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## Beltsville Broncos Pathfinders conduct a Drive-in church service



Members of the Pathfinders give instructions and direct traffic at The Beltsville Seventh-Day Adventist Church first ever drive-in church service.

The Beltsville Seventh-Day Adventist Church had a first ever drive-in church service on Saturday March 6, 2021 at 3 pm. It was completely organized and run by 10- to 17-year-old kids, who are members of Beltsville Broncos pathfinder club. People came for the service and stayed in their cars. About 30 cars lined up in the parking lot for the service. A stage was set up for this service and clear instructions were posted for the attendees. The audio for the service was transmitted through FM transmitter. Attendees were able to tune in and listen in their own cars as they watched the service in the stage. At the end of the service the attendees applauded with an exuberant honking of the car horns. It was a blessed experience for everyone.



Dorothy Illangovan, a 15-year-old student and main coordinator of the drive-in church service, speaks to the crowd of attendees.

**NEXT ISSUE:**  
**Submissions Due**  
**No Later Than:**  
**April 21**  
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**May 1**

### On the Agenda

## Anacostia Watershed Society Earth Day Cleanup on April 24, 2021



Some of the 2019 volunteers at the AWS Earth Day Clean Up at Little Paint Branch park

By Regina Halper

The Annual Earth Day cleanup organized by Anacostia Watershed Society will take place on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Signup will be on the Anacostia Watershed Earth Day site began on March 15, 2021 at <https://anacostiaws.salsalabs.org/earthday2021-littlepaintbranchtrail/index.html>. Masks are mandatory and you must sign up online for COVID precautions. The Cleanup will be overseen at the Little Paint Branch Trail by Cub Pack 1031 who sponsor the trail. Signups will be limited to 25 people.

Anacostia Watershed will provide gloves, bags, and all the supplies needed for the cleanup. Sign in and registration will be at the head of the trail at the Beltsville Community Center. We will sign off for school service hours for hard work! But you must register online!



Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

The next virtual meeting of the Beltsville Citizen's Association will be on Wednesday, April 21 at 7 pm. Details for the meeting will be posted on the Beltsville News Facebook Page and Nextdoor.com. Our guest speaker will be representatives from the Berman Enterprises and Kennedy Krieger Institute. Berman Enterprises own the old Beltsville Elementary School located at the intersection of Powder Mill Road and Cedar Lane. They intend to lease approximately 39,000 square feet of space at its existing 111,000 square foot building at the above address to Kennedy Krieger Institute ("KKI") for operation of a private school, inasmuch as the zoning ordinance requires approval of a DSP, regardless of the existing building. The primary change to the existing property will be use of a portion of the parking lot to provide an outdoor play

## Cub Pack 1031 Fun in the Outdoors

By Regina Halper

For March, we are getting back into the outdoors and working on our outdoor achievements. Lions tried to meet for a nature hike and talk about safety. The Wolves completed Running with the Pack. Tigers are working on My Tiger Jungle and building a birdhouse. The Bear den is learning to use tools to make a mbira (finger harp) and a sistrum (shaker).

In late March or April, we will make kites and try to fly them. We are also going to lead the Anacostia Watershed Earth Day on April

24 to clean the trail by Little Paint Branch.

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 keep it fun! We are out in the parks and on the trail whenever we can, wearing our masks, cleaning our hands, and staying 6 feet apart.

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



Wolf Den playing hula hoop tag

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# A Change is Gonna Come

By Rev. Dr. Jalene Chase

*A Change is Gonna Come* was written in 1964 by Sam Cooke. He was known for his love songs, but he wanted to do more to unite people. This song is a response to injustice, discriminatory laws, and the mistreatment of targeted groups of Americans. These words speak to how many people feel when they sense that there is hope in the fight for justice.

There were times when I thought I couldn't last for long, but now I think I'm able to carry on. It's been a long, been a long time coming; but I know a change is gonna come, oh yes, it will.

The Civil Rights Act was passed on July 2, 1964, prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, and national origin. It prohibits unequal treatment for voter registration requirements, racial segregation in schools and public accommodations, and



employment discrimination. Later sexual orientation and gender identity were added. *A Change is Gonna Come* became a motivating song for the movement to have the ACT enforced. It was a belief that change was needed. This made a group of peaceful protesters gather around 3 p.m. on March 7, 1965, at Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church in Selma. Led by Hosea Williams,

John Lewis, Albert Turner, and Bob Mants, the group marched across Edmund Pettus Bridge. At the end of the bridge stood Alabama State Troopers and vigilantes under the direction of Maj. John Cloud. The armed Troopers and horsemen assaulted the non-violent protestors. Hundreds were injured. The actions were captured on film and broadcast across the nation. This event became known as "Bloody Sunday," it is a landmark in American history and the foundation for a successful campaign for the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Unfortunately, in 2021, 56 years later, we see the resurgence of Voter Suppression Laws.

I was a small child when that event happened. Last year I was able to attend the 55th Remembrance in Selma. As we gathered and then walked across the bridge, I could feel that aura of hope still lingering. All voices and votes must matter for democracy. Our church does not have the answers, but we do understand that it is important to come together so that we can work towards an answer. The welfare of all people over politics demands it. If you feel the same, join us. We meet virtually for worship on Sunday mornings at 10 am Meeting ID: 851 2578 5976 Passcode: 850888 You can call in at 1.301.715.8592, 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/EUMC-Beltsville/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/EUMC-Beltsville/). Until next time:

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## Declawing a Cat Is Cruel!

Adopting a cat can come with challenges. One big challenge is controlling scratching behavior. In the past, declawing surgery was the go-to to keep cats from destroying furniture or scratching owners. Unfortunately, declawing is an excruciatingly painful procedure that causes lasting psychological and physical harm to cats.

Declawing involves the amputation of the first knuckles of the cat's digits. This removes the claw and the tendons used to flex the claw. This would be like amputating the tips off all your fingers so you would no longer need to trim your fingernails.

Studies show that common side effects of declawing include long-term pain in the paws, increased biting, and possibly a decreased use of the litterbox. Declawed kitties may have a hard time walking or running for the rest of their lives due to soreness in their paws. Likewise, the natural behaviors of scratching or even stretching may cause pain. Permanent temperament changes have resulted in some owners abandoning their cats, surrendering them to shelters, or having them euthanized. Beltsville Community Cats commends Austin, Texas, for recently outlawing this cruel elective procedure.



Several easy alternatives are available to cat owners wanting to avoid causing pain to their feline friends. First, ensure your cat has easy access to scratching posts or boards. Most cats will seek these rather than furniture. Trim your cats' claws regularly to help prevent damage to furniture or skin. Consider purchasing Sticky Paws or Furniture Scratch Guards. Some people use products like SoftPaws which are small plastic caps that adhered to a cat's claws.

Most pet owners strive to give their pets the best life possible. Unnecessary and painful surgeries should be at the top of the list of things to avoid. With the alternatives now available, you can share your home with your feline friends with as little frustration as possible, and all the love you can give!



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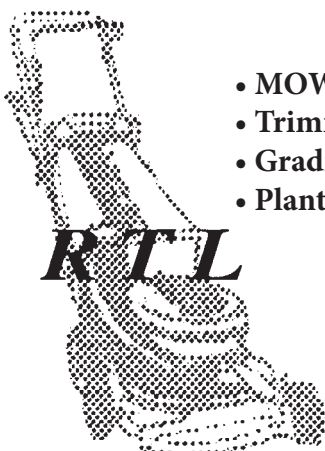


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## Obituaries



Evelyn Adkins

### Adkins, Evelyn S.

Evelyn S. Adkins, age 95, passed away peacefully on Friday March 5, 2021, at Arbor Ridge in Silver Spring, MD. Born September 14, 1925 in Worcester, MA, to Lillian and George A Stewart Sr. She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Arthur (Rusty) W. Adkins JR, two brothers George A. Stewart Jr, James Stewart, and one sister, Jean Hull Woodward.

Evelyn is survived by her daughters, Geraldine A Warner (Drexel) of AL and Dorothea K Adkins of CA; three granddaughters Linda J Gagnon (TN), Sandy J McTier (GA), Debra L Lautenschlaeger (SC); 8 great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Albert J. Adkins of Pittsville, MD; and numerous nieces and nephews across the United States.

A celebration of Evelyn's life will be held when the department of health allows more than 30 people to gather and people have been vaccinated.

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### Hopkins, Charles Augustus

Charles Augustus Hopkins, Sr. was born on March 29, 1935, in Washington, DC, to the late Jerome Hopkins, Sr. & Willie Hopkins. He is the fifth child of six children born to this union. His siblings: three brothers, Ken-



Charles Hopkins

neth, William, Jerome and two sisters Carolyn Howard and Nancy Greene preceded him in death.

Charles grew up in Washington, DC, where he attended public schools. He graduated from Phelps Vocational High School in 1954. He was a sports fanatic, an avid basketball and baseball player. He loved all of the Washington pro ball teams but was definitely a Redskins diehard. He held season tickets for over 40 years. He was an assistant baseball coach with the Beltsville Boys and Girls Club as well as an assistant coach with the Queen's Chapel UMC Knight's baseball team. Sports was a favorite hobby he enjoyed, and he had the temperament for it. Teaching the basic skills and fundamentals of both basketball and baseball to youths in the community gave him real enjoyment and satisfaction in providing positive attitudes to the youngsters. His other hobby was that of a jazz enthusiast, and his collection of this music is voluminous. He enjoyed traveling with friends and family. He was a member of Prince Hall Meridian Lodge #6.

Left to cherish his memory is his beloved wife, Phyllis; son Charles, Jr. (Lisa) of Baltimore, MD, and daughter Dionne Johnson (Michael) of Laurel, MD; two adorable grandsons, Cameron Hopkins and Micah Johnson; two sisters-in-law, Delores Wynn of Keswick, VA, and Annie Hopkins of Virginia Beach, VA. A host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, great great nieces and nephews as well as a host of other family and friends. Charles was a very loving, respectful, caring, gentle, and happy man who loved and cherished his family. He was faithful and devoted to his wife and a great dad and grandfather.

He was a great friend who encouraged all around him.

At an early age, Charles gave his life to Christ at the First Baptist Church of Deanwood, in Washington, DC. In 2000, he joined the Queen's Chapel UMC, Beltsville, MD, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Bruce Haskins. He was member of the SPPRC and also served on the Senior Usher Board until his health began to fail. His favorite scripture was Psalm 23.

Charles served his country in the armed services. In 1954, he enlisted in the U.S. Army; upon completion of basic training was deployed to Wurzburg, Germany where he served as military police for 1-1/2 years. Shortly after being discharged from military service he went to work for the Federal Government, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor Management Service Administration. He served for 36 years as a records management supervisor and retired in 1990. Shortly thereafter a former manager from the DOL office contacted him for help and convinced him to join him at NIH, research grants, for a short contract, which ended up with him working another 15 years, retiring for a second time in 2006.

### Shirey, Kenneth Lewis

Kenneth Lewis Shirey (Ken) passed away suddenly on February 16, 2021, at the age of 70. Ken was born in Oxford, England, while his family was stationed there but spent the majority of his childhood in Beltsville. He graduated from High Point High School in 1968, was proud that he had visited all 50 states, and enjoyed a wide variety of music throughout his life. Most of his career was spent in human relations; however, after his retirement and relocation to PA, he helped manage Arts Quest, an art glass studio. He was exceptionally skilled in organizing and structuring the business side of the studio, but his natural warmth and ability to connect with people are the traits he will be most remembered for. He mentored numerous young people in glass blowing, and the studio has established a Shirey Glass Education Fund in his honor.

Ken is survived by two brothers, Bob and Bill; a sister, Gail; two sisters-in-law, Pam and Nancy; three nieces, a nephew, two great nieces, and two great nephews. We are changed now not because he left us but because he touched us.

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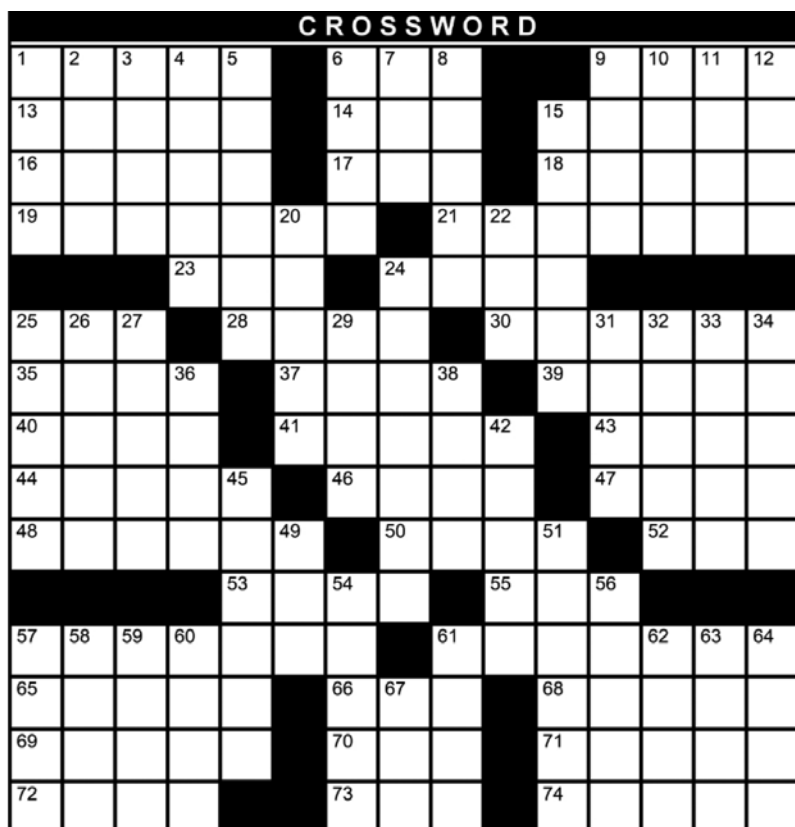
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1. Great divide
6. World's oldest national broadcaster
9. Pasturelands
13. Chinese fruit
14. #9 Across, sing.
15. Clemency
16. One in advertising
17. "\_\_\_ the land of the free ..."
18. Characteristic of birds
19. \*Ongoing job in the garden
21. \*Without synthetic fertilizers
23. 2nd tallest bird
24. Theatrical production
25. Curiosity killed it?
28. Additionally
30. Capital of Poland
35. Passage into a mine
37. Prefix in levorotary
39. Mid-century modern, e.g.
40. Toothy wheel
41. \*Some are heirlooms
43. Make like a cat
44. Erasable programmable read only memory
46. Stanislavski's rifle, e.g.
47. Unwanted correspondence
48. Motionless

50. Catch-22
52. "Are you sure?" in a text
53. Freight horse cart
55. Opposite of don'ts
57. \*6 or more hours of sunshine
61. \*Radicchio or frisée
65. On foot
66. Negative vote
68. 2020 NFL MVP
69. Morrison's "The \_\_\_"
70. Hockey great Bobby
71. Respectable and quiet
72. Sports award
73. Affirmative response
74. Infernos

#### DOWN

1. Old bathtub foot
2. Opposite of seek
3. Ne plus ultra
4. \*Opposite of #57 Across
5. Minimum, pl.
6. Influencer's journal
7. \*Stinging pollinator
8. Holiday song
9. Bulgarian money
10. Julia Roberts' Academy Award-winning role
11. Popular smoothie berry
12. Update an iPod
15. Inhabitant of Hungary

20. Nothing, pl.
22. Like sashimi
24. Lack of money
25. \*Tomato supports
26. Highly skilled
27. Miss America's headdress
29. Slowly leak
31. Moves at the gym
32. Monument to Buddha
33. Orderly arrangement
34. \*Wiggly plowers
36. Faster than a walk
38. \*Some plants and flowers emit a good one
42. \*Type of digger
45. Centers, old-fashioned
49. French vineyard
51. \*Last of 3 numbers on a bag of fertilizer
54. Be a pest
56. Washington, e.g.
57. Grow dim
58. Extraterrestrials' rides
59. Pilot's stunt
60. Type of parrot
61. "Musical" constellation
62. Russian mountain chain
63. \*Type of garden hose that saves space
64. Goes with "odds"
67. Am is to I as \_\_\_ is to we

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# The USB Port

As I see it part of the purpose of this column is to give the readers insight into technology. This month I thought I would write about a small piece of technology that has become ubiquitous, but few really understand, the USB Port. USB stands for Universal Serial Bus. It was first created in 1996 to provide a common means to connect peripherals, like keyboards, mice, and printers to personal computers.

USB 1.1 the first widely accepted version of the standard started to appear on computers in 1998. USB 1.1 supported two speeds 1.5 Megabits per second and a faster 12 Mbps speed that was useful for connecting to disk drives and thumb drives. Before USB there were different ports on the computer for printers and cameras (parallel port), mice and keyboards (PS/2 ports), modems and other computers (serial ports), and external storage devices like hard drives (SCSI ports). If you didn't have a certain port you typically needed to purchase an adapter and install it inside the computer. USB simplified this because many different devices could all now use the same port.

A single USB port could also be extended using a USB Hub to add many additional ports to a single port. Devices on the USB did not need any special configuration and many classes of devices for example "Human Interface Devices" like mice and keyboards did not even need device drivers. This made USB devices mostly "plug-and-play". USB 1.1 also had one additional important feature, it could detect PS/2 keyboards and mice connected through a passive adapter and support those protocols. This eased the transition between PS/2 devices and USB devices.

In the early days of USB there were only two types of connectors: USB Type A and USB Type B. The USB A connector is rectangular with a black bar inside and typically plugs into the computer or host device. The USB connector is more squared with two corners cut off and a square hole in the center.

## USB 2.0

USB 2.0 was released in 2000 and added several new connectors; the mini A, mini B, and mini AB followed later by the micro A and the micro B connectors.

The mini-connectors were smaller to connect with smaller devices like cameras and the later micro connectors were even smaller but were also more reliable. The mini-A and mini-AB connectors were quickly retired leaving only the mini-B and the newer micro connectors. The micro-B connectors are still commonly used to connect and charge cell phones.

USB 2.0 increased the bus speed to be faster supporting speeds up to 480 Mbps and added support for device charging and increased the amount of power that could be provided to run an attached device.

## USB 3.X

The USB 3.0 standard was released in 2008. It added a SuperSpeed feature that increased throughput to 5 Gigabits per second with practical speeds of 3.2 Gbps. USB A connectors on the computer that support this have blue plastic bars showing on the inside. USB 3.0 also added the USB Attached SCSI Protocol (UASP) supporting higher speed connections with storage devices. If you purchase a USB storage device like a backup hard drive

make certain it supports UASP, the speed difference is significant. USB 3.0 also added a special USB Micro-B SuperSpeed connector with a wider plug.

USB 3.1 added a SuperSpeed+ transfer mode that double the transfer rate of the normal SuperSpeed mode.

USB 3.2 doubles the transfer rate again over the fastest USB 3.1 transfer mode and supports the new reversible USB C connector.

## USB 4

The new USB 4 standard was released in 2019 supporting 40 Gbps throughput and adds support for Thunderbolt 3 protocols, Display Port, and Computer to Computer connections. Display Port support allows displays to be driven directly by output over a USB C cable. This means a single type of port can be used for all of your connections including audio and video output.

## TLDR

### (too long didn't read)

Ok, I know this might have been pretty dense, so let me sum-

marize. USB has been making connecting things to your computer easier for years. The faster USB connections will have a blue piece of plastic visible in the type-A connector. These are better and much faster than the older black type-A connectors. Prefer external disk drives that can support these faster connections and the UASP protocol. USB type C connectors are the future, are easier to use, are reversible, and way faster. Newer phones use these smaller type C connectors, older phones tend to use the micro type B connectors. Computers usually expose a mix of black and blue type-A connectors. Use the black ones for slower devices like keyboards and mice. Newer computers also expose type C connectors. These type C connections are normally the fastest.

## Next Month

Next month we will get a head start on world Change Your Password Day.

# Jason's Jive

By Jason Inanga

So, Texas is officially opened up! We never really shut down as through the pandemic, a lot of people were still up and about. Through my full-time job at FedEx Express, I was able to see a different side of what the pandemic had done. Many business places on my work route, eventually moved from having skeletal staff, to work-from-home, and in some cases, some went out of business. Very sad.

Many of my friends in Maryland have reached out to me, asking if I am okay...others want to

know how Texas is adapting to this. Okay my dear reader, it has been a week now, since March 11 and very many people are still wearing their masks, sanitizing hands, maintaining safe distances. I do not know if this is the new way of life going forward, but most have been impacted by Covid and do not appear to want to take chances. Time and data will surely indicate to us the merits or demerits of the decision.

Today, I sadly have had to come to terms with accepting defeat from Mother Nature. I had

fought to keep a lime tree alive since last year through the erratic weather we had. My lemon tree shed its leaves and I thought that was the one that I had lost. Wrong! The lemon tree is sprouting new shoots. Sadly, the lime tree that bore leaves up to a few weeks ago, has dried up. The pineapple I tried to grow has also dried up. So, this planting season, I am just going to focus on putting flowers in the garden. I saw some lovely tulips at Home Depot and hope I can still find them in two weeks when I am ready to plant. Are you going

to garden this year? What are you going to plant? If you never gardened before, at least take up the challenge and try with a simple plant – herbs or vegetables.

Apples don't fall far from the tree. My 17-year-old son cooked dinner for us last weekend at home. He did a very good job – making everything from scratch. He made roti (kind of similar to naan bread made in India), he did curried chicken and potatoes, coleslaw, and chickpeas. Desert was toasted almonds and walnuts covered in some kind of brown sugar syrup. The hard part of allowing a teenager to cook dinner was the wait. Took him almost five hours. His siblings and I got restless at some point because we were hungry, and he appeared to be in no rush. I was proud to see him in the kitchen. It reminded me of when I was younger. My mother had put me in the kitchen at an early age – helping her to bake, to churn ice cream the old-fashioned way, to wash dishes, sweep and mop the floor. I was able to bake my first cake at age 10, unsupervised. I did get in trouble for that. We were living in Kingston, Jamaica at the time. My brother, Glen, and I had come home early from school. There was nothing in the house to eat – there were no stores near us on the campus of the University of the West Indies. So, I baked, disobeying my parents orders not to ever

use the stove without supervision. The deal I had with Glen, was that we would eat everything and wash up so my parents would have no idea. I baked shortbread cookies and gave him extra, to prevent him from telling my parents. Siblings! I thought I had everything covered. Would you believe that Glen (aged 6 at the time), reneged on our agreement? As soon as Mum came through the door, he excitedly went and told her I baked without her permission. Of course, I got beaten for disobeying...after that I promised Glen that if I ever baked or made lemonade, I would not share with him.

So, seeing my son in the kitchen brought back memories. The meal was good, but as we told him, next time he cannot starve us that long while he cooks. Do you remember the first thing you ever cooked on your own? Please write me at jasoninanga@gmail.com. With your permission, I would like to publish your story on my Jive.

I will conclude this Jive by giving a shout out to 14-year-old Hannah Joy Tobias, a student at Beltsville Adventist School, who recently had an article published in Guide Magazine. I will try to get a link to the article and share with you. Have a nice one.



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## ON THE AGENDA

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area. Although the initial student population is expected to be less than 100, Berman will design the playground for a maximum of 120 students.

### Community issues and concerns

I have received emails and phone calls recently asking who you should call to report various issues. 911, Non – Emergency Dispatch and PGC311 allow the following: 1) You can place a report anonymously. 2) Request a case number or report number. You will need the case number to follow up if the issue has not been resolved. If you call the police about a problem in your neighborhood and you want to know if they answered the call you need to make a request that they come to your home.

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- To report a non-threatening suspicious person, vehicle, or situation
- A loud party or noise complaint
- A parking violation
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- To report that you were a victim of a crime that happened in the past and the suspect is no longer on the scene.

### PGC311 Service Requests

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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. I hope you can join us on April 21 at 7 pm.

## From the Office of Councilmember Tom Dernoga

I am deeply saddened to share the news of the unexpected passing of Eugene A. Jones, who served as Constituent Services Specialist for my office. He passed away March 12th at the age of sixty due to reasons unrelated to COVID-19. I first worked with Eugene during his tenure as Fire Chief for the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department. He retired in 2010 after 24 years of county service, in addition to previously serving as Fire Chief for the District of Columbia Fire/EMS Department. He was also actively serving as 2nd Vice President of the Prince George's County Fire and Rescue Association and Assistant Chief of Silver Hill Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

When I was hiring for my office's constituent services position, I approached him because I knew of his extraordinary work ethic, the relationships he had already formed with community members and county employees, and his impressive reputation for getting results. I was pleased when he agreed, and not surprisingly, he was exceedingly professional, responsive, and efficient, and he took great pride in his work. While the majority of his career was spent putting out big fires, he was just as effective at putting out little fires in his latest role. If you have reached out to my office needing assistance with a county issue in the past couple of years, you most likely worked with him. He was a remarkable public servant, and my Team and I will miss him so much. In a year with so much loss, it is devastating to suddenly lose Eugene, too.



Remembering Eugene A. Jones

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## Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

## COVID Vaccinations for Beltsville residents

As you know, COVID-19 vaccines are in short supply and high demand. More doses are becoming available, with the first ones going to health care workers and nursing home residents. As production ramps up, more and more people will get vaccines, but the timing remains unclear. The Maryland Health Department sets priorities as long as supply is limited. And we have asked them to keep us and the public up to date on access.

Prince George's County has now entered Phase 1b, meaning vaccines are becoming available for adults ages 75 and up, assisted living (including staff and residents of homeless shelters), and educators (teachers and support staff, childcare workers).

The state has set up a state-wide pre-Registration system for mass vaccination: <https://onestop.md.gov/preregistration>

For County appointments, visit [covid19vaccination.princegeorgescountymd.gov](https://covid19vaccination.princegeorgescountymd.gov) or call 301-883-6627.

### Reminder: Scholarships to College

Each Senator and Delegate is



Senator Jim Rosapepe

allocated funds for scholarships to students in our district who attend Maryland colleges. There are so many deserving students in Beltsville. With college tuition a struggle for many families, we need to do everything we can to help hardworking students get a good education. We can't help everyone with Senatorial Scholarships, but we can certainly help some.

To apply online for a 2020-2021 Senate scholarship, students should

visit [www.21stDistrictDelegation.com/college-scholarships](http://www.21stDistrictDelegation.com/college-scholarships), and the deadline to apply is Friday, July 9. A separate Delegate scholarship application from Delegates Josefine Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and Mary Lehman is on that page as well with a Thursday, April 2 deadline. Information on other financial aid for Maryland college students can be found at [www.mhec.state.md.us](http://www.mhec.state.md.us).

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## Retired Teacher Builds Desks for Students

In January of this year, Robert Beaumier, a retired technology teacher from Beltsville Academy, began making desks for students who had a hard time concentrating at home during distance learning due to Covid. He established a go fund me account for needy students at the school to have a desk at home.

On his Go Fund Me page Mr. Beaumier wrote "As we all know, online learning has been tough on all kids, but especially difficult for students who lacked access to quality school supplies even in pre-pandemic times. I've retreated to my woodshop many times throughout this pandemic so I know how beneficial having a workspace of one's own can be. I've decided to put my woodworking skills to use by building desks for children learning at home. Together, we can help students focus at home today for a brighter tomorrow." He has just finished the project and was able to build and provide 78 desks to students in need!

Principal Leslie Lowe said "The Beltsville Academy community is so grateful for Mr. Beaumier's work. We have been able to provide many of our families with a desk for their child



Mr. Robert Beaumier and Beltsville Academy Principal, Mrs. Leslie Lowe pose with some of the desks Mr. Beaumier made for students at Beltsville Academy.

to do their virtual schoolwork. The craftsmanship of the desks is beautiful, and our families have been so grateful to receive them."

It's people like Mr. Beaumier

that make our community a better place. It's been a long year and we need to do everything we can for others during this time.



# Riderwood Vaccinates 96% of Residents Against COVID-19

Silver Spring, MD – Riderwood, a senior living community managed by Erickson Living in Silver Spring, MD, today announced that it has completed its COVID-19 vaccination clinics with 96 percent of its residents receiving both doses.

“Since the onset of the pandemic more than 12 months ago, our team has worked diligently with residents, their families and local health officials to help safeguard the well-being of everyone who calls Riderwood home,” said Gary Hibbs, executive director of Riderwood. “I’m proud of the exceptional results we have achieved by working together – and I’m thrilled that so many of our residents now have an additional level of protection against COVID-19. We could not have reached this important landmark without the professionalism of our partners at CVS, Adventist HealthCare, the unwavering commitment of our staff and the resilience of our residents.”

Every resident who wanted a



A Riderwood resident receiving the COVID-19 vaccine just steps away from his apartment home.

vaccine at Riderwood has now received both doses and look forward to safely enjoying the abundant on-campus amenities, dining experiences, and friendships that are hallmarks of Riderwood’s active, vibrant lifestyle. Residents, staff and visitors continue to take precautionary measures, including wearing masks, maintaining social distance and frequent handwashing, to keep each other safe and well-protected.

Residents have expressed grati-

tude for the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccinations conveniently on campus.

“At Riderwood, we are a family, and we care for one another. We’ve been through so much in the past year, but we’ve done it together. We got the shots because we care about our neighbors and want to see more of them,” said Greg and Sulocha Fernando-pulle, Riderwood residents. “Now that the vaccine is here, we are confident and optimistic about the future. We are grateful to Riderwood for bringing it right to us. They made it easy, and now we can’t wait to travel and see our grandchildren!”

Riderwood is one of 20 senior living communities managed by Erickson Living. To date, more than 24,500 residents at these communities have received the COVID-19 vaccine. For more information about Riderwood’s response to COVID-19, please visit [Riderwood.com](http://Riderwood.com).

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And I will know  
How gentle does the waters  
flow  
From frozen rocks in frigid  
plain  
Condensed and change to  
falling rain

Come Spring again  
And I will see  
The buds that swell on every  
tree

New blades of grass that  
beckon spring  
And call the robins back  
again

Come Spring again  
And I will feel  
A warm breeze flowing from  
the hill  
A sigh of passion from my  
wife  
Another chance to cherish life

Come Spring again 'tis love

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Though there may be weeds  
in gardens,  
Insects which devour lands,  
Still we’re priv’leged to see  
often  
Flourishing in flow’ring plants.

Though there’s evil all around  
us  
Tearing down our finest days,  
Deep within each heart we’re  
anxious  
Good will overrule sin’s ways.

Though our souls have an  
infection  
Leading to our sure demise,  
There is One whose resur-  
rection

Buried e’er the pow’r of pride.

Though the world may rail  
against Him,  
Even those who bear His  
name,  
None can put the Savior back  
in-  
to the grave He overcame.

Though this age requires  
endurance,  
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The building is still closed for social events. Any updates to the social calendar will be posted when they are available.

#### NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

##### SPRING HAS SPRUNG

The grounds are wonderful in April. Be sure to bring your camera with you. 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. Address: 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore-Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays.

##### VISITOR CENTER

The building is still closed, but staff members are at work. Contact the Visitor Center for information regarding plans for reopening in the future. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Join our e-mail

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### BELTSVILLE EVENTS

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## Club News



Pictured above are members of the American Legion family including the Juniors and the Cadets who packed 100 care boxes for our Ooactive Military through the Juniors program "Operation We Care."

## American Legion Auxiliary Junior Members Support Active Military

By Ivy Christoffers

On March 7, 2021 our ALA Department Junior Chairman, Starr Purnell, and our ALA Junior President, Kiley Lack held a special program at Kent Island American Legion Post 278. Here several senior members along with the junior members and the Sea Cadets came together to fill 100 boxes with comfort items and snacks for active military members. Items were bought in bulk and small American Flags were folded into small pocket flags to fit in a shirt pocket were included. These boxes were then sent to soldiers to help raise their spirits. The cost of sending each box was \$20. This was done through the "Operation We Care" a Junior project for 2021. The American Legion Auxiliary units in Maryland were very generous in donating funds for this worthwhile project.

On March 14, a beautiful "Day for God and Country" program chaired by Southern Maryland Chaplain, Marilyn Thomas, was held at Glenarden Post 275. This is an annual program to show gratitude and honor to all who have served in the United States Armed Forces, especially the four Chaplains who gave up their life preservers to four soldiers when

the USS Dorchester was torpedoed on February 23, 1943. This was an awesome event which included several members of the entire Legion family taking part. It made for a very inspirational and patriotic afternoon.

On a College Park note, we are open and serving lunch several days a week. Our menu is extent with "specials" each day. Call

301.441.2783 for the day's fare. The price is very reasonable and Joe, the chef, a very good cook.

A happy Easter to all. Now that spring is here, and daylight savings time gives us a little more daylight perhaps life will be more enjoyable.

Keep our troops in your prayers and seek God's blessings on our troubled country.

### First Baptist Church of Beltsville (SBC)

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[www.fbcbeltsville.org](http://www.fbcbeltsville.org)

Keith Holland, Pastor

### EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

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### *Easter Worship Service*

**Sunday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m.**

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## Church News

### **Easter Services at the First Baptist Church of Beltsville**

The First Baptist Church of Beltsville (4700 Odell Road, Beltsville, MD 20705) welcomes you to join them for Easter worship services on Easter Sunday, April 4. There will be a 7:00 am sunrise service and an 11 am worship service. For more information, contact the church at 301.937.7771.

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one of the earliest expeditions to the American West to record the natural history of the region. Accompanying him were Swiss-born artist Karl Bodmer and David Dreidoppel (Maximilian's servant and a skilled hunter-taxidermist). See [www.nal.usda.gov/exhibits/speccoll/exhibits/show/an-illustrated-expedition](http://www.nal.usda.gov/exhibits/speccoll/exhibits/show/an-illustrated-expedition).

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