



PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Jayla Reddings, 6, of Greenbelt, makes slow but determined progress across the gym floor at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center at the monthly Friday Fun Day on June 17. (See story on page 7.)

Three New Interns Sought For News Review Project

by Cathie Meetre

The News Review is seeking three paid interns for the paper. The engagement will last approximately six months with flexible schedules. It is intended for individuals residing in Greenbelt who have a sense of commitment to the city and its residents and who expect to remain here in the foreseeable future. Recipients do not need to be students and the opportunity is open to any adult age group.

The positions are intended to help promote citizen engagement with the paper, especially outside the central core of the city. They are paid partly through a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation with matching funds from the paper.

Two internships will promote the paper in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West respectively. The third internship will address the city's growing Hispanic community and will require native-speaker fluency in Spanish and a good command of spoken and written English. All three internships will require the ability

to engage with individuals and organizations in the community and the capability to write some articles for the paper, preferably with photographs and captions. The Spanish-speaking position will also require some translation of articles and captions into Spanish for the webpage. For the Spanish-speaking position, a connection with Springhill Lake Elementary would be advantageous.

Email a resume of your education and accomplishments and an approximately 250-word description of ways in which you would imagine interacting with your community to help connect the News Review and city residents in one of the target neighborhoods. Emails should go to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com with the subject line INTERNS. Call 301-655-7008 with any questions. Letters and resumes may also be sent or hand delivered to our offices in the Community Center addressed to The Greenbelt News Review (INTERNS), 15 Crescent Road, Suite 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Time to Nominate Greenbelt's 2016 Outstanding Citizen

by Barbara Havekost

While enjoying all the fun summer events Greenbelt has to offer, take time to think about that one special person who should be Greenbelt's 2016 Outstanding Citizen. Look around – certain people stand out for the services they give to the community, for the generosity of time, for concern, leadership and dedication. These are the qualities which make Greenbelt such a great place to live.

Nominees must be volunteers. They may devote most of their efforts to just one organization or spread their time and efforts throughout the community. They may be long-time residents or

relative newcomers who have made an impact; they may be senior citizens or younger folk who have managed to give generously of their talents.

If you know such a person who stands out, someone who demonstrates concern for others, enthusiasm and cooperation, now is the time to send a nomination to the Outstanding Citizen Selection Committee, Robert Zugby, Chair, 94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. A nomination form may be found in this paper. Nominations should include

See **CITIZEN**, page 8

Council Refers Security Camera Issues to PSAC for Review

by Stan Zirkin

Due to certain concerns raised about the Greenbelt security camera system, at a meeting on April 11 the city council asked its Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) to “undertake a comprehensive review of existing security cameras in the city; hold public hearings in all areas of the city; determine if additional security cameras are needed; and provide a city-wide security camera recommendation to council.” The written referral was forwarded to PSAC on April 20.

At present there are a total of 61 security cameras in the city: 17 in the Community Center; five in and around Public Works; three at Roosevelt Center; 12 in and around the Aquatic & Fitness Center; 19 in and around the police station; two outside of Springhill Lake Recreation Center; one outside of Springhill Lake Elementary School; and two at the Spellman Overpass. The city's Information Technology (IT) Branch, whose director is Dale Worley, manages all of the cameras except for the Community Center and Public Works. Those locations are maintaining legacy systems that have been in place for some time.

Problem Areas

On May 3, PSAC began its preliminary investigation with a tour of the security camera setup at the Greenbelt Police Station. The initial information obtained was not encouraging. The police communications specialist reported that the Roosevelt Center cameras and the Spellman Overpass cameras were not working. There was only haphazard maintenance of the cameras on an as-needed basis. In addition, they were having problems with the new “upgraded” software that had been installed in late October or early November 2015. Specifically, the communications specialist stated that although the clarity of the pictures obtained by the cameras was somewhat better, the new software made it more difficult to zoom in on trouble areas. She demonstrated this problem by attempting to zoom in on a vehicle license plate shown on the Springhill Lake Recreation Center camera. The exercise took several minutes. Exacerbating the problem was that the police personnel who deal with the cameras were given only minimal training on using the new software.

Subsequent visits by PSAC to neighboring jurisdictions showed camera systems that appear to be in somewhat better shape than Greenbelt's. At the Hyattsville police station Lieutenant Pervis noted that while some of their cameras are the standard pan-tilt-zoom, which have the ability to pivot up and down and side to side, the more recent trend is to purchase cameras which can view a 360-degree radius at any given time and have a very clear picture. Hyattsville has a contract with a private contractor which includes ongoing maintenance as well as training. According to Pervis, technical support comes out within 48 hours of a reported problem with the cameras.

The University of Maryland's police department at College Park (CP) has approximately 400 cameras under its control, according to spokesperson Captain Brian Lintz. Some of the cameras are monitored by full-time or part-time personnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Neither Greenbelt nor Hyattsville has the resources to do this. Although there are four to five different systems at CP, the newest

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New Zoning Rules, High Rise, Subjects of Public Meeting

by Amy Hansen

The Prince George's County Planning Department (PGCPD) cannot comment on a project that has not been formally proposed to them, Chad Williams of PGCPD told about 40 audience members in the Library's meeting room on June 20. “There are no applications for a 25-story development on file,” he said. His colleague confirmed that she had checked that afternoon before coming to the meeting.

Audience members asked questions about the high-rise apartments proposed for part of the Lakeside North property abutting Kenilworth Avenue. Williams said several times he could not comment on a specific project, but did answer hypothetical questions about what a new development would need in terms of zoning.

“The District Council makes the final decision on any rezoning,” Williams said. Which is to say, the County Council in their role as the district zoning board is the final authority, though city councils do have input in the process. The changes in zoning necessary for a high-rise apartment are not part of the county's overall zoning rewrite, but variances are possible.

Williams told the crowd that if an application is received, neighbors will automatically receive notice that the application is under review.

For most of the evening, Williams gave a prepared talk about the Zoning Rewrite, a process of updating and clarifying the county's zoning regulations. This process has been underway since before 2014.

The current zoning codes have been in place for 51 years, Williams said. “There is a lot that our current zoning doesn't do well.”

Working with the consulting group Clarion Associates, the

county is now getting to the stage of identifying how most of the current code will transfer to the new code. For example, developments that are currently classified as R-30 multi-family low density residential, which includes Greenbelt Homes, Inc., are likely to transfer to MFR12, which is multi-family units 12 per acre.

“About 92 percent, almost all of the residential property, will have a one-to-one transfer from the old code to the new proposed one,” he said.

The new code, if accepted, will be more strict with

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What Goes On

Monday, June 27

9 a.m. to noon, Volunteer Opportunity with Greenbelt Food Forest, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Tuesday, June 28

7 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education, Municipal Building

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Green Team (GreenACES), Community Center

Wednesday, June 29

6:30 p.m., Forebay Dredging Plan Walk followed by

7:30 p.m., Discussion on Forebay Plan, Community Center (See city ad for details.)

Letters to the Editor

Thanks

As residents of Greenbelt Station Development, we would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to Greenbelt City Council, Senator Paul Pinsky and District 22 Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Alonzo Washington for all of their hard work and advocacy in pushing through House Bill 1123. It was signed on May 10 and will take effect July 1, 2016. This bill substantially reduces the state property tax burden in our development and is a great relief to all of us. Thanks again for working so hard on our behalf.

John and Erica Barnhardt, Jose Berrios, Vivek Chandraprakash, Lee Gillenwater, Armando Gonzales, Darlene Jean-Pierre, Mary Dell Jenkins, Karen Lamb, Derek Longshaw, Kim Maisel, Raj Matroja, Rutu Matroja, Jon and Mary Najmi, Terrie Newmark, Deneshree Padayachee, Sharon Papciak, Mary Ackah Pinkrah, Jamil Razzak, Jacquelyne Robinson, Michelle Spezzacatena, David Talbird, Damali and Corey Totress, Patricia Walters, Larry Webb, Amare Worku, Susan Zharan

Editor's Note: *The new homes in Greenbelt West were in the M-NCPPC park district. The rest of Greenbelt is not. The city was exempted when the park district was originally established. House Bill 1123 took the annexed area of Greenbelt West out of the park district. The same thing happened when the city annexed the southern part of Greenbelt East.*

Idea for Empty Store in Center

I have been very discouraged and disappointed by the lack of collaboration, trust and inclusiveness for the community to start up new ideas for the Center. There's a ton of energy and excitement from our holiday events, festivals, music and film events, the Farmer's Market, which are all great contributions to community involvement.

However, the Center is missing a key component, and I think it's innovation and the openness to share.

I've only living been here for a year and I already see there's a greedy power struggle inside the Center. None of the shops want to work together to help out and brainstorm on the vacant ex-Curves. In the end, it's all about money. I've tried to entertain the idea of experimenting with the vacant ex-Curves on a coffee shop/arts exchange. I have been active in participating in the Greenbelt Incubator meetups, discussing this with the Friends of New Deal, the NDC contractors and Chef Lou, on a multi-functional coffee shop for the com-

munity, to spread the word on Facebook as a GoFundMe page. No one's interested in pushing hard and working together on this. I've talked to the shop owners. I've even talked to the president of the Merchant Association about selling local, homemade food at special film events.

Nothing is moving fast. Neighbors say to me, "Well, we have Green Mountain coffee at the gas station and Co-op! What more do you want???" Mind you, this group of people are from older generations who have no understanding of younger generations' perspectives on society. We live in Greenbelt because we want green space and healthy lifestyles. But we are tired of spending way too much money in pursuit of fresh, unprocessed food. We have so many talented chefs, artists, gardeners and fashion designers hungry for affordable space to call home. However, they are hiding away in the home, baking and just selling by word-of-mouth or the internet, and probably switching careers and signing up for a boring 9 to 5 desk job just to pay bills.

This brings me to the Community Kitchen in the Community Center and our bureaucratic red tape. Right now it's \$50 an hour to use that kitchen. Why can't the county donate hours in the Community Kitchen to have a monthly kitchen incubator? We could have the Community Kitchen license and then be able to bring our products to market. And what better place to start something up than at the empty store.

I kindly beg that the Center's owner please see that we want ownership of the empty store, we want to have freedom to do what we want and without \$2,500 a month in rent.

Kim Kweder

Bike Adventure Included Sinatra

While I was on my bike delivering the Linton Daily Citizen and the Indiana Police News, I could sometimes hear, from the open windows, Frank Sinatra singing on Your Hit Parade. "Put your dreams away for another day, and I will take their place in your heart."

I lived in Dugger, Indiana at that time. It seemed presumptuous that Frank could take the place of my dreams. I didn't know the man - I didn't like him. I just enjoyed hearing him sing - I still do - and I intend to be at the synagogue for their program about presumptuous Frank's songs.

You don't have to like a jewel to know that it's precious.

Robert J. Lewis

P.S. It wasn't my bike, it was my brother Wilford's bike. There was a disaster when a farmer drove his tractor, pulling a combine, in front of me as I biked

down the main highway in Dugger. I hit the brakes and the bike slid between the wheels of the combine. The bike was wrecked, I slid on my knees down the road. I still have rough skin over my patellas.

Corrections

Produce distribution at Green Ridge House is on the fourth Thursday of the month and the correct time is 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

In last week's Reel and Meal announcement, discussion leader Linda Rabben's title should have been described as associate research professor of anthropology at the University of Maryland.



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On Screen

The Free State of Jones

Opening Thursday, June 23 at the Old Greenbelt Theatre, The Free State of Jones takes on a controversial epoch in the Civil War. In the role of Newton Knight, a poor Southern farmer in Jones County, Mississippi, Matthew McConaughey leads a mixed group of whites and blacks against Confederate forces. Director Gary Ross, joined by co-writer Leonard Hartman, digs into a brutally beknighted portion of history that echoes still.

Rated: R. Running time: 139 minutes.

- Eli Flam

Community Events

City Notes

Planning staff worked on Greenbelt Station South Core, preparing boards and handouts for Greenbelt Station Community Day, communicating with the Greenbelt Station developer and the county regarding the Branchville Road bridge, working with the county to select appropriate road names for Greenbelt Station Phase 3 and extending the permit timeframe for the Verde leasing trailer.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 43.14 tons of refuse and 12.81 tons of recyclable material.

Greenbelt CARES staff conducted the third session of Active Parenting at the Community Center, reviewing the five steps to active communication, parenting anger, logical and natural consequences, methods of encouragement and the five goals of teen behavior. Parents had time to discuss ways of using these steps in a positive manner, as well as several other problem-solving methods. This program will be offered again in the fall.

Mosquitoes & You Presentation

Megan Saunders will be giving a talk on Sunday, June 26 at 4 p.m. in the Community Center Room 114. The title of her talk is Mosquitoes & You: Don't Get Sucked In.

Saunders is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Environmental Science & Technology at the University of Maryland, researching urban mosquito ecology. Prior to her doctoral studies she received her MSPH in Tropical Medicine and Parasitology with a focus on medical entomology from Tulane University School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine in New Orleans. Saunders also served as the vector-borne disease epidemiologist for the state of Maine from 2011 to 2013. While she loves mosquitoes, she has no problem swatting any that choose to bite her. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Community Gardens.

CARES Summer Programs

CARES vocational/educational programs for the summer include after-school tutoring at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse (SLRCC) Monday through Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m., July 5 to July 28; tutoring camp at SLRCC Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon through July; GED in the SLRCC on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon; and GED in the Municipal Building, Tuesdays and Thursdays in July from 10 a.m. to noon.

Saturday drop-in group tutoring will continue throughout the summer.

New Deal Café Has Free Concert

Jan Knutson will give a free concert at the New Deal Café on Sunday, June 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. The concert is sponsored by the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts with the support of the City of Greenbelt.

Berwyn Heights native Knutson will be performing a guitar duo concert with local master Steve Abshire. Knutson has been playing guitar for seven years and has performed with such legendary artists as Bucky Pizzarelli, Frank Vignola, Julian Lage, Gary Mazzaroppi, Andreas Oberg and Chuck Redd. Abshire performed with the U.S. Navy Commodores jazz band for 24 years and has also performed with Charlie Byrd, Herb Ellis, Etta Jones, Keeter Betts, Rosemary Clooney and many more. Knutson has been studying with Abshire for almost two years and they have developed a unique and responsive musical interaction. They will be performing many classic jazz standards as well as originals from Knutson's latest album, Looking Both Ways.

French Immersion Has New Principal

Parfait Awono started as the new principal at Dr. Dora Kennedy French Immersion School in June. Awono worked in the county school system as the International Baccalaureate District Coordinator. Previously, he was the IB coordinator for Montgomery County schools and taught French there.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of June 27 are as follows:

Monday, June 27: Grape juice, beef taco meat, lettuce and tomato, corn o'brien, fiesta vegetables, flour tortilla, taco sauce, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, June 28: Cranberry juice, pork roast with gravy, whipped potatoes, glazed baby carrots, wheat roll, sliced pears.

Wednesday, June 29: Apple juice, chicken patty w/marinara sauce, garlic rotini, spinach, Italian bread, diced peaches.

Thursday, June 30: Cranberry juice, potato-crustured fish, mashed spiced yams, green peas, wheat bread, tartar sauce, fresh fruit.

Friday, July 1: Sites are open, menu to be determined.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help grow the Greenbelt Food Forest on Monday, June 27 from 9 a.m. to noon at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and closed-toe shoes you don't mind getting dirty. Please RSVP in advance to eJosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov.

Events at MakerSpace

It's hot outside; let's brew something cold:

Friday, June 24, the Fermentation Fan Club meets from 7 to 9 p.m.

Sunday, June 26, the Animation Workshop meets from 2 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29, Knit Night for knitters, crocheters, quilters and other fiber enthusiasts is from 6 to 9 p.m.

Participants Sought For Information Day

Those interested in participating in Information Day at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival on Saturday, September 3 can sign up at the website greenbelt-laborday.com. Information Day welcomes groups, businesses and other organizations to share information about themselves with festival attendees. Non-food giveaways and hands-on activities work well and businesses can distribute coupons or brochures. Sales or other financial transactions are not allowed at Information Day.

For details about registering for Information Day, go to the website listed above and click on Get Involved and then Information Day. For further information, go to the contact section of the website at greenbeltlaborday.com/contact-2/.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Language Learning For Library Patrons

Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) patrons can achieve language learning goals at the library with 24/7, free access to Rosetta Stone Library Solution from EBSCO Information Services, effective July 1.

For over 20 years, Rosetta Stone's interactive approach to learning a language has been used by millions of learners around the world and now is available with a PGCMLS library card. Whether looking to learn a new language, to improve English language skills or to brush up on a language for business or vacation travel, give it a try.

Learn more about what the library has to offer at pgcmls.info.

Star Party Saturday

On Saturday evening, June 25, the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. First will be observation of planets (Jupiter, Mars and Saturn) and then galaxies and other deep sky objects, including a quasar in Draco that is believed to be 8.6 billion light years away (not the same quasar observed a month ago). As always, visitors are also welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 9:30 p.m. and continue for about two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

GHI Notes

Monday, June 27, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Wednesday, June 29, 7 p.m., Audit Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, June 30, 7 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room

Friday, July 1, Office Closed, Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011

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Week of June 24

FRIDAY - TUESDAY

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Finding Dory, in 3D**, PG
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Finding Dory, in 2D, PG
11:10, 11:40, 1:45, 4:10, 6:40,
7:10, 9:15
The Conjuring 2, R
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Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2,
PG13
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Independence Day: Resurgence,
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Central Intelligence, PG13
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Warcraft, PG13
9:40
The Free State of Jones, PG13
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WEDNESDAY

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Family Film Series:
Hotel Transylvania 2
10 a.m.

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The Free State of Jones, PG13
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The Legend of Tarzan, PG13
6, 8:30
The BFG, PG
7, 9:40
The Purge 3: Election Year, R
7, 9:30

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City Toasts Inaugural Greenbelt Station Day

by Lynn White



PHOTO BY LYNN WHITE

Attending Greenbelt Station Community Day were local officials (L. to R.) Ingrid S. Harrison (Councilman Todd Turner's office), Liz Park (Greenbelt CARES), Councilmembers Leta Mach and Edward Putens.

Several local officials and representatives from the City of Greenbelt came together June 18 for the inaugural celebration of Greenbelt Station, the new community of apartments, condominiums and townhomes near the Greenbelt Metro Station. Mayor Emmett Jordan stated, "We're excited to see all the progress made in the development and make a connection with new residents."

Many of the city's municipal offices participated in the day to introduce new residents to Greenbelt's services, including the Departments of Public Works, Police and Recreation and Parks. There were activities for kids and plenty of information for residents regarding each department. Community Planner Jessica Bellah was on hand to discuss the phases of development for the new neighborhood, as well as prospective

layouts if the FBI headquarters relocates to Greenbelt.

Greenbelt Station, the western border of the city, is scheduled to open in three phases. The first phase is already sold out. Phase II currently has homes on the market. Phase III of the development hasn't begun. A luxury apartment building was also approved for the development this spring. The community has a number of amenities including the proximity to the Metro Station, convenient shopping and a two-acre community park that is scheduled to open in the summer.

Councilmember Leta Mach stated that it was "really great to see the community developing and growing in the same spirit as historic Greenbelt." Jordan added that the Greenbelt Station Community Day will definitely be an annual event.

Annual Crab Feast In the BARC

The annual Bowie-Vansville Association (BVA) Crab Feast will be held on Saturday, July 9 from 2 to 5 p.m., rain or shine, at the Magnificent Obsession Farm (Knauer Place), 8712 Beaver Dam Road, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (between Research Road and Soil Conservation Service Road). There will be all-you-can-eat crabs, hot dogs, chicken, sides, salads, desserts and drinks (BYOB) as well as a playground, games, horseshoes, music, door prizes, horses, and more. There is a fee, but children under 12 are free. Call 301-442-9992 to purchase tickets. (No tickets will be sold after July 1.)

Since 1921, the BVA and its historic "clubhouse" have anchored a membership centered in the Beltsville Agricultural Research Farm and focused on country life, practical agricultural education, service and fellowship. Following WWI, the Department of Agriculture and the University of Maryland cooperated in establishing this club to spread practical knowledge in the days before mass media. Club members, who live in several Maryland counties, still gather at the clubhouse in Beltsville Farm to continue the BVA tradition of comradery and community service.

Lake Forebays Dredging Walk and Discussion

Clean Water Partnership and the City of Greenbelt invite members of the community to participate in an informative walk of one of the forebays of Greenbelt Lake to share plans for the upcoming dredging program, followed by a presentation to be held in the Community Center Multipurpose Room.

Participants should meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29 in the Youth Center parking lot at 99 Centerway with the follow-up discussion scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Mowatt UMC Seeks To Alleviate Hunger

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, has chosen to sponsor Stop Hunger Now!, an organization dedicated to ending hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable people and creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources.

Mowatt will be hosting a Meal Packaging event at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 17 at which the aim is to package 10,000 meals. In preparation for the event, the church needs to raise 29¢ per meal (\$2,900) and is soliciting donors.

The event itself will need 40 to 50 volunteers to help set up and take down packaging stations, fill bins with raw ingredients, scoop ingredients into meal bags, weigh and seal bags and then box and load them on the truck.

Please call the Church at 301-474-9410. Leave your name and daytime telephone number so that we can contact you and add you to our list of volunteers and donors. Learn more at StopHungerNow.org.



Congratulations to Army 2nd Lt. Alix Idrache who graduated from West Point this spring and whose photo appeared in the Washington Post. Idrache served two years in the Maryland National Guard, stationed in Greenbelt. Originally from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Idrache credits his success in getting into West Point to his days in Greenbelt's 231st Chemical Co. Specifically, he thanked his platoon leader 2nd Lt. Larry Halverson and his unit office administrator Sgt. 1st Class, Christi McKinney.

Birthday wishes to long-time News Review staffer Virginia Beauchamp, who turns 96 this week.

At this time of year, we know many awards and accolades are presented. Please share your accomplishments, milestones and news for the next Our Neighbors column. Send complete details on your news to kyoho@comcast.net.

- Karen Yoho



Greenbelt Park Events

Saturday, June 25, Leave No Trace. Join a ranger for an interpretive talk and video on Leave No Trace. The program will build awareness and respect for America's public lands by teaching how to visit and use national parks without negatively impacting the land for future generations. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 30, Campfire Program: Urban Forest Wildlife. This presentation will discuss the various animals that call the park their home. Meet at the Campfire Circle in Campground Loop B at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 2, Outdoor Stewardship Volunteer Event. Join the Invasive Plant team to monitor and repel invasive plants and insects in Greenbelt Park. Learn valuable information that not only helps the park but can help protect vulnerable species in the region. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 11 a.m.

Saturday, July 2, The Baltimore-Washington Parkway: A Scenic Approach to the Capital. This federal road, constructed to link Baltimore with Washington, D.C., bisects Greenbelt Park. Opened in 1954, the parkway offers travelers an aesthetically scenic approach to the national capital from the north and affords vistas of the Maryland Piedmont countryside along the Patuxent River Valley. Meet at the Campfire Circle in Campground Loop B at 7:30 p.m.

Synagogue Celebrates Sinatra with Concert

Mishkan Torah Synagogue and Bigshot Records will celebrate pop/jazz legend Frank Sinatra by staging a special 100th birthday concert, Our Way, on Sunday, June 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. featuring the Choper Jazz Project, a band led by noted drummer Brian Choper.

The concert will be held at Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Road. The show will include performances of My Way, New York, New York and other Sinatra classics by vocalist Peter Cannella, a Sinatra prodigy who joined the band last year after performing to packed houses in several East Coast venues. Tickets may be purchased online at MishkanTorah.org or BigshotRecordsLive.com.

Part of the proceeds from ticket sales will support Sinatra for Seniors, an organization that brings music to senior citizens to help improve mental health. To learn more about Sinatra for Seniors, visit indiego.com/projects/sinatra-for-seniors#/.



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At the Library

On Your Mark, Get Set, Read! is the 2016 Summer @ Your Library theme for all ages from infant through adult. Become a gold medal reader and earn prizes for reading and completing fun activities. Here's how:

Sign up for Summer @ Your Library through August 15 by going to the library website: pgcmls.info. Play online or on paper. A library card number is needed to complete registration. (A registration station is available at the library.)

Come to any branch to claim a prize just for signing up.

Participate in exciting sports, fitness and wellness events at all the library branches throughout the summer.

After July 1, when the activities have been completed, come get a final prize and enter to win the grand prize raffle for electronics, event tickets, gift cards and more.

Storytimes

Wednesday, June 29: Ready 2 Read Storytime, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people.

Thursday, June 30: Ready 2 Read Storytime, ages 1 to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); Ready 2 Read Storytime, ages birth to 1, 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); Ready 2 Read Storytime, ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Encourage children to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library's storytimes. Stop by the information desk immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

All Prince George's County Memorial Library System branches will be closed on Monday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday. The Greenbelt Branch Library will reopen on Tuesday, July 5 at 1 p.m.

Evening Storytime

Tuesday, July 5: Books at Bedtime, presented by the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program, 7 p.m., ages birth to 3, limit 20 people. This is an opportunity for children under three with special needs, along with their family and friends, to participate in storytime, music and motor activities. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets on the day of the event. (This will continue weekly through Tuesday, July 26.)

Happy Teeth

Tuesday, July 12, 4:15 p.m., ages 0 to 5. Come for a fun storytime with local dentist Dr. Stovall to learn tips for healthy, beautiful and happy teeth. Dr. Stovall will present stories and provide information on dental health and nutrition. The Tooth Fairy will also be visiting. There will be a Q&A and crafts session at the end.

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City Information

Information About Proposal to Build High-Rise Apartment Building

A presentation was made to the City Council on April 4, 2016 about building a luxury high-rise apartment building adjacent to the Lakeside North Apartments at 430 Ridge Road. The proposed location for the building is north of the Lakeside North apartment complex and is owned by Southern Management which has owned and managed Lakeside North since the early 1960's. The site is north of the City's Police Station and Animal Shelter, next to the Boxwood Village subdivision and approximately one-half (1/2) mile from Greenbelt Lake. The property is not in the Forest Preserve.

Such a proposal is not something the Greenbelt City Council can approve or deny. The City Council does not have planning and zoning authority. That authority belongs to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and the Prince George's County Council. While the City Council cannot approve or deny this proposal, should it proceed forward, it will be reviewed in the same manner as other development proposals are: by City Planning staff, the Advisory Planning Board (APB) (and possibly other advisory groups), and then City Council. Public comment will be welcome. APB and Council meetings will be open to the public.

The property under consideration is shown on the below map. It is zoned R-30 (Multi-family Low Density Residential). The R-30 zoning category allows a property to be developed with a density of up to ten (10) housing units per acre. The proposal by Southern Management has a density of eighty (80) units per acre. For such density to be possible on the property, a zoning change would be necessary.

There have been statements made in Greenbelt News Review ads that rewriting M-NCPPC's zoning regulations, which is currently underway, will allow for this development. The zoning rewrite project began two (2) years ago. It is an updating of the County's over 50 years old zoning regulations and is not for the purpose of drastically changing a property's zoning. To accomplish what is proposed by the owners of Lakeside North will require a public notification and review process of one (1) to two (2) years.

At this time, no decision has been made by the owners whether to proceed with this proposal or not. If there are questions, please contact the City's Planning Department at 301.345-5417.



Greenbelt CARES SUMMER TUTORING CAMP
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MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 27-JULY 1

Tuesday, June 28 at 7:00pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE EDUCATION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, June 28 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN TEAM (Green ACES)** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.



Please join the City of Greenbelt as we host the **CLEAN WATER PARTNERSHIP** in the sharing of plans for the upcoming dredging of Greenbelt Lake forebays!

Wednesday June 29, 2016

At 6:30PM On-site walk of one of the forebays, presentation at the lake; Meet at the Greenbelt Youth Center's parking lot 99 Centerway

At 7:30PM Follow-up discussion at Greenbelt Community Center 15 Crescent Road Multi-purpose room

Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information regarding the Clean Water Partnership, please visit www.thecleanwaterpartnership.com



VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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For information call 301-474-8000.



GREENBELT FOOD FOREST VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help grow the Greenbelt Food Forest on Monday, June 27 from 9 am – 12 pm at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Remember to wear long pants, a long sleeved shirt, and closed-toe shoes you don't mind getting dirty. Please RSVP in advance to

ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov.

July Fourth Fanfare!

Celebrate Independence Day with friends and neighbors at **Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Rd.**

- Bring a picnic • Walk the lake trail • Enjoy the playground
- Community Drum Circle, 5:30pm-6:45pm
- Greenbelt Concert Band, 7:30pm-8:30pm
- FIREWORKS approx. 9:00pm

Greenbelt Babe Ruth will be selling: ice cream, sodas, burgers, hot-dogs, and nachos!



In case of inclement weather, call the Weather and Information Hotline for information about schedule adjustments: 301-474-0646

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 1. Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road
 Tuesdays & Thursdays, July 5-July 28, 10am-12noon
 Registration is July 5th at 10am
 2. Springhill Lake Rec Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane
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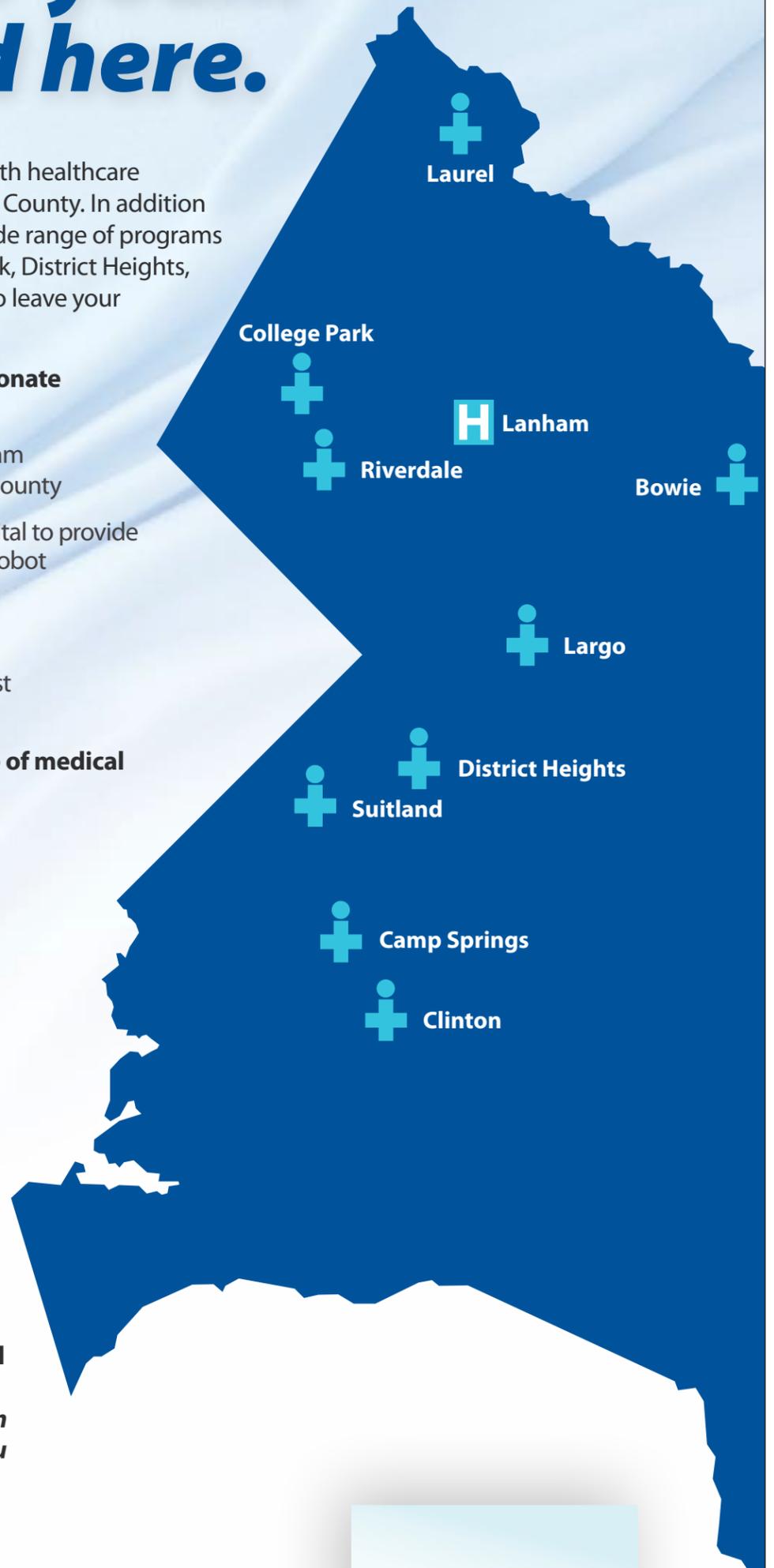
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Roosevelt Center Hosts School's Out Thursdays

by Jill Connor

Forget the sprinklers, forget the playgrounds. Starting Thursday, June 23 the Roosevelt Center Merchant Association will be hosting School's Out, which welcomes families to enjoy free movies, free activities and snacks for children on Thursdays through August 4.

Events will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with free movies at the Old Greenbelt Theatre starting at 1 p.m. The concession stand will be open with snacks available for purchase.

Before or after the movie families can stop by the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy to purchase a snack in a section featuring healthy food choices for children.

Greenbelt MakerSpace will feature a project making Truffula trees from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be setting up a table offering information on youth savings accounts and family memberships.

The New Deal Café and Generous Joe's are offering their always child-friendly lunch options, according to Caitlin McGrath,

chair of the Roosevelt Center Merchant Association.

McGrath explained that the idea for the School's Out event grew out of the Celebrate Local event held this past holiday season. The association wanted to host a similar event during the summer months that would "offer something for families." McGrath said, "The theater already had these seven films" so the event grew around the free movies. The cost of the movies is being covered by sponsors and the Old Greenbelt Theatre's community outreach fund, said McGrath.

The dates for the movies are as follows: June 23, The Lorax; June 30, How To Train Your Dragon; July 7, The Lego Movie; July 14, Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted; July 21, Rango; July 28; Shrek; and August 4, Mr. Peabody and Sherman.

The Old Greenbelt Theatre will also host other children's events throughout the summer including Saturday, June 25: Safety Last; Saturday, July 9: Beech Tree Puppets; Saturday, July 23: April and the Extraordinary World; and Monday, August 8: An American Tail.

Wet Weather Doesn't Deter Youth Baseball Season

by Matt Elliott

Three weeks of rain forced Greenbelt Youth Baseball to take a major detour for its 2016 season. With nearly all games rained out during the extended period of wet weather in April and early May, the league was forced to reschedule many games and also to cancel a few. Once play resumed, there were so many games being played that it was impossible to provide reports.

In the 7- and 8-year-old machine-pitch Minor League, the Grasshoppers finished the season in first place. The Sand Gnats and Thunder participated in a playoff game to decide which team would play the Grasshoppers for the championship, with the Sand Gnats taking the victory. The championship game ended in a tie, making the Grasshoppers and Sand Gnats co-champions.

In the 9- to 12-year-old player-pitch Major League the final standings were not determined until the last game was completed. The Tigers won that game to clinch first place, with 12 wins and 2 losses. The Indians finished in second with an 11-3 record. With 9 wins and 4 losses, the

Orioles took third place. Fourth place went to the Cubs, who were 5-7. The Giants and Cardinals had the hardest luck this year, finishing in fifth and sixth with records of 3-10 and 1-11, respectively.

The first round of the playoffs saw the Orioles facing the Cardinals and the Cubs taking on the Giants. The Tigers and Indians received byes in the first round thanks to their first and second place finishes. The Cardinals surprised many by winning the first game over the Orioles. However, the Orioles bounced back to win the second game and then advanced to the second round with a convincing win in the series' third game. In the other series, the Cubs won the first game, but the Giants came back with a big win in the second game. Game three was a close affair with the Cubs taking the victory and moving to the second round.

The second round playoff series are the Tigers vs. the Cubs and the Indians vs. the Orioles. Games in this round began on June 20 and results will be reported in a future issue.

Skaters Enjoy Fun At SHL Rec Center

by Jill Connor

The sounds of small bottoms hitting the ground and dozens of plastic roller skate wheels sliding across the gym floor characterize the Free Friday Fun program at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SHLRC). Occurring every third Friday from March to August, the program offers the gym as a skating rink with free skate rental, if needed, in a safe family-friendly environment, including center staff members helping some of the less steady participants.

Frank Jones, the Recreation Coordinator of SHLRC, explained that the program has taken place annually for over five years, drawing an average of 50 people per event. Jones said that roller skating has been consistently "what people in the area liked," so they continue to host the event. Jones said the event was originally to take place outdoors but moved indoors because of gravel and uneven surface concerns.

"We will take them for two hours from 5 to 7," Jones said. The event is scheduled after school and camp schedules so



Andre Canady, 16, of Greenbelt, skates with friends at the monthly Friday Fun Day on June 17 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The open skate with free skate rental occurs every third Friday in spring and summer months at the Center.

that parents can send kids down to the center for more activity.

A large skate truck filled with a variety of sizes of skates sits parked near the center entrance during the event. The truck is provided by Prince George's County Parks and Recreation

Department.

The next two roller skating evenings will be on July 15 and August 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. Other summer drop-in programs at SHLRC include board games, arts and crafts, Wii tournaments and summer reading programs.



Above: Angela Zhang, 5, gets kissed by her mother Grace Han, of Greenbelt while she skates with her sister Allison, 2, behind them.

Above right: Friends Abby Goblick, 9, Gabrielle Opperman, 8, both of Greenbelt, skate together.

Photos by Jill Connor



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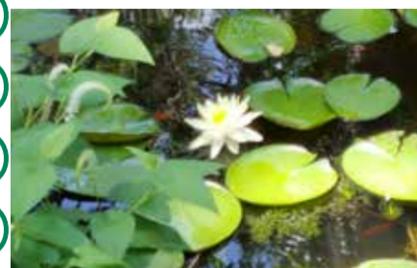
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A Review**Who Done It at The Hollow**

by Jim Link

Let Agatha Christie tease your mind and delight your eye with her deliciously complex country house murder mystery whodunit, now at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Rick Starkweather, president of Thunderous Productions and director of Dame Agatha's The Hollow, has assembled a top-notch cast whose members exude louche sophistication as they drink cocktails, smoke cigarettes, rock their elegant wardrobes, commit adultery and – oh, yes – perpetrate a murder.

Act I develops the characters at Sir Henry and Lady Angkatell's (Grant Bagley and Trix Whitehall's) country estate. Their daughter Henrietta (Christina Wilharm) is not so furtively carrying on with the very married John Cristow (Brian Lewandowski) whose mousy, unsuspecting wife Gerda (Pimmie Juntrangur) is worried only about Veronica Craye (Devonna Burrowes), glamorous movie star who wishes to reignite her dormant affair with hubby John. Throw in ineffectual son Edward Angkatell and the lovely Midge Harvey (Heather Kork) and the romantic, sexual and homicidal ambiguities abound.

In Acts II and III Inspector Colquhoun (Sherry Lasster) puts



PHOTO BY JEREMY TODD

Veronica Craye (played by Devonna Burrowes) is catching up with her old lover, John Cristow (played by Brian Lewandowski).

her ratiocinative powers and woman's intuition to work with the able assistance of Detective Sergeant Penny (Jeff Roberts). Together they relentlessly interrogate virtually every character, all of whom have motive and most of whom have opportunity to kill poor, hapless, obtuse, narcissistic, arrogant, philandering John.

John! We hardly knew you and we hardly missed you.

In her novel (1946) Christie has Hercule Poirot solve the crime. In her play (1951) Hercule is benched. Here Starkweather calls in a woman to do what is not necessarily a man's job.

The Hollow is great summer entertainment. Remember, Dame Agatha has sold more books (over two billion) than anyone except Shakespeare and God (the Bible). See it on Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, June 26 at 3 p.m.



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Back L to R - Midge Harvey (played by Heather Kork), John Cristow (played by Brian Lewandowski). Front - Sir Henry (played by Grant Bagley), Gerda Cristow (played by Pimmie Juntrangur), Henrietta Angkatell (played by Christina Wilharm).

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names of the various organizations and activities in which the nominee has served, along with any information which makes him or her particularly deserving of this award.

If you've nominated someone before without success, don't be discouraged, try again. The Committee receives many wonderful nominations each year but can make only one final selection. With so many good people, young and old, working for the benefit of their fellow Greenbelters, many recipients have been nominated more than once.

The new Outstanding Citizen will be announced at the opening of the Labor Day festival on Friday, September 2, and will be the Grand Marshal of the Labor Day

parade on Monday, September 5. Nomination deadline is Monday, August 1.

Prizes donated by local businesses will be given to the successful nominee, proclamations will be presented by elected officials, and his or her name will be added to those of previous awardees on a plaque which hangs in the Community Center. Don't let this opportunity pass to honor someone special and give that person the recognition he or she deserves.

**Explore Your Greenbelt****Profile of a Greenbelt Senior Girl Scout**

by Yeri Zinn

Grace D'Eustachio is a junior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and very involved in her community. She swims for her high school team and for Adelphi Pool, and is a part of the drama program. She also enjoys making collages, painting, and reading in her free time. Her favorite book is *The Martian* by Andy Weir. What makes her stand out from her peers? D'Eustachio is a Senior Girl Scout in Greenbelt's Troop 2799.

She started her journey with Girl Scouts as a Daisy when she was only six years old in New Jersey. Her dad is in the military and as a result, she found herself moving around a lot growing up. D'Eustachio said that being in Girl Scouts made it easier for her to adjust to new schools because knowing one person on the first day of school can make a big difference. The Girl Scouts has been an anchor in her life for the last 10 years.

Greenbelt's Girl Scout Troop 2799 has sponsored the Greenbelt Labor Day Pet Show. D'Eustachio says that it encourages pet owners to socialize with other pet owners in Greenbelt. The Girl Scouts create different award categories and every participant will receive an award. D'Eustachio's favorite part about the pet show is that she can meet all the dogs of Greenbelt. D'Eustachio also hosts badge

workshops where Girl Scouts will host and invite girls from around the community to participate. The most recent workshop was held at the Community Center where scouts taught other girls how to make their own textiles. Another Girl Scout event in which D'Eustachio has participated is World Thinking Day. Each troop researches a country and an issue that is relevant to the present day, for example, the lack of educational opportunities for girls in developing nations. All the local troops will come together with a presentation board and share native food and drink. It provides Girl Scout troop members an opportunity to learn from other Girl Scouts about different countries.

D'Eustachio's most memorable experience with the Girl Scouts is when her troop helped to beautify Buddy Attick Park. She said that it was hard work, but rewarding because multiple troops did it together as a team. It gave the girls the opportunity to make friends with girls from other troops. One year, they went out to the Renaissance Day Fair afterwards and she said that it was great getting to spend a full day bonding with her troop.

Girl Scouts has helped D'Eustachio become the well-rounded person she is today and she is just one of the Girl Scouts in Greenbelt. She goes to Girl Scout camp every summer where

she has discovered that she loves to sail. Girl Scouts has also encouraged her to be involved in the community. Its emphasis on helping others has made her more likely to volunteer for events in Greenbelt. She said that it also helped her with goal setting and accountability. Setting goals for her badges and successfully earning them has allowed her to become a Senior Girl Scout. It is an important part of her life.

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) has had the opportunity to invest in the Greenbelt Girl Scouts in the past and it is wonderful to see the difference that community organizations can have. GCF is celebrating its 10th anniversary with the campaign Explore Your Greenbelt sponsored by Greenbelt News Review, Paradyme Management and Beltway Plaza.

Explore Your Greenbelt is a series of 14 monthly events and activities that will feature organizations that have received GCF funding. All are invited to attend to learn about these organizations and how GCF lives out its mission of Nourishing All of Greenbelt's Neighborhoods. For more information, visit GCF's website greenbeltfoundation.net.

Yeri Zinn is an intern working with GCF for this campaign.

Upcoming Events at the New Deal

Thursday, June 23, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic hosted by Lynn Hollyfield from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, June 24, John Guernsey plays classic jazz standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Cousin John Band offers up original songs and an eclectic mix of covers with tight harmonies, buttery grooves and a bluesy vibe from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 25, Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer from 1 to 5 p.m. Bring in an instrument and join in this community jam session. Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Little Red and The Renegades perform zydeco, Cajun, funk and New Orleans R&B music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 26, join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Concert with Jan Knutson, jazz guitarist, sponsored by FONDCA from 3 to 5 p.m. The Petrified Pickers offer up bluegrass and country classics with some of the area's finest pickers from 5 to 8 p.m.

Monday, June 27, New Deal Board of Directors meeting from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Members and visitors welcome.

Tuesday, June 28, The New Deal Laugh-In hosted by CLaw Comedy Productions from 7 to 9 p.m. Parental guidance suggested.

Wednesday, June 29, Anthem Electric String Quartet puts a modern spin on the traditional chamber ensemble from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, June 30, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by Tom Gleason from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, July 1, Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The Mojo Priests perform blues music with a bit of rock, R&B and a touch of jazz mixed in from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 2, Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Long Time Coming offer up classic rock and folk music with a rock solid rhythm section and mandolin from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Go to newdealcafe.com for more information.

Night Hike

The North Tract of the Patuxent Refuge will hold a night hike on Saturday, June 25 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Those ages 5 and older can discover the nighttime world of the refuge while looking and listening for nocturnal animals on this guided walk.

Public programs at Patuxent Research Refuge are free, although advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887. The North Tract is located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32.

NOMINATION FORM**Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen**

Submit this form by August 1, 2016 to: Bob Zugby, Chair
Outstanding Citizen Committee
94 Ridge Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed), which explains why this nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time, specific accomplishments during period of service, the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the City, and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material is useful to the Committee but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful.

You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later, but no later than the August 1st deadline.

Nominated by:

Name(s) (please print) Signature(s) Telephone

Thank you!

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

June 14, 11:05 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Two nonresident men, both 22 years old, were arrested and each charged with strong-arm robbery, second degree assault, impersonating a police officer and theft after they approached a man sitting inside his parked vehicle and stated that they were police officers. They ordered him out of the vehicle, went through his pockets and took his wallet. They then took his car keys and fled on foot. Both men were located a short time later, positively identified by the person robbed and arrested. They were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Sex Offense

June 13, 5:30 p.m., Greenbelt Road near Mandan Road. A teenager approached a woman from behind as she was walking home, touched her inappropriately and then fled on foot. He is described as black, 14 to 16 years old, 5'8" to 5'10" tall, with a thin build and dark complexion, wearing a white T-shirt and carrying a black book bag.

Theft

June 9, 6 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A book of blank checks was taken from a box when a woman was moving into her residence.

June 10, 7 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended wallet was taken at Burlington Coat Factory.

June 11, 1 p.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. An orange 24" boys bicycle and a red girls 26" bicycle were taken from a storage room after the door was forced open.

June 14, 5:30 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A wallet was removed from the backpack a woman was wearing inside Safeway. Credit cards inside the wallet were later used to make unauthorized purchases.

June 15, 1:49 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A woman reported that two video game consoles and jewelry were taken from her residence during a party she was hosting on June 10.

Burglary

June 9, 9:34 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. Cash, two televisions and two DVD players were taken after a residence was entered.

June 12, noon, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. A woman heard a loud noise at approximately 3:00 a.m. but went back to bed. The next morning she discovered cash, a laptop computer and a set of keys were taken. She then discovered her grey 2007 Honda Odyssey van with Md. tags 7CC9938 was missing.

June 14, 2:40 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court. A lap-

top computer, notebook-type computer, game console, cash and jewelry were taken after entry was gained by breaking out the kitchen window.

Vandalism

June 13, 7 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. A man reported that he let a woman stay at his residence for a few days and when he told her she had to leave, she vandalized the bathroom and clothes dryer. Both he and she then left the residence. When he returned, he discovered the sliding glass screen door and the front entrance electronic keypad had been damaged.

Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles stolen from Greenbelt were recovered by D.C. Metropolitan police. A 2007 Cadillac DTS stolen from the 6000 block Breezewood Drive on June 8 was recovered June 10 in the 500 block 49th Place, N.E. and a 1995 Nissan Maxima stolen June 9 from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway was recovered the next day in the 1500 block Montana Avenue, N.E.

Two other vehicles were stolen. A 1996 Nissan Quest van with Md. tags KZZ253 was taken from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway on June 8. A 1999 Toyota Corolla taken from the 7800 block Mandan Road on June 12 was recovered the next day in the 7600 block of Mandan Road.

In the 7500 block Greenway Center Drive an ignition was damaged in an attempt to steal a vehicle.

Three thefts from vehicles were reported. Front and rear Md. tags 7BR0822 were taken in the 7800 block Vanity Fair Drive, two handicap placards from the 6200 block Breezewood Drive and money from the 9100 block Springhill Lane. In the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace four tires and rims were taken and the vehicle was rummaged through after a passenger window was broken out.

Vandalism was reported in the 9100 block Edmonston Road, where a gas line was punctured.

Police to Conduct Sobriety Checkpoint

On Friday, July 1 the Greenbelt Police Department will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint in the area of Crescent Road and Greenhill Road from 6 to 10 p.m. The objective of this checkpoint is both to deter motorists from driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol and to arrest those who ignore the dangers of getting behind the wheel while impaired. This checkpoint is being funded by the Maryland Department of Transportation.

Motorists should also be aware of increased impaired driving enforcement efforts during the July 4 holiday weekend.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, June 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads.

The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership.

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cameras are state of the art 180 or 360 degree cameras which, as in Hyattsville, cover the whole range simultaneously. CP has sufficient personnel to do its own maintenance and training. Lintz also asserted that recent statistics at CP show an almost 100 percent closure rate for violent crimes, largely due to the camera system surveillance.

City's Response

On Friday, June 10, this reporter met with Worley to discuss the issues raised by the Greenbelt Police Department and what, if anything, the city was doing to address them. Worley acknowledged that the Roosevelt Center cameras had not been functional since January due to a problem with the wireless technology used to transmit the video stream back to the Municipal Building. He announced, however, that new cameras were about to be installed there and were expected to be fully operational starting the week of June 13. The new cameras will provide a 180-degree view at all times and the cameras will cover the entirety of the Center, accord-

Police Chiefs Association Lauds Former Specialist



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Shaniya Lashley-Mullen stands with senior police officers as she is recognized as the Chiefs Association Civilian Employee of the Year.

The Police Chiefs Association of Prince George's County recognized former Greenbelt Police Records Specialist II Shaniya Lashley-Mullen as the Association's 2015 Civilian Employee of the Year at their annual awards program held June 16 at the Glenarden Town Hall.

Lashley-Mullen was recog-

nized for both exemplary performance of duties and for her many community outreach efforts. These included her volunteer work with the annual Greenbelt Shop With a Cop program and the police department's Labor Day Community Booth, as well her many costumed appearances as McGruff the Crime Dog.

ing to Worley. He denied that the Spellman Overpass cameras ever stopped working.

As to the upgraded software, Worley acknowledged that it was problematic in certain respects and that IT was looking into possible alternatives. When asked if the system had been tested prior to installation, he said that it had to be installed in order to be tested, that the initial limited tests in the presence of the vendor appeared to be satisfactory and that the "glitches" only appeared later. He also agreed with the police department that lack of training by the vendor added to the problems.

Finally, he acknowledged that repairs to the cameras were only done on an as-needed basis with vendors and that there was no maintenance service agreement. Worley said that when the cameras were first installed about nine years ago, the vendor at the time

was asking for a \$30,000 per year maintenance fee, not including replacement parts. It was deemed too expensive. He also noted that in an earlier draft of the Fiscal Year 2017 budget, the city created a camera system line item to fund ongoing repairs, replacement and maintenance, which essentially recognized the need to fund these services as a regular ongoing activity. However, this item was not included in the final budget, according to Worley.

Public Hearings

As noted, PSAC was asked to conduct public hearings in all areas of the city to get the public's input as to where additional security cameras should be placed and why. Such forums, which will be initiated in the near future, will be held at locations in Greenbelt Center, Greenbelt West and Greenbelt East. They will be publicized both online and in the News Review.



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environmental impact, and demand more open space from developers. It will also be more specific, said Williams.

The eight percent of the county that will not simply transfer is the land that is close to Metro stations, which did not exist when the code was originally written.

Williams said the primary transit district for a Metro station extends a quarter mile from the station's platform, and the secondary transit district goes a half mile. "These figures generally work out to be a 5-minute walk and 10-minute walk, respectively," he said. For Greenbelt Station that would mean the transit district would stop short of Kenilworth Avenue.

One of the other pieces the new zoning rules would put in place would be a pre-application process. Developers would be required to hold public meetings before the application could move forward.

Williams directed interested parties to visit pgplanning.org to

see more details about the planning process and zoning rewrite.

The county council will hold a town meeting about zoning on July 12 at 7 p.m. in Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Residents who wish to speak at the meeting should call 301-952-3600 to register for a time slot.

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Wickets, Bowlers and Overs: Cricket Comes to Greenbelt

by Amy S. Hansen

Jasmine Ffolkes stands in a half-crouched position, her bat – which looks like a short, flat baseball bat – is at the ready. The fifth-grader at Greenbelt Elementary School has just taken to the pitch. That is, she has walked onto the part of the cricket field where the batter stands in front of the thigh-high wicket, a rickety three-column structure with round blocks balanced on top.

It is her job to protect that wicket. Sure she should hit the ball if possible. And she should run. But she really wants to keep that wicket standing.

The bowler (read pitcher if this were baseball) wants to hit the wicket. She wants to knock those little round blocks off the top and in doing so, put the runner out. She backs up to give herself some room, runs up, moving her arms like a windmill and releases.

The ball bounces just in front of Jasmine. She swings catching the edge of the ball. It goes sideways, but there aren't any fouls. So she sprints to the other base as her teammate dashes over to where she was.

That's cricket.

It has a lot of crazy terms, a lot of running for the batters, a lot of time in the field. And, at the Girls' Elementary All Star Team game in Bowie on June 7, it had a lot of laid-back parents.

Maybe it was because this was an All Star game. Or maybe it is because most of the parents don't know the rules. But the yelling consisted of a generic "Run!" or "Hit the ball!" For the most part, parents seemed happy to sit back and watch, leaving it to the coaches and Sham Chotoo to tell the girls what to do and where to move.

Chotoo is the league commissioner. He laughs with delight as they play well. He tries to explain the game as he keeps calling out instructions to the players. He knows all their names and is determined that in this All Star game every girl will get a chance to hit; even one who was out on a technicality is called back to bat.

The leagues were established 11 years ago with the help of Chotoo, a radar scientist, who lives in Bowie. Chotoo played cricket as a child and is a cur-



From left to right: Ariana Lambert, Jordan King and Jasmine Ffolkes are the Greenbelt Elementary School Cricket All Stars.

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rent member of the Washington Cricket League.

"I have three children who played soccer, baseball, and volleyball with the Bowie Boys and Girls Club and thought it would be fun to introduce them, as well as other children in the community, to cricket," said Chotoo. "I grew up playing cricket and soccer in Trinidad and Tobago, which were the two most popular sports there. I appreciate the life lessons learned from playing cricket."

Chotoo said that many but not all of the kids who come out for cricket are already playing other sports. "But we also have kids who play only cricket. For some kids, cricket is their first sport and then they try other sports."

The league started in the Bowie Boys and Girls Club.

For the first season, there were eight teams with 131 players participating. In 2014, the league formed a partnership with Prince George's County Public Schools. In 2016 there were 14 elementary school teams with 205 players and nine middle school teams with 131 players. Most of them

are from Prince George's County, but in 2016 there are teams in Anne Arundel and Howard counties as well. Montgomery County is expected to start up next year. Chotoo said the hardest part was getting coaches and teaching scorekeepers the complicated rules.

There aren't very many other leagues in the United States, but elsewhere there are many. "It's the second most popular sport in the world," Chotoo said.

Back at the Bowie cricket field, the All Stars finish the last over – the equivalent of the baseball inning. The final score 75 to 86. Cricket is a high-scoring game. And one of the teams won.

But the bigger issue was that it was played. Chotoo pointed out to all the parents via email that this game was historic. This game knocked over the sticky wicket that was getting girls into the game early.

"There has never been an all-girl cricket match with girls 11 years and under in the U.S.," Chotoo wrote. The elementary All Star Girls game was a first in the United States and a first in Prince George's County, a first for Greenbelt girls.

As the enthusiastic fans retreated to their cars, it was clear the game would be repeated next year.



A girl from Kenmore Elementary bats in the All Star cricket match on June 7.

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Greenbelt Yarn Bomber Uses Dead Tree for Art

by Anne Gardner

A dead tree between the Community Center and the Aquatic and Fitness Center has been transformed into a temporary work of art by "yarn bomber" and Community Center Artist in Residence Rachel Cross. For several weeks Cross collected donations of knitted and crocheted blankets, hats, scarves and potholders, supplemented by thrift store purchases and her own knitting with donated yarn. She then coordinated community volunteers to help her sew the pieces together into panels. The volunteers included Artful Afternoon participants and the ladies who meet weekly at the Community Center to knit for charity through the Recreation Department's Gifts from the Heart program.

This past week the help of Public Works was enlisted, so that Cross could go up in a cherry picker to hang the panels from the tree stump, with ground-level sewing support contributed by arts program staff. The result is colorful and eye-catching, "a joyous thing" as Cross describes it. City Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald is excited to have such



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A dead tree near the Community Center is transformed into a work of art.

an emblem visible during the summer, representing all the creativity that occurs in the Community Center and Youth Center during the summer camps and year-round. Cross explains, "Art causes folks to stop for a moment, to feel emotions, to see things in a different way." The artwork will be in place for the summer (condition permitting) and will then be removed.



Rachel Cross yarn bombs a dead tree with the help of Joe Mulhane of Public Works.

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