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## Campaign Season Starts Aug. 21 Who's Running? Not Running?

by Kathleen Gallagher

Ready to start talking about the November election? No, no, not THAT November election. The Greenbelt City Council election, which happens every two years.

Although pre-election buzz has been more noticeable this year than in 2015, it's been long on gossip and short on facts. That will start to change soon. In a little more than two weeks, incumbents and the challengers will begin circulating petitions and filing papers to have their names placed on the ballot for the Tuesday, November 7, 2017 city election.

Candidate packets containing all the necessary information and forms for running for office will be available at the city clerk's office in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, beginning Monday, August 21. Candidates may file until 5 p.m. on Monday, September 25.

Under the city's current law, any "qualified voter" of the city may run for city council. A qualified voter is a resident of the city who is registered to vote at a Greenbelt residence address and eligible to vote in Prince George's County. That means voters must be 18 by election day, but discussion is still underway about whether to expand voting eligibility in city elections to include 16- and 17-year-olds.

Greenbelt has a seven-member council, all of whom are elected at large for two-year terms: that is, there are no wards or districts in Greenbelt and each voter may vote for up to seven candidates. Elections are nonpartisan.

No separate contest is held to run for the office of mayor. Both the mayor and mayor pro tem are elected by the city council. While the council is authorized by the city charter to select whichever of its members it

chooses to fill these positions, it traditionally has elected the two members who received the highest and second-highest number of votes in the city election.

### Every Vote Does Count

Voters sometimes say it is not worth their while to come out and vote if who will be elected to council appears to be a foregone conclusion. In this case, however, when the positions of mayor and mayor pro tem will almost surely be determined on the basis of the votes of the residents, it is no exaggeration to say that, in city elections, every vote counts.

### Forms, Forms, Forms

To run for office, would-be candidates must complete the following forms, most of which must be notarized, and submit them to the city clerk for certification no later than 5 p.m. on September 25. A nomination

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## Proposal for New Townhomes Presented to the City Council

by James Giese

The July 24 Greenbelt City Council worksession was to have been a brainstorming session about what to do next in light of the General Services Administration's decision to cancel the project to build a new FBI facility, possibly at the Greenbelt Metro Station. However, two other items had to be added to the meeting, leaving little time to brainstorm (see separate story). Instead, much of council's time was occupied by problems in building a connecting path from the new development at the Greenbelt Metro Station (also a separate story) and a proposal for townhouse development next to Capitol Office Park and the Federal District Courthouse on Cherrywood Lane. Because of the large number of people in attendance for this matter, it became the first item to be considered by council.

### History

All the land north of Cherrywood Lane between Kenilworth Avenue and the Capital Beltway was a part of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, except for three privately held small parcels totaling 15.9 acres that for many years have been owned by the owners of Capital Office Park. The courthouse was built on a portion of Beltsville Agricultural Research Center land. The three privately held parcels are within the city limits and originally purchased by the Federal government for the Greenbelt project in the mid-1930s.

When the government sold Greenbelt in the early 1950s, a partnership acquired these parcels and the land that became Capital Office Park. Later, the partnership was restructured with some developing the hotel that is now a Marriott. The remainder developed the office park in the 1980s, but not the three parcels.

Subsequently the partnership sold Capital Office Park and the three parcels to Mack-Cali, a real estate investment trust, and more recently Mack-Cali put all its Greenbelt land up for sale.

John Pellerito, director of Cushman-Wakefield, a commercial real estate broker, told council of its brokering the sale of the office park in 2016 at a time when there was a high vacancy rate in the suburban commercial office building market and this office park was only

60 percent leased. Cushman-Wakefield sent notices of the sale offering to 3,600 potential buyers, heard from 13 and received three bids. The office park was sold to Morning Calm Management, LLC, of West Palm Beach, Fla., according to Pellerito, for \$49,000,000 or \$61.75 per square foot, far less than the estimated building replacement cost of \$240 per square foot.

### Townhouses

No one was interested in purchasing the three small vacant parcels. Now, homebuilder NVR, Inc., has taken an interest in buying the land to develop 163 three-to-four-story townhomes, 16 to 24 feet wide. Brian Afnan, director-land for NVR, told council it was seeking the city's feedback for this undertaking.

See TOWNHOMES, page 11

## What Goes On

### Monday, August 7

3 p.m., Board of Elections, Municipal Building

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession on Capital Projects, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at greenbeltd.gov/municipaltv

### Tuesday, August 8

7 p.m., Public Safety Advisory Committee, Police Station

7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board, Community Center

### Wednesday, August 9

7:45 p.m., Special Council Meeting followed by Executive Session (8 p.m.)

### Saturday, August 12

9 a.m. to noon (or until truck is full), Donation Drop-off, parking lot between Municipal Building and Community Center



PHOTO COURTESY PHYSICAL THERAPY & SPORTS MEDICINE CENTER

Staff and volunteers making PB&J sandwiches assembly-line style

## Project PB&J Greenbelt Yields 1,700 Sandwiches

Last week Acting Police Chief Thomas Kemp took part in an effort to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for those in need, which took place at the Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Center in Greenbelt. Kemp was joined by Police Spokesman George Mathews, his daughter Hanna and about 45 volunteers from throughout the Greenbelt area.

The drive was a success: 1,700 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches were made, bagged, boxed and donated to Martha's Table in Washington, D.C. Martha's Table has been providing food, education and employment opportunities for those in need for over 37 years. For more information about Martha's Table, visit marthastable.org.

## Council Brainstorming Session Considers Alternatives to FBI

by James Giese

It took more than an hour for the Greenbelt City Council to get to the planned subject for its July 24 worksession, a brainstorming session on what to do about the recent decision of the General Services Administration (GSA) to abandon a proposal to build a new FBI headquarters facility, with one possible location being at the Greenbelt Metro Station. The council first had to consider two added issues, a proposal to build townhouses next to Capital Office Park and the U.S. District Courthouse and a staff report outlining Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) construction requirements for a temporary trail between new development at the South Core of Greenbelt Station and the Metro station (see separate stories).

The city council, county and state officials had strongly supported bringing the FBI to Greenbelt, but now, not only the future of that facility, but the future of proposed mixed-use office-commercial-residential development to be built at the Metro station parking lot was left in limbo.

Patiently waiting for other business to be conducted were Todd Turner, Greenbelt's district member of the Prince George's County Council, Mark (Kap) Kapastin, owner-representative for Beltway Plaza Mall, Patricia Walters of the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation and a half-dozen or so residents.

### County

Turner said all county, state and area city officials were disappointed with the GSA decision. However, he "would not foreclose us from doing an alternative." He noted the city had already sent a letter requesting GSA to consider the Metro station site for other federal projects. He suggested sending another letter saying that the Greenbelt Station planned development "was still open for business."

Councilmember Judith Davis noted that the State Highway Administration had announced it had shelved the planning of additional interchange roads from the Capital Beltway to the Metro station even though the work "was 90 percent done." She urged the city and county to advocate to the state that it keep the project going forward.

Davis also said the city needed to work with the county Economic Development Council. "We can't do it on our own," she said.

Mayor Emmett Jordan asked Turner how the city could get the county to be more supportive, noting the county's efforts in College Park and Largo. Turner responded, "You have to be the catalyst." The county will come in to assist, he said, but the city needs to tell the county what it wants in the way of help.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Just Say No

The energy companies are back trying to sign up Greenbelt residents. It's a form of door-to-door salesmanship and uses all the same lines, like "I'm signing up all your neighbors."

One salesperson pretended to actually be working with Pepco and asked to have my account number – a sure way to get your account hacked – or a bill. Go paperless and like me, you can truthfully say "I don't have one." I scammed him back, said I couldn't get into my account to give him the number, and couldn't get Pepco on the phone. He asked to come in. Never let a stranger into your house.

I asked for a card to pretend I would get back to him. Didn't get one. Put up a sign: No door to door. Energy companies, this includes you.

Whoever shows up, say no. Go online and look for reviews of the company first. Most of them do one of two things. Either they only give you a one-year contract and then as much as double your price, or the low fixed price only applies during seasons of low use and there are big surcharges for AC or, in GHI, heating, which is often electrical. Some of them make cancellation so hard it take months while they dole out new rules you have to

follow or "lose" your records. That's aside from rudeness, intimidation, abusive and even racist remarks. Say no.

Never sign an agreement unless you get possession of it and can read it in private without the sales rep breathing down your neck, when you have time. Any company that won't let you do that doesn't deserve your money.

Patricia Heil

## Editor's Note:

The News Review contacted the Greenbelt Police Department to see if this kind of scam was widespread in Greenbelt. George Mathews, Greenbelt Police Department's public information officer responded:

I have not heard of this type of scam locally, but this sort of thing involving utility companies has occurred in the past. Please cut and paste this link for details: [www.firstenergycorp.com/content/fecorp/newsroom/news\\_articles/firstenergy-launches-scam-and-fraud-information-website.html](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/content/fecorp/newsroom/news_articles/firstenergy-launches-scam-and-fraud-information-website.html).

I would also advise that residents verify that whatever utility company they're dealing with is reputable. Contact the Better Business Bureau. Do an internet search. If in doubt, stop the interaction. And if they persist, contact police.

## DRUG DROP BOX REMINDER

This is to remind Greenbelt residents that the police department has established a Drug Drop Box at its headquarters at 550 Crescent Road for the safe disposal of unwanted, unused or expired medication. This is a free service to citizens where medications in any type of packaging can be turned in anonymously 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Some limitations are clearly printed on the box, including NO SHARPS, NO LIQUIDS, NO INHALERS. For further information contact the police department at 301-272-7200.

## Corrections

In last week's issue in an article about Greenbelt CARES and Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL), Sharon Johnson was incorrectly identified.

Our story in the July 27 issue on the city council's worksession with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) incorrectly identified City Manager Nicole Ard as having brought the list of proposed regulations for a Greenbelt Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone to GHI's attention. It was Acting Director of Planning Terri Hruby who notified GHI General Manager Eldon Ralph.



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## Beltway Plaza Hosts Immunization for PGCPS

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) and Maryland Partnership for Prevention are sponsoring a free immunization clinic at Beltway Plaza on August 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PGCPS says parents with children entering kindergarten or seventh grade should pay particularly close attention. Enrolling PGCPS kindergarteners will need two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. Students preparing to enter seventh grade need two vaccines – Tdap and meningitis.

Additionally, the Prince George's County Health Department is hosting immunization clinics for youth (up to age 18) with limited or no health insur-

ance at two locations: Cheverly Health Center, 3003 Hospital Drive in Cheverly and D. Leonard Dyer Regional Health Center, 9314 Piscataway Road in Clinton. To make an appointment contact 301-583-3386.

PGCPS will also provide free immunizations at the annual Back-to-School Fair at Prince George's Stadium on Saturday, August 26.

For more information on county immunization requirements, visit [pgcps.org/immunizations](http://pgcps.org/immunizations). For the list of Maryland immunization requirements go to [pha.health.maryland.gov](http://pha.health.maryland.gov) and search for back-to-school-immunization-requirements.



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THE BEGUILED  
(2017) (R) (93 mins) (CC)  
Fri. 8:00 PM  
Sat. 3:00, 8:00 PM  
Sun. 3:00 (OC), 8:00 PM  
Mon. - Thurs. 8:00 PM

MAUDIE (2016)  
(PG-13) (115 mins) (CC)  
Fri. 3:00, 5:15 PM  
Sat. 12:00, 5:15 PM  
Sun. 12:00, 5:15 PM  
Mon. 5:15 PM  
Tues. 5:15 PM  
Wed. 3:00, 5:15 PM  
Thurs. 5:15 PM

Monday Matinee: FREE!  
DESIGN FOR LIVING  
(1933) (91 mins) (CC)  
Mon. 1:00 pm

School's Out Series: FREE!  
LEGO BATMAN  
(2017) (PG) (104 mins) (CC)  
Thurs. 1:00 pm

## On Screen

### Sexual Tension North and South

Two new movies are coming to Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, August 4: The Beguiled and Maudie, the latter set in Nova Scotia, the former set in Civil War Virginia.

#### The Beguiled

The Beguiled is a remake of Don Siegel's 1971 effort starring Clint Eastwood, but Director/Writer Sophia Coppola severely revises that version, putting female agency front and center.

Colin Farrell is John McBurney, a wounded Yankee soldier taken into the asylum of Nicole Kidman's (Martha Farnsworth's) girls school. The seven women react differently to the disturbing, charming Yankee. Is he the enemy? A guest? A fairy tale prince or ogre?

Sumptuous photography, psychological and sexual tension abound, with Kirsten Dunst and Elle Fanning contributing mightily.

Running time: 1 hour, 33 minutes  
Rating: R  
Director: Sophia Coppola

#### Maudie

Maudie is the achingly beautiful, quite bizarre love story of Nova Scotia's beloved self-taught semi-invalid (arthritis) folk artist Maud Lewis (Sally Hawkins), who escapes the oppressive control of her aunt by becoming the live-in housekeeper of her eventual fisherman husband Everett Lewis (Ethan Hawke).

Sally Hawkins thrilled moviegoers in 2008 in Mike Leigh's Happy-Go-Lucky, you may recall.

Running time: 1 hour, 55 minutes  
Rating: PG-13  
Director: Aisling Walsh

- Jim Link

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# Community Events

## Golf and Butterflies at Art Drop-In Sunday

The Recreation Department Arts Program invites guests of all ages to attend a free Community Art Drop-In workshop with Amanda Larsen on Sunday, August 6 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Make and play a Greenbelt-themed miniature golf course. This program takes place in Room 201 at the Community Center. All materials will be provided. No reservations are needed.

While visiting, enjoy an evolving butterfly garden installation in the Center's Art Gallery (Room 112). Creative Kids Camp participants ages 6 to 12 are collaborating throughout the summer to create components for this exhibition, entitled Flutter. This is a kinetic, please touch exhibit that will introduce visitors to many of the butterfly species found in Maryland.

## Events at Greenbelt National Park

On Saturday, August 5, join the invasive plant team to monitor and repel the growing threat of 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. Event lasts until 2 p.m.

Also on August 5, Who's that Fox? A park ranger will host a discussion about the red foxes that live in Greenbelt Park. Learn interesting facts about foxes' characteristics, habitat and life. Presentation appropriate for children ages 6 to 12. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 10 a.m.

## Labor Day Info Day Seeks Planning Help

The Greenbelt Labor Day Committee seeks help coordinating Information Day. Scheduled for Saturday, September 2, Information Day is an opportunity for local organizations to share their causes, missions or products (no sales are permitted). For more information, contact the committee at greenbeltlaborday@gmail.com.

## At the Library

### Weekly Storytimes

Monday, August 7, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Tuesday, August 8, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Wednesday, August 9, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, August 10, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Encourage children to see reading as a positive experience by bringing them to the library's storytimes. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the Information Desk immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets, available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### STEM-Tastic! Solar Eclipse

Monday, August 14, 5 p.m. Learn about the sun and solar eclipses in preparation for the August 21 eclipse.

## Contra Dance

The Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Folklore Society of Greater Washington welcome beginners as well as experienced dancers to a contra dance on Saturday, August 5 at the Community Center gym. The dance begins at 7 p.m. and beginner lessons start at 6:30 p.m. April Blum will be calling to the music of Transatlantic Crossing with the Gardner family of Greenbelt. There is a cash-only admission fee; children age 6 and under are admitted free.

Contra dance is not only fun, but it is also very social and a great way to meet new people and get lots of exercise. It is danced to live music, which can have an array of instruments depending on the band. There is a caller who calls the dance by doing a walk-through before each dance. Once you get the moves for the dance, the pattern just repeats itself. At the beginning of each evening dance, there is a 30-minute lesson to go over all the basic steps that will be called.

Call 240-542-2054 for more information.

## Artists Studio Space Available

The Recreation Department invites local artists, artisans and designers to apply now for studio space at the Community Center. One studio will be available starting in August through the department's artist-in-residence program, providing 24-hour access in an atmosphere of mutual support and inspiration.

Eight artists in residence are currently participating, sharing three sub-divided, light-filled former classrooms. These artists represent a diverse array of media including ceramic art tile, functional pottery, art quilts, costume design, assemblage, painting and cut paper illustration.

The available studio measures roughly 10 feet by 17 feet, plus common areas and a shared sink. A security deposit and monthly payment are required. The offer is open to residents and non-residents, age 18 and up. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the space is filled.

The Community Center houses a contemporary art gallery, dance studio, television production studio, arts education classrooms and many other amenities.

Apply online at greenbeltmd.gov/arts after receiving a studio tour. To schedule or for additional assistance, contact Nicole DeWald at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or call 240-542-2057.



## Community Meeting At Greenbriar Aug. 12

The Center for Dynamic Community Governance is hosting a fun and informative neighborly exchange at the Greenbriar Community Center Terrace Room on Saturday, August 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Learn about many of the free benefits of living in Greenbelt, including tutoring for students, elder care services, mental health counseling, fun stuff for teens and much more.

Judye Hering and Sharon Johnson of CARES and GAIL will describe free services for children, teens, adults and seniors. Aileen Kroll and John Buck, from the Center for Dynamic Community Governance, will talk about easy ways to organize to promote changes in your community.

Light refreshments will be served. No registration is required, but for more information or to arrange free childcare, contact Aileen (aileen@dynamic-governance.org or 202-644-1129) by August 5.

## Weed Warriors Fight Invasive Plants

On Monday, August 7 from 10 a.m. to noon at Buddy Attick Park, help protect Greenbelt's forests by learning how to identify and remove invasive plant species.

Gloves, hand tools and training will be provided. Bring a reusable water bottle, hat and sunscreen. Wear pants and closed-toe shoes that can get dirty.

Students should bring their service hour forms.

RSVP to Erin Josephitis at ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2168. Sponsored by the Department of Public Works and Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project.

## Computer Club Meets August 10

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Room 112. Everyone is welcome to join discussions about the latest in computers, tablets and consumer electronics. Basic troubleshooting advice for Windows computers and some for Apple iPad and iPhone is available.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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Tuesday, August 8th and Wednesday, August 9th

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To view our schedule, visit: [www.greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://www.greenbeltaccessstv.org)

And click on "Channel"

## Windsor Green Election Results

The results of the July 17 election held at Windsor Green are as follows: President Catherine Terry-Crusor, 1st Vice President Vicki Foch, 2nd Vice President Randall Evans, Treasurer Robin Burts, Secretary Yolanda Voglezon.

Board meetings are held monthly at the Windsor Green Community Building, 7474 Frankfort Drive. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend. The board typically meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

## Wizard of Oz Auditions at GAC

Auditions for the musical The Wizard of Oz will be held at the Greenbelt Arts Center on Monday, August 7, Tuesday, August 8, and Thursday, August 10 at 7 p.m., with callbacks on Saturday, August 12 at 10 a.m. Rehearsals will begin September 17, and performances run November 24 to December 17.

There are nine lead or feature roles, six of which are singing and dancing roles. In addition to the leads, there is an ensemble of six to eight adults and six to eight children or teens, who will sing and dance.

Those planning to audition should prepare a short song that demonstrates their vocal ability and come prepared to learn a dance. For full details about the auditions, visit [greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org).



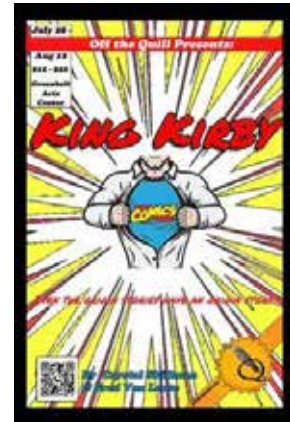
Utopia Film Festival Presents  
Sunday, Aug. 6th, Wed., Aug. 9th, & Fri., Aug. 11th  
Beginning at 8 PM

From 2015  
"X-Boundry," "Where I Left Off," "Torrents of Verbiage," "Searching For Green," "I am REVA,"  
"Graveyard of the Great Lakes,"  
and "Incubator (2009)"

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by Crystal Skillman and Fred Van Lente  
Directed by Keith Cassidy  
A guest production from Off The Quill  
Note: Contains adult language and is not suitable for young children.

August 4, 5, 11, 12 at 8PM  
Sunday Matinee: August 6 at 2PM  
Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission, \$20 Students/Seniors/Military,  
\$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

### COMING SOON

AUDITIONS: **Wizard of Oz** – Aug 7, 8 & 10 – Directed by Jon Gardner  
**Arden Now (an As You Like It adaptation)** – Aug 25 - Sept 2 – Production from the Rude Mechanicals  
**Midnight Cigarette** – Sept 8 - 24 – Production from Wolf Pack Theater

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or  
email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org) or  
BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

# Greenbelter Carissa Ralbovsky Wins National Service Award

by Lauren Cummings

On July 13, Greenbelt resident Carissa Ralbovsky was named a co-recipient of the 2017 George A. Bell Service Award by the National Association of State Budget Officers. The award, named after the organization's first full-time executive director, recognizes state budget personnel for outstanding contributions and service to public budgeting and management.

Ralbovsky is budget supervisor for Public Safety and Environment in the Maryland Department of Budget and Management. In this position she is responsible for writing budget instructions for other state agencies, analyzing agency budget requests, and providing general fiscal policy and management support, advice and consultation to the governor, state agencies, the legislature and other government officials.

This award specifically recognized her outstanding leadership and contributions to the development and management of a more efficient and automated process.

The nomination noted that "Carissa joined the budget office in 2013 and within three years she transformed one of the major processes in the Office of Budget



Carissa Ralbovsky and National Association of State Budget Officers representative John Hicks pose with her award.

PHOTO BY ROBIN SABATINI

Analysis. This work was outside of her assigned responsibilities but she saw something that needed improvement and took responsibility for ensuring that change occurred."

Ralbovsky rewrote budget instructions, held numerous trainings on the system and worked with the information technology department to post the data to a new online format. Her implementation of a significant change process was extended to all of the state agencies within the past year, saving time for staff across Maryland, and saving the state money.

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Turner noted that a new retail study by the county had been released. The study stresses the need for a point person for retail development. Davis asked staff to obtain copies of the report.

Councilmember Konrad Herling pointed out that of the five major cities within the county, Greenbelt was the only one without an economic development director. Turner responded he would leave that matter up to the city.

Herling also proposed establishing a circulator bus within the city and asked Turner if the city should pursue exploring this with the county. Turner responded that Bowie had studied the idea and it had not proved to be workable there. He felt there would be insufficient ridership to be successful.

### Innovative Center

Walters advocated the city becoming an "innovative center, particularly in robotics and artificial intelligence." She noted the city's proximity to Goddard Space Flight Center and the University of Maryland. She felt the city should labor to have the Metro station site become a technology center. Such development would provide internships and high-paying jobs for the Greenbelt area.

Walters also advocated green, sustainable housing construction and electric power independence by implementing solar field technology.

Lastly, she urged the city to have 10-, 20-, 40- and 50-year plans. "What do you want? Think big," she advocated.

Jordan asked Walters if the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation meetings were open and who was on board. She responded that there would be monthly meetings and that by-laws for the organization were being drafted. Presently there were "about four" members but Walters invited more to join.

### Beltway Plaza

Kapastin said Beltway Plaza had been "his baby" for 28 years.

He noted it was 99.5 percent leased. While that was good, he noted it could be temporary. The center is paying Greenbelt's "exorbitant" licensing fees plus taxes. He noted that retail business was under a lot of pressure. On-line purchasing is reducing the need for brick-and-mortar businesses.

When driving around Greenbelt, Kapastin said he noted fewer people on the street than in other areas and those seen were not as young nor as rich and were not buying at Beltway Plaza. Greenbelters should buy locally, he advocated. "The Beltway Plaza should be a destination place," he said.

Previously, Kapastin proposed converting the shopping center into a town center format and adding residential units, ideas that have failed to obtain city council support. He again told council of the need to modernize the center. He thought there was a need to emphasize development of more food and entertainment facilities and items that cannot be purchased over the internet. He advocated more interaction with the arts. He felt that such efforts could begin right now. It was noted that a new restaurant, Charbroil and Grill, was to open that same week.

### South Core

Norman Rivera, representing Greenbelt Station South Core developer NVR, noted his client's continuing effort to complete a connecting trail from the South Core to the Metro station. When asked the status of the North Core development agreement between WMATA and developer Renard Development Company, LLC, the response was that it was in a state of flux but still intact.



Congratulations and welcome to new city clerk, Bonita Anderson.

Congratulations to Carissa Ralbovsky who recently won the National Association of State Budget Officers George A. Bell Service Award. Ralbovsky is also on the board of the Greenbelt Farmers Market.

Please share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

## 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 August 7 are as follows:

Monday, August 7: Grilled beef strips with gravy, garlic whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, diced pears, orange juice.

Tuesday, August 8: Chicken with onions and peppers, red beans and rice, southwestern green beans, corn tortilla, mandarin oranges and pineapples, grape juice.

Wednesday, August 9: Broccoli spinach casserole, O'Brien potatoes, stewed tomatoes, wheat bread, applesauce, cranberry juice.

Thursday, August 10: Baked chicken thigh, mashed spiced yams, garlic parmesan cauliflower, cornbread muffins, fruit cocktail, orange juice.

Friday, August 11: Sloppy Joe, ranch beans, fiesta vegetables, wheat hamburger bun, cinnamon apple sauce, cranberry juice.

## Gooseberries Now at Market

by Kathryn Beard

I thought I would introduce you to an unusual fruit around for only about a month each summer, gooseberries. These small round grape-like fruits contain small seeds like purple grapes, have the same texture inside, come in a variety of col-

ors from green to purple, usually are a little harder and taste a little sour to sweet depending on ripeness. The apple stand at the Farmers Market has had them for three weeks already and said more continue to grow. Try something new today!




Gooseberries

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Recent controversies over hiring practices in the UUA led to a transformational General Assembly (GA), every session of which served as an orientation for re-envisioning our faith. Tricia Most, an onsite delegate from Paint Branch, will present her perspective on this GA. successful and happy life?



# City Information

## MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 7-11

Monday, August 7 at 3:00pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Monday, August 7 at 7:30pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Capital Projects** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, August 8 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Letter to Council on Camera Referral, Labor Day Festival Booth, Elections*

Wednesday, August 9 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Capital Office Park Site Improvements and Update on planning projects*

Wednesday, August 9 at 7:45pm, **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**, Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Special Meeting Wed. 08/09 7:45 pm. Followed by...  
 - 8:00 pm: Executive Session – Legal Advice/Green Ridge House  
 - 8:30 pm: Executive Session – Collective Bargaining  
 - 9:00 pm: Executive Session – Pending Litigation  
 - 9:30 pm: Executive Session – Personnel Matter

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

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Sec. 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland. (“General Provisions Article.”), an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center. The purpose of this meeting will be to meet with the City Solicitor to obtain legal advice regarding various Green Ridge House matters.

A Special Meeting of the Council is scheduled for 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 for the purpose of the Council moving to go into Executive Session as stated above and to consider scheduling three additional items for the August 9, 2017 Executive Session, namely: (1) the discussion of personnel matters that affect specific individuals pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article; (2) meeting with the City’s legal counsel regarding pending litigation pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(8) of the General Provisions Article; and (3) meeting with the City’s legal counsel regarding collective bargaining negotiations and matters related to said negotiations between the City and the FOP pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(9) of the General Provisions Article .

*\* The City Council will meet in open session only for the purpose of voting to add 3 topics to the executive session and to close its meeting to discuss matters noted above. The public may attend and observe the vote of Council to move into closed/executive session on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, at 7:45 p.m.*

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

## RFP for Document Management System

The RFP may be obtained by visiting [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) or from eMaryland Marketplace (<https://emaryland.buyspeed.com>), or in person from the City Information Technology Department located at 25 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, Md. 20770  
 There will be a pre-bid meeting held at 2:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of August, 2017 at Greenbelt City Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, Md. 20770.

Proposals will be received in the Office of the City at the City Municipal Building, at the address noted above in a sealed envelope marked: “Document Management System” until 3:00 p.m. on September 8, 2017, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Please provide one original and one copy of the proposal on double-sided paper. Proposals shall be consistent with the scope of services contained in the Request for Proposals (RFP). The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to reduce or modify the scope of services

All questions or requests for clarification regarding this RFP must be received, in writing, via e-mail at [dworley@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:dworley@greenbeltmd.gov) by 2:00 p.m. on, August 31, 2017. Answers will be posted to the City’s website by 5:00 p.m., September 1, 2017.

**The City encourages all minority, women, and disadvantaged business owners to submit proposals.**

**For City Information, Services and Events visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)**  
**For all city social media in one place, visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/infowall](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/infowall)**  
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## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

**Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.**

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.

**For information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.**

## CONTRA DANCE



Featuring music of Transatlantic Crossing with the calling of April Blum.

**Saturday, August 5**

**Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road**

6:30pm: Beginners Lesson - 7:00pm Dance Begins  
 \$10 per person; \$5 for under 18; Free for 6 and under  
 Come out and join in this fun event! Great way to meet people and get some exercise. Transatlantic Crossing features members of the Gardner family of Greenbelt!  
*Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Folklore Society of Greater Washington.*



## Water Quality Monitoring Service-Learning Series

*Come learn to test water quality & contribute to our citizen science project!*

**Saturday, August 5  
 10am-12pm**

**Springhill Lake Recreation Ctr. 6101 Cherrywood Lane**

**REMINDERS:** Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes. Bring a reusable water bottle. High School Students: Bring your service-learning forms! RSVP to Erin Josephitis at [ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov) or 240-542-2168

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**HOME VISITS BEGIN ON AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>**

Enrollment is now open. Space is limited. Please contact Sharon Johnson at 240-542-2029 to reserve your space.



## Weed Warriors Volunteer Event

**August 7,  
 10:00am - 12:00pm**

**Buddy Attick Lake Park,  
 555 Crescent Road**  
 Weed Warrior Volunteers are needed to protect our forests by removing invasive species. Training and gloves will be provided.

**REMINDERS:** Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes. Bring a reusable water bottle. High School Students: Bring your service-learning forms! RSVP to Erin Josephitis at [ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov) or 240-542-2168

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Saturday, August 12  
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 Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center

Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308

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## CITY OF GREENBELT WELCOME PACKETS

The City of Greenbelt is currently collecting materials from any city business or organization to include in our next set of Welcome Packets. Coupons, flyers, trinkets, etc. are welcome. Please provide 300 to Beverly Palau at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road by **Tuesday, August 15**. Info: 301-474-8000.

Volunteers are needed to assist in assembling Welcome Packets on **Tuesday, August 22 at 6:00pm** in the City Council Room, 25 Crescent Road. Light refreshments will be served.



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 District Heights, Maryland 20747  
 301-736-7000

*Doctors Community Practices at Laurel*  
 13900 Baltimore Avenue  
 Laurel, Maryland 20707  
 301-725-5652

*Doctors Community Practices at Riverdale*  
 6502 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 100  
 Riverdale, Maryland 20737  
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# The Woodlands of GHI Benefit the Community

by Kathie Jarva



PHOTO BY KATHERINE JARVA

Canyon Creek trail, part of GHI woodlands, starts off Ridge Rd.

The City of Greenbelt and Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) are known for the woods, and that's how everyone likes it. But the woods aren't just there; they need care and understanding, like all living things. Greenbelt has placed much of its wooded land into a forest preserve. GHI has placed much of their wooded land into a Forest Conservation Management Agreement (FCMA). The FCMA is between owner of the land, GHI, and Prince George's County and the State of Maryland, tax authorities. The city and the GHI situations are not the same. Locally, when the term Preserve or Forest Preserve is used, it generally refers to the city-owned woods. The GHI-owned woods are usually referred to as simply "the woodlands."

The GHI Woodlands Committee looks after the GHI woodlands, under the auspices of the GHI board of directors and with the help of the GHI maintenance director. The Woodlands Committee is made up of interested GHI member volunteers approved by the board. The committee meets monthly and sponsors regular events related to the woodlands. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings, which are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the GHI Administration Building. There is a growing Friends of the Woodlands Committee, folks who volunteer to help on specific tasks or who adopt an area of GHI woodlands to steward.

The GHI Woodlands Committee tends the woodlands as directed by the FCMA. The FCMA dictates various management practices and in return the county and state give GHI significant tax breaks on the relevant acreage, thus saving all GHI members real estate tax dollars that would otherwise have to be collected as part of monthly member fees.

Fighting non-native invasive vegetation is a major task of the Woodlands Committee, as is trail maintenance and community education. The committee, working with members of the city's Forest Preserve Advisory Board and Public Works Department, is

also trying to locate the boundary lines between the city and GHI within the wooded areas and especially along the many GHI woodlands trails.

The GHI woodlands are managed for the benefit of the community to provide improved air quality, erosion abatement and recreation. The trails are minimally maintained for able-bodied individuals to walk or hike in a safe, natural environment without undue impediments. Large logs are removed, vegetation is kept from encroaching on the trails and some stream crossings are provided. The trails are not intended for wheeled devices; the paved pathways of GHI are available for those activities.

Those with suggestions or requests regarding the GHI woodlands should come to a Woodlands Committee meeting. Community feedback is important and the committee appreciates the opportunity to share woodland interests. George Bachman, GHI director of maintenance, GBachman@GHI.coop, may also be contacted.

There is a map of the GHI woodlands on the Woodlands Committee page of the GHI website, ghi.coop/content/woodlands-committee. The committee updates the maps with new trail names, landmarks and recognition of the boundaries. Agenda and minutes of Woodlands Committee meetings and other files of interest are also available at that website.

Enjoy and be kind to all the Greenbelt woods and to woodlands everywhere.



**Used Book Sale at Labor Day Festival**  
Benefiting Greenbelt Elementary School PTA

Book donation drop-off at Co-op Supermarket August 1st – 30th, 2017

For information on large donation pickup, call 240-583-0448

## Parking Space Paint Refreshed by Public Works Crew



Photos by Beverly Palau



The City of Greenbelt Public Works Street Maintenance Crew works together to repaint handicap space markers at the Roosevelt Center.



### PERFORMERS WANTED FOR RISING STARS PERFORMANCE SHOWCASE

Looking for performers age 17 and younger to perform for the Rising Stars Performance Showcase, Sunday, September 4, from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm on the Outdoor Stage of Roosevelt Center. Sing, dance, play an instrument, read a poem, act, and more! Solo, bands, groups, choirs! This event is not a competition but a sharing event. Trophies to all Participants. Register to perform by filling out the [Information Form](#) found on the quick link for Rising Stars Performance Showcase. For more information, contact Rosette Lewis at lewis7cross@gmail.com or phone 301-996-9563.

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# WMATA Notes Roadblocks On Greenbelt Station Trail

by James Giese

After meeting earlier this year with Metro officials to implement construction of a temporary trail to connect the new homes in Greenbelt Station South Core with the Greenbelt Metro station, city officials and new residents believed that the project would be put on track. However, recent preliminary comments by Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) staff at a field meeting with city planners reveal new roadblocks for the project. Council discussed the status of this project at a July 24 worksession.

The temporary trail was to be put in place until the connector road that is to run from Greenbelt Road to the Capital Beltway is built. That will happen when the North Core property, the Metro station parking lot, is developed with mixed use office-commercial-residential. It was hoped that would take place soon if the Metro site were selected for construction of the new FBI headquarters. WMATA staff had been reluctant to build a temporary trail if the site was to be selected for the FBI because a new parking garage that needed to be built would obstruct the trail route.

However, at the earlier meeting, Metro officials appeared to be more open to the temporary construction even though the FBI site decision was still in limbo. They promised to look at the proposal and quickly get back to the city.

While that promise was kept, Community Planner Jessica Bellah, said that acting on these preliminary comments could triple construction costs, delay construction and be of uncertain benefit, depending upon when development does take place on the Metro site. More detailed written comments from WMATA will be forthcoming in the next few weeks, she reported.

## New Requirements

Bellah noted the following modifications:

As proposed, the trail would have crossed the entry road from eastbound Capital Beltway to reach the station. However, the grade necessary to cross the access road would not satisfy the Americans with Disabilities Act standards and the trail would have to be bent further east, away from the station, crossing after the access road merges with a ring road around the metered parking lot. After the crossing, the temporary path would have to double back on the other side

of the road, cross a parking lot driveway entrance and then re-cross the ring road to access the station.

A fence would need to be installed to prevent short-cutting.

A traffic signal would need to be installed at the first crossing.

Cameras would need to be installed at the crossing.

Hard line call boxes would need to be installed.

There would need to be a power connection separate from the Metro power connection.

A speed study and a traffic engineering study would be needed to determine the placement of the signal.

Area lighting would likely need to be upgraded in the vicinity of the trail.

City staff estimates a six-month delay to assess WMATA comments.

Construction costs could rise from around a half-million dollars to around a million-and-a-half.

The earliest the trail could be constructed is two years, staff estimates.

## Comments

Bellah told the council that the benefit of the temporary trail is unknown as it is dependent on how long it may be used before being replaced by a permanent road and sidewalks. That, in turn, is dependent on when, if ever, the property is developed.

Norman Rivera, representing South Core builder NVR, told council that his client wants to push through the trail construction. NVR is committed to doing it, he said. He also noted that the new homeowners were anxious to see the trail connection built.

The developers are currently providing bus service to the Metro station, but this commitment is to end this year.

Mayor Emmett Jordan declared the preliminary comments to be "a disheartening decision."

Bellah told council that staff would request another worksession at a later date, once formal comments are received. Concurrently, city and WMATA staff are working on a legal agreement, she noted. The developer had agreed to allocate \$516,000 for the project, but additional costs are unfunded, she added. Staff would explore the possibility of grants.

Councilmembers expressed the belief that WMATA should be participating more in the project. Councilmember Rodney Roberts opined that the city should build the trail up to the WMATA prop-

erty line and WMATA should do the rest.

Jordan suggested considering an alternative route. Bellah responded that this had been previously considered and this route had been determined to be the best. There are environmental issues involved in alternative routes. However, she suggested that constructing a boardwalk might be a possible alternative consideration.

Residents present thanked councilmembers for their support. It was noted that the developer continues to advertise walking access to the station, although one sign at the development entrance had been removed. They raised the question of whether the developer could provide more funds for the project.

Councilmember Judith Davis responded that the development had provided the city with additional funds, but these were allocated to other uses. She doubted that the developer would be willing to increase its commitment.

## Snippets from the Past

### Telephone Hints

It is a well-known fact that the telephone is playing a vital part in the war effort. This is particularly true in the Washington area, where so many important war calls originate and terminate. It seems entirely reasonable, therefore, that telephone users should heed the many appeals of the telephone company to be careful of the use of the service.

Here in Greenbelt many of the telephones are on what are known as party lines. Most of these party lines have four parties on them. When one party is using the line none of the other three parties can use it, nor can anyone call them. From a good neighbor point of view as well as for patriotic reasons all party line telephone users should be as brief as possible in their telephone conversations and should use their telephone only when it is really necessary. Whether

through carelessness or not, many Greenbelt party line users continue to hold lengthy and unnecessary conversations, thereby tying up the equipment so that necessary calls cannot be made.

There are other bothersome and harmful practices that seem to be prevalent particularly here in Greenbelt. One is the practice of answering the ring of some other party on the line. Another is allowing young children to use the telephone as a plaything, causing unnecessary interference with the service. And another is that of pranksters using the telephone for practical jokes.

Citizens of Greenbelt, the telephone company is making every effort to give us swift and efficient telephone service, even in war time. Let us all do our best to help.

*From the Co-operator, June 16, 1944.*



## County's Pet Waste Campaign Expands to Include Greenbelt

by Erin Josephitis

The City of Greenbelt Public Works Department, GHI's Companion Animal Committee and Prince George's County Department of Environment (DEP) have partnered up to remind dog owners to stop "poo-llution" by always picking up or "scooping the poop."

Greenbelt's pet waste campaign encourages owners to throw out dog waste using a bio-degradable bag or flush waste – but not the bag – down the toilet. Take multiple bags on walks, just in case. Avoid letting a dog defecate within 200 feet of a water body. Additionally, keep an eye out in your own yard and scoop immediately every time. Never throw dog waste in a compost bin or down a storm drain. Volunteer to stencil storm drain inlets by contacting DEP at 301-883-5822.

What happens if you don't scoop the poop? Pet waste is more than smelly and unsightly: it is a health risk to the environ-

ment, pets and people, especially children. Whenever it rains, pet waste left on the ground gets flushed into the nearest storm drain, stream, river, lake and, ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay. It adds unsafe levels of bacteria and nutrients to local waters when not disposed of properly, making the water unfit for irrigation, recreation or other uses.

Furthermore, it is against the law in the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County to leave pet waste upon public or private property and could result in a municipal infraction. Refer to City Code Chapter 3 (Animals), Sec. 3-66 Defecation; removal of excrement at [greenbeltnmd.gov/documentcenter/View/46](http://greenbeltnmd.gov/documentcenter/View/46). Likewise, the GHI Member Handbook states "no condition in violation of health and safety shall be allowed, e.g., pet feces must be promptly removed and properly disposed of." The GHI Member Handbook reinforces "companion

animal guardians/custodians shall keep their unit and yard clean and sanitary and promptly remove and dispose of feces deposited by their companion animal(s) in both their own and other members' yards and common areas, including on sidewalks."

Help spread the word, join the campaign and get others involved, installing pet disposal facilities, poop scoopers and other convenient items to encourage owners to clean up after their pets. Most importantly, always clean up after your dog on walks and remind others to do the same. After all, less pet waste on the ground means a happier and healthier watershed for all.



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# Police Blotter

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

## Robbery Arrest

July 24, 2:10 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. A 20-year-old resident was arrested and charged with attempted armed robbery, attempted strong arm robbery and assault, when he approached a man who was using the ATM at Shell Food Mart, demanded money and gestured as though he had a weapon. The ATM user ran from the scene and contacted police. The alleged robber was located on the scene, positively identified and arrested, after which he was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Theft

July 22, 11:57 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended purse was taken from a shopping cart at Safeway.

July 24, 4:30 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

July 24, 5:15 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended cell phone was taken from the counter at Baskin-Robbins.

## Burglary

July 25, 9:38 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A person who was inside his home heard a noise at a window and observed a man pulling off the window screen. The man then fled on foot

toward the 7000 block Hanover Parkway.

## Vandalism

July 20, 4:27 p.m., 100 block Westway. The glass entry door of an apartment building was broken by a brick.

July 26, 3:05 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road. A marker was used to put graffiti on the inside wall of an apartment stairwell.

## Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen. A white 2002 Ford F-150 pickup truck with Md. tags 70246CF was taken from the 9100 block Springhill Lane. A silver 4-door 2005 Mercury Marquis with Md. tags 3AX4089 was taken from the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace.

Four tires and rims were taken from single vehicles in the 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway, 9100 block Springhill Lane and 7700 block Hanover Parkway. One tire and rim was also taken from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway.

Two thefts occurred after windows were broken in the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (video game player) and 7800 block Mandan Road (sunglasses).

A purse, iPad and cell phone were taken in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road from a vehicle trunk that was possibly left ajar. A baseball bat was taken from 2 Court Eastway.

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petition bearing the signatures of at least 50 registered city voters must be obtained. Each petition page identifies the candidate, the candidate's address of legal residence, and the signature and residence address of the person circulating that page of the petition.

An acceptance of the nomination form certifies the nominee's commitment to serve if elected. An affidavit of candidate form provides personal identifying information.

A detailed financial disclosure statement provides for a declaration of business, investment and real estate interests held by the nominee and immediate family, as well as sources of specified income and debt. Incumbent candidates who have already filed their forms for 2016 are not required to file again if their circumstances have not changed.

In addition, candidates must submit a form designating their appointed treasurer and including the person's acceptance of appointment in writing.

## Ballot

As soon as the September 25 filing deadline has passed at 5 p.m., the ballot can be established. At 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, the candidates will draw for ballot position by lottery. In a second drawing, they choose the location of their election signs on poles to be posted in designated locations by the city. The city's Board of Elections oversees these drawings, which are open to the public.

## Penalties Are No Joke

Certified candidates must file reports of campaign contributions and expenditures at three points in time. This year the two interim reports are due by noon on Friday, September 29 and Friday, October 27, with the final report due following the election by noon on Friday, November 10. With some items excepted, candidates are required to report the totals of all contributions and expenditures and to itemize items in excess of \$25. These reports are kept in the city clerk's office and are open to public inspection during business hours.

The penalties are severe for not submitting these reports on time or for failure to maintain the appointment of a treasurer. A

candidate not in compliance will be deemed unqualified and the person's name will be removed from the ballot prior to the election. A candidate who falls out of compliance after the election will not be sworn in without complying. Furthermore, no one who is in violation of a city law or reporting requirement may run as a candidate or submit a nomination petition in any future city election.

## Voter Registration

For anyone thinking of running for city council, signing a candidate's petition or voting in the city election, it is never too early to take care of voter registration. For anyone not already registered at a Greenbelt residence address or who needs to update registration information, the deadline for this election is Monday, October 9.

Voters can look to see if their registration information is correct by going to the voter services section (on the Hot Topics menu) of the website of the State Board of Elections at [elections.state.md.us](http://elections.state.md.us). Disregard the polling places given there, however, since with the exception of the Community Center they do not apply to city elections.

Students living in Greenbelt who are enrolled at colleges and universities in Maryland are eligible to register if they consider their school address to be their "official" or "permanent" home. Go to [elections.state.md.us](http://elections.state.md.us) to register.

Anyone with a Maryland driver's license or Motor Vehicle Administration identification card can register to vote or make corrections to registration information online at the State Board of Elections website. For those who prefer paper, forms can be printed from the state website and returned by U.S. mail. Forms are also available at the public library, at the city clerk's office or from the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300. Paper forms must be received by the county prior to 4:30 p.m. on the October 9 deadline.

## Early & Absentee Voting

More detailed information on early and absentee voting will be provided in this paper closer to the time voting begins, but the dates should be noted by people

planning to run for office as well as by voters. Early voting has increased each year in Greenbelt, and the day is gone when candidates could afford to wait until Election Day to get their message out.

Early voting is available in two forms in Greenbelt. Any registered voter who prefers not to vote at the polling place (no excuse required) may vote by absentee ballot, either by U.S. mail or in person at the Municipal Building beginning Wednesday, October 18 and ending at 6 p.m. on Election Day.

Early voting by voting machine will be available to all voters in the Municipal Building at specified times from Monday, October 23 through Friday, November 3. Weekend early voting will be available to all city voters at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Club House on Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22, and in the Schrom Hills Park Community Room on Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29.

For more information on Greenbelt elections, call 301-474-8000 or check the city's website at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). Click on Government, then Election Information.

## Monitoring Water Quality on Saturday

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## Missing Greenbelter Found Safe and Sound

Yasier Gomez-Lugo, reported as a critical missing person in the July 27 issue of the News Review, has been found safe and sound, according to the Greenbelt Police Department.

## PGCPS Backpacks for Students

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) encourages students, parents and community members to take up the challenge of providing 10,000 free backpacks at the 7th Annual PGCPS Back-to-School Fair on Saturday, August 26.

PGCPS is hosting Stuff-A-Bus events to meet the 10,000 backpacks goal on Saturday, August 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ivy Youth and Family Center, 6118 Walton Avenue in Suitland and Saturday, August 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wegmans, 9001 McHugh Drive, Lanham.

Families must register in advance to receive a backpack at the Back-to-School Fair, which moves to a new location this year - Prince George's Stadium, 4101 Crain Highway in Bowie.

Representatives from several PGCPS offices will be at the Back-to-School Fair to share information about registration, student services and programs. Families may also purchase school uniforms at the event.

In addition, free immunizations will be offered on site. All students in pre-kindergarten

through grade 12 must receive age-appropriate immunizations before they can attend school.

Sponsors for the Back-to-School Fair include Comcast Beltway Region, Excellence in Education Foundation, Educational Systems Federal Credit Union, the Negro Legends Hall of Fame and Bowie Baysox.

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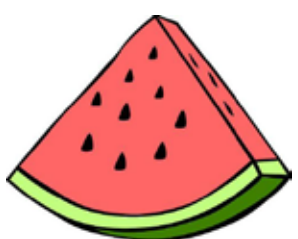
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While this use is permitted under the current office building zone, Community Planner Jessica Bellah advised council that the land is within a Development District Overlay Zone with only specified uses that would not permit the proposed development. To be allowed, the Development District's list of permitted uses would have to be amended by the Prince George's County District Council (the county council when it meets on zoning matters).

**Reaction**

Mayor Emmett Jordan pointed out that the proposal would have to be referred to the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board for review and recommendation before the council could take a position

on the matter. However, the comments expressed by some of the councilmembers and Bellah in her staff report indicated preference for the property being developed in some other manner.

Bellah advised the council that the proposed use would not be the highest and best use for the land. It failed to sufficiently capitalize on existing transportation systems in the area. Its walking-distance proximity to Metro provided opportunity for development at a higher density, she thought. The development would offer little in the way of recreational opportunities, failing to address current city needs in Greenbelt West. Finally, she believed the proposed development

would do little to spark investment or redevelopment of the existing office park.

Councilmembers expressed concern for the still-high vacancy rate at the office park and throughout the area. Councilmember Edward Putens noted that more and more employees are being permitted to work from home due to modern technology. It was also noted that corporations were reducing the square footage of space allocated to each employee.

However, Jordan and Councilmembers Judith Davis and Rodney Roberts each expressed views that the vacant land could be put to uses that would be more supportive of the office park.

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A Review

# King Kirby Opens at GAC

by Jim Link

Aficionados of super-hero (and super-villain) comic books, which thrived from the 1930s until recently and are now inspiring blockbuster movies, will revel in Off The Quill's (OTQ) exciting production of King Kirby at Greenbelt Arts Center.

Make way for The Incredible Hulk, Captain America, The X-Men, The Avengers and other pop cultural icons from the teeming brain and drawing board of cartoonist Jack Kirby. Even aging curmudgeons like me will be impressed by OTQ's trademark kinetic energy, beautifully choreographed fight scenes and gripping and informative videography. Most of all, audiences will be moved by the deeply human story told by wonderfully skilled actors at the heart of all the flash, bells and whistles.

The central conceit of that story, written by wife/husband team Crystal Skillman and Fred Van Lente, is that Jack Kirby has been unfairly denied his proper, cast into the shadows by his partner, rival and sometime friend Stan Lee, a virtual demigod at contemporary comic-cons. The much slicker, ruthless Lee schmoozes businessmen, has lawyers rig contracts and runs off with the lion's share of the profit and glory.

We share Kirby's successes and woes as he narrates his rocky adolescence in a tough Jewish neighborhood on the Lower East Side where fighting Irish Catholic kids was a necessity for survival. We follow him from the poverty of his sweatshop-employed dad to his falling in love with his wife-to-be Roz, fighting Nazis in World War II, enduring anti-Semitic treatment, marriage and four kids, betrayal by Lee and eventual recognition as the genius he is at comic-cons in the 1980s.

After Kirby's death his original work sold for millions at Sotheby's in the 1990s. King Kirby clicks beautifully on all levels. The acting and choreography, sound, lighting and skillful blocking all blend seamlessly for an hour and 40 minutes without intermission. The audience experiences constant action flowing forward without a lull or a longueur.

Josh Mooney is superb as Jack Kirby (nee Jacob Kurtzberg):



Sean Eustis as Ant-Man, Enoch Wilson as Iron Man, Brett Cassidy as the Hulk, Josh Mooney as Jack Kirby, Jenny Oberholtzer as Roz Kirby, Jonathan Palmer as Thor, Melissa Robinson as Captain America

childlike, enthusiastic and imbued with wonder as he comes into his power as an artist – toughening up as he deals with anti-Semitism and Stan Lee's Machiavellian maneuvers.

Erik Harrison as Stan Lee (nee Stanley Lieber) is a worthy foil for Kirby. He morphs from nerdy office boy into a cagey power broker with Hollywood sleek good looks.

It's a pleasure to watch Mooney and Harrison unfold their finely etched character differences in their brotherly dance of rivalry, a tad like Cain and Abel.

Jenny Oberholzer is excellent as the mousy but shrewd and loving Roz who sees the very talented, very good man underneath Kirby's insecurities. Fortunately, she manipulates Kirby as a good woman should manipulate a needy man; she even sends him love poetry by Elizabeth Barrett Browning to the battlefield. When Kirby responds totally naively to Roz's tentative flirting by saying "I'll show you my etchings," she is disarmed by realizing that he actually does have etchings.

The redoubtable Michael J. Dombroski (Hamlet in an earlier appearance) plays Kirby's buddy and chief booster smoothly and loyally until a censorious comic book code, changing market forces, the responsibility of marriage and fatherhood prompt him to leave the business. Alone and vulnerable, Kirby still has his talent, doggedness and

childlike wonder.

The supporting cast of five all play multiple roles extremely well. Brett Cassidy is hilarious as whip-cracking General George S. Patton (think George C. Scott) and pretentious auteur Federico Fellini and Martin, Lee's greedy uncle who intermittently wheels in out of nowhere to make oafish pronouncements, then disappears backwards until his next apparition.

Melissa Robinson wears many hats and dresses as the Sotheby's snide auctioneer who sells Kirby's art though it "lacks the purity of a Rembrandt," a sycophantic journalist and a union leader.

Sean Eustis, Jonathan Palmer and Enoch Wilson all do great work as multiple characters.

Master costumier Katie Wanschura has outdone herself with a dazzling potpourri of period garments for the whole cast. Spiderman in particular looked very authentic.

Producer Patrick Mullen helped Brian Moors with the great choreography, or did Moors help Mullen? Anyway Moors, who played God in a previous appearance and who knows how to wield a sword, is someone I'd dare not criticize.

Last but emphatically not least is the brilliant director Keith Cassidy. He has extracted superlative performances from the entire cast and given the audience a joyous, rousing evening of professional theater.

An odd thought: I wonder what theological niceties those Jewish toughs and Irish Catholic hooligans might have been bashing each other about? The con-substantiality of Jesus Christ with God the Father? The perpetual virginity of Mary, that good Jewish girl who was the mother of Jesus?

But that's another play for another day.

Treat yourself to King Kirby on August 4, 5, 11, 12 at 8 p.m. and August 6 at 2 p.m.



Melissa Robinson as journalist, Enoch Wilson as student fan

# Madelyn Wanner's Students Give Vocal and Piano Recital

by Li'l Dan Celdran

Greenway Center's Music & Arts store held a studio recital for students of Madelyn Wanner, voice and piano teacher. Her students shone as they sang songs such as Singin' in the Rain, Laverne's Blue and Skyfall and played on piano Beethoven's Ode to Joy, the spiritual Standing in the Need of Prayer and Bach's Air in F Major, to name a few.

According to her website (madelynwanner.com), "Ms. Wanner promotes artistic and personal growth, basic music fundamentals such as sight-singing and ear-training, a



Wanner speaks with a new student.

solid technical foundation, and most importantly, joy!" This student has certainly found this to be so!

## Participants Solicited For Labor Day Parade

Make plans now to participate in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. Community, school and government groups, local businesses, political incumbents and candidates or even informal groups formed just for the parade are invited to submit a parade application, available online at [greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/parade-participants/](http://greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/parade-participants/). Create a float, put together a performance, show off your antique or otherwise unique vehicle or simply march together displaying signs advertising your group. You might even win a prize. All parade participants must pre-register no later than August 25 by emailing a completed parade application to [GreenbeltLaborDayParade@verizon.net](mailto:GreenbeltLaborDayParade@verizon.net).

The 2017 Labor Day Festival Parade will take place on Monday, September 4 from 10 a.m. to noon.

## Participants Sought For Information Day

Information Day at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival welcomes groups, local businesses and other organizations to share their causes, missions or products with festivalgoers. The event is on Saturday, September 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Roosevelt Center. For details about registering to participate in Information Day, go to [greenbeltlaborday.com/events-and-activities/information-day/](http://greenbeltlaborday.com/events-and-activities/information-day/).



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