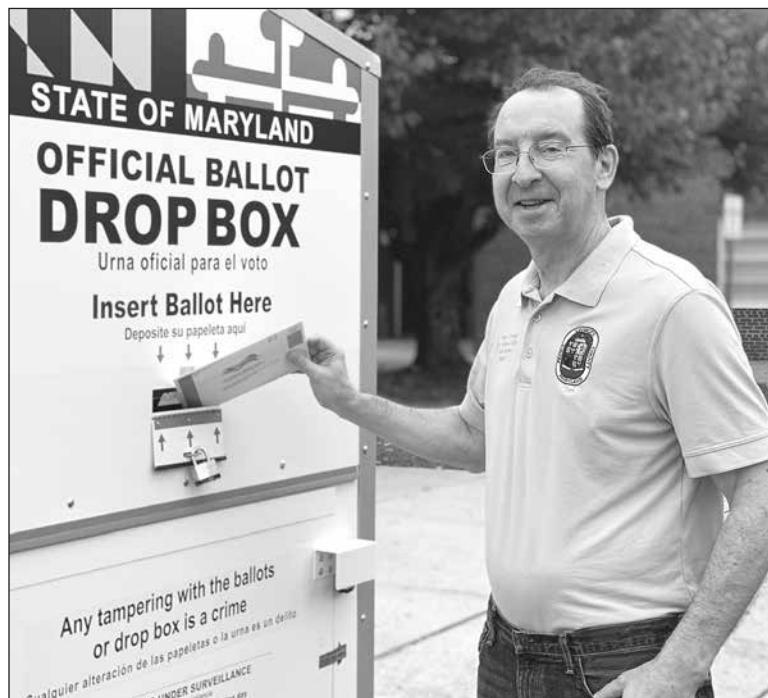
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## Development on Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

Last December in response to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a report, *Scoping Phase for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Replacement Project* relocation to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). In response to your inputs from a Town Hall, I provided inputs that questioned the initial assessment that the project would have little to no impact on traffic, the environment, the water, and energy usage.

This week we received notification via the issuance of a Draft Environmental Impact Study that the proposal to relocate the Bureau of Engraving & Printing from downtown D.C. to the BARC has moved forward.

As outlined the new BEP facility will cover 122 acres with a 1 million square foot building and 1,600 employees. Access will be off an entrance on Powder Mill Road. The actual facility is located adjacent to Vansville where the



Council Member Tom Dernoga casting his vote in the 2020 Presidential Election.

current Poultry barns are today.

The new report has stated there will be no to minimal impacts on land, visual aesthetics, air quality, noise, environment (except

potential slight impact on two (2) streams), traffic and transportation, utilities, hazardous waste, and human health and safety.

I want to hear what you have to say about this project so that your viewpoints are represented in my official response. But I also want you to review the Draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS) yourselves and provide your direct responses to the Army Corps of Engineers as well. The Draft EIS is now available for review and comment through December 21st. For more information go to <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Home/BEP-Replacement-Project/>

### Update on Former Behnke's Property

The new owner of the Behnke property has formally filled their plan to build a gas station and 7-11 on the section of the property facing Route 1. If you have questions or comments, you may contact the Adam Bossi of the Planning Department at 301-780-8116. It is scheduled for a Planning Board hearing on February 4, 2021. To

become a person of record sign up at <http://www.pgplanning.org/1586/Become-a-Person-of-Record>. You will be notified of the Planning Board hearing and receive a copy of the Planning Board Resolution. To keep up with all development in District 1, my office keeps an active spreadsheet which you may access at <https://bit.ly/D1development>.

### COVID-19 Update

Unfortunately, the data for Prince George's County is showing rapid increases in COVID 19 cases. I have been working to re-establish a County sponsored COVID testing site in the Beltsville-Laurel area and the Health Department is currently discussing a location in the City of Laurel. However, if you feel sick do not wait to be tested -- call Prince George's 311 for COVID testing sites. No doctor's notes are required.

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## Boot Camp at Riderwood Popular with Residents

Staying physically fit is one of the best things you can do to be able to continue to enjoy life as you get older. That's why so many people who live at Riderwood, an Erickson Living managed senior living community in Silver Spring, MD, make it a priority to exercise, whether that be walking briskly around the picturesque campus, swimming laps in the heated indoor pool, or taking a group exercise class at the on-site fitness center.

One of the newer group classes at the fitness center is boot camp—a higher-intensity workout that incorporates strength training using bodyweight, dumbbells or resistance bands, aerobic exercise, balance skills, and stretching. The class was added to the schedule after a few community members



Rose "Yaya" Gurley says the boot camp class she teaches at Riderwood helps community members improve stamina, endurance, and strength. (Courtesy Photo)

requested more challenging workouts. It began as a 12-week pilot class in 2019 and was added to the regular rotation because of its popularity.

"Sometimes, to make things fun, we split the class into two groups and have relay races," says Rose "Yaya" Gurley, a fitness instructor at Riderwood. "We always end the class with some mat work where various core work, including Pilates' moves, is incorporated. We end the class with floor stretches and high fives."

### Positive Results

Gurley says that people who take the boot camp class can expect to see an increase in their

stamina, endurance, and overall strength as well as a big boost in self-confidence. Fitness manager Paula Butler says instructors can modify the exercises so that anyone can join in and go at their own pace. Plus, she says this kind of exercise has some unexpected benefits for older adults.

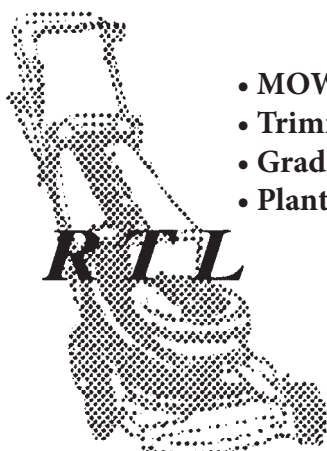
"In addition to the obvious improvements in functional and general strength, cardiovascular fitness and mobility, older adults also get brain health benefits from boot camp style classes," Butler says. "Utilizing intervals and rapidly switching between exercises requires faster neural signaling, so

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# Holiday Shopping Ideas 2020

It's November again and time to prepare for holiday shopping. It seems that many companies are running "Black Friday" sales for the entire month of November. This year COVID-19 has had a large impact on both shopping and on technology prices. The sudden demand for people working at home and students learning at home has made computers, laptops, printers, and headsets more expensive. There are still some technology bargains to be found.

## 3D printers

3D printers seem to have dropped in popularity with prices stabilized for many models between \$100 and \$300. If you are looking for a basic 3D printer, get one that supports a heated bed and at least PLA and ABS filament.

## Mobile Phones

With new phones from Apple and Google having just been released, there are bargains to be found on last year's models. No need to worry about 5G; the technology isn't really ready yet with multiple reports that current 5G deployments are performing slower than 4G. It is probably best to wait a couple of years for 5G technology to mature before spending the extra money for a 5G phone. Many 4G phones are a bargain.

## Voice Assistants, IoT Devices, and Cameras

The voice assistant market-



place has consolidated, leaving primarily Amazon and Google in the US market. Amazon sells three times the number of Alexa devices with 36% of the global market as Google, which has about 12% market share. Last year's model of the Amazon Dot can often be found for less than \$20.

IoT switches are devices that are used to control lamps plugged into the device. These are commonly available for \$6 to \$10 apiece and are normally controlled through your cell phone or voice assistant. Smart switches can automatically turn on or off based on various events like sunrise or sunset or time of day. Devices that are UL listed and do not require a subscription to an external cloud service to control are the best picks.

Doorbell and home security cameras seem to be all the rage this year. This seems strange to me during when we are all stuck at home anyway. Many of these

devices sell for more than \$100 to \$250 and then require a paid subscription to access the video. A company called Wyze has a line of IoT security cameras and other IoT products that mostly range from \$20 to under \$50 and do not require paid subscriptions.

## TVs and Streaming Boxes

There are some excellent buys on low-end televisions. I recently saw some 32-inch and smaller 720p TVs for \$100. These are at the low end of the HD spectrum but may be perfect for a bedroom TV set. Most TVs today are going to be ultra-high definition (4K UHD), high dynamic range (HDR) televisions with resolutions of 3840 by 2160 pixels. Currently 55-inch UHD TVs are selling for under \$400. On the higher end, look for 55-inch OLED TVs for around \$1,300.

There are four major brands of media streaming boxes, Google

has a new Chromecast device which replaces both the earlier Chromecast video devices and Android TV devices. Apple released a new Apple TV, and Amazon released new Fire TV boxes this year. Roku still seems to be the best choice of product with the Roku Premiere on sale in many places for under \$30. Roku has avoided the disputes that have kept some streaming channels from appearing on certain boxes. Roku has added Apple TV, and Peacock, this year and also allows you to watch your Comcast channels without the need to rent an extra cable box.

## Gaming

The Nintendo Switch game platform has been around since 2017, and the Switch Lite appeared last year. While Switch is a very popular platform, there isn't anything new here. The big news is that Sony has released the new PlayStation 5 (PS5) and Microsoft has released two new Xbox series X and S. These consoles now support 4K UHD HDR video running at 120 frames per second (FPS). In other words the games are beautiful on your modern UHD TV. The new platforms are also compatible with many of the games for the previous generation of consoles.

Game play streaming services allow the newest games to be played without a console or high end computer. Google introduced Stadia, and NVIDIA introduced GeForce Now. Both services typically want a small monthly sub-

scription to use the platform and require the purchase of premium games to play. Both Microsoft and Amazon are testing their own services for release next year. This will be a technology to watch for next year, but subscriptions for current services may be a good gift for an early adopter.

## Raspberry Pi

No, not for desert! The Raspberry Pi is a popular, small computer with the intention of allowing kids to learn computers the way we did on Commodore, Spectrum, and Atari computers decades ago. The Raspberry Pi organization has just released a new computer the Raspberry Pi 400. The 400 is built inside a keyboard on the same CPU as the Pi. The kit includes the keyboard computer, a mouse, a power cable, memory card, and the cable to plug it into the TV all for \$100. The software includes a web browser, office suite, multiple programming languages and tutorials for learning them, and even a few games. It connects to the Internet using an Ethernet cable or Wi-Fi. Look it up at <https://raspberrypi.org>.

## Wrap Up

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

# This Holiday Season, Doctors Urge Public to Make Safety a Top Priority

(StatePoint) With COVID-19 infections at an all-time high, medical experts urge the public to make safety their number one priority throughout the holiday season.

"Nearly a year into this pandemic, people are yearning for a return to normalcy. However, COVID-19 cases are surging and with flu season already upon us, bringing together people from different households during the holidays is far too great a safety risk," says Susan R. Bailey, M.D., president of the American Medical Association (AMA).

During this unusual year, the AMA is sharing top tips for a safe and healthy holiday season:

1. It may not be the way you're used to celebrating, but consider limiting this year's gatherings to just the people who live in your household.
2. If you live somewhere warm, you may be able to add a few

people to your plans, but only if your get together is outdoors and safely physically distant.

3. Take advantage of the video conferencing technologies available at your fingertips to bridge the distance between you and family or friends. Whether it's watching holiday movies, unwrapping gifts or sharing recipes together, many of these traditions can still happen virtually.
4. Interested in holiday deals and discounts? Shop for bargains from home. And if you must go to the store in person and you're at-risk, check ahead of time to see if there are special hours for you.
5. Consider additional outdoor activities that can bring together other people in your circle without the dangers of dining inside. Go apple picking, leaf peeping or hiking. Think



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beyond the traditional holiday activities and start new traditions.

6. Disappointed that your usual large dinner is for a smaller group? You can still cook a

large meal and share a portion with neighbors or friends. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends "delivering them in a way that doesn't involve contact with others."

7. Continue to follow everyday safety guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19: wash your hands, maintain physical distancing and #MaskUp.

More health resources, along with tips to prevent the spread of COVID-19, are available at [ama-assn.org](https://ama-assn.org).

"Missing holiday traditions is difficult, but with top scientists and researchers working round the clock to combat this virus, I'm hopeful that by this time next year, friends and family will be together again, one way or another," says Dr. Bailey.



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## Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

### Thanks to all who voted this year!

Whether you voted by mail and used the post office, or dropped your ballot off, or voted in-person early or on election day, you helped keep our democracy strong. The Delegates and I realize that the complexity of the alternatives were sometimes confusing and we'll be working to learn from the 2020 election to make it better in 2022.

### Help for Beltsville Restaurants: December 18th Deadline

The County will be providing grants up to \$25,000 to restaurants to winterize their setting, add interior social distancing renovations, and PPP. Applications are due on December 18th. Please make sure your favorite locally-owned restaurant knows about this opportunity and encourage them to apply for funding ASAP. <https://www.pgcedc.com/restaurantfund>

### Help with your Pepco bill

Pepco is asking all customers who are facing financial hardship due to COVID-19 to contact them now and make arrangements. If you are past due on your power bill, please contact the company at 202.833.7500 or [pepco.com/help](http://pepco.com/help) as soon as possible. Energy assistance also is available for limited-income customers. In Maryland, Pepco customers can apply for energy assistance



Thanks to all who voted this year! Jim Rosapepe, Joseline Peña-Melnik, and Alejandra Melnyk at High Point High School, a drop-off and election day voting location.

through the Maryland Department of Human Services by calling the Office of Home Energy Programs at 800.332.6347.

### Do you or friends need help getting unemployment benefits?

If you have still not gotten your unemployment insurance, please let us know. Email us at [21stdistrictdelegation@gmail.com](mailto:21stdistrictdelegation@gmail.com). We will contact the right people in the Department of Labor and do everything we can to get your

money ASAP.

### Merry Christmas!

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

### Contact us

Please let me know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if I can be of help to you. Just email [21stdistrictdelegation@gmail.com](mailto:21stdistrictdelegation@gmail.com).

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## Screen-Free Holiday Gift Ideas That Inspire Kids

(StatePoint) Shopping for holiday gifts for kids? Looking for activities that don't involve a screen? Consider toys and activities that will inspire them this holiday season and beyond. Here are four great gift ideas that will encourage kids to be creative and

use their imaginations:

- Arts and crafts: Craft kits give kids all the tools they need to take a project start to finish. Whether it's beaded jewelry, scented soaps, or sand art, when projects are completed, kids will feel accomplished and inspired to take their crafting to the next level.
- Horse play: Create magnificent braids and let kids bring their own vision of horse beauty to life with a gift like Breyer Mane Beauty Styling Heads. Bringing a love of hair play and horses together, Mane Beauty Styling Heads are realistically sculpted and decorated with long, silky, no-tangle manes. Available in three styles -- Blaze (black mane), Daybreak (white mane) and Sunset (blonde mane) -- each styling head includes all the tools kids need like a mane comb, mane clips and elastics. Recommended for ages 5+, this gift is available at Tractor Supply, in stores and online. Visit [breyerhorses.com](http://breyerhorses.com) to learn more.

- Screen-free adventure: Getting lost in a good book is a rewarding adventure every kid should experience. No screens required! Reading inspires imagination and helps children explore worlds outside themselves. Give classic books that you loved as a child for a shared experience you both can enjoy. Traditional books are hugely popular again and are gifts that truly last.
- Open-ended playtime: From kitchen playsets that foster interest in the culinary arts to workshop playsets that spark an interest in carpentry and mechanics, playing pretend offers open-ended fun and helps kids build confidence and social skills.

This holiday season, make a list and check it twice to be sure that it includes gifts that inspire.

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## SANTA TOUR

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5. Santa and the firefighters will have no citizen contact. The Santa tour will continue to move. We will not be stopping.
6. Tour could change or cancel due to any changes by state or local authority due to COVID.
7. Have fun and make sure you know what you want for Christmas!

Here is the schedule for this year's tour:

### Tuesday December 8 Starting Time at 6:00 pm

Indian Creek St. @ Lime Tree Way  
Hockberry Way @ Hammett St.  
Old Baltimore Pike @ Brewer Rd.  
Brewer Rd. @ Cordwall Dr.  
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Summer Grove Dr. @ Poplar Grove Ct.

### Saturday December 12 Starting Time 4:00 pm

#### Evans Trail

Blueridge @ Pocono Place  
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Cherry Hill Rd. (in front)  
Major Denton @ Cherry Hill Ct.  
Townley Apartments  
Cherry Mill Drive @ Cherry Tree

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Chapel View @ Craiglawn  
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Beltsville Rd @ Bellvue St  
Greenmount @ Dunnington  
Ronehill @ Castleleigh  
Ingleside @ Blairmore  
Dunnington @ Oriole  
Stonehall @ Taney  
Dunnington @ Key  
Ivy @ Susquehanna  
Wellford @ Dunnington  
Harbour Town Dr  
Briggs Chaney @ Myrtle Ave  
Castle Pines  
Old Gunpowder Spur

### Tuesday December 15 Starting Time 6:00 pm

Ammendale Way @ Long Feather Ct.  
Ammendale Way @ Clear Brooke Ct.  
Ammendale Way @ Narrow Trail Terr.  
Ammendale Way @ Horse Soldier Pl.  
Ammendale Way @ Ammendale Rd.  
Ammendale Rd. @ Hawk Ridge Ct.  
Squoia Ln. @ Squoia Terr.  
Squoia Ln. @ Squoia Pl.  
Ammendale Rd. @ Hidden Brooke Ct.  
Old Muirkirk @ Muirkirk Rd.  
Old Muirkirk @ Longwood Dr.  
Longwood Dr. @ Cailen Ct.  
Longwood Dr. @ Belmar Ct.  
Stanmore Dr. @ Breyers Pl.  
Stanmore Dr. @ Blue Pond Terr.  
Sullivan Ct. @ Burdette Way  
Longwood Dr. @ Pawling Way  
Longwood Dr. @ Loughborough Pl.

Longwood Dr. @ Blue Pointe Ave.  
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### Thursday December 17 Starting Time 6:00 pm

Garove @ Hennessey Dr.  
Indigo @ Barbara Dr.  
Longhorn @ West View Ct.  
Montgomery Place @ Montgomery Ct.  
Montgomery Rd. @ Kenny St.  
Kenny St. @ 34th Place  
35th Pl. @ Yates Rd.  
35th Pl. @ Sarasota Pl.  
Montgomery Rd. @ Forreton Rd.  
Forreton Rd. @ Stephen Ln.  
Cedar Ln. @ Cedar Ct.  
Howard Rd. @ Home Acres Terr.  
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### Saturday December 19 Starting Time 5:00 pm

Prince George's Ave. @ Wicomico Ave.  
Howard Rd. @ Queen Anne Ave.  
Rhode Island Ave. @ Garrett Rd.  
Odell Rd. @ Lexington Ave.  
Manheim Ave. @ Caroline Ave.  
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Franklin St. @ Franklin Terr.  
Franklin St. @ Ammendale Rd.  
Ammendale Rd. @ Holly Tree  
North Lincoln @ Vergie St.  
Roby Ave @ Macon Ave  
Caverly Ave @ Caverly Pl.  
Pines St. @ Maple Pl.  
Caverly @ Greenwood Rd.  
Greenwood Rd. @ Emack Rd.

### Monday December 21 Starting at 6:00 pm

Cedar Ln. @ Yates Rd.  
Brandon Ln. @ Francis Dr.  
Emack Rd. @ Dorset Ln.  
Montgomery Rd. @ Cedar Ln.  
Yates Rd. @ Garrett Ave.  
Howard Rd. @ Cardinal Ave.  
Brandon Rd. @ West Caroline  
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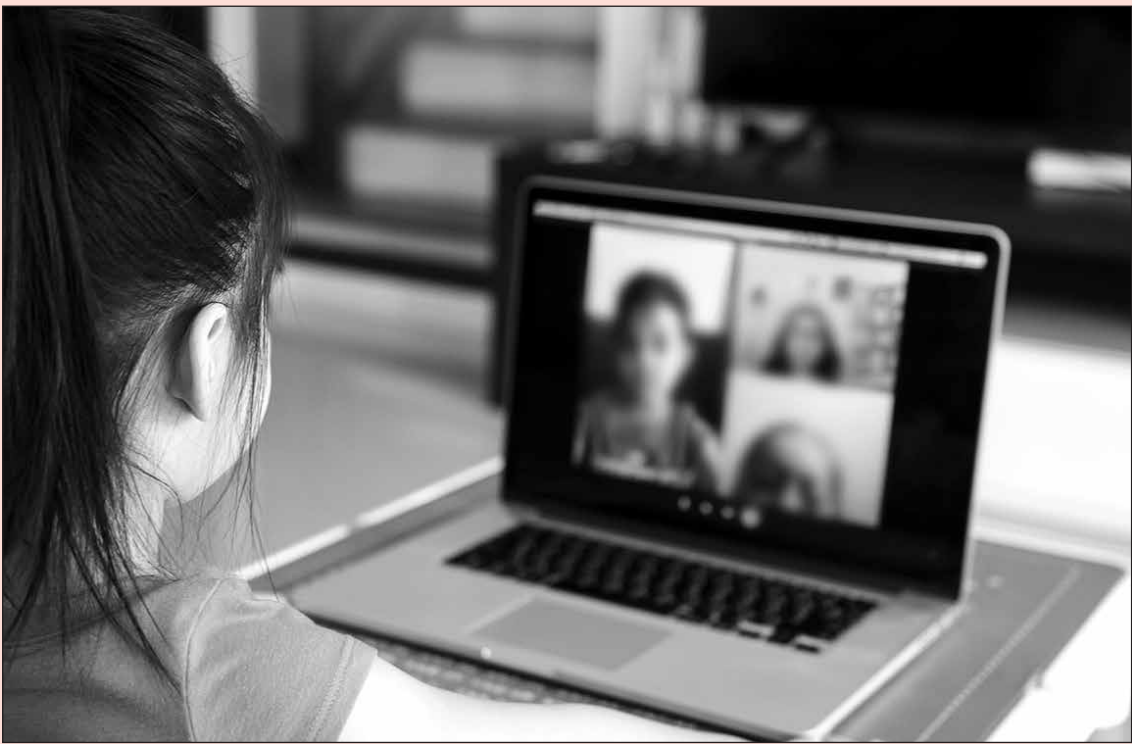
processing speed improves. Additionally, boot camp style exercises tend to be more unconventional and complex than traditional strength-training exercises and require more executive functioning skills."

Community member Hue Phan used to get her exercise from line-dancing and walking. She decided to challenge herself by taking the boot camp class twice a week.

"I love it and enjoy it a lot," Hue says. "It is a challenge for me, but I need a challenge."

After several months of taking the higher-intensity class, Hue says her balance has improved. When the coronavirus pandemic hit, many activities at Riderwood were changed or put on hold. The fitness center quickly pivoted by airing exercise classes on the community's on-site TV station so residents could work out from the safety of their own apartment homes.

"We were offering the class outside during the warmer months," Butler says of the boot camp class. "It will come back inside after we expand our group exercise programming."



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# Teacher of the Year Shares Distance-Learning Tips

(StatePoint) School closures and hybrid learning models have forced educators, parents and students to adapt to new forms of learning; the impact of this is not to be underestimated. Teachers and parents around the country have expressed concerns about the accessibility and quality of education under these conditions.

Fortunately, new tools and educational resources are being made accessible to help tackle these concerns. “Teacher of the Year” and author Michael Bonner is sharing resourceful ways for educators, students, families and communities to address some of the common challenges associated with distance- and hybrid-learning.

1. Students: Create Personalized Workspaces: When students have a lack of comfort, stress has a way of compounding at an exponential level. To combat this, focus on the things that create a productive and inviting learning environment, like creating a workspace that is functional, fun and organized. The good news is that it doesn’t require many materials to create a DIY desk and it’s a great activity to do together. Using science tri-folds and heavy-duty tape, parents and kids can create private cubicles that can be propped up on any surface and customized to their liking – be creative and look to bring things into the space that will keep your child

energized and motivated.

2. Parents: Increase Communication Touchpoints: With most schools operating through some variation of distance- or hybrid-learning, communication is a key asset for parents. Staying in regular contact with your child’s teacher can help you better understand and track how your child is performing and get ahead of any potential issues or concerns. Parents should feel empowered to reach out to their child’s teacher for progress updates or to address any areas of confusion with class schedules or assignments. Something as simple as sending a bi-weekly email with questions could help improve the overall experience for you and your child.

3. Teachers: Keep Kids Engaged: Teachers can break up the day by infusing different educational games and hands-on learning opportunities like 3M Science at Home. This online STEM video series is a great example of how students can tap into their curiosity about the world around them. By discussing observations and giving kids a chance to ask questions and come up with solutions, teachers and parents can foster a growth mindset while keeping kids engaged.

4. Community: Working Together to Improve Educational Access and Equity: COVID-19 has forced organizations, businesses and education systems to configure new frameworks to continue functioning. Unfortunately, educators are facing a huge wall as roughly 15 percent of U.S. households with school-age children do not have the high-speed internet connection at home needed to complete their assignments, according to Pew Research Center data.

While options may vary based on a school district’s ability to provide resources, parents can reach out to their local community boards and school districts to see what options are available to them. Some schools are creating hotspots or are teaming with local libraries and community partners such as churches and businesses to extend their connections.

As we all adjust to new educational models, ensuring learning is engaging and fun doesn’t have to be challenging, it can start with just a few simple techniques. Whether you are modifying a space to be more inviting for learning or finding supplemental, interactive activities to break up the day, diversifying your approach will help students better retain information and grasp new concepts while having fun.



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This month the librarians have provided links to seasonal recipes and information for good nutrition. The building is closed until further notice. Address: 10301 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter at [http://twitter.com/#!/National\\_Ag\\_Lib](http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib). See [NAL.USDA.gov](http://NAL.USDA.gov) for links to digital exhibits and for more information.

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- **Add fall produce to your breakfast and snacks.** Start the day with Pumpkin Pancakes or Apple-sauce French Toast, or power up while working or learning at home with Apple Nachos and Crunchy Chickpea Snacks.
- **Try a healthier cookie.** Fit fruits and veggies into sweet treats that the family will love. Try Healthy Carrot Cake Cookies and Banana Oatmeal Cookies.
- **Warm up while staying in.** Try a soup recipe—Vegetable Soup, Lentil Soup, and Broccoli Potato Soup recipes are a healthy addition to any meal.

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## Club News

# The American Legion Family Marches On

By Ivy Christoffers

Unfortunately, the recent changes in our state regarding the safety of its citizens resulted in the canceling of our scheduled Department Executive Committee meeting and our Southern Maryland District meeting. That being said, the Southern Maryland District President, Carmin Brittain, organized a very important event to focus on our veteran's needs. On November 14 at 10 am, a small group of volunteers came together at the Greenbelt American Legion to pack 337 comfort care packages for Washington VA Medical Center. In attendance were a past national president, Sandi Dutton, four past department presidents, including Rusty Beeg, Sandi Dutton, Ivy Christoffers, the present department president, Linda Green, the Southern Maryland



A dedicated group of volunteers packing 337 comfort kits for Washington VA hospital.

District President Carmin Brittain, and other department and district officers, chairmen, and volunteers. A total of 14 dedicated people which included some Legionnaires. As quoted by Brittain,

"Thank you to all the unit members in the Southern Maryland District who came out to help pack comfort kits for the Washington

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## Holiday Food, Gift & Fund-Raising Program 2020 The Women's Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB)

By Karen Coakley

WCCB is coordinating our annual holiday food and gift programs as well as fund raising for our other important projects. We are asking Beltsville businesses, schools, service organizations, social clubs, churches, and individuals to help us provide food and gifts to needy families within our community for the holidays as well as funds for our other important projects. There are times during the year when a family has reached out to us in a crisis. We

would like to be able to help them as well. We hope you can assist us in these worthwhile endeavors.

At Christmas, we not only provide a holiday meal, we also provide presents for children. We accept non-perishable food, new toys, and new clothes for children. Monetary contributions, store gift cards are also appreciated. You or your organizations are welcome to sponsor a family. As a certified 501 © 3 organization, all contributions are tax deductible. A list of donors will be publicized in the January Beltsville News unless

you prefer to remain anonymous. Monetary contributions and gift cards can be mailed to *Women's Community Club of Beltsville, PO Box 1607 Beltsville, MD, 20705.*


The Christmas donation deadline is Friday, December 11th. Contact Karen Coakley at [womensclubbeltsville@gmail.com](mailto:womensclubbeltsville@gmail.com) or 301.937.3490 with questions and / or to schedule a pickup or delivery time of your donation. **Gift Card suggestions: Target, TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Ross, Kohls, Aldi's, Lidl, Shopper's, Walmart.**

## Planting Daffodil Bulbs

The Police Explorers helped the Women's Community Club of Beltsville plant daffodil bulbs in the park near the Beltsville Community Center. Look for the blooms in the spring. Thanks to the Police Explorers for digging!



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VA Hospital. A special shout out to our Legionnaires Scott Smith (Shorty), Mel Graves, and Stan (Sip One) Shaw for all their support." It was an awesome example of innovation and dedication.

Two of the scheduled events to be held at the College Park American Legion in the next few weeks will most likely be postponed if everything stays as uncertain as it is today. That is the early bird dinner and the installation of new officers. Until COVID 19, the installation was always held in June and the early bird dinner, for those who paid dues early, was held in October.

The Veteran's Day observance was held at the post home this year because of the rain. Our new chef, Joe, did a great job preparing lunch for all who attended. A special poem, written by a 90-year-old WW II veteran named George Farr, was shared. It is titled "VETERANS" and followed the life of veterans from induction to the end of their service: a heart wrenching view of a soldier's life.

Let us stay safe as we cope with these difficult times. May God continue to bless America and all our troops who are in harm's way.

## THE CHRIST

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"May peace be to those on the earth to whom His pleasure's giv'n."

In awe and wonder these poor souls went out to find this Babe Of whom the starry skies had sung would all God's people save.

Today, surrounded by a cloud, black with the cries of hate, This Jesus still is calling all alive to come His way.

Though crucified by wicked men, He rose back from the grave Declaring death had lost its grip; Forgiveness rules the day.

There is no peace apart from Christ, our evil is too deep; Repentance means to turn aside from sin which guides our feet. Seek Him with humble heart for true love's found within His name;

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Beckie Hutchings  
10/22/2020

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