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HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY



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Dear Jacqueline D.,

WELCOME to the latest edition of the Byrd & Byrd email newsletter! We hope that you enjoy this newsletter and find helpful information along with the latest news from Byrd & Byrd. Happy Reading!

The Byrd Nest Welcomes Lillie Rachel



The BYRD & BYRD conference room photo gallery is growing, as Toby and Jackie welcome their seventh grandchild! Lillie Rachel Babcock was born a healthy seven pounds, ten ounces on the afternoon of June 15th. There to greet her were her excited older siblings - triplets Toby, Anna and Jack and 6-yr. old Timothy. Later she was welcomed by cousins Jason and Sammy! Mom and baby are healthy, and the entire family is happy and thankful.

Fourth of July Fun Facts

- The first Fourth of July party held at the White House was in 1801.
- The 4th of July was not declared a national holiday until 1941
- John Hancock was the only person to actually sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The other 55 signers did not sign it until

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YouTube Video of the Month

Here at Byrd & Byrd, we want to make the monthly newsletter enjoyable to read, attractive to view, and interactive for our readers. What better way to accomplish that than to post our favorite YouTube video each



August 2nd or even later.

- Calvin Coolidge is the only U.S. president born on the 4th of July. He was born in 1872
- Over an estimated 150 million hot dogs will be consumed today. That's roughly one dog for every two people in the US
- Over \$211 million has been spent on the importation of fireworks from China.
- Oddly, the majority of the nation's flags and patriotic paraphernalia in relation to the Fourth of

July is produced in China. Nearly \$349 million are used each year to import the flags, banners, decorations, and emblems.

- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national animal but was outvoted when John Adams and Thomas Jefferson chose the bald eagle.
- The youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence was 26-year-old Edward Rutledge. The oldest signer was Benjamin Franklin. He was 70. Most of the signers were in their 30s and 40s.
- When the United States became a country, there were approximately 2.5 million people living in the country. Today the population is around 304 million.
- Bristol, Rhode Island has the oldest, continuous 4th of July celebration dating back to 1785.

A Review of BowieFest 2011 Another Big Success for Byrd & Byrd

Continuing an annual tradition, Byrd & Byrd enjoyed hosting a booth at the 2011 Bowie Fest. Tim Leahy, an attorney with the firm for 10 years, talked to hundreds of our Bowie neighbors about their legal situations, possible solutions, and the services that Byrd & Byrd offers the community.

Even if someone didn't need legal advice, we gave away lots of candy under the slightly disapproving eye of the dentist and tooth fairy at the next booth! One lucky Bowie-ite won our drawing for a fire proof safe in which to keep his legal documents.

We think it's important for people to meet and get a chance to know an attorney in a relaxed setting so, when they do need an attorney, they won't have to hire the first name in the phone book without knowing anything else about that attorney.

If you didn't get a chance to stop by and talk at Bowiefest, call our office to schedule an appointment. We look forward to meeting you!

Tips on Deciding When Mom or Dad Should Stop Driving A Sneak Peek at Jackie's Recent Senior Moments Column

A very frequent question: "How can I get my dad (mom, aunt, etc) to give up the car keys and stop driving?"

Occasionally someone who is aging will scare themselves somehow, or have enough common sense to limit their own driving. They might drive, for instance, only in their small community and only in the day time. Others, however, may insist that they are as good a driver as they have ever been.

month.

In tribute to our great nation, this month's YouTube Video is a one-of-a-kind performance of our national anthem. Hope you enjoy.

[YouTube Video of the Month](#)

Testimonials

"Thank you for all of your advice and services. The creation of our wills and powers of attorney was an emotionally powerful and educational experience. We are glad we chose you to help us with this difficult task."

-Mr. & Mrs. Z.
Anne Arundel County

"Many, many thanks to you and your staff for all the help and guidance you have given me and all my family. We are so blessed to have you in our lives."

-Ms. A.
Catonsville, MD

Senior Moments Publications

Jackie Byrd has published two books in recent years. *Senior Moments* and *Senior Moments 2*; both comprehensive and clearly written books for "Seniors and those who love them". They are based on weekly "Senior Moments" columns originally written for publication in the Bowie Blade-News of Bowie, Maryland and the Crofton News-Crier of Crofton, Maryland.

They will talk about how they've been driving safely since before the complaining child was born. And they will be right on that issue.

It's very important to consider the person's feelings and the perceived loss of independence when explaining why he or she can no longer drive. Helping the person with a bit of dementia make the decision to stop driving- before you have to force him or her to stop-can help maintain a positive sense of self-esteem.

Driving is a complex activity that requires quick thinking and reactions, as well as good perceptual abilities. For the person with Alzheimer's, or any type of dementia, driving becomes a safety issue. While he or she may not recognize that changes in cognitive and sensory skills impair driving abilities, you and other family members will need to be firm in your efforts to prevent the person from driving when the time comes.

To read the full article, please visit our website by clicking [here](#).

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[Senior Moments 2](#)

B&B ECO-TIP

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Protect Your Skin - and the Planet

We've all been told to wear sunscreen, but it can damage our skin and the environment with chemicals that are useless in terms of skin protection, take ages to break down, and end up bleaching coral reefs. After investigating nearly 1,000 products, the Environmental Working Group put together a special report scoring sunscreens on a scale from zero (no hazard) to 10 (high hazard). Only one (Badger) got no strikes - check out the top three:

- Badger Sunscreen, SPF 30 (click [here](#) to learn more about their product)
- Trukid Sunny Days Facestick Mineral Sunscreen UVA/UVB Broad Spectrum, SPF 30+ (click [here](#) to learn more about their product)
- Purple Prairie Botanicals Sun Stuff, SPF 30 (click [here](#) to learn more about their product)

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The Law Firm of Byrd & Byrd, LLC provides services in Elder Law and Construction Law, a rare combination that reflects the passion and life experience of its partners. The firm is also a general practice firm that manages issues of family law, personal injury, wrongful death and medical malpractice.

Known for building strong long-term relationships with our clients, the firm's attorneys excel at making complicated legal issues easier to understand. Whether assisting a contractor, subcontractor, builder or property owner with contract or construction litigation, or helping an elderly client find appropriate housing, apply for Medicaid eligibility, or execute powers of attorney, the firm offers wise and experienced counsel and guidance.

Our Mission Statement

Byrd & Byrd, LLC is dedicated to protecting and serving senior citizens and those who love them. Our key objective is to give our clients the gift of information, so that with their knowledge, they can achieve all the benefits that the law guarantees. We will always perform our mission in strict

accordance to the law and the highest possible moral and ethical standards

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