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## **DON'T MISS THE JULY 4TH Celebration !**

Come and Celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup>! Join in with our annual community parade, followed by magic and field games at our community pool. Fun activities for the entire family, all sponsored by your Civic Association.

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

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You and your family, your relatives, your community groups – y'all are encouraged to join in! All registered participants will receive a July 4<sup>th</sup> parade prize. The parade begins at Strathmore Elementary, heads up Beaverwood Lane to Birchtree Lane, then down Birchtree, and turns onto the footpath to go to the Pool Pavilion.

#### **Magic for You and Me – Michael Chamberlin, MAGICIAN**

**Pool Pavilion – 1:00 to 2:30 pm**

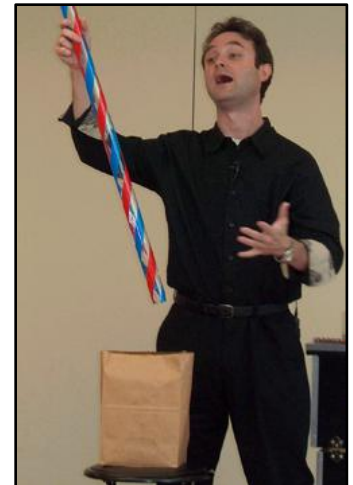
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#### **FIELD GAMES**

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The field fun and games begins at 2:30 pm. Try your hand at the water-balloon toss, sack race, three-legged race, and more. You can participate, whatever your age – senior, tween, junior, baby! Come out and enjoy!

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**Annual SBPCA membership: \$15.00**

The SBPCA is a voluntary association, funded by membership dues, that represents our community to County Government and various other groups such as the Montgomery County Civic Federation. The SBPCA also publishes *The Bugle*, organizes the annual Yard Sale and 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. The SBPCA Board of Directors meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Mid-County Community Recreation Center on Queensguard Road. The Civic Association's annual meeting is in November just before the BPRA annual meeting.

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The Bel Pre Recreational Association (BPRA) is the homeowner's association for the Strathmore Bel Pre properties. The BPRA runs our community's pool, tennis courts, volleyball, playground, picnic area, bath house, snack bar and pavilion, which are open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. BPRA Board & committee meetings are announced at <http://strathmore-belpre/bpra>. The Board normally meets at 7:30 pm monthly. Current 2014 schedule: June 25, July 30 & Aug 27 at the Pool Pavilion. Sept 22, Oct 27, & Dec 3 at a location to be determined. The Nov 20 annual meeting will be held at Bel Pre Elementary School.

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# The President's Corner

by Nancy Bechtol

President, Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association

## Yard Sale

By the time you read this edition of our *Bugle*, our Yard Sale on May 31st up at the Pool has happened, thanks to the wonderful behind the scenes work of the Board and our sponsor. Each and every year this event comes together like clockwork! The signs get placed, the *Bugle* advertises the event, PAULETTE LADAS donates a large dumpster (I have lost track of how many years she has done this!!), and our neighbors come to buy and sell! It is always a good time. I hope you were able to be a part of our first event of the year.

## 2014 – the Second Entertainment Series

The first Movie Event of our Summer Series also occurred on the evening of May 31st, on the Pool grounds. ADAM SHEPARD organized this event for our community while preparing to move west for the next few years. We can't thank him enough for assisting with this new series of entertainment for our community. This is our second year for the Summer Entertainment Series. We hope you will plan to come out and enjoy the movies on the big screen in the open air, and the LIVE music under the pavilion. All of this entertainment is free, thanks to the support of our sponsors and board members. The board cannot thank LILLA HAMMOND, PAULETTE LADAS and TIM HORST enough for their generous contribution to this Series. I would also like to thank the following fellow board members: THE BOGASKY'S, THE POTOSKY'S, THE VAUGHT'S, CHRIS SWAN and ELLIOT CHABOT, and ADAM SHEPARD for personally contributing to this Series. We are still in need of about \$1,000 more dollars to break even on the planned entertainment. Please consider a donation of even \$25.00, as it does make a difference! If we can raise more, we can consider doing more than 4 events in the future.

## Plan Ahead for the Summer

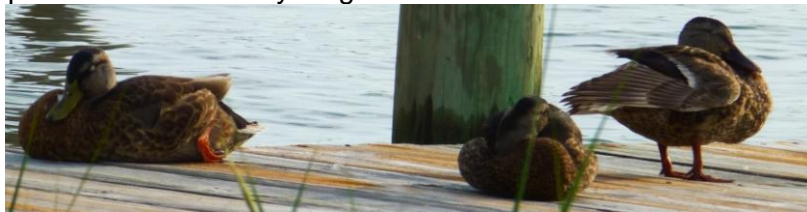
Our upcoming events are the July 4th Parade and games at the pool, and the first music entertainment at the pool on June 21st. Please cut out the Entertainment Series flier and put it on your refrigerator or bulletin board from this issue so that you remember the dates for these programs this summer.

CHRIS SWAN and ELLIOT CHABOT have planned both of our music nights at the pool again this year, and we are all in for a real treat again this summer.



## July 4<sup>th</sup> Events

LILLA HAMMOND, HARRY KLAPPER and DAN THOMAS have worked for years to organize and plan our Fourth of July events for the community. The afternoon begins with a fabulous parade through our streets with all of the kids from our neighborhood dressed in their finest red, white and blue outfits, with bikes and wagons decked to the nines! Dan always communicates with our local fire company and encourages them to participate. Harry is the organizer for the entertainment for the kids after the parade and it is always a good time! Without the hard work of our Board members, we would not be able to do a job well done!!



I can't wait to see everyone this summer at the Pool or on the Trail!



## Gleanings From Meetings + More

by Frank Corrigan

The Gleaning column returns in the next Bugle.



### Cub Scout Pack 763

By Jackie Fairy-Moeller

Cub Scout Pack 763 spent time on Memorial Day placing nearly 1,000 American flags on veterans' grave sites at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Cub Scouting emphasizes community and patriotism, so this activity was the perfect way for the boys to put them into action.

While many Cub Scout activities are boisterous and informal, this time the boys were in their best uniforms, working with their families, to respectfully walk through the cemetery. We discussed the sacrifices that service men and women make for our country. The boys learned about the different branches of the military by identifying them on the headstones. Cub Scout Pack 763 appreciates the service of all members of the military. Many thanks to MS. PAULETTE LADAS of RE/MAX Town Center for sponsoring the cost of the flags.



The Cubs Scouts place flags on Memorial Day at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery.



### Join Cub Scouts Pack 763

If you are interested in joining our pack, please contact Cubmaster BILL TOTEN at [wandst@juno.com](mailto:wandst@juno.com) or JACKIE FARY-MOELLER at [jfarymoeller@aspengroves.com](mailto:jfarymoeller@aspengroves.com)

# Bel Pre Recreational News

by Elliot Chabot, President Bel Pre Recreational Association

## Pool and Outdoor Recreation Season Starts

Thanks to the hard work of many community volunteers and Georgetown Aquatics (our pool management company), the pool and our marvelous recreational facilities opened on time, as planned, on Saturday, May 24. Once the public school year has ended, the pool will be open every day from noon until 9 pm through Labor Day, Monday, September 1.



## Vacant Trustee Seat

As mentioned in the May issue of *The Bugle*, Recreational Association Board of Trustees member ADAM SHEPARD has moved to Seattle. Adam has been one of the driving forces behind the Summer Entertainment Series; as well as being webmaster for both the Civic Association and the Recreational Association. The Board is scheduled to try to fill Adam's Trustee position at its June 25 meeting. If you have an interest in applying, please contact me at echabot@usa.net or at (301) 871-1113. **The deadline for applications is Friday, June 20, 2014.**

Candidates who are willing to either (1) take a leadership role in increasing recreation and entertainment at the pool facilities; or (2) maintain the BPRA website, are particularly encouraged to apply. Whoever is selected by the Board at its June 25 meeting, will serve until the Association's annual membership meeting in November. At the annual meeting, the general membership will fill the seat for the remaining 2 years of its term.

## Recreational Facility Renovations

In 2002, R.A. Ponte Architect, Ltd. provided the Recreational Association with recommendations for a 10-year capital projects and maintenance plan. That report guided the efforts of the Association over the course of the last decade. This past year, the Board of Trustees commissioned Ponte's successor firm (Ponte Mellor Architects, Ltd.) to conduct a new study.

The new 2014 Ponte report has been received. The report makes numerous recommendations, including:

- Refurbishment of the pool pump room
- Safety upgrades to the mechanical room
- Repair/replacement of the rail guards at the pool deck
- Fixing the uneven joints of the pool deck concrete slabs, and
- Upgrading the site lighting.

Longer term projects include:

- restoration of the basketball court
- renovation of main pool house building
- restoration of the lawn and plantings
- replacement of the storage shed
- new signage to meet ADA requirements
- upgrading the children's play area with rubberized mats replacement for the wood chips
- replace and re-stripe the front half of the parking lot



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By the time you read this, the full text of the 2014 Ponte report should be available on the Recreational Association's website (<http://strathmore-belpre.org/bpra-governing-documents/> -- under the **Budget and Maintenance** heading). If it's not there (remember, with ADAM SHEPARD moving to Seattle, we need a webmaster!), and you'd like to have a copy, then e-mail me ([echabot@usa.net](mailto:echabot@usa.net)) and I'll send you a copy.

### Fencing

In early May, part of the fencing around the pool facilities was found to not meet the requirement that it be 6 feet high, which is required for the pool to be open. The Board of Trustees authorized taking the necessary steps to get the fence into compliance. The County Department of Health & Human Services granted an extension for complying with the 6 foot requirement provided that:

- the fence violation is corrected in a timely manner; and
- BPRA ensures that the intent of the requirement is addressed with increased vigilance and monitoring of the pool perimeter.

M&T, Inc. has been hired to remove the debris and extensive growth along the fence, so that the fence can be brought up to the required height. Potomac Fences will do the actual modifications to the fence.

- Thanks to PAULETTE LADAS for coordinating the M&T and Potomac Fences contracts.

### Some additional BPRA activities since the last issue of *The Bugle* are:

#### Security and Lighting

- UTS Solutions has installed a new security system, to replace the system that was installed in 2007. The new system includes an extensive array of security cameras throughout the property and allows for remote monitoring around the clock.
  - Thanks to KYE PAK for coordinating this contract.
- GSW Electric has been contracted to repair and upgrade the lighting in the parking lot.
  - Thanks to KIM WATERS for coordinating this contract.

#### Pool Maintenance and Landscaping

- Pest Now has been contracted to treat the volleyball area for bees.
  - Thanks to PAULETTE LADAS for coordinating that contract.

#### Administration

- GENE WALLS has been contracted to provide quarterly home ownership updates.
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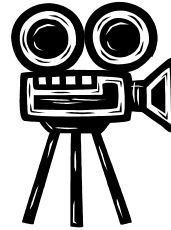
## 2014 Summer Entertainment!

by John Bogasky, Chris Swan, and Adam Shepard

**4 events - two movies and two concerts - are set for the 2014 Summer Entertainment Series!** Each event is on a Saturday night at the Pool Pavilion and grounds, and is open to all Civic and Recreational Association members and their guests!

For the movies, we have chosen:

- **Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events**
- **Percy Jackson and the Olympians**



### **Your challenge:**

#### **Support 2014 Summer Entertainment**

In order to make this a new STRATHMORE BEL PRE tradition, we will need additional financial support from the community.

We have a great start! Each of our lead sponsors, LILLA HAMMOND of Long & Foster, PAULETTE LADAS of RE/MAX and TIM HORST of Long & Foster have already pledged at the SBP Superstar level. Civic Association Board individual members have committed an additional \$200, and the Recreational Association has committed \$250. **We, however, need your support to fully fund our planned events.**

## **2014 Summer Entertainment Series**

5/31 – Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events  
(Saturday night at the movies)  
6/21 – Saturday night with a Concert  
7/19 – Percy Jackson and the Olympians  
(Saturday night at the movies)  
8/16 – Saturday night with a Concert

**Save the dates!!**

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**Please contact Civic Association Treasurer JOHN BOGASKY** at [johnbogasky@hotmail.com](mailto:johnbogasky@hotmail.com) to make your donations! With your support, we can create a new community tradition that takes advantage of our beautiful pool facilities, is fun for everyone, and brings our community together!

### **Recreation**

The BPRA co-sponsored the showing of "Lemony Snicket's – A Series of Unfortunate Events" on Saturday, May 31, at the pool. A second movie night is planned for Saturday, July 19 and two live music nights are scheduled for Saturday June 21 and August 16.

- Thanks to ADAM SHEPARD, CHRIS SWAN, JOHN BOGASKY, and the Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association for doing the hard work to make these programs happen.

### **Lending Library**

A book case with paperbacks, magazines, and assorted kids books has been installed at the pool house entrance. Borrow one, bring one.

- Thanks to KYE PAK for installing and organizing this new recreational facility.

### **Block Party**

The BPRA has lent its encouragement to the organizers of the June 8 Belle Crest Lane block party. This is the first block party planed on the south side of Strathmore Bel Pre since as far back as anyone has remembered.

- Thanks to MEGAN VIRGA and PAM RUTTER for organizing this great pot luck event.

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### **GETTING CONTROL OF YOUR PAPER FLOW..A FEW TIPS!**

Is your desk or counter top attracting papers? Sometimes the paper piles can seem uncontrollable. Here are a few tips from Elizabeth Mayhew of *Real Simple* magazine:

**Establish a system for organizing mail:** 1) Designate an in-box for the mail - big enough to hold a week's worth of papers, but no more, so you can't let things pile up. 2) Deal with mail when you get it. Throw away junk mail before taking your coat off. Put catalogs and magazines in a separate basket to go through later and put mail in you in-box. 3) Keep a large wastebasket near your in-box. Getting rid of bulk makes the paper you have to deal with less intimidating. 4) Pick a regular time to sort through your in-box. Whether it's one hour a week, or a couple minutes a day, pick a schedule that fits your lifestyle and stick to it.

**Types of mail:** 1) Invitations - decide quickly if you will attend, mark invitation once you have replied, put the invitation in a visible place, put the date in your calendar right away and toss the invitation after the event. 2) Bills—use a portable filing system. Keep everything you need together: checkbook, stamps, and a pen in your organizer. Choose a labeling system that works for you. Pay the bills daily or use a weekly system. Once bills are paid, move them to a file cabinet or storage box.

**Stop junk mail:** 1) The Credit Reporting Industry Pre-Screening Opt-Out hotline (888-567-8688) removes your contact information from four major credit bureau lists for pre-approved credit card solicitations. 2) Contact your bank and credit-card companies to make sure your name is removed from shared mailing lists.



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# 2014 Dolphin Season Underway

by Claire Pak

**Welcome to Summer 2014!** The Dolphins' season is up and running. We opened with our annual Swimmers' and Parents' Meetings. We are delighted to have so many returning swimmers and to see many new swimmers, too. We are seeded second in the Prince Mont Swim League's B Division. We expect a very competitive season. Practice began on May 28. Despite cold water and end-of-school year demands, our swimmers dove in without complaint to begin training for this season.



## Meet Schedule

Our Blue-White Meet (intramural time trials meet) will take place on Saturday, June 7. Our first dual meet of the season takes place on Saturday, June 14, against long-time division rival MVP. An abbreviated calendar appears in this issue of the Bugle, and the full calendar is available at our website: <http://sbpdolphins.org/>.

## Join the Dolphins – it's NOT too late

Did you miss the parents' meeting? Did you miss time trials? Don't despair; it's not too late to sign up if you are still interested in participating! Email TERRY KOMINSKI or any member of the board (contact info appears in this article) and we'll be happy to provide you with the forms and other information. Information is also available on our website.

## Meet our 2014 Coaching Staff:

**Terry Kominski—Head Coach.** Dolphins legend. No more to be said.

**Lilan Miller—Assistant Coach.** Lilan has served as a Developmental Coach for three years and will move up as Assistant Coach this year. She is a past Swimmer of the Year with many All-Star and Divisionals appearances to her credit, and has just finished her first year at the University of Maryland. Lilan is certified as both a lifeguard and a pool operator and has four years of lifeguarding experience. This will be her last season as a Dolphins swimmer!

**Emma Bearman—Developmental Coach.** Emma has been a Dolphins swimmer for many years, and has also been a star swimmer at Kennedy High School and for RMSC. Her Dolphins career has included many Divisionals and All-Star appearances, and as a high school swimmer, she has been invited to participate in Metro, Regional, and State Championship meets. She has always been generous with support and advice for younger swimmers.

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## News from Georgian Forest's Neck of the Woods

by Megan Virga



This column returns in the Fall.

### **Current Litigation**

As we go to press, the Bel Pre Recreational Association is the defendant in two law suits. The full text of relevant documents should be found at <http://strathmore-belpre.org/bpra-legal-proceedings>.

**Henry v. Guirand** (Case 2325, Maryland Court of Special Appeals).

A suit to, among other things, compel the BPRA to take actions against the "growing fence" at 14017 Breeze Hill Lane. There has not been a change in status since the last issue of *The Bugle*. In January, the Court ruled in favor of the BPRA, i.e., dismissed the BPRA portion of the suit. In February, the plaintiffs asked the court to reconsider its decision.



**Guirand v. Bel Pre Recreational Association, Inc.** (Case 383580, Montgomery County Circuit Court). A suit to enjoin the BPRA from taking actions against the fence at 3200 Bustleton Lane. On April 30, the BPRA filed a counter-claim asking the Court to either compel the plaintiffs to remove the entire fence, or alternatively, to prohibit any fencing of the side yard.

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## 50 Plus Club Meetings

by Maury Potosky

The 50 Plus Club of Strathmore-Bel Pre began its Summer meeting schedule on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, with a meeting at the Strathmore-Bel Pre Pavilion. All members bring their own dinners, along with desserts for sharing among the group.

For Summer 2014, the meeting schedule includes June 18, July 16, and August 20. We also are planning to see *Pirates of Penzance* at Toby's Dinner Theater during the summer.

If any residents of Strathmore-Bel Pre wish to join us for our meetings and other activities please contact CHARLOTTE POTOSKY at 301-460-9008 or by email at [maury3505@aol.com](mailto:maury3505@aol.com). We enjoy meeting new people in our community!



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**Winston Miller—Developmental Coach.** Winston has also been a Dolphins swimmer for many years, and is a current member of the Kennedy High School swim team. He has made many Divisionals and All-Star appearances, and is among the most popular and sought-after Big Buddies. Winston has shown a great talent for teaching even the youngest and most reluctant swimmers.

**Kayla Geary—Developmental Coach.** Kayla, too, is a long-time Dolphins swimmer with many Divisionals appearances and coaches’ awards to her credit. She is a senior swimmer at Sherwood High School and a very popular Big Buddy.

We are very proud of our coaching staff. They are all certified lifeguards and accomplished swimmers, and they are eager to share their experience and their success with our young swimmers. We are very lucky to have such a talented and dedicated group to mentor and coach our developing swimmers .



**Support is appreciated**

Thank you to all of our friends and neighbors for your continued support, financial and otherwise. We look forward to a fun, successful swimming season! Please contact any member of the Dolphins Board for more information.

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**Hear All About it – Dolphin News**

Finally, we’d love to keep in touch with you during the summer. I send frequent emails filled with team news during the summer, and if you’d like to receive updates, just send me an email and I’ll add you to our distribution list. You can also bookmark our website: <http://sbpdolphins.org/>. Of course, our plans are on the calendar in this issue of the Summer Bugle!

**We’ll see you at the pool!**

**Website Assistance Needed!**

by Adam Shepard

Calling all volunteers! Are you interested in writing, photography, or simple website administration? The Civic Association is looking for new members to help maintain our website. 2014 is off to a great start and we have some fantastic content, so we want to keep the contributions coming. **All ages and skill levels are welcome.** For more information or to help out, please email ADAM SHEPARD at [awshepard@gmail.com](mailto:awshepard@gmail.com).

## Glenmont Exchange Update

By John Bogasky

The Glenmont Exchange ([www.glenmontexchange.org](http://www.glenmontexchange.org)) is a local civic group that tries to foster dialogue among the many civic associations, businesses, and individuals that comprise the area around Glenmont and between Wheaton and Olney. The Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association is a founding member of the Glenmont Exchange.

Glenmont Exchange meetings are a useful method to get updates on developments in our area. The April meeting was a well-attended meet-and-greet of the Democratic candidates for local office in the June 24<sup>th</sup> Primary election. Representatives from Councilwoman's NANCY NAVARRO's office attended the May meeting. Below are some insights learned from these meetings:

### Local Retail Merchants and Shopping

The Wheaton Costco store is the company's 3<sup>rd</sup> highest grossing store in the United States. The Tuesday Morning store at Northgate Plaza is among that company's most successful stores. Kohl's also is doing exceptionally well.

### Plaza Del Mercado Developments

Redevelopment at Plaza Del Mercado could get started as early as this fall, much faster than normal for Montgomery County. About 5 years ago, Giant, the former food store on the site, had gotten approval on a site plan to expand their store. That plan never was implemented. Since the new project simply amends that plan, the approval process is streamlined. It is expected that an Aldi's grocery store and an LA Fitness gym will go into the plaza, using the space currently occupied by Capital One and the old Giant store. The project includes plans to upgrade the entire shopping center, and add a common area. No details were provided as what a "common area" means. The project requires a zoning text amendment which Councilwoman Navarro already has proposed for passage by the County Council. The Council strongly supports the amendment, with the only obstacle to passage being scheduling the vote.

Also at Plaza Del Mercado, Federal Realty apparently has a new restaurant tenant for the recently vacated El Napolito location. It is reportedly a "Spanish" type restaurant but there were no further details.

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## Ballou Gardening

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## Aspen Hill Library News

by Chris Swan



### Caribbean-American Heritage Celebration – June 7, 2014 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

The sixth annual Caribbean-American Heritage Celebration will be held at the Aspen Hill Library on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. The dance troupe, White House Studios *featuring* Caribbean Dance Traditions, will be performing, as well as a steel pan band, a story teller, crafts and more. Bring the whole family for a lovely summer afternoon of entertainment!

### Film Festival!

The Film Festival continues during the summer. Films will be shown on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>. Films begin at 7:30 and admission is free.

•June 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Red Tails**, about the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II.

•July 28<sup>th</sup>

**Evil Under the Sun**, Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot on holiday

### Summer Reading 2014 – Fizz Boom Read

These programs will be held at the Library in the Community Room:

June 19	11 am	Mad Science – Up, Up, and Away!
June 21	11 am	John Henry – Musician
June 23	3 pm	Agricultural Fair – See a Farm Animal!
June 26	2 pm	Japan in a Suitcase
July 5	11 am	Paul Merklein – How to Draw Superheroes
July 9 & 16	4 pm	Homework Help & Family Learning Night
July 19	11 am	Kathleen Davis – author of <i>Emerson's Attic: The Blue Velvet</i>
July 19	2 pm	Sciencetellers – Dragons & Dreams
July 23 & 30	4 pm	Homework Help & Family Learning Night
July 26	11 am	Simple Gifts – Musicians



For the latest program listings, visit the Library or go to

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/branchinfo/ah.asp>.

### Book and Other Donations always are accepted by the Friends, but not at the Library

If you would like to donate used books, CDs, or DVDs for the Aspen Hill Friends of the Library Book sales, e-mail the Friends at [aspenhill@folmc.org](mailto:aspenhill@folmc.org), or call us at (301) 871-1113. The Aspen Hill Friends is a 501(c)(3) organization, so donations are tax deductible. Please do not bring donations to the library, as staff are not able to accept them. **Just contact the Aspen Hill Friends, thanks.**



## **Glenmont Exchange**

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### **Wheaton Redevelopments**

The recently approved County capital budget includes \$60+ Million to redevelop the Wheaton Recreation Center and Library and \$144 Million for moving the Planning Commission and some other county agencies to a new 12 story building in Wheaton. There will also be a 12 story apartment building. Both will be built in the large parking lot in the Wheaton Triangle along with a large community plaza that can continue to support The Taste of Wheaton festival.

### **Glenmont Redevelopment**

The first phase of the Glenmont Metrocentre project, which is some 144 townhouses on the Layhill Road side of the property, is progressing and should break ground within the next year. Permits recently have been granted to demolish the empty apartment buildings on the Phase 1 site.

Any Glenmont Shopping Center redevelopment remains far off. The current owners are all running profitable businesses, diminishing their incentive to risk redevelopment. In addition, the owners all have cross-easement access rights which effectively enable one owner (e.g., the Arcade owner) to block any redevelopment on adjoining sites.

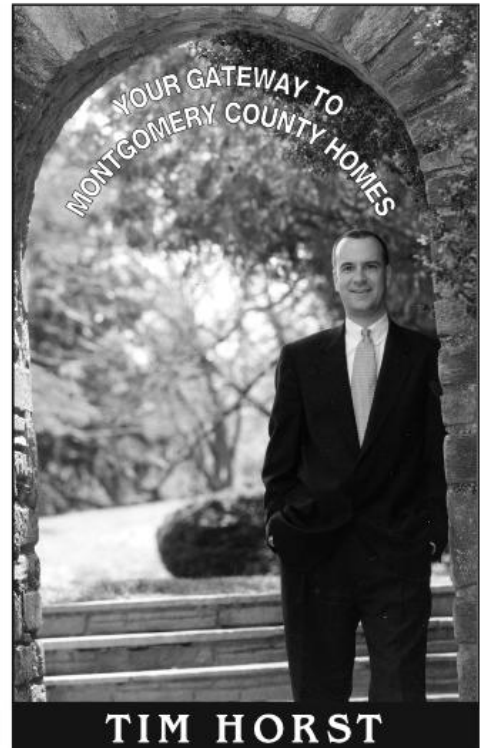
### **Randolph and Georgia Intersection Improvements**

The grade separation project at Randolph and Georgia is progressing. The fire station has moved to the old Wheaton Rescue Squad facility, and ownership of the property has been transferred to the state.

Construction management trailers have been installed on the vacant land on the southwest corner of the intersection, and the BP gas station has been demolished. Construction should begin in the next month or two, and may have started by the time you read this issue of the Bugle. In order to keep all lanes open during construction, the project will occur in 7 phases and will take 3 years to complete.

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## Strathmore Bel Pre Summer 2014 Calendar

~ May/June/July/August 2014 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>27 May!</b>	<b>26 Memorial Day</b>	<b>27</b> Swim Team Swimmers' meeting	<b>28</b> Swim Team pm practices begin	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Swim Team Parents' meeting	<b>31</b> Yard Sale  Movie Night
<b>1 June!</b>	<b>2</b> Swim Team pm practices	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Swim Team Ice Cream Social	<b>7</b> Swim Team Blue-White Meet
<b>8</b> Belle Crest Block Party	Swim Team pm practices	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Swim Team 1 <sup>st</sup> Pasta Party  Public Schools Last Day of School	<b>14</b> Swim Team A Meet Home
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Swim Team am practices Swim Team Buddy Breakfast	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Swim Team B Meet Home  50's Plus Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Swim Team Pasta Party	<b>21</b> Swim Team A Meet Away  Music Night
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Civic Association Board Meeting	<b>25</b> Swim Team B Meet Home  Rec Assoc Board Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Swim Team Pasta Party	<b>28</b> Swim Team A Meet Home
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1 July !</b>	<b>2</b> Swim Team B Meet Away	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Happy 4th of July</b> Swim Team Memorial Meet  Parade 12 noon Magician 1 pm Field Games 2:30	<b>5</b> Swim Team A Meet Home
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Swim Team B Meet Home	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Swim Team Pasta Party	<b>12</b> Swim Team A Meet Home
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Swim Team 8U Practice Divisionals Practice	<b>15</b> Swim Team 8U Practice Divisionals Practice	<b>16</b> Swim Team Jelly Bean Meet  50's Plus Meeting	<b>17</b> Swim Team Divisionals Practice am and pm	<b>18</b> Swim Team Pasta Party with Paper Plate Awards Divisionals Practice	<b>19</b> Swim Team "B" Division Championships @ Home  Movie Night
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Civic Association Board Meeting	<b>23</b> Swim Team Awards Banquet	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Swim Team PMSL All-Stars Parents' Party
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Rec Assoc Board Meeting	<b>31</b>	<b>1 August!</b>	<b>2</b>
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<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 50's Plus Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Public Schools Begin	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Rec Assoc Board Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>1 Labor Day</b> Last Pool Day					

## Strathmore Bel-Pre – 2014 July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration!!

The Strathmore  
Bel Pre Community  
likes to celebrate  
July 4th!

The Celebration  
team needs your  
help. We need  
your assistance!

Are you able to  
help us out this  
year? Any and all  
efforts are needed.

THANKS!



**Help make our July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Celebration the best yet!**  
Thanks!

Please volunteer to make  
our community's July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Celebration special **this  
year** by selecting from the  
list below.

We welcome your ideas and  
talents!

- ☐ Parade Committee
- ☐ Entertainment
- ☐ Decorations, Signs
- ☐ Field Games



### ***Help Our Community Celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> – 2014!***

**YES! Count me in! to help with the Strathmore Bel-Pre July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE/E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **PARADE**.....11:30 - 1:00 pm (Registration and Safety)  
\_\_\_\_\_ **ENTERTAINMENT**.....12:30 pm - 2:30 pm (4 people)  
\_\_\_\_\_ **FIELD GAMES**.....2:00 pm to 3:30 pm (8 adults)  
\_\_\_\_\_ **DECORATIONS & SIGNS**....On July 4<sup>th</sup> and before ☺

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**THANKS VERY MUCH! THE JULY 4TH CELEBRATION TEAM**