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Cub Pack 1031 Cleaning Up and Getting Ready for Summer

By Regina Halper

Cub Pack 1031 has been busy! We hosted the Anacostia Watershed Cleanup with a small crew of 23 volunteers on April 24th. We collected 27 bags of trash and recycling and two tires. Great job crew! We will have another clean-up in early October and hopefully we will be able to have more participants.

All the scouts are well on their way to completing their ranks and the Lions and Wolf dens have almost finished their ranks. Great job scouts!!

We are looking to move to our summer outdoor activities. We will be hiking, biking, and exploring the outdoors and doing fun activities.

For the current time, our families will be working on achievements on Zoom with our den along with monthly meetings in the outdoors, and we keep it fun! We are out in the parks and on the trail when we can, wearing our masks, cleaning our hands, and staying 3 feet apart. We hope we



Pack 1031 Scouts and families at the AWS cleanup on Apr 24th

can be back inside in the fall.

If you are interested in dis-

covering the fun of Cub Scouts, please contact Regina Halper at

Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for more information.

BCC Partners with Petco Love to Reunite Lost Pets with Their Families

By Sallie Rhodes

Did you know that one in three pets goes missing in their lifetime - an estimated 10 million pets a year? Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) has joined forces with Petco Love (formerly the Petco Foundation), a national non-profit working to lead and inspire change for animals - and animal welfare groups across the country on a shared mission to help reunite lost pets with their families.

BCC is excited to adopt breakthrough technology from Petco Love to help find missing cats and dogs in Beltsville. Petco Love Lost is a new, searchable national database that uses patented facial recognition technology to make finding lost pets quicker and easier. This simple-to-use tool is easily accessible to participating animal organizations nationwide, as well as any pet parent or person who finds a lost pet. Uploaded photos of a missing dog or cat are immediately scanned to determine whether the lost pet is at a participating



One of the hundreds of kittens that Beltsville Community Cats has helped during the pandemic.

shelter or with a neighbor in the community.

"We see firsthand how quickly a pet can go missing, whether they were curious, following a scent, wandered through an open gate or became scared during a storm," said Sallie Rhodes, BCC President. "There's nothing more rewarding than reuniting families with their beloved pets and with Petco Love

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Beltsville Briefs



Members of the Women's Community Club of Beltsville helping to clean up Montgomery Road.

Women's Club of Beltsville participates in Adopt-A-Road

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville continues to be active despite the pandemic. We cleaned trash from Montgomery Road as a part of the Adopt-A-Road project in April. Women who are interested in joining should contact WCCB at womensclubbeltsville@gmail.com. We have more

activities planned as the Club approaches its 100th year anniversary in 1922.

Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church of Beltsville!

It's time to get ready for Vacation Bible School (VBS) at The First Baptist Church of Beltsville. Join their team as

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Karen Coakley

By President, Karen M. Coakley

Summer is here! Life is slowly returning to normal. More of us will be traveling again. Here are a few safety tips:

1. When traveling, make arrangements to have your mail and newspaper picked up.
2. Put a few of your lights on timers.
3. Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to check on your home.
4. When you are getting gas, lock your car while you are pumping it.
5. Remove valuables from your car and lock it. Theft from auto is still one of our biggest problems.

If you have a topic that you would like to discuss at a future meeting I can be reached at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com.

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Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union Announces Scholarship Recipients

The Board of Directors, management and staff of Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union would like to congratulate Courtney Uzochi Ukonu and Sanai Virachittevin, recipients of this year's Stallings and Prestandrea Scholarship. Both members will receive \$1,000 towards their pursuit of higher education.

The Stallings and Prestandrea scholarship celebrates the commitment and dedication of two Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union pioneers, Virginia Stallings and Cindy Prestandrea. Each year the credit union awards two scholarships based on academic and community involvement.

Ms. Uzochi Ukonu graduated from Bishop McNamara High



From left to right: Mike Dougherty (PGFCU Board Chairman), Courtney Ukonu (Scholarship Recipient), Robert Schroeder (President / CEO)

School and will be a freshman at Elizabeth City State University

where she will major in Biochemistry. Ms. Virachittevin recently graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School and will be attending Florida State University this fall majoring in Civil Engineering.

"Congratulations again to our winners. We're happy to make an impact in the lives of our members during this pandemic. From the Board of Directors and the organization, we wish both of them all the best in their endeavors," stated Robert Schroeder, Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union President & CEO.

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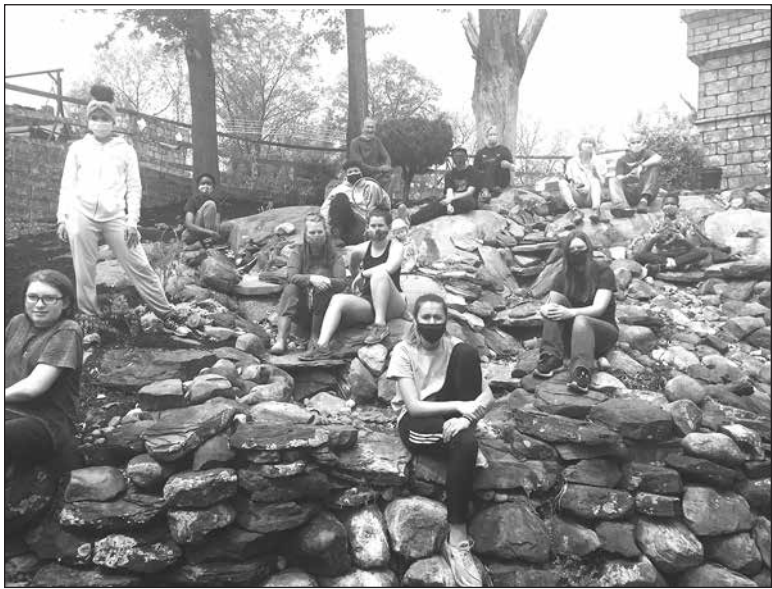


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Volunteers from MD, DC and PA help build a community garden at The Good Knight Castle in Beltsville

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they discover God's plans for us! VBS will be held on June 21-25 from 9 am to noon each day! VBS will be in person and it's free. Children 4 years-6th grade are welcome. You can pre-register now at <http://www.fbcbeltsville.org/vbs.cfm> or by contacting the church at churchoffice@fbcbeltsville.org 301.937.7771.

Community Garden at The Good Knight Castle

The Good Knight Castle in Beltsville is starting a community garden. They are planning to share the produce from the garden with neighbors who may be experiencing tough times and food insecurity. On April 25th they got a boost

from some wonderful volunteers. In celebration of Earth Day 2021 and National Youth Service Day, volunteers from all over MD, DC, and PA came to help with the gardens. They would like to give thanks to @HersheyCompany, @YouthServiceAmerica, #GYSD21, and #HeartwarmingProject for the \$500 Grant that @MichaelaWest and Leah Robinson wrote enabling them to create a sustainable garden for the community. Sharing veggies, fruits and herbs this summer will be a snap! Thanks also goes to the Home Depot who is supporting them with a donation of needed supplies. You can contact the Good Knight Castle with questions at 301.595.8989 or on their website at <https://goodknight.org/contact/>

How Great Thou Art

By Rev. Dr. Jalene Chase

How Great Thou Art is not part of the usual genre of music for my articles. I chose this hymn as my last submission as I prepare to leave pastoral ministry in the Beltsville area on June 30, 2021. I acknowledge that there are many faith traditions that read this paper, please journey with me.

Music is universal, it was my way of connecting to the community. The words express my faith; my faith guides my thoughts and actions. This song speaks of creation, spans many decades, and is loved by many. The lyrics remind me of the greatness of the world we live in. It evolved from a poem written by Carl Boberg around 1886, sung with a traditional Swedish melody. The inspiration for the nine-stanza poem came after Boberg was caught in a violent thunderstorm that ended with the return of beautiful sunshine and the singing of birds. It was translated into German, then into Russian, with different lyrics. The version I am familiar with was introduced in English in 1953 by Stuart Hine. The first verse and chorus make me appreciate life.

Oh Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder Consider all the

worlds, they hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee. How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

Music that sings to my soul takes away the crazy stuff of the

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dawn,
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one.

Rising to fulfill its part,
Chasing shadows from
the earth,
Your delight invades
my heart
As the sun declares
Your worth.

Purifying, giving sight,
Opening my eyes to truth;
How can love not hold
You tight,
Singing at each glimpse
of You?

Zealous is this righteous
blaze,
Father's kindness
overflows,
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Beckie Hutchings
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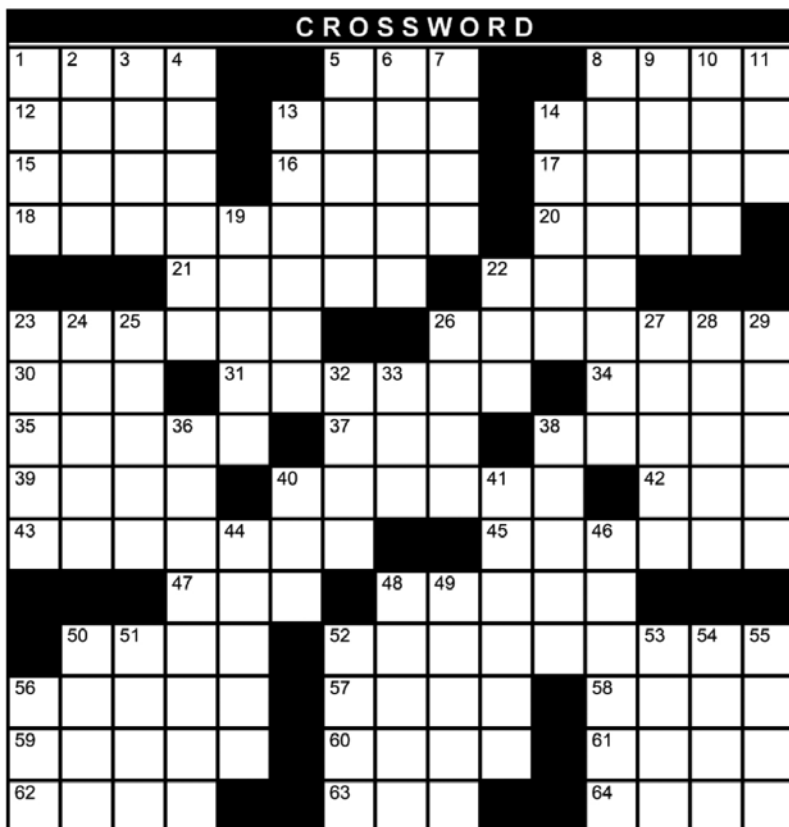
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5. Letter of the ____
8. Kiln for drying hops
12. Marine eagle
13. Muffin Man's Drury
14. Zest
15. Landlord's collection
16. Chieftain in Arabia
17. Frequently precedes "non-sense"
18. *Tabletop fun (2 words)
20. Passage in a coal mine
21. Clear the whiteboard
22. Sean's mom Yoko
23. Alpine structure
26. Slabbered
30. Clothing border
31. Incense burning container
34. Gauche or Droite, in Paris
35. In a frenzy
37. Unagi
38. Fancy necktie
39. Eye protection, sing.
40. Not dangerous to health
42. Dwight the President
43. Worked the dough
45. *Screen-free message
47. Hairpiece, slangily

48. Libra symbol
50. Buenos ____
52. *Dirty hobby?
56. African prairie
57. Like family lore
58. Don't let it hit you on your way out
59. *Ten-pin establishment
60. Challenge
61. Purse to match a gown
62. Lake of Scottish lore
63. *Between 'game' and 'match'
64. Deliver a tirade

DOWN

1. Belgrade native
2. Dessert sandwich
3. Pavlova, e.g.
4. Tube-nosed seabird
5. Tibetan priests
6. Japanese cartoon
7. Used to be
8. *Explore the great ____
9. ____ spumante
10. Editor's mark
11. Craggy peak
13. Official emissary
14. Bird-deposited fertilizer

19. Same as schlock
22. Famous Bobby, on ice
23. *Sidewalk art medium
24. Macho man
25. *Tell jokes, e.g.
26. Sub station
27. Permissible
28. Extract a memory, e.g.
29. Try to prevent
32. It's not a want
33. ____ Bernie Sanders, abbr.
36. *Guessing game
38. Administer an oil
40. "Don't make me ____!"
41. With pleasure
44. Full of bunnies?
46. Full of gentleness
48. Rane's wrap
49. *Macrame or wood carving, e.g.
50. Expunge
51. Bodily disorders
52. Hermes and Apollo
53. 'I' in Greek alphabet
54. Person, place or thing
55. John Wayne's "True ____"
56. Delivery vehicle



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By conforming to the listed standards, residents ensure better aesthetics in the community, safety for all residents, and can maintain and raise the value of all properties within the County. There is no better time than now to engage in some Spring cleaning and "Beautify and Comply!"

As a reminder, assistance with hauling and removal, please contact 311 via their mobile app. You can find information on the mobile app here at <https://bit.ly/3bxjcB0>. Service Requests may also be submitted by dialing 3-1-1 if you are inside the County. Dial 301-883-4748 if you are outside of the County. 311 is available Monday through Friday 7AM to 7PM, except Federal and County holidays.

Bulky Trash

The County is reopening the bulky trash drop-off location programming. While there are multiple sites available throughout the County, District 1 is home to a site at the Park and Ride Lot in Laurel (13701 Laurel Bowie Rd.) Starting on June 24th, every other Wednesday, the County will be accepting bulk trash drop-



Councilmember Tom Dernoga awarded the Prince George's County Education Association's (PGCEA) coveted Golden Apple, May 2021.

offs between 11AM and 7PM. For more information please visit <https://bit.ly/3bwgbka>.

Flooding and Drainage

Recently, DPIE, the Department of the Environment, the Department of Public Works and Transportation and the Prince George's Soil Conservation District collaborated on a comprehensive study of drainage issues. Their findings were compiled in a report entitled Drainage and Flooding in Prince George's County. You can find details on the report here at <https://bit.ly/32xEedG> - useful information for many Beltsville residents. The report explains which County agencies investigate different drainage complaints. For more information about the Drainage Defects Complaint Program, call 301.636.2060.

Upcoming Events

In the coming months, there are two upcoming District 1 Community Conversations we invite you to attend, both starting at 7PM. The first with Maryland State's Attorney General Brian Frosh will take place on June 30, 2021, and you may register here: <https://bit.ly/D1Frosh>. The second event, with United States Senator Chris Van Hollen, will occur on July 26, 2021, and you may register here: <https://bit.ly/D1VanHollen>.

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Jason's Jive

By Jason Inanga

In a lighter mood, I was having a conversation with a coworker towards the end of May, and I had a very random childhood memory. My late cousin, Gabriel, got scammed by a neighborhood bully. The bully, Ifeanyi, had extorted some money from my cousin and gave him some kind of eggs, in exchange. Gabriel was about eight or nine years old and Ifeanyi may have been two or three years older. Every day Gabriel would come home from school, and instead of going out to play, would spend his afternoons, watching the eggs, waiting for them to hatch. Eventually I think my Aunt realized Gabriel wasn't going outside to play anymore and when she questioned him, he responded that he did not want to miss out on seeing his rabbit eggs hatch. Auntie had a hearty laugh and then had to point out to her son that rabbits don't lay

eggs...what did he know, at that age? The recollection of how the story was told, in the local Ibibio language was hilarious...and it took my coworker a while to come to the realization that rabbits don't lay eggs.

I have to congratulate my son, Javin Inanga, who all in the space of a week, has turned 18 years old, a week later graduated from High School here in Dallas, and by God's grace will be going on to College in the fall. It seems like yesterday; we had just brought him home from Sibley Memorial in DC and I could not get over the excitement of being a father. Now I am the father of a young adult, teaching how to drive a car among other things. Don't worry I am not getting old. I am not feeling old... I now find myself adapting to interacting with him as a young adult. Nothing but the grace of

God has brought me this far with Javin, and this includes us being hit by a tractor trailer on I-66 West in 2018 and God miraculously saved us. His side took the impact and all he got was a scratch on his finger and I got whiplash. The SUV was written off.

We've got to protect our children. I will spare some of the details, but please be alert when you are outdoors with your children, grandchildren or nieces and nephews. A lady in Dallas had a situation where she went to a nail salon with her daughter for a mother-daughter spa day. The plan was to get their nails done. Mum was getting her nails done by one person while the daughter was being attended to by another employee in the same establish-

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Obituaries



James Robert Fox

Fox, James Robert

Retired Lieutenant Fire Fighter/Paramedic James "Jimmy" Fox passed away Friday April 23, 2021 after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife Cecilia, brother Richard Gary & wife Pam, His sons Gary Paul and Tom & wife Gloria, Stepchildren Colleen & husband David and Curtis along with 5 grandchildren Ana, Ashley, John William, Sara and David Jr. as well as many nieces and nephews. He was born in Muncy PA and was preceded in death by his parents Robert Lewis Fox and Mary Elizabeth John Fox.

Jimmy was a dedicated caring compassionate loving husband, father, uncle, grandfather and brother whose family extended far beyond a traditional family. As a retired Firefighter Paramedic in Prince Georges County, Maryland, he had many other brothers and sisters that he worked beside who are too mourning his loss. As one of the first groups of paramedics in Prince Georges County he served with honor and retired in 1992. Jim was responsible for the iconic heart beat rhythm striping of medic units in Prince Georges County. Jim also worked as an Open-Heart Tech and never being slowed by retirement went on to be Fleet Manager for the City of Frederick Police Department. In his commitment to serve he was also a US Army Veteran having served in Korea in the late 60's to early 70's.

He loved his cocker Spaniels and will be missed by Ziva, Ducky and Zeke.

Ever the classic car enthusiast he enjoyed rebuilding Street Rods and Classic Cars as well as showing them and was active for many years with the Catocin Mountain Street Rod Association. His pride and Joy was his 1936 Ford Sedan Delivery. He was an avid bowler and enjoyed fishing, hiking, jazz music, and James Patterson books. He loved Halloween and would proudly dress up in theme costumes created by his wife and would enjoy trying to sneak up

and scare her with the masks. He never missing the opportunity to find humor in the little things. He was a consummate collector of model fire trucks and model cars as well as fox themed paintings, figurines, and other collectables. He loved his pony tail and would say his hair receded because of its weight.

A caring and compassionate man, who would even in death appreciate that in lieu of flowers that you donate instead to the Frank Colea Benevolent Fund, St Jude, and the Salvation Army.

A visitation was held Wednesday April 28, 2021 from 4-7 followed by a service from 7-8 pm at Donald V. Borgwardt Funeral Home. Internment was Ft. Lincoln Cemetery on April 29th 2021 at 11 am. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com



Dominic Joseph Vicino

Vicino, Dominic Joseph

On Wednesday, March 17, 2021, Dominic Joseph Vicino passed away peacefully at age 102 in Hollywood, Florida, where he resided since 2016. He was born on September 28, 1918 in the District of Columbia. The son of Italian immigrants, he was preceded in death by his parents Antonio and Josephine (Foresta) and sister Elizabeth Lucy. He was the beloved husband of the late Mary Agnes (Loraditch).

A veteran of the Second World War, he proudly served in the United States Navy on the U.S.S. Black Hawk as Torpedoman's Mate, First Class. A graduate of Eastern High School and George Washington University, he had a successful career as a pharmacist. A longtime resident of Beltsville, Maryland since 1951, he was a caring and engaged member of his community, dedicating decades of service to the American Legion; the Antonio Gatto Lodge of the Order Sons of Italy in America;

the Prince George's Council of the Knights of Columbus as a 4th degree honorary lifetime member; and St. Joseph Catholic Church of Beltsville. An avid reader, stamp collector, and world traveler, he instilled a deep appreciation of history to many friends and family.

He was the loving father of seven children: Lawrence, Lorraine, Janet, David, Paul, John, and Thomas. He is survived by 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. He is also survived by many cousins across the United States and Brazil. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be mailed to: 1539 Mayo Street, Hollywood, FL 33020.

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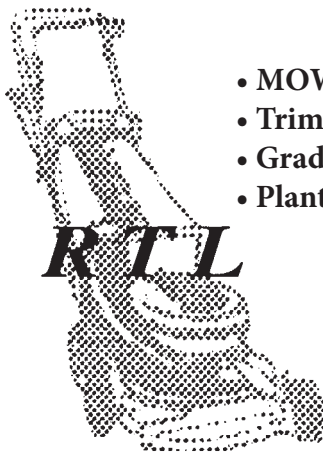
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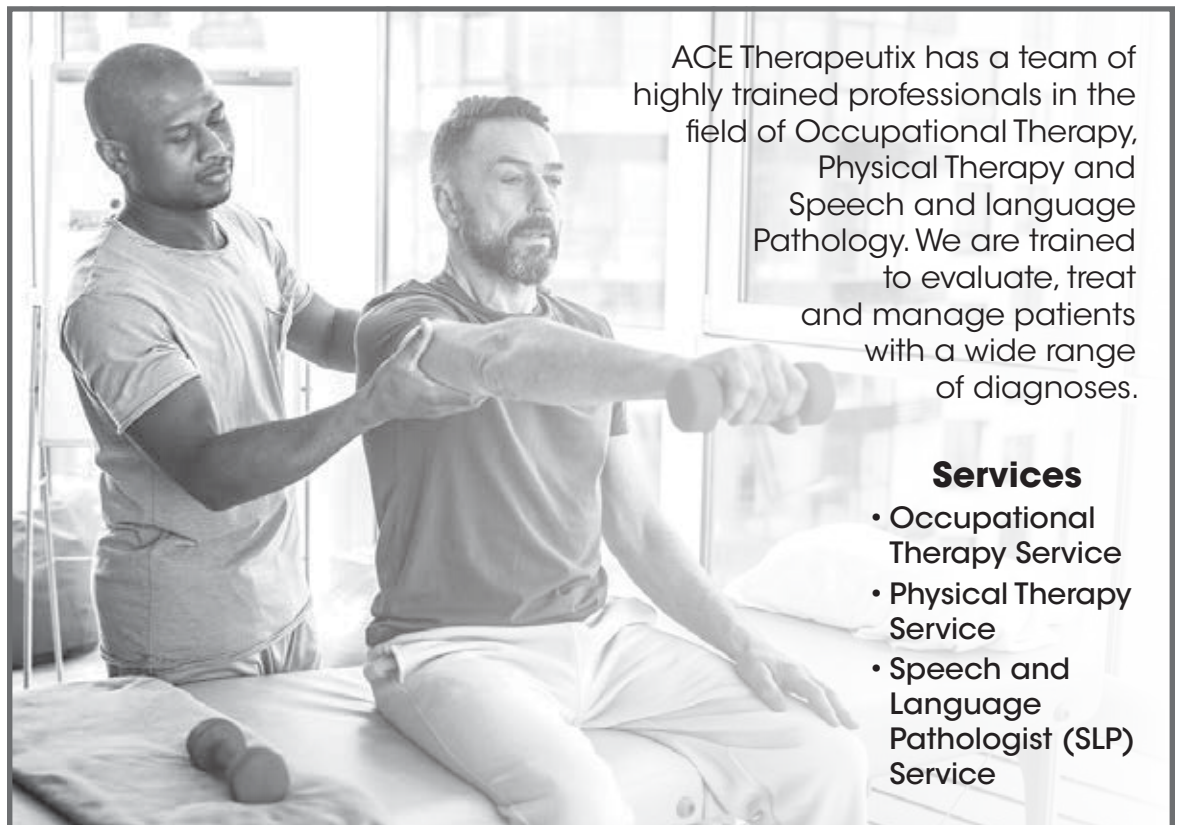


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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

Senate Scholarship Application Deadline – Friday, July 9

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To apply online for a 2021 - 2022 Senate scholarship, students should visit www.21stdistrictdelegation.com/college-scholarships, and the deadline to apply is Friday, July 9. The application period has ended for a separate Delegate scholarship from Delegates Joseline Peña-Melnik, Ben Barnes, and Mary Lehman, but look to apply early next year.

COVID-19 Vaccination Updates

Beltsville residents aged 12 to 15 are now eligible for the Pfizer vaccine! Visit marylandvax.org to sign up at one of the 11 state mass vaccines sites.



Senator Rosapepe and his staff held Mobile Office Hours at the Beltsville CVS on May 26th answering questions about vaccinations, unemployment payments, and other local concerns.

No-appointment vaccinations are now available at nine mass vaccination sites, including in the Greenbelt Metro Station, 5717 Greenbelt Metro Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20740. Hours of operation are Monday-Tuesday - 9 am to 1 pm, Wednesday-Thursday - 2 pm to 6 pm, Friday-Saturday - 11 am to 3 pm. You can also register for an appointment at covidvaccinereg.princegeorgescountymd.gov.

Missing your vaccine card?

Got the vaccines but don't have your vaccine record card? The County Health Department will now provide the white CDC vaccination cards to those who have been vaccinated but did not

receive a card. To request a card, please send an email to: COVID19_VaxCard@co.pg.md.us.

Do you or friends need help getting unemployment benefits?

As we all know, the Maryland Department of Labor was not prepared for the current economic crisis. As a result, hundreds of thousands of working people have lost their jobs but not received the benefits they've earned. Many have not even had their applications approved yet.

The Department is now solving more and more cases, so if you have still not gotten your unemployment insurance, please let us know. Email us at 21stdistrictdelegation@gmail.com. Or call 301-858-3141. We will contact the right people in the Department of Labor and do everything we can to get your money ASAP.

Contact us

Please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. 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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Summer Safety Tips for Your Pet

(StatePoint) From heat waves to fireworks, summer can take a toll on pets' emotional and physical wellness. According to some pet experts, the heart of relief for a number of common seasonal pet woes is CBD. Here are some insights into how to use it, plus additional measures you can take for a safe, healthy summer with pets.

Fireworks and Thunder

Unexpected noises can be extremely frightening for pets, causing what's known as situational stress. If possible, try administering Calming CBD-infused Edibites, which contains soothing and relaxing properties, about an hour before you expect fireworks or thunderstorms to occur. (Helpful hint: it can also be used to relieve situational stress associated with travel, guests, etc.)

Exercise also helps. Whether you take an extra-long walk or play fetch, wearing your pet out earlier in the day might help them stay calm or even sleep through noise disruptions. Additionally, you can prepare by setting up a quiet space for your pet, full of their favorite blankets and toys. Finally, be mindful that pets often react to loud noises by running away. According to the ASPCA,



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one-in-five pets that go missing run off after hearing loud noises like fireworks. Bring cats indoors during storms and fireworks. If you must take a dog outside, keep them securely leashed. Microchips and up-to-date ID tags can help you safely reunite with your pet should they go missing.

Heat

If you're sweating, there's a good chance your pet is too. Keep pets hydrated by constantly refilling their bowls with fresh, clean water. Choose mornings or evenings for exercising with dogs to avoid the hottest part of the day. On scorches, avoid paw-to-pavement contact, letting your dog walk in the grass instead. If your pup's paws do get affected by the

hot pavement, applying a topical CBD solution such as Canna Care from Pet Releaf can help relieve the burn. Finally, beat the heat with regular grooming -- however, don't shave your pet's fur -- their coat protects them from sunburn.

Allergies

Allergies can wear pets down in numerous ways, including weakening their immune system. CBD hemp oil however can offer an immunity boost by activating the body's two-way communication system between the brain and the immune system.

A common allergy symptom is rash, which can cause pets to scratch and bite their skin, only worsening irritation. To treat rash, consider using CBD hemp oil to support a healthy inflammatory response and ease stress, along with a topical CBD product to soothe skin irritations.

Hip and Joint Discomfort

Summer may mean an uptick in nature hikes and long days at the dog park. As a result, your dog may experience hip or joint discomfort. Consider adding a beneficial supplement to

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Ransomware

I am writing this in May of 2021. As I drive down US 1 here in Beltsville the gasoline prices have all jumped from about \$2.40 a gallon to \$3.00 and higher per gallon. The source of this increase was not a new middle east oil initiative it was computers infected with a special type of malware called ransomware. The ransomware shutdown a major pipeline carrying gasoline up most of the US east coast. These infected computers control the fluid flowing through the pipes and had to be shut down.

Ransomware attacks have hit the City of Baltimore government, Baltimore County Public School System, the Washington DC police department, and the University of Maryland Medical System among many other nearby organizations. Ransomware criminals love to attack government institutions because many governments are not good at protecting their Information Technology infrastructure and

can raise the money to pay the ransoms.

Ransomware is a special kind of malware. It typically sits, hiding on a computer for months looking for other computers on the network to infect. After a period of time the malware triggers and begins to encrypt the files on all of the computers it has found. When the malware has finished encrypting the files it then shows a ransom message explaining what the software has done and asking for payment to

get the keys needed to decrypt and restore the software. The payment is normally requested in Bitcoin or other cryptocurrency and sent to the criminals behind the scheme. If the criminals actually do what they promised (they don't always) then normally an email is sent with the keys and the instructions on restoring the computers. The restoration process may take days and during this time the computers are not usable.

Many city governments

across the country have been hit. A few recover quickly because they have established and enforce good IT policies for backing up their systems and having disaster recovery plans. This has caused the ransomware criminals to change their strategies. Now it is common for the ransomware to copy data off the victim network and store it in the Internet. The ransom note threatens to start releasing this data to the public or selling on the dark web if the ransom isn't paid quickly.

This threat means that private data stored on the system will be shared instead of protected. This is what is currently happening to the DC Police department. The criminals are releasing information about police informants and police personnel records to force the police to pay the ransom.

Many companies have started to purchase Cyber Insurance. Cyber Insurance is designed to cover a number of risks to a company's IT environment, but Ransomware coverage is a

popular option. Some policies will cover at least a portion of the ransom and the insurance companies have been known to negotiate lower ransoms with the criminals. This is a controversial practice because if the criminals continue to find the acts profitable then they will continue their attacks. Based on recent news reports, the group that attacked the pipeline was apparently paid 5 million dollars of the 51 million dollar requested ransom to get the information the Colonial Pipeline needed to restore their operations.

Smaller businesses and individuals may count on features of their Antivirus or Backup software to protect against Ransomware. This can prevent data loss but if you don't want your files shared across the web or sold on the dark web then make certain you have good security policies and enforce them on your network. This includes anti-malware software, making regular backups that are kept offline, and requiring secure passwords to access each system on the network. Until next time, stay safe!



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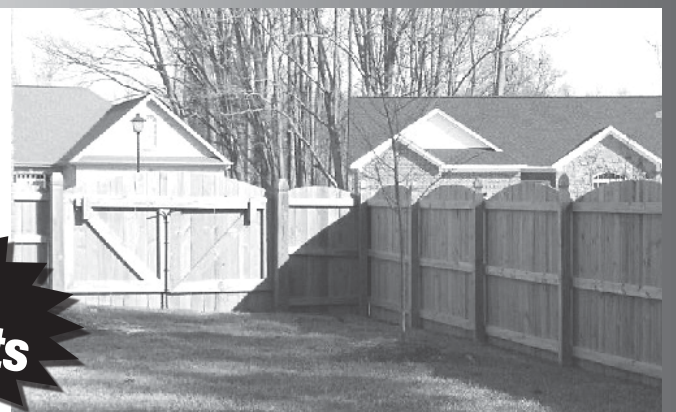
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Prince George's County is in the process of reopening various facilities. This building is still closed for social events, but hopefully will reopen later in the summer. Updates will be posted when they are available.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

Address: 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore-Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Free admission and free parking. Current social distancing and face covering requirements match those of Prince George's County. All dogs must be kept on a leash for their own safety as well as that of other visitors and wildlife. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays.

BUILDING TO REOPEN AT 25% CAPACITY

Starting Sat., June 5, 2021, the Visitor Center building will be: **Open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 25% capacity Tuesday – Saturday, closed on Sunday and Monday.** Entry requirements are subject to change; contact the Visitor Center for updates. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Join our e-mail list by contacting timothy_parker@fws.gov. For future volunteer training (ages 18 and up), contact Diana Ogilvie at 301.497.5565 or Diana_Ogilvie@fws.gov.

EVENTS FOR JUNE!

The following events are returning in June. **The registration number is 301.497.5887.**

Rodney's Raptors: Sat., June 5 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. All ages, registration required.

Everybody Loves Cicadas: Sat., June 12 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. All ages, registration required.

BSA Environmental Science Merit Badge: Sat., June 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ages 10–17, registration required.

Chipmunk and Squirrel Walk: Sat., June 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Ages 7+, registration required.

Wetlands Walk: June 19–27, self-guided, no registration required.

Chippy Social: Thur., June 24 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Ages 21+, registration required.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

Address: 10301 Baltimore Ave. in Beltsville. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib. Food and Nutrition updates can be accessed at Nutrition.gov. To help protect the public from the spread of COVID-19, the National Agricultural Library building is currently closed to the public. We continue to serve our customers remotely during regular business hours. Online information products are always available at <https://www.nal.usda.gov/>. USDA continues to monitor the situation closely. We will update the operating status of NAL public facilities on our website when it changes.

FRANK N. MEYER EXHIBIT

The exhibit continues. Honored the world over for his contributions as a plant explorer, Frank Meyer's work touches us all every day. From apricots to wild pears, his introductions number over 2,500. For more about Frank Meyer and his expeditions, see <https://www.nal.usda.gov/exhibits/speccoll/exhibits/show/frank-meyer>.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY PHASE 2 REOPENING: WELCOME BACK

Address: 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294. The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) is gradually resuming in-person services over the course of the coming months. The staff members are eager to see members of the community at the library after many months of being limited to virtual engagement. We ask for your continued support as we strive to keep everyone safe while welcoming you back to the branch. See <https://www.pgcmls.info/reopening> for making appointments for computer reservations, limited browsing, and curbside appointments. The reopening timeline is organized in four phases that stagger the return of in-person services at PGCMLS branches. Maximized physical distancing, greatly enhanced sanitization of facilities and materials, and clear communications with customers will be required throughout the process. The reopening plan includes adjustments to the Library's five main areas of operation: customers, staff, facilities, collections, and programs/outreach/meeting rooms.

Budget-Friendly Tips to Celebrate Summer at Home

(StatePoint) Summertime is often synonymous with longer days, sweet sunshine and memorable times with friends and family.

Whether it is time spent at backyard cookouts, in the garden or simply basking in the rays, the experts at Dollar General have provided some helpful tips for all your summer entertaining needs.

Backyard Hangs

As the temperatures begin to rise, spending time outdoors can be a great way to enjoy the longer days. Summer can provide the perfect opportunity to design a dreamy backyard space. Create an inviting atmosphere by stringing lights, filling potted planters with colorful flowers and updating patio furniture with decorative pillows and cushions. Kids can find endless fun and outdoor adventures with inflatables, water



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toys or lawn water slides. Repurpose items around the house or in the garage to build an outdoor obstacle course.

Summertime Cookouts

Take cooking and entertain-

ing skills outside and get ready for amazing family cookouts. To host the most budget-friendly get-together, plan ahead with the DG app. Create a shopping list and find the best deals and savings on summer holiday décor and grilling necessities.

Decorate the space with patriotic red, white, and blue banners on the porch, American flags in flowerpots or festive tablecloths. Kick off the holiday with a signature drink! Strawberry limeade, fruit punch or a lemonade spritzer are all fun, kid-friendly options. Browse DG Easy Meals for ideas and inspiration on how to build a tasty spread of snacks, appetizers and main dishes. Check out DG's "Better-For-You" options for mindful offerings that include waffle sliders, chipotle bean hum-

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Memorial Day – A Day of Remembrance for Our Military Heroes

By Ivy Christoffers

Memorial Day is a day set aside to pay honor to those men and women who gave their all in defense of our country. This day sees ceremonies conducted throughout the country with pageantry, special speakers, laying of wreaths, and the wearing of poppies, the flower of remembrance. The little red crepe paper poppy is distributed throughout the communities to schools, local

government officials, and military hospitals and armed forces bases. Our local ceremony will take place in College Park at the intersection of Baltimore Avenue and Greenbelt Road at our veteran's memorial at 11:00 am on the last Monday in May. Lunch will follow at the American Legion Post Home, 9218 Baltimore Ave. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The post is finally open for business again. It has been a long

hard year for us, just as it has been for everyone. Friday night dinner dances have resumed, and friends are once again enjoying meet and greets while listening to and dancing to great music.

Remember, school will soon be over for this year and more children will be out and about so keep alert when driving the local roads.

Keep our troops in your prayers and continue to seek God's blessings on our precious America.

3 Hacks to Make More Time for Fun This Summer

(StatePoint) Even relaxation and fun take some preparation. But there's no reason to work harder than you need to. Follow these hacks to get to the good stuff faster this summer.

Optimized Travel

Traveling by car this summer? Road navigation apps like Waze combine GPS and real-time crowd-sourced information to help you find the best route based on traffic conditions. But remember, sometimes the journey is also an opportunity for fun and there are apps for people who embrace that mindset. RoadTrippers, for example, can help you make the most of the mileage, as it offers information about scenic detours, local attractions and more.

Waterside Fun

Whether you're hanging out poolside, lakeside or at the beach, faster, smarter set-up means there will be more time to unwind. Luckily, there is a brand new pool flotation technology designed to help you get out on the water faster. Check out SwimWays Spring Floats, an ultra-comfortable collection of foldable, portable fabric-covered floats that now have three times faster inflation and deflation with no pump needed. Their exclusive, patent-pending Hyper-Flate Valve Technology is engineered to increase airflow in while preventing airflow out to take the stress and struggle out of setting up your float.

Summer Meals

When cooking is accompanied by fresh air and the sounds of nature, it will feel less like a chore and more like leisure. So don't wait for holidays and special occasions to enjoy your backyard grill. You don't even need to wait until the weekend. Select one day a week to do all your indoor meal prep. Then, make the most of summer evenings by grilling and dining outdoors all week long.

From road trips to pool excursions, summer fun awaits, and with the right mindset and the best tools and gear, you can save time and energy on plans and prep.

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Although I am leaving, the good people of *Emmanuel United Methodist Church* will still be here. Until they re-enter the building, they will continue to meet virtually for worship on Sunday mornings at 10 am and Bible Study on Wednesdays. More information can be found on the webpage: www.eumcbeltsville.com or the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/EUMC-Beltsville/. Until next time:

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ment. She said her teenage daughter got up and told her she did not want to do her nails anymore, and besides that she was not comfortable. Apparently, the female nail technician was on her cell phone talking to somebody and was videotaping, live, her teenage client. The teenager said she saw the male at the other end give a thumbs up to the nail technician. The girl went to the car and locked herself in there until her mother came out. She explained to her mother what had transpired. Long and short of it is that law enforcement had to be called in, to take control of a charged atmosphere. Nobody is sure what the intent of the nail technician was, but human trafficking is very real, especially here in Texas. I put this out there so you, my reader, can be vigilant at all times. Things happen when we least expect them to.

As we go through the month of May into June, please be a bit more alert when you drive, as we have a new set of drivers on the road, a lot of them inexperienced. High School graduation has a lot of new drivers who have to be weaned into everyday driving. Next month – what mischief did Jason get into, in his High School Years? Find out next month. That's The Jive!

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