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Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket Celebrates 40 Years of community and history with Local Food Fair

Greenbelt Co-op is excited to spend Sunday, June 2 from 11 am – 1 pm with their local vendors for a food fair as they celebrate 40 years as Greenbelt's beloved community-owned grocery store and pharmacy.

Greenbelt Co-op has added several local products this year, and the co-op team is excited to partner with even more in the future. To commemorate four decades of serving the community, Co-op is hosting a local food fair in Historic Roosevelt Center. They will highlight the rich diversity of the many small local producers the Co-op features.

Visitors can enjoy a fun and community-filled Sunday by enjoying samples of fresh-popped popcorn, Filipino lumpia, fruit and vegetable sorbet, beers, and more.

General Manager, Dan Gillotte, is "excited to celebrate Greenbelt Co-op's first local food fair celebration with local vendors. This will highlight the commitment Co-op has to the local economy and local small businesses." Gillotte continued, "It's wonderful to celebrate the storied history of our special cooperative enterprise in historic Greenbelt! Our community spirit is exemplified at Co-op."

About Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy

Since 1984, Greenbelt Co-op has been a cornerstone of the Greenbelt community, as the only independently owned grocer in the city. Their focus is on providing fresh, locally sourced food, and creating a welcoming space for all of their neighbors to experience together. The store is open from 7 am – 9 pm Mon.-Sat. and 9 am – 7 pm Sun. Greenbelt Co-op is located at 121 Centerway in Historic Greenbelt, MD. They offer a full-service deli and bakery, natural & organic products, high quality meat & seafood, and beer and wine. Become a neighbor and find us on Instagram (@greenbeltcoop) and Facebook (Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy).



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The Cast and Crew of Aladdin, Jr. at St. Joseph's.

Successful Run of Aladdin Jr. at St. Joseph's

By Rick Bergmann

I had the pleasure of attending St. Joseph's Spring Musical, "Disney's Aladdin, Jr." on May 18th. The story we all know, a small town "street rat" named Aladdin wants to make his life better. After a chance meeting with the Princess Jasmine in the marketplace, he is manipulated by the villainous Jafar and his pet parrot Iago to enter the mysti-

cal cave of wonders to retrieve a mysterious lamp. Once he has the lamp, he accidentally rubs it and is introduced to a magical Genie! The Genie helps Aladdin learn who he truly is! It's a wonderful tale and the cast and crew of St. Joseph's Aladdin transported the audience to "a whole new world."

The students in St. Joseph's theater program did a great job of bringing a freshness to a classic

story. They were a delight as they sang classic Disney songs such as *Friend Like Me* and *Prince Ali* as well as the love theme *A Whole New World*. In a time when arts programs in schools are being cut, it was nice to be able to go out and see children being given the opportunity to show their creativity and talent. Congratulations to all involved!

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News You Can Use



Karen Coakley

By Karen M. Coakley

Thank You Delegate Mary Lehman! Mary played the long game and did not strike out, she hit a Home Run! (Press release is below)

Governor Moore Inks New Bill to Curb Street Racing, Exhibition Driving Throughout Maryland

Heavier Sanctions Around the Corner on Maryland Roads for Skidding, Squealing, Smoking Tires; Swerving Vehicles, Raucous or Disturbing Loud Noise, Grinding Gears, Backfiring, Airborne Wheels, Passengers Hanging Out Windows or On Vehicle Hoods and More

ANNAPOLIS, May 9, 2024 - To stem the spread of dangerous, illegal racing, exhibition driving and car meetups on public roads, city centers and shopping centers, Maryland Governor Wes Moore signed legislation that sharply increases the penalties for drivers and other participants arrested and convicted.

Effective June 1, the new bill mandates a court appearance by accused persons, as well as increases the points assessed to convicted violators to 8 or more,

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Cub Pack 1031 Arrow of Light Scouts Bridge to ScoutsBSA

By Regina Halper

On April 29th, the Arrow den was honored at the Crossover to ScoutsBSA at the fire ring at Beltsville Community Center. David H. and Kyle T. bridged over to ScoutsBSA Troops 1033 and Anya P. bridged over to Troop 214G. These scouts joined in the pandemic and were flexible and creative to work to achieve the highest rank in Cub Scouts despite the Pandemic!

The Arrow of Light and its rays have specific meanings: Wisdom, Courage, Self-Control, Justice, Faith, Hope and Love.



Arrow of Light Scouts help explain the Arrow of Light!

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Beltsville News: Blast from the Past By Ted Ladd

(From the Beltsville News issue of June 1999)

Over 6,000 Residents Attend Beltsville Day 1999

By Terry Yarmosky

Spectacular weather and a schedule of exciting events drew at least six thousand to the 1999 Beltsville Day celebration at the Beltsville Recreation Center on May 16, 1999. Sponsored by the Beltsville Recreation Council, Beltsville Day is the culmination of months of planning and hard work aimed at bringing the community together for an annual day of fun and celebration. A trackless train, pony rides and a dunk tank were just a few of the outdoor activities that were enjoyed by many. An outdoor stage, located on the grass under the trees, provided a wonderful and relaxing place to eat lunch or to enjoy the local

talent of bands and a clever puppet show. Activities for small children such as face painting and picture making, and a colorful clown blowing balloons, added to the festive atmosphere of the day. Those who ventured inside the Recreation Center had the opportunity to enjoy activities including a reptile show and a story reading by a representative of the Beltsville Community Library. Both indoors and out, Beltsville Day 1999 was enjoyed by all who attended. If you're interested in helping to make Beltsville Day 2000 a special event, contact the Beltsville Recreation Center at 301-937-6613 and leave a message for Elaine Chabot, Beltsville Recreation Council President.

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resulting in suspension or revocation of a drivers' license. The new law also doubles the fine for participating in illegal street contests to \$1,000.

Responding to mounting constituent concerns, Senator Pamela Beidle and Delegate Mary Lehman introduced parallel bills early in the 2024 Maryland General Assembly. Their respective "cross-filed" bills, "Street Racing and Exhibition Driving – Prohibited Acts, Enforcement, and Penalties," overwhelmingly passed both the Senate (SB 442, 45-0 vote) and House of Delegates (HB



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601, 129-7), and in the process subsequently combined to arrive on Governor Moore's desk.

At a hearing earlier in the Gen-

eral Assembly session, Senator Beidle reported that 139 major exhibition driving incidents took place in Maryland in 2023. At another hearing, Delegate Lehman described the dangerous stunt and speed events as growing in scale and likely continuing to disrupt communities, endanger law enforcement and risk serious injury to participants and passersby trapped in street blockades.

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AAA Mid-Atlantic has been a long-standing proponent of the measure. Ragina Ali, the auto club's Public and Government Affairs Manager for Maryland and Washington, D.C., also testified, "While research by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that even modestly higher speeds at the time of a crash dramatically increase the chances of severe injury and death, these dangerous illegal street races amplify those risks, endangering everyone - including spectators. The reckless and irresponsible actions of those who choose to treat our roads as a racetrack result in traffic disruption and fatalities," Ms. Ali reported.

"Thanks to the unified will-power for road and street safety demonstrated today by our elected State officials, with the stroke of his pen, Governor Moore knocked down the 'Welcome to Maryland' sign for perpetrators of organized,

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Paws and Paintbrushes

In the vast gallery of human creativity, few subjects have captured the imagination quite like cats. From the sacred temples of ancient Egypt to the avant-garde studios of modern art, felines have prowled through history as both muse and masterpiece, leaving their indelible mark on the canvas of culture.



In the land of the pharaohs, cats reigned supreme as symbols of divine grace and protection. Revered as sacred beings, they were immortalized in hieroglyphs, sculptures, and tomb paintings, embodying the essence of mystery and majesty that captivated the ancient world.

But as civilizations rose and fell, the perception of cats took a darker turn in medieval Europe. Associated with witchcraft and superstition, they became both feared and revered, lurking in the shadows of illuminated manuscripts and haunting the tapestries of folklore with their enigmatic presence.

Yet, as the dawn of the Renaissance illuminated the minds of artists, cats emerged from the shadows to bask in the light of creative genius. Leonardo da Vinci, Albrecht Dürer, and Diego Velázquez immortalized their elegance and allure in masterpieces that adorned the halls of kings and nobles.

In the romantic glow of the 19th century, cats found new companionship among bohemian artists and literary luminaries. Edgar



Cat and Kittens, by Anonymous, c. 1872-83

Allan Poe penned tales of feline intrigue, while Édouard Manet immortalized them in strokes of impressionistic beauty, evoking a sense of mystery and longing in their gaze.

And as the 20th century unfolded, cats leaped from canvas to silver screen, from Picasso's surreal sculptures to Louis Wain's whimsical illustrations. They became icons of pop culture, starring in films, gracing the pages of magazines, and adorning the walls of galleries with their timeless charm.

In the grand tapestry of human history, cats have woven themselves into the very fabric of our imagination, their graceful forms and inscrutable eyes inspiring wonder, awe, and endless fascination. So let us raise our glasses to these feline muses, for they remind us that in the dance of creativity, there is always room for a purr-fect companion.

It's kitten season: consider fostering

Beltsville Community Cats

(BCC) took in a record number of kittens this spring, and they keep coming in. As a result, BCC desperately needs more foster homes where these kittens can experience living indoors and be socialized to pets and people. If you love cats but aren't ready for the long-term commitment of pet ownership, consider fostering. With love and patience, kittens 10 weeks old and younger can be transformed into wonderful pets. **Foster provides a life-saving experience for the kittens, and a life-changing experience for you!**

Contact BCC (240-444-8353 or hello@beltsvillecats.net) to learn more about fostering and other volunteer opportunities. Call BCC if you see a free-roaming cat in Beltsville that is not ear-tipped. Cats in this area can have two to three litters a year, and kittens as young as 4 to 6 months can get pregnant. Help BCC reduce the number of kittens born outside.

Auditions for UpStage Artists Summer Children's Musical "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves" June 22 and 23

By Rick Bergmann

UpStage Artists is excited to announce auditions for their summer children's show, Snow White and The Seven Dwarves By Tim Kelly with music and lyrics By Bill Francoeur. Snow White and the Seven Dwarves! The story is familiar, all our old friends, plus a few new ones, are here in this classic, marvelous musical adaptation. We'll meet the captivating Princess Snow White, the prince, the evil queen, and, of course, the seven mischievous dwarfs — Sarge, Gabby, Gloomy Gus, Ticklish, Spritely, Snore, and Slowpoke. There's also a hilarious

palace cat and an enchanted vixen — a fox, you could say! Following the traditional storyline, the fairy tale is brought to life with an eclectic score of toe-tapping tunes.

UpStage Artists is looking for a cast of children ages eight to eighteen as well as two adult females aged 25-40 to play the Evil Queen and The Old Crone.

Auditions are Saturday, June 22 and 23 at 2 pm at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705. Walk-ins are permitted but they prefer to have you fill out the form online at www.upstageartists.com/auditions.

Rehearsals begin July 1 and

take place in the evenings on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 7 to 9 pm. Show dates are August 16, 17, 23, and 24 at 7:30 and August 18 and 25 at 2 pm.

Many theaters charge a fee for their children's programs that can range from \$200 to \$500. UpStage Artists program is **FREE!** They believe in bringing theater to the community and see this as a service to provide arts experience to all involved. If you have any questions, email the director, John Cusumano at john.cusumano@upstageartists.com. Remember, UpStage Artists is Community Theater for everyone!



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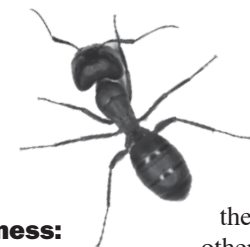
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I've got ANTS! Perhaps you do too. It is that time of year. Let's hear it for the bugs.

Insects invading your home can be more than just a nuisance; they can also pose health risks and cause damage to property. From pesky ants to creepy crawlies like spiders, these uninvited guests can quickly make themselves at home if given the opportunity. However, with some proactive measures and preventative strategies, you can effectively stop bugs from entering your living space.

Understanding Common Entry Points:

Before delving into prevention tactics, it's essential to identify the common entry points insects use to infiltrate homes. These may include gaps around windows and doors, cracks in walls, utility openings such as vents and pipes, and even through the foundation. By recognizing these vulnerabilities, you can target your efforts more effectively.

Seal Cracks and Openings:

One of the most effective ways to prevent bugs from entering your home is by sealing off potential entry points. Use caulk to fill in gaps around windows, doors, and any crevices in the walls. Pay special attention to areas where utility lines enter your home, as these are often overlooked but can serve as highways for insects. Installing door sweeps and weather stripping

can also help create a barrier against pests.

Maintain Cleanliness:

A clean home is less attractive to insects seeking food and shelter. Keep kitchen counters, floors, and other surfaces free of crumbs and spills, as these can attract ants, roaches, and other pests. Regularly empty garbage bins and keep them sealed tightly to prevent odors from attracting flies and other insects. Additionally, decluttering your living space eliminates hiding spots for bugs, making it easier to spot and address any infestations promptly.

Secure Food Sources:

Insects are drawn to sources of food, so storing pantry items such as grains, cereals, and pet food in airtight containers can help deter them. Clean up spills and crumbs promptly, and avoid leaving food out in the open, especially overnight. Consider investing in mesh screens for windows and doors to prevent flying insects from entering your home while still allowing for ventilation.

Utilize Natural Repellents:

There are several natural repellents that can help keep bugs at bay without resorting to harsh chemicals. Essential oils such as peppermint, lavender, and citronella are known for their insect-

repelling properties. Simply dilute them with water and spray them around entry points and other vulnerable areas. Planting insect-repelling herbs like basil, rosemary, and lemongrass near windows and doors can also help deter bugs from entering your home.

Regular Maintenance:

Finally, regular maintenance both inside and outside your home is crucial for preventing insect infestations. Keep shrubs and trees trimmed away from the exterior of your home to eliminate potential bridges for bugs to access your living space. Repair any damaged screens on windows and doors promptly, and consider installing mesh covers over vents and chimneys to prevent insects from entering through these openings.

By taking proactive measures to seal off entry points, maintain cleanliness, secure food sources, utilize natural repellents, and perform regular maintenance, you can effectively prevent bugs from entering your home. These simple yet effective strategies can help you enjoy a bug-free living environment and protect your home and family from the potential health hazards and nuisances associated with insect infestations. I'd better go find some peppermint oil for my little uninvited house guests.

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The pack is now moving into our summer mode where we will be out and about in the parks and community hiking, biking, working on STEM activities, fundraising and doing fun electives. Cub Scouts is transitioning to an updated program beginning June 1st and we look forward to new adventures.

If you are interested in Cub Scout contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for information. We are a family scouting unit. We learn outdoor skills, citizenship, STEM, nature and do community service. During the school year we meet at Beltsville Academy for our den meetings. We are happy to be meeting in our usual place and learning about engineering, nature, doing service and hiking in the outdoors. In the summer we meet twice a month in the parks.

Neighbors in the News

The University of Maryland Summer Chorus 2024: A Lifetime of Song

The University of Maryland Summer Chorus 2024: A Lifetime of Song will take place on July 27, 2024, at 8:00 pm. This campus and community chorus is available to anyone who wishes to sing this July. This year, UMD Summer Chorus will tackle Gabriel Fauré's Requiem, a choral masterwork that has provided comfort and solace to many since its creation. The program will also feature Fanny Hensel's contrasting cantatas: Hiob explores human suffering as a test of faith and Lobgesang is a joyful celebration of birth.

Conducted by Trevor Tran and David Mann, the program features talented soloists: Soprano Misy Curl, Alto Jess Harika, Tenor Chris Alfonso, and Bass Henrique Carvalho.

There is a registration fee of \$80 (\$60 for high school & college students). Those fees are non-refundable. All scores will be provided. No audition is required.

Rehearsals will take place from 7-9:30 pm at The Clarice Performing Arts Center (Rm. 2201) on the following dates.

Week 1: July 9, 10, 11

Week 2: July 15, 16, 17, 18

Week 3: July 22, 23, 24

Dress Rehearsal: Friday, July



Love to sing? Join the University of MD's Summer Chorus!

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You can register at <https://theclarice.formstack.com/forms/summerchorus>. For more info, contact umchoirs@umd.edu or 301.405.5571.

About the Music

Composed between 1887 and 1890, Fauré's Requiem is a choral masterwork that has provided comfort and solace to many since

its creation. The Requiem genre originates from Catholic roots, in which it was a service for the dead, but over time it has also become a musical piece that pays tribute to the deceased. Fauré's composition presents a calm and peaceful outlook on death compared to earlier composed Requiems. Through the seven movements, Fauré presents these rich, stirring melodies that

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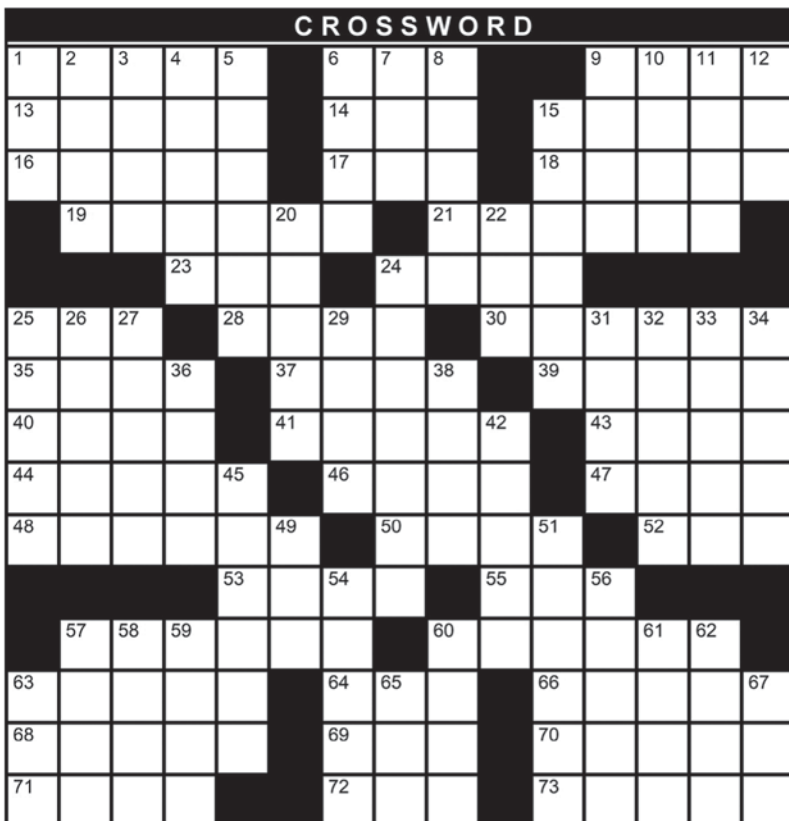


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6. Albanian money
9. Desertlike
13. Like Bananas Foster
14. Paleozoic ____
15. O. Henry's specialty
16. Printer brand
17. Always, to a poet
18. Extended family member
19. *"Breaking Bad" father
21. *"The Lion King" father
23. Unit of length of yarn
24. " ____ Me Maybe"
25. * ____ Anderson, he knew best?
28. The Supremes, e.g.
30. Subject matter, pl.
35. Same as ayah
37. Plural of #14 Across
39. Like less processed grain
40. Kind of shark
41. U.S. Airline
43. Short for "and elsewhere"
44. Opposite of digest
46. Flabbergast
47. Like Gulf Stream
48. Most achy
50. Not much (2 words)
52. Reggae's cousin
53. Rapunzel's abundance
55. Maintenance closet staple

57. * ____ Rock of "Everybody Hates Chris"
60. *"Finding Nemo" father
63. Golfer's sun protection
64. Aloha prop
66. Only daughter of Michael Jackson
68. Not active
69. Emergency Medical Services
70. In the cooler (2 words)
71. *Opie's father
72. Egyptian boy king, for short
73. Button on electrical outlet

DOWN

1. Nth degree
2. Not many
3. Turkish money
4. Online troublemaker
5. Mike Brady's children, e.g.
6. Malicious look
7. Before, in the olden days
8. Culture Club 1983 hit " ____ Chameleon"
9. Solo at LaScala
10. Fish eggs, pl.
11. Cuzco valley empire
12. Yellow #5, e.g.
15. Stream of revenue
20. Dog- ____ pages
22. Final, abbr.
24. Medicated shampoo ingredient (2 words)
25. * ____ Evans Sr. of "Good Times"
26. Idealized image
27. "Prepare to meet your ____!"
29. Wraths
31. Exclamation in a stinky room
32. Smidgins
33. *"National Lampoon" father
34. 1965 march site
36. Garden staple
38. Half a ticket
42. Carl Jung's inner self
45. Casual top
49. T, in Greek
51. Lethargy
54. Speck in the ocean
56. Heathrow craft
57. Same as genie
58. Pre-owned
59. Type of parrot
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From the Office of Council Member Tom Dernoga

Harmony Garden at Vansville

Join us for the upcoming Public Meeting on the Harmony Garden proposal for the space at 11701 Old Baltimore Pike on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 6 PM, at the Beltsville Library's meeting room (4319 Sellman Road). Go here to access the Harmony Gardens project documents <https://bit.ly/4djyirX>. A representative from the District 1 Team will be present, and we look forward to meeting you.

If you are interested in sharing your opinion, consider registering online to become a person of record; go here <https://bit.ly/3V1ocVu>. As a registered individual in a zoning case, you will receive notifications regarding forthcoming meetings, actions, and decisions made during various phases of the zoning application process.

Beltsville Adventist Community Center

The Beltsville Adventist Community Center (BACC) provides many resources to support local residents. It offers free computer usage, a food pantry, a diaper bank, a Social Services office, and various other avenues for assistance. The BACC, located at 4200 Ammendale Road, hosts free food giveaways from 10 AM to 12 PM on Friday, June 7, and June 21. Visit here for more information: <https://www.beltsvillesda.org/bacc>.

Fireworks are Illegal

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has documented numerous fatalities and injuries



Council Member Tom Dernoga and Chief of Staff Michelle Garcia at a BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir temple community event.

from fireworks. Many of these incidents occur around major holidays, with a significant number resulting from the misuse of fireworks, such as mortar-style devices. Victims of fireworks-related incidents can range widely in age, emphasizing the need for caution.

Burns are the most common type of injury, frequently affecting hands and fingers, often due to holding lit fireworks. Sparklers can also cause burns, particularly in young children. Eye injuries caused by components like gunpowder, sulfur, and charcoal are also common. If an eye injury occurs, avoid rinsing, rubbing, or applying pressure, and seek medical help immediately.

It is generally safest to leave fireworks to professionals; all fireworks are illegal in Prince George's County. Police officers can issue criminal citations and confiscate fireworks. A non-emergency dispatch request will result in the response of Prince George's County Police, Fire/EMS, or Sheriff personnel to the scene of an actively or recently occurring

public safety incident that does not immediately threaten life, safety, or property. You can report incidents online at <https://bit.ly/OnlineERreporting> or by calling the non-emergency number 301-352-1200. Please remember that it is challenging for emergency personnel to respond without an exact address or location where the offenders can be seen engaging in this illegal behavior.

Always prioritize safety and legal guidelines to ensure joyful and injury-free holiday celebrations.

The Senior Tax Credit application is open!

The portal and online applications for the Elderly Tax credit submissions are open for the tax year starting July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The customer service counter is now accepting walk-in payments Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/4dEsyJs>.

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Riderwood Residents and Staff Work Together to Support the LGBTQIA+ Community

Silver Spring, MD - "As a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, I'm able to stay true to myself at Riderwood," says LJ Ingram, who lives at the Erickson Senior Living community in Silver Spring, Md., with her wife Sarah.

She continues, "Riderwood is a very diverse community, and there are several groups on campus that prioritize inclusion and belonging. That goes a long way in helping everyone feel welcome!"

PRiderwood--a subcommittee



Every June, Riderwood hosts a Pride Parade to celebrate Pride Month.

of Riderwood's Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee--is one of those groups. Residents and staff members work together

to develop events and programs designed to increase awareness of

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Obituaries



Barbara Ann Wood Messersmith

Wood Messersmith, Barbara Ann

Barbara Ann Wood Messersmith, born on May 8, 1940, in Beltsville, MD to Roy and Ethel Wood, passed away on May 4, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love and laughter.

For over 67 years, she shared a journey with her beloved husband, Ellsworth Messersmith. Together, they cultivated a family filled with warmth, delicious meals, and plenty of memorable moments.

Barbara was a very generous woman, who was a proud member of the ladies auxiliary for many years. As a breast cancer survivor, she approached life with a brave and determined spirit. Barbara also had a quiet, adventurous side that had her traveling the world with Ellsworth and friends.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Ellsworth, son Allen (Gina), adopted son David (Cindy) Kasza, grandchildren Amy (Larry) Wil-

liams, Rebecca (Matthew) Rogers, Joe (Brie) Messersmith, Danny Atkins, Amanda (Lee) Foster, Alex & Ryan Kasza, great grandchildren Bryce & Ryleigh Williams, Taylor, Kaitlyn, & Makenzie Rogers, Brayden Messersmith, Nichole Atkins, and her sister Peggy (Chuck).

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Diana, son Wayne (Mary), and parents Roy and Ethel Wood.

Barbara was loved by so many. She will be missed and the memories of her will be cherished for years to come.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: American Cancer Society P.O. Box 6704 Hagerstown, MD 21741. Online condolences may be made to the family at: www.osbornefuneral-home.net.



Guy Patrick Serrano

Serrano, Guy Patrick

Loving son, brother and beloved uncle, Guy Patrick Ser-

rano, entered his eternal rest on Thursday, April 25, 2024, joining his father Andrew Serrano and brother Jerrald Curtis Serrano. He was born on January 25, 1969, in Simi Valley CA. He is survived by his mother Enriquetta Leon Serrano, 5 brothers and sisters, Anna Morales, Nancy Hull, Andrew Serrano, Marc Serrano, and Victor Scott (Tom) Serrano, 15 nieces and nephews, Maria Morales, Nancy Serrano Hennessey, Jeri Serrano-Dunne, Jose Morales, Katrina Serrano, Ashley Ells, Andrew Serrano, Chelsea Meyer, Lindsey Serrano, Mitchell Hull, Daniel Hull, Meghan Reyes, Thomas Serrano, Daniel Serrano and John Serrano and 28 great-nieces and nephews. Guy was less than five years older than his two eldest nieces and spent most of their childhood growing up with them. He was an amazing uncle / big brother, taking them everywhere with him from summertime camp outs to running the neighborhood with his friends. He was dedicated to his long-term girlfriend Kathy and her son CJ that he lovingly called little man. He loved his friends, fishing and had a fascination with martial arts and all things mystical. It was his love of life and adventure that kept many of us entertained while with him. His infectious smile and laugh will be missed for sure, for sure as he always said. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please send donations to <https://housingmattersc.org/donate/> a Santa Cruz charity working to end homelessness in Santa Cruz County.

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LGBTQIA+ related topics, foster unity, and demonstrate support.

"It's an amazing group," says Resident Services Coordinator Brian Koen, who serves as PRiderwood cochair. "Together, we organize activities like Riderwood's annual Pride Parade, movie series, and a Service of Affirmation."

Pride Month

Every June, Riderwood hosts a Pride Parade to celebrate Pride Month.

"It's often the highlight of the year," says Koen. "Once again, we've invited drag queens to participate in the parade this summer. Residents, staff members, family members, and friends are invited to show their love and support by walking on campus."

Last year, the subcommittee held its first Service of Affirmation in the community's chapel, and it was well-received--so much so that another service has already been planned for 2024.

"Reverend James Bell, our pastoral ministries coordinator,

led the service. Several clergy members from the local community were invited as well," says Koen. "Growing up in a conservative area of the south, I was not comfortable being out, especially in a religious setting. Feeling welcomed, acknowledged, and affirmed meant a lot to me and many of our LGBTQIA+ residents."

Year-round support

To ensure that members of the LGBTQIA+ community feel supported all year round, PRiderwood plans monthly meetings--hosted by the LGBTQIA+ & Allies Support and Discussion Group--that are open to the entire Riderwood community.

"The meetings are a safe space where attendees can ask questions," says LJ. "Many people want to learn more about the LGBTQIA+ community so they can better support children, grandchildren, or family members who are coming out. Also, everything said at the meetings is confidential."

The Safe Space Initiative, one of PRiderwood's first efforts, is

still going strong as well. Those who wish to participate in the initiative place a laminated Progress Pride Flag on the door of their apartment home or office.

"It's a wonderful way for community members to demonstrate their support of LGBTQIA+ residents, staff, and visitors," notes Koen.

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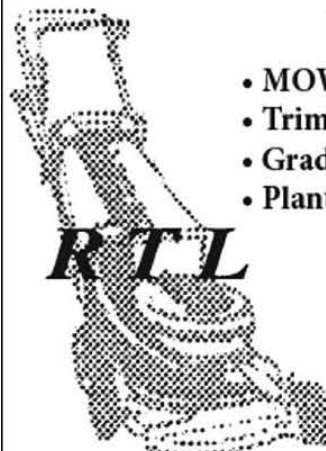
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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

Join us at the Beltsville Community Festival June 9th!

The Beltsville Lions Foundation Inc., the Beltsville Community Center, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is hosting the first ever Beltsville Community Festival on Sunday, June 9th, from 3pm to 7pm at the Beltsville Community Center.

Entertainment will be provided by Johnny Seaton and the Bad Behavior Band. The Beltsville Lions will offer free vision, hearing and eye pressure screenings. The Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department will sell food. The Police Explorer will sell drinks. Various food trucks will be present. Childrens Entertainment will also be provided.

We'll be there with information about scholarships, rental assistance, maps, job opportunities, and community events. Look for the 21st District Delegation booth.

Attention senior citizens: Join me at the Beltsville Young at Heart Club June 20th

Lots of music, fun and conversation is to be had at the Beltsville Young at Heart Club. Meetings are held every third Thursday of



Senator Jim Rosapepe

the month starting at 11:00 AM at the Beltsville Community Center located at 3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. For more information, call Lois at 301-498-9736.

College Park Farmer's Market Every Saturday

Visit the Hollywood Shopping Plaza on Rhode Island Avenue near Mom's Grocery to enjoy the College Park Farmers Market. The market is held every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Don't forget your reusable bags! To learn about other Farmers Markets in the County, visit bit.ly/Farmers-MarketsPGC

Rent Stabilization

The Temporary Rent Stabilization Law has been extended to October 17, 2024. If you believe your renewed lease is in violation of the law, please report this matter to the Department of Permitting Inspections and Enforcement via PGC311.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The new Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) guidelines went into effect on May 1, 2024. The Department of Housing and Community Development will limit application acceptance by limiting access to the ERAP application portal to those tenant households with an active court-filed eviction rather than those with an eviction notice. Tenant households with active court-filed eviction cases and in possession of a court summons, court judgment, or warrant of restitution will still be able to apply for ERAP. Please go to the DHCD ERAP website to apply and submit a copy of your court summons, judgment, or warrant of restitution. For additional questions, tenant households should call the ERAP Call Center at (301) 883-6504, option 9. The

ERAP Call Center customer service representative will instruct the tenant on the next steps. ERAP tenant households applying for ERAP assistance must read and listen to all instructions prior to completing the ERAP application. DHCD will screen applications received, and those without the required court-filed eviction documentation will not be reviewed.

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Office of Home Energy Program Grants

The Office of Home Energy Programs has increased the income guidelines for two of

their four grants. If you need help with your home energy bill, you may consider applying for assistance through the Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP). OHEP offers four different grants, and you apply for all four of these grants on one application at this link, <https://dhs.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs/>.

New help for first time home buyers

Prince George's County's First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program now offers up to \$25,000 in downpayment and closing cost assistance. The program still provides zero percent deferred loans that are forgiven after 10 years. Call the Pathway to Purchase program at 301-883-5456 for more information.

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“When Sarah and I moved in, placing the flag outside our door helped our neighbors know that they could openly talk to us and ask questions,” says LJ.

Recently, PRiderwood organized a Love Is Love event, which encouraged residents and staff to decorate their doors to display what love means to them.

“It was another way to show support, visibly illustrating the loving and caring community at Riderwood,” says Koen.

Reaching out

To extend Riderwood’s love and support to the local community, LJ and Koen joined forces with Sales Director Josh Runkles last year to start an initiative called Listen and Learn.

“Unfortunately, many seniors feel the need to remain in the closet--or even go back into it--when moving to a retirement community,” says Koen. “We wanted to show what LGBTQIA+ inclusion can look like at senior living communities. By sharing resident stories, we communicate that open and affirming communities can

have a real impact on peoples’ lives.”

To reach prospective residents, several current LGBTQIA+ residents shared their experiences at events hosted by the sales team.

“One evening, Sarah and I dined with a couple who wanted to learn more about the community,” says LJ. “One of the women had a list of questions regarding what life is like here, but none of those questions had anything to do with LGBTQIA+ space--because she could already tell that we are an open and affirming community!”

Feeling the love

“It’s nice to see Riderwood’s LGBTQIA+ population grow,” says Koen. “We are so lucky that LJ and several other residents volunteer as ambassadors and share their experiences. Everyone needs support and love. I am happy to be a member of a community that provides just that.”

“Riderwood is so diverse, representing all walks of life. We feel comfortable to be who we are, knowing everyone is welcome and accepted,” says LJ. “We love living at Riderwood because Riderwood loves us!”

WOODWINDS

Music met me in the breeze
As I traveled through the wood;
Songs awakening the trees
Waving at me where I stood.

Clouds broke open as the moon
Smiled to see the morning sun;
Chatterings of squirrels were soon
Joined by bees in buzzing tones.

Waters bubbled full of fish
Jumping for a sumpt'ous feast;
Flies provided quite a dish,
Also, for the frogs to eat.

Crickets and cicadas chirped
Just to note they were alive;
Flowers spread their joyous mirth
Bright with colors for the eyes.

All around me wond'rous noise
Filled the air magestic'ly;
“God is good!” Creations' voice
Speaks each day continually.

*Beckie Hutchings
3/03/2024*

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make the piece unique and memorable. This choral classic has honored a countless number of departed and continues to inspire and console listeners to this day.

Fanny Hensel, sister of composer Felix Mendelssohn, composed the cantatas Hiob and Lobgesang in 1831 at the age of twenty-six years old. Hiob draws its text from the Old Testament story of Job and human suffering as a test of faith. The opening movement features leaping lines in all voices and asks why mankind must endure injustice and pain. Lobgesang is a celebratory cantata written in honor of the birth of the composer’s first child. The work is highly influenced by the musical styles of J.S. Bach and even includes a recitative reflecting on the pains of childbirth as well as a final chorus welcoming Hensel’s newborn son into the world.

About the Conductors

David Mann is a doctoral student and graduate assistant in choral conducting at the University of Maryland, College Park where he serves as the conductor of the University Chorale. David is also in his fourth year as artistic director of the auditioned community ensemble, Voce Chamber Singers in Vienna, Virginia. Prior to attending UMD, David was a high school choral director for 7 years in Prince William County, Virginia. As a clinician and presenter, he has led high school and middle school honor choirs in the Commonwealth of Virginia and presents regularly at state and regional conferences on repertoire and

pedagogy for developing singers. He earned his master’s degree in choral conducting from Michigan State University and his bachelor’s degree in music education from James Madison University. In 2018 he was recognized as the winner of the American Prize in Choral Conducting - Collegiate Division and in 2023 he was recognized as a finalist for the American Prize in Choral Performance - Community Division.

Trevor Tran is a current graduate student pursuing a DMA in choral conducting at the University of Maryland. In addition to his studies, Trevor serves as Artistic Director of the Northern Virginia Chorale and Director of Music Ministry at Grace United Methodist Church in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Previously, Trevor was Head of Performing Arts and Director of Vocal Arts at Fort Myers High School in Southwest Florida, and he was recognized as a 2023 Yamaha “40 under 40” Educator through his work there. Besides being an educator, Trevor is an active composer and presenter. Organizations like Resounding Achord, CORO, Choral Arts Initiative, and San José State University have sung his compositions; and he has presented at state, regional, and national music educator conferences. Trevor holds a bachelor’s degree in music composition from San José State University and concurrent master’s degrees in choral conducting and music composition from Temple University.

About the Ensemble

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and community chorus available to anyone who wishes to sing. Each year, during three weeks in July, the UMD Summer Chorus rehearses and performs a major choral work with professional orchestra and soloists, led by one of the graduate conductors in the UMD choral conducting program. Performances have included Brahms’ Ein deutsches Requiem, the Durufle Requiem, and Orff’s Carmina Burana. Auditions for participation are not required.

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CUB CORNER: TAILS OF FLIGHT

Saturday, June 15, 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Ticket Price: FREE with museum admission. Age: 5 & under. Enjoy a short story and craft in the gallery. These programs are designed for younger learners 5 & under. THIS MONTH: Join us for a reading of Spider in a Glider, by Lesley Sims! Dive into the enchanting story, then let your imagination soar as guests craft adorable pompom spiders and help them take flight on their own paper airplane gliders. Registration is not required and

drop-ins are welcome. For more information: 301.864.6029 or collegeparkaviation@pgparks.com

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Saturday, June 22, 1 pm to 2 pm. Ticket Price: FREE with museum admission Age: 8-12. Explore a variety of STEM and aviation-themed sciences with a short lesson and hands-on activity. Ideal for learners ages 8-12. THIS MONTH: Young explorers will uncover the mysteries of prehistoric skies, discovering fascinating facts about flying dinosaurs. Participants will then craft their own dinosaur fossils. Prepare for a journey where learning about dinosaurs takes flight! Registration is not required, and drop-ins are welcome. For more information: 301.864.6029 or collegeparkaviation@pgparks.com

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ART GALLERY EXHIBIT & RECEPTION

The featured artist for June is Laura Wolf. Wolf describes herself as “an elementary art teacher, artist, birder, pun enthusiast and singer (in the Baltimore Choral Arts Society). She teaches K-5 in a Howard County Elementary School. She obviously loves her job – not only helping students produce their own art but introducing them to the creations of working artists.” Regular hours of operation for the art gallery are the same as those for the Visitor Center. The gallery is adjacent to the bookstore.

KIDS DISCOVERY CENTER

Tue. – Sat. at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12 noon. Duration: 35 minutes, each session. Ages 3 – 10*; Parents are required to work with their child at each of the parent-led activities. Registration is strongly recommended; call 301.497.5760. Children will explore and learn about nature and the environment through engaging, age-appropriate activities, crafts, and games. Older siblings are welcome to join with parents and work with younger siblings to help them

understand and complete the activities.

***NOTE:** The Kid’s Discovery Center is neither baby-proofed nor appropriate for children younger than 3-years-old, due to small items featured in the exhibits and activities.

COUNTDOWN TO MONARCH MAGIC

The Monarch Magic Center is open Tue. – Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. These amazing creatures have started their various stages of development from eggs to caterpillars to butterflies. Come see where they are now!

CRISIS IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY: OSPREYS IN PERIL

June 22, 1:30-3:30 pm. Conservationists are taking up the fight to protect ospreys. David Reed, executive director of the Chesapeake Legal Alliance (CLA) will introduce Bill McKeever’s short film “The Biggest Little Fish You’ve Never Seen” about menhaden, a principal food source for ospreys, and guide a discussion on how CLA and others are taking action. USGS researcher Dr. Barnett Ratner and naturalist Greg Kearns will discuss their findings on recent osprey nest success in the Patuxent and Choptank Rivers. Tickets are free but required. Go to <https://bit.ly/3USm9BU> to sign up.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Masks are optional. Contact the center for updates. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are 60 years old or older. Closed on Sundays and most major holidays. Address: 7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the University of Maryland Medical Center. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. Maryland Relay 7-1-1 for customers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability.

LAUREL SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB (LSFC)

Meetings are held at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center (LBSAC) on Contee Road in Laurel. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 10:30am. The meeting room doors open at 9:30am. We will have a short business meeting, and Steve Flynn will be serenading us with Frank Sinatra songs. This is also our annual “88+ Lifetime Members Celebration.”

Save the Date: Our July 10 meeting will feature entertainment by “Rearview Mirror.”

Please make your lunch reservations and payment at least two weeks before each meeting.

“Every Tuesday Bingo” is being held @ 12 noon – doors open at 11:00am – no admission fee – fee for cards. Interested people can contact the LSFC office (in the LBSAC) for more details on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10am to 12:30pm at 301-206-3380.

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

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WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY

Celebrate World Food Safety Day by attending the USDA’s National Agricultural Library’s (NAL) webinar on food safety & nutrition resources on **Friday, June 07th at 1:00 pm ET.**

“Discover the USDA’s National Agricultural Library’s Food Safety & Nutrition Resources and Tools During World Food Safety Day” In this 60-minute webinar, the NAL’s Food Safety and Nutrition Programs will highlight credible resources aligned with this year’s theme on how to be prepared for different food safety incidents, regardless of their severity. Register at <https://bit.ly/4d00rWz>

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

Thur., June 20 at 10:30 a.m. Address: the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, MD 20705. **Our inclement weather policy: If P.G. schools are late or closed, we DO NOT meet.** The Beltsville Young at Heart Club meets on the third Thursday of each month (weather permitting) and is for residents who are 55 years of age and older. Membership fees are \$15/person for 2024. Contact Lois at 301.498.9736 for more information.

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Sat., June 8 and Fri., June 21 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Build your child’s confidence as they read to specially trained therapy dogs. Bring a book or choose one from the library. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Register at <https://pgcmlls.info/event/10686246>

MOVIE MATINEE: “ALICE IN WONDERLAND”

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Space 2024: Part 1

Every now and then, I move away from computer technology and look at a different area. This month we look at what is going on in space.

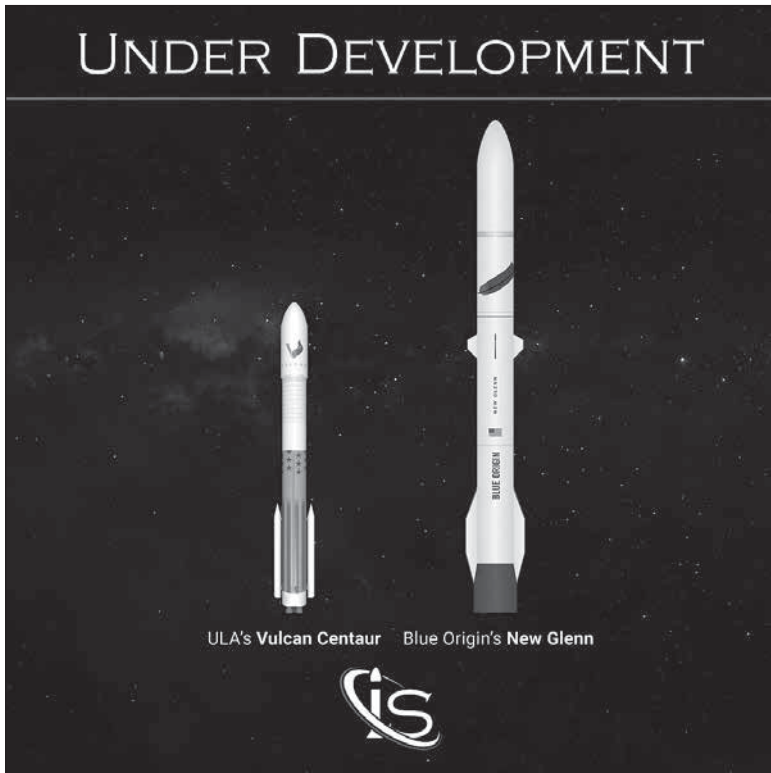
Sub-orbital Space

Many organizations consider the Karman line at 100 kilometers to be the border between space and the atmosphere. A satellite is unable to drop below this level and maintain more than a single orbit around the earth. NASA and the USAF, however, consider the division between space and the atmosphere to be at 50 miles or 80 kilometers. They base this on an earlier definition of the Karman line.

Currently two companies offer flights that carry passengers into space but do not take them to orbit. These are Blue Origin in the New Shepard and Virgin Galactic in the Unity 22.

Blue Origin until recently suspended its launches as the company investigated a failed flight in September of 2022. The flight was unmanned, and the capsule survived but the reusable initial stage was lost. It has taken more than a year and a half to return to flight, but Blue Origin has now launched both unmanned and manned flights. The New Shepard launches like a traditional rocket but lands on its own power similar to SpaceX's Falcon 9 rockets. The capsule separates from the rocket and returns via parachutes. Both the rocket and capsule are reusable.

Virgin Galactic uses a special airplane to carry their spacecraft to space. The mothership drops the spacecraft, which starts a rocket carrying the craft above 80 kilometers to reach space. This ship then changes the configuration



to glide back for a ground-based landing. Both the airplane and the rocket ship are reusable and able to launch again within a few weeks. Virgin will suspend flights in June as they build new vehicles that should have much faster turn-around times. They hope to start testing of these new Delta ships toward the end of 2025 with commercial launches in 2026. The goal of the new ships is to be able to launch eight times a month.

New Glenn and Vulcan

The new rocket Blue Origin is building is the New Glenn. This is a much larger ship than the New Shepard with the capability to carry 45 metric tons to low earth orbit (LEO). The first stage is reusable, landing on a barge in a fashion similar to the SpaceX Falcon 9 rockets. The New Glenn is using

the new BE-4 engine also used by the United Launch Alliance new Vulcan rocket. The Vulcan is replacing both the Atlas and the Delta IV rockets. The Vulcan is expecting its second launch by the end of the summer and the New Glenn expects to launch before the year's end.

Vulcan and Dream Chaser

Expected to occur in June the Vulcan launch now appears delayed until at least the fall. This second launch of the Vulcan rocket is supposed to carry a new ship, the Dream Chaser. Think of this

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Club News

Beltsville Young at Heart

by Lois Hamilton

Our June 20, 2024, meeting will be the last before summer. Parks and Planning needs the community room that we meet in for their "Kid's Camp." But we will be back on August 15 as usual.

The June entertainment is Dan & Cheryl, a very talented duo that we've heard before. The business part of the meeting will be shorter because Delegate Rosapepe will visit us to bring up-to-date news from the legislators. He'll handle questions on community concerns, such as the Beltsville Fire Department. So please bring any questions for him, so you get the most pertinent news.

As of now, our August 15 meeting will be a picnic and bingo fest. Should be a lot of fun. More information forth coming.

We still meet at the Beltsville Community Center at 3900 Sellman Road. We ask people to be there by 10:30, so they have time to sign up for trips (bring a check to pay at signing), take a chance with our 50/50 drawing, browse over the "Ways & Means" table, and chat with the other members, before I start the business meeting at 11:00. We will also have light refreshments. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at 301-498-9736. Leave a message and your phone number and I'll return your call.

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criminal exhibition driving violence,” said John Seng, chair of the Maryland Coalition for Roadway Safety, whose group lobbied for the bills. “Maryland lawmakers decided that safety and calm on roads and in communities really matters. Continued roadway, shopping center and city center disruptions will not be tolerated. Violators will suffer significant penalties,” he said.

Following the bill-signing session, Delegate Lehman credited SafeRoadsMD advocacy in helping get the bill passed: “They rallied broad support from county and other municipal government leadership, as well as chambers of commerce and other concerned parties across Maryland. Happily, a clear majority of my colleagues were listening and agreed,” she continued, adding “And we all thank Governor Moore for continuing to take major steps in enhancing Maryland road safety.”

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¡La aventura comienza en tu biblioteca este verano! ¡Disfruta de una presentación de la película familiar de “Alice in Wonderland” con Summer Prince George’s! Subtítulos en inglés estarán disponibles para cada película de la serie, y subtítulos en español estarán disponibles a pedido.
Register at <https://pgcmls.info/event/10618326>

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

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Wed., June 12 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
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craft as a miniature Space Shuttle designed to carry cargo or people. The Dream Chaser is about a quarter of the size of the Space Shuttle, but the design allows lifting it to space atop another rocket. The new Vulcan rocket, first launched in January, will carry the Dream Chaser to the ISS in space when it is ready.

Space Launch System

"Bang Zoom you're going to the moon!" The Space Launch System or SLS as it is better known is the current plan to bring the US back to the moon and build a moon base through the Artemis program. This will be more complex than simply mimicking the Apollo processes. In addition to the SLS and its Orion capsule, it involves new ships for SpaceX. These are the Super Heavy booster, and three different variants of the starship spacecraft. These variants will provide an orbital refueling tank version, a human landing version, and a cargo delivery version. A number of other companies will be providing instruments, tools, vehicles, and other materials for use building the base.

Did I mention SpaceX?

SpaceX is of course the relatively new company that created the reusable Falcon 9 rockets that are setting launch records weekly. They also launched the Falcon Heavy to handle larger loads, up to 64 metric tons. They have currently embarked on creating a new space vehicle known as the Starship. Starship is two parts or stages, the first being the Super Heavy booster providing the lift to carry the Starship to space and the Starship itself providing engines and cargo and/or people-space configured depending on the type of mission. Starship runs on liquid methane and oxygen with the vision of being able to create fuel on other planets. So far, there have been three spectacular "rapid unscheduled dis-assemblies". They are moving very rapidly for a rocket company, hopefully they will achieve complete success shortly.

Future Parts

I haven't even finished the rick-ets yet and I have so much more to share. I just didn't have enough space for my article on space. Look for part two next month on rockets and later this year a part three on satellites and other space stuff. Welcome to summer.



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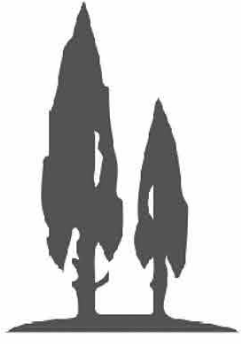
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