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PHOTO COURTESY OF MARAL HASSANSHAHI

Maral Hassanshahi at a United Nations disarmament meeting

Greenbelt Physical Therapy Aide Attends Oslo Ceremony

by Carolina Velloso

A physical therapy aide who volunteers for the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) organization, which won the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize, attended the awards ceremony in Oslo, Norway, on December 10.

Maral Hassanshahi, a native of Iran, became active with ICAN after a 2012 internship in Serbia as part of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals campaign. Educating young people about disease prevention and cures opened Hassanshahi's eyes to worldwide health epidemics. Hassanshahi is studying for her credentials as a physical therapist and works at the Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Center in Greenbelt.

"After I went back home, I had new perspectives of what a young person like me can do to prevent public health issues," she said.

After doing further research, Hassanshahi decided to focus on nuclear weapons. ICAN is a coalition of non-governmental organizations (NGO) from over 100 countries that work toward adherence to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons,

which was passed by the United Nations in July 2017. The campaign's goal is the total ban on nuclear weapons, according to its website.

"Those bombs could be more dangerous to human lives than any other disease. These weapons of mass destruction have the potential to kill and injure massive numbers of people and have severe consequences for the environment," Hassanshahi said. "The only way to make us safe from nuclear weapons is to eliminate them."

Hassanshahi reached out to the International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear Wars (IPPNW), the nongovernmental organization that launched ICAN in 2012, and soon became a national and Middle Eastern region student representative for the group.

"I raise awareness on the issue (of nuclear weapons) and how it affects public health," she said. "I also talk to diplomats, governors and decision makers to convince them that we do not really need these weapons to achieve peace."

After years of activism to abolish nuclear weapons, Hassanshahi was surprised but thrilled to be invited to attend the 2017 Nobel Prize awards ceremony.

During her weeklong trip, she stayed at the house of Dr. Ulrich Abildgaard, a member of the Norwegian chapter of IPPNW, attended several meetings and seminars related to disarmament at the Norwegian Red Cross and was welcomed at Oslo City Hall by Mayor Marianne Borgen. The day after the awards ceremony, she attended the Nobel Peace Prize concert and was featured in a series of videos of ICAN volunteers that screened during the show.

Hassanshahi said the trip was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and strengthened her belief in her

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Both Maglev Train Alignments Would Run Under Greenbelt

by Maria Herd

If the SCMaglev train is eventually built, it will tunnel under Greenbelt.

Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail and the Maryland Department of Transportation announced on February 1 that one of three potential routes for the high speed train – the so-called Amtrak route that went through Bowie – has been eliminated.

That leaves two potential routes and the no-build option. The routes are called Baltimore-Washington Parkway West and

Baltimore-Washington Parkway East for their geographical position to the highway. East is currently the preferred alignment, but the final decision on the project will not be released until winter of 2019.

Described as "the fastest train in the world," SCMaglev would travel 311 mph connecting Washington, D.C., to Baltimore in less than 15 minutes.

"There are zero residential takings on this alignment ... If you hear there are going to be

thousands of houses taken it's not accurate," said Wayne Rogers, the president and CEO of Northeast Maglev, during a House Environment and Transportation hearing at the State House.

However, more than 70 percent of either route would be underground, tunneling under properties in Greenbelt and other cities. The tunnel is estimated to be 72 feet wide and 80 to 150 feet below the surface.

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PHOTO BY MARIA HERD

Protesters march in Annapolis on Monday February 12.

Citizens Protesting Maglev March in Annapolis Rally

by Maria Herd

Opposing chants of "stop this train!" and "build this train!" rang out on Lawyers Mall in front of the Annapolis State House on February 5 as Citizens Against SCMaglev were met with a surprise counterprotest organized by the North America's Building Trades Union.

Opponents of the train, including Greenbelt Councilmember Colin Byrd, were holding red "stop this train" signs that fittingly contrasted with the trade union members' bright green shirts that read "clean green jobs."

Citizens Against SCMaglev organizers expected a turnout of 200 to 300 on their side of the question; instead, there were fewer than 50. Trade union organizers estimated that they had a turnout of around 150 supporters.

A Maryland Capitol Police representative said that they do not record the exact number of protesters at demonstrations and did not provide an official estimate.

The groups countered each other with chants for an entire hour on the mall, with supporters shouting "we need jobs!" as opponents shouted back "keep our homes!"

Citizens Against SCMaglev also filled the hour with several city, county and state officials giving short speeches on why a high-speed train that would connect D.C. to Baltimore in 15 minutes would not benefit local residents.

Byrd was one of those speakers.

"There are no stops in the county and yet the impacts are

disproportionately being placed on the residents, the negative impacts that is," Byrd noted.

In addition to environmental impacts, Byrd is concerned about the economic feasibility of the project.

"It's going to cost \$10 to \$12 billion, and that's what the maglev people are saying. so you know that they're probably lowballing it," he said.

Byrd pointed out that large swaths of Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties are against the project and asserted that in opposition are "just a few rich guys and some union guys, that's really it."

However, Byrd said he is sensitive to the jobs issue yet

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What Goes On

Saturday, February 17
10 a.m. to noon, Meet and Greet with City Manager on Next Police Chief, Schrom Hills Park Community Building
Monday, February 19
 Presidents Day, City Offices Closed
10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Coexisting with Beavers, Community Service, Buddy Attick Park
Wednesday, February 21
8 p.m., Council Worksession with Civic Associations, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

Maglev Support

Being a proponent for a new greener (no carbon emissions) rapid train system, I wish to address three of the six misconceptions hurled at the proposed SC-Maglev. The falsehood that a SC-Maglev will not benefit Greenbelt residents, simply because there may not be a stop or station near the city, is like saying that taking a flight somewhere is of little benefit to Greenbelters because the BWI or DC-Reagan airports do not have a boarding gate right here in Greenbelt. Or that taking an Amtrak train to NYC, Chicago or Florida is inconvenient because Amtrak doesn't have a station or stop here.

We all have to get someplace to take a train, a bus, a Metro, a plane. From Greenbelt one needs to allow at least 15 minutes to get to the Amtrak station/stop in New Carrollton, or a 30- to 45-minute commute (if no Metro rail delays) to Union Station in D.C. for most departing Amtrak trains; or the equivalent time frame to get to one of the region's airports. So the argument that Greenbelters won't use or benefit by taking a SCMaglev train from downtown Washington, D.C., to Baltimore, NYC, Boston or Richmond, Va., in the future, just doesn't pass muster.

We improve and upgrade an existing utility, a transportation system, a school, a communication system, but we also develop new ones to complement and transition into new systems. In 1939, Eleanor Roosevelt in addressing the American Youth Congress* said: "Organize first for knowledge, with the object of making us know ourselves as a nation, then organize to accomplish the things you decide you want. Make your decisions because they are good for the nation as a whole." Let's remind ourselves it's not only about what folks speculate they will use or not use now, next year or in four years. We plan for future generations' needs and uses as well.

Another falsehood often mentioned is that the \$10 to \$12 billion needed for the Baltimore to Washington, D.C., segment of the SCMaglev alignment should be spent on, directed to, used for Amtrak, Metro, upgrading our infrastructure and repairing roads and highways. The funding for maintaining existing infrastructure, Metro, MARC and Amtrak come from public funds (your federal and state taxes and ridership revenue). Funding of SCMaglev in no way diverts or diminishes funding for these existing and vital modes of transportation and infrastructure. The funding of the SCMaglev project

would be from totally separate sources: private funding, federal government backed loans, funding assistance from Japan, revenue from ridership. Put another way, if SCMaglev were not to get the 'green light' to proceed, it is misleading for our local politicians to imply that an additional \$10 billion is suddenly available for improving roads, building bridges, Metro, Amtrak, etc. Two different funding sources here, folks.

A third myth groups opposed to SCMaglev state is that the project will cause much noise, vibration and disturbance and thus lessen quality of life. Using their crystal ball, several county and district elected officials recently said the SCMaglev will adversely affect property values. Several others said they think property taxes might go up. To the contrary, because it doesn't have noisy fossil fuel combustion engines and steel wheels on rails, an SCMaglev produces only a wind noise as it rides on a cushion of air (not disturbing anyone) upon both the elevated and tunneled portions of the alignment within its U-shaped guideway.

Of the two remaining routes being considered, the J alignment running along the east side of the Baltimore Washington Parkway will not impact or take any residential properties. This was stated by officials of the Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) at a recent oversight hearing with the Environment & Transportation Committee of the Maryland House of Delegates. This two-hour hearing can be viewed by going to PG County Councilmember Todd Turner's District 4 February Newsletter (district4@co.pg.md.us). One of Greenbelt's delegates, Anne Healey, is a member of this committee. In addition, the J route (currently favored) will tunnel under Mandan Lane and Greenbriar Park, not Eleanor Roosevelt HS or the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. I urge Greenbelt citizens to view this hearing as many residents' concerns are addressed by the BWRR officials and from Q&A from the state delegates.

Robert Snyder

* Eleanor and Franklin, based on Eleanor Roosevelt's Private Papers, by Joseph P. Lash, @1971, p. 703

Law Enforcement Concerns

On January 7, the letter below was sent to all members of city council and the city manager via email. As of February 12, only one member of council and the city manager have responded to

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On Screen

Dark Hour, Shining Rhetoric

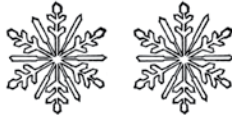
Another Oscar-nominated movie comes to the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, February 16: Darkest Hour. Gary Oldman channels Winston Churchill, supported by the brilliant Kristin Scott Thomas as his wife Clemmie. Directed by Joe Wright, with Ronald Pickup as Neville Chamberlain and Ben Mendelsohn as George VI, this rousing film shows just how iffy and risky England's decision not to negotiate with Hitler actually was. With the debacle/miracle of Dunkirk still in the near future, who knew? Arguably Churchill's immortal rhetoric is the film's real star: "We will fight them on the beaches.....Blood, sweat, toil and tears."

Running time 2 hours, 5 minutes
Rating PG-13

- Jim Link

Correction

In a photo for the story about the super moon, the person in the photo and the photographer were misidentified. The picture, taken by Mary Murchison-Edwards, shows the back of Fred Edwards.



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OC = Open Captions
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SHOWTIMES Feb 16th - 22nd

DARKEST HOUR (PG - 13) (CC) (125 mins)
Feb. 16, Fri. 5:15 PM
Feb. 17, Sat. 5:15, 8:00 PM
Feb. 18, Sun. 2:30 (OC), 5:15 PM
Feb. 19, Mon. 5:15 PM
Feb. 20, Tues. 5:15 PM
Feb. 21, Wed. 2:30 PM
Feb. 22, Thurs. 5:15 PM

OSCAR ANIMATED SHORTS (PG 8+) (83 mins)
Feb. 16, Fri. 3:00 PM
Feb. 17, Sat. 12:00 PM
Feb. 19, Mon. 8:00 PM

OSCAR LIVE ACTION SHORTS (R) (99 mins)
Feb. 19, Mon. 2:30 PM
Feb. 20, Tues. 8:00 PM
Feb. 21, Wed. 5:15 PM

OSCAR DOCUMENTARY SHORTS PROGRAM A (R) (102 mins)
Feb. 16, Fri. 8:00 PM
Feb. 18, Sun. 12:30 PM
Feb. 21, Wed. 1:00 PM

OSCAR DOCUMENTARY SHORTS PROGRAM B (R) (82 mins)
Feb. 22, Thurs. 3:00 PM
Feb. 17, Sat. 2:45 PM
Feb. 21, Wed. 8:00 PM

STAGE ON SCREEN: ROBERT SHAW: MAN OF MANY VOICES (2016) (71 mins)
Feb. 18, Sun. 8:00 PM
Feb. 19, Mon. 12:45 PM

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: KILLER OF SHEEP (1978) (80 mins)
Feb. 22, Thurs. 8:00 PM

The Old Curmudgeon



"I cannot tell a lie... I bought this jacket at a Presidents Day sale!"

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Community Events

Greenbelt Park Events

Saturday, February 17: The World of Winter Birds. Join a park ranger with a discussion on birds' source of survival during the winter. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

Saturday, February 17: Mid-winter in the Park - Life in Greenbelt 200 Years Past. Third episode in an interpretation of the series Seasons of America's Past by Eric Sloane. Hear about wood cutting, the coldest days of winter and the traditional end of the farming year. Meet at the Ranger Station at 1 p.m.

Sunday, February 18: Every Kid in a Park. Fourth graders learn how to get a free pass to National Parks and play the Guess Your National Park game. Meet at the Ranger Station at 1 p.m.

Saturday, February 24: Animals of Greenbelt. Join a park ranger in a presentation focusing on the native wildlife of Greenbelt and learn about their characteristics, diet, habits and behavior in the woods they know as their home. Appropriate for ages 5 to 12. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 25: Greenbelt Walking Club. Join the Greenbelt Park Walking Club for a mid-winter 1.4-mile trail walk around the park loop road. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 25: White Tailed Deer. What is the difference between a horn and an antler? What do the deer eat? How do the deer survive the winter? Meet at the Ranger Station at 1 p.m.

Contact the Greenbelt Park Ranger Station at 301-344-3944 for details or any updated information.

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, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of February 19 are as follows:

Monday, February 19: Closed for the holiday.

Tuesday, February 20: Country Captain chicken, brown rice, broccoli, wheat bread, fresh fruit, apple juice.

Wednesday, February 21: Cream of mushroom soup, open-faced hot turkey sandwich on wheat bread, mixed green salad with dressing, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Thursday, February 22: Pork roast with gravy, macaroni and cheese, green beans, wheat bread, tropical fruit, grape juice.

Friday, February 23: 10-grain breaded pollock, blackeyed peas, okra and stewed tomatoes, cornbread muffin, fresh fruit, orange juice.



Reel and Meal Shows Walking While Black

On Monday, February 19, Reel and Meal will commemorate Black History Month with a free screening of the documentary Walking While Black: L.O.V.E. is the Answer. The program will start at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café, following an optional vegan buffet (for which there is a fee) beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The 2017 film focuses on improving police-community relations as a way of addressing the tragic consequences of racial profiling. The acronym L.O.V.E., coined by filmmaker A.J. Ali, encourages people to "learn about others in their community, open their heart to them, volunteer to be part of the solution in their life and empower others to do the same."

The film features nearly 30 interviews with members of communities across the country. Current and retired law enforcement members, including Baltimore Police Chief Melvin T. Russell, commander of the department's community collaboration division, appear along with community leaders, social workers and psychologists who discuss the effects of racial profiling on American communities and describe instances of healing reconciliation and transformative justice.

Following the film, representatives of the Greenbelt Police Department will explain their approach to ensuring racial justice in their policies and procedures, and day-to-day actions. P.J. Andrews, the race discourse officer at the Bahá'í Office of Public Affairs in Washington, D.C., will moderate the discussion and encourage a community conversation with the audience and panel.

The February Reel and Meal program is presented by the Bahá'í Community of Greenbelt, in partnership with Green Vegan Networking, to promote community dialogue related to the oneness of humanity. For more information on this month's program, contact Nancy Joy Allchin at njallchin@gmail.com.

For general information, visit the New Deal Café website at newdealcafe.com.

Registration for 2018 Youth Baseball

Greenbelt Youth Baseball is preparing for its 2018 season. Tee ball will be available for 5- and 6-year-old children. Those who are 7 or 8 years old can enroll for machine pitch, also known as the Minor League. Youngsters from 9 to 12 years old play in the Major League, in which players throw pitches.

A modest fee is charged. Scholarships are available for players for whom the fee is a hardship.

Registration is already underway. In-person registration will take place in the Greenbelt Youth Center through March 3 on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon and on select Wednesday evenings. Tryouts for Major League players will occur at McDonald Field on Southway on Friday evening, March 9 and Saturday morning, March 10. Players can also register at that time. Online registration is available at: greenbeltyouthbaseball.siplay.com/site/. For more information, see the advertisement on page 8.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, February 21 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. For more information call 240-542-8625.

Free Greenbelt CARES ESOL Class Meets

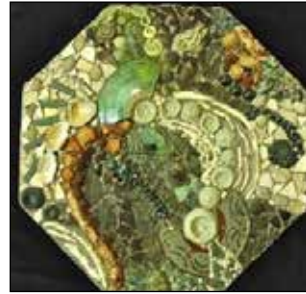
Want to speak better English? Try Greenbelt CARES free English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). The class meets every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Community Center Mosaic Workshop

The Department of Recreation is hosting a two-day mosaic workshop on Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4, taught by mosaic artist Dianne Elliott. The workshop will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days with an hour lunch built in. Students are encouraged to bring their own materials (ceramics, plates, stones, shells, beads, buttons), but enough materials will be provided to complete a mosaic by students who don't bring any of their own. Registration for this workshop has been extended to February 20.

Register at the Community Center main office, 301-397-2208. Course number: 153219-1. There is a fee.



Samples from the upcoming mosaic workshop - Photos by Dianne Elliott



GMS Open House

Greenbelt Middle School's seventh grade assistant principal invites seventh-grade parents and students to Cookies and Cocoa with Mr. Colding on Friday, February 23 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Share and discuss information about the upcoming 2018-19 school year, get better acquainted over refreshments and enjoy entertainment provided by the GMS orchestra and dance team.

Garden Club Plot Assignment Meeting

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club will hold its plot assignment meeting on Thursday, March 8. The meeting will be held in the Police Station Multipurpose Room, beginning at 7 p.m. Anyone unavailable to attend or with questions, contact Martha Tomecek at 301-614-0691.

Open Mic

There will be an Open Mic at Music and Arts Studio in the Greenway Shopping Center on Friday, February 16 from 6 to 7 p.m. Carpools will leave Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center (GAFC) at 5:45 p.m. Among the entertainment will be tunes on ukulele such as Autumn Leaves, Up On the Roof and Can't Help Falling in Love with You. This is not GAFC sponsored.



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Obituaries

Jesse Ezzell

Jesse B. Ezzell, age 31 of Greenbelt, died tragically and unexpectedly on February 5, 2018.

He is survived by his wife, Lizzy Ezzell, his three children, his parents James and Debbe Ezzell, his sister Katrina, a niece and nephews and a large extended family.

He was a restaurant manager in Bowie Town Center. He always put his family first and brought much joy and laughter into this world. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Jesse was the valedictorian of his graduating class at Bel Air Baptist, a loyal member of 4-H and had a life-long love of karate.



Jesse B. Ezzell

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAMILY

Homeschooler Math



Greenbelt homeschoolers learn about math with geometric shapes made with glow sticks.

PHOTO BY CHRISTINE NICKEL



Congratulations to Eleanor Roosevelt 2017-18 Lady Raiders seniors who played their final home game of basketball on Friday, February 9. Special congratulations to Ashia McCalla who reached 1,000 career points during that game.

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



Inclusive Shabbat Service, February 17

Mishkan Torah Synagogue will hold a special Inclusion Shabbat Service on Saturday, February 17 at 9:30 a.m. The event, the regular Shabbat morning service, will include participation by congregants without disabilities using wheelchairs, crutches, canes or other medical equipment. Toward the conclusion of the service congregants will discuss inclusion: what is it like to have a disability and did those using the tools of disability feel included? After the service, the Synagogue's Social Action Committee will sponsor a Kid-dush with refreshments.

The special service is in commemoration of Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month. The event is free and the entire community is invited.

Letters continued

these significant concerns.

"The hiring and the retention of law enforcement must be a top priority for council. I feel that Greenbelt has long needed to increase the presence of patrol officers on the streets.

I am extremely concerned about the pockets of illicit activity that exist on Parkway, Lakecrest Drive, Lakeside Drive and other sections of old Greenbelt. For far too long attention has been paid only to those areas of the city outside of Old Greenbelt. Little attention has been given to crime that exists within Old Greenbelt. Whoever is selected as police chief must be given the latitude to enforce the laws currently on the books. For far too long the council and city manager have exerted undue influence and interference in the operation of the police department due to their perceived anxiety in stepping on the toes of some constituents within the city of Greenbelt.

It is my hope that the council and the city manager will come to the realization that there is a need for a cultural change within the leadership of the city. Until council can stop bickering between themselves and focus instead on the need of the citizens there can be no progress towards better security for the citizens of Greenbelt.

Together we can make our community safer for all who live, work and play in our city. "Let's make Greenbelt great again."

Scott Legendre

Preserving the Woods

First, congratulations to Mary Lou on her recent retirement from the News Review. The paper has been very important in the preservation of the Greenbelt community, as the D.C. suburban sprawl continues to engulf us. I praise Greenbelt whenever I find someone interested in urban planning and quality of life. Thus, I am still living here (when it's cool), since 1968. I don't need a car here - it lives in Saranac Lake. The Co-op store is wonderful especially fresh fish (shad is in now). Remember, we almost lost it.

I am writing now because yesterday I read an article in the Wall Street Journal of February 7 about maglev. Maglev is not good for Greenbelt. We already have lots of: (1) Smog (it kills people), (2) Noise pollution, (3) Cars, trucks - all sorts including 18 wheel and diesel, (4) Trains (Beltsville), (5) Planes, (6) Very noisy helicopters, (7) Very noisy motorcycles. And there are plans to add four lanes to the Beltway and Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

When we first came here from Kansas, we joined SOCC (Save Our Community Committee), which saved our woodlands off Northway from development. I will do my best to keep them intact.

Suzanne Batra

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power to make a difference.

"I realized nothing is impossible and humanity wins," she said.

Hassanshahi is passionate about both physical therapy and public health. She is currently studying for the national physical therapist exam to become a licensed physical therapist in the United States and will continue to volunteer with various humanitarian organizations.

The Physical Therapy and

Sports Medicine Center website says of Hassanshahi that they are "proud and honored to have such a vibrant, intelligent, hard worker on our team who, though quite young, is intent on making a positive difference, not just in her immediate community, but in the world."

Carolina Velloso is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.



Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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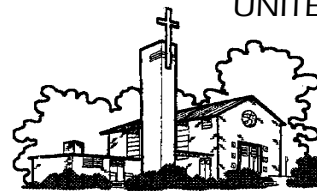
Sadie Lansdale, guest speaker; with Mary Rooker, Worship Associate; and Special Music from a flute quartet.

Sadie Lansdale is a seminarian at Union Theological Seminary, and we are delighted she will be here with us.

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www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org



Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff, Pastor

Mishkan Torah Congregation

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Rabbi Saul Oresky Cantor Phil Greenfield



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Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Sunday, February 18, noon to 5 p.m., MusicFest for Ben Jealous. Jealous, a civil rights leader and community organizer running for governor, is holding a MusicFest fundraiser from 6 to 8 p.m., Fez Tones Hafla. Join in an evening of live Middle Eastern music and dance. Musicians will play exotic instruments such as qanun, oud, darbuka and riq. Amazing performances by the region's best belly dancers. There will be open dancing between dance performances.

Monday, February 19, 7 to 9 p.m. (with optional vegan buffet at 6:30 p.m.), Reel and Meal at the New Deal: Walking While Black: L.O.V.E. is the Answer, a documentary about improving police-community relations as a way of addressing the tragic consequences of racial profiling. Guest appearance by the Greenbelt Police Department.

Tuesday, February 20, 2 to 4 p.m., Bruce Kritt, classical guitar and from 7 to 9:30 p.m., Rising Star Karaoke. Come out and shine on the New Deal stage singing favorites. State of the art sound equipment and expansive song selections. Hosted by the dynamic Kelley Hildebrand.

Wednesday, February 21, 2 to 4 p.m., Bruce Kritt, classical guitar; 5 to 7 p.m., Anacostia Watershed Society Happy Hour; 7 to 9 p.m., Pub Quiz. Bring a team or form one on the spot. One dollar will be collected from each participant, which will be the prize for the winning team. Come out and test your knowledge on topics from Aardvarks to Zymurgy.

Thursday, February 22, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft; 7 to 10 p.m., Songwriters' Association of Washington (SAW) Open Mic with host Paige Powell.

Friday, February 23, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Zydeco Jed, an East Coast roots band blending many influences from rock, jazz, funk, Grateful Delta and more through original material and kind covers.

Saturday, February 24, 1 to 5 p.m., Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer. Bring on a jazz groove and join in this community jam session; 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Long Time Coming. From hits to deep tracks, classic rock to new artists, covers to originals, blues to reggae, the 60s to today, LTC features strong vocals with multi-part harmonies, tasteful mandolin styling and a rock solid rhythm section.

Del. Washington Hosts Talking Tour

Maryland Delegate Alonzo Washington is hosting another stop on his Table Talk Tour at the Starbucks at 10621 Martin Luther King Jr. Highway in Bowie on Saturday, February 24 from 10 a.m. to noon. Topics include public safety, road and traffic issues.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday
10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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City Information

MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 19-23

Monday, February 19: **NO MEETINGS-CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY**

Wednesday, February 21 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the agenda: Update of the MasterPlan survey results, Contribution Group process, Lake Park Dam update*

Wednesday, February 21 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Civic Associations** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, February 22 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *On the agenda: Mosquito Control, Select location and date for spring woods clean up, Finalization of Section 5 (Invasive Species), Discussion on AMT Forest Preserve Health Assessment – Goals and Recommendations – Status review – ordering of chapters (suggestions made by Donna), Trails, and more, time permitting.*

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

Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting of January 8, 2018, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by State Law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until February 17, 2018, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City's Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will become effective on February 27, 2018, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-1
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT FOUND, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IN THE COMPILATION OF MUNICIPAL CHARTERS OF MARYLAND (1983 EDITION AS AMENDED), AS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 77 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND OF 1983, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12, 15, 16 AND 20 TO CHANGE THE VOTING AGE FOR CITY ELECTIONS TO THOSE 16 YEARS OLD AND OLDER AND TO CLARIFY THAT THOSE WHO SERVE ON THE EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD, THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND CITY COUNCIL MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD.

Sec. 12. Employee relations board.
(a) Members; appointment. There shall be an employee relations board consisting of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the council. Members of the employee relations board shall be qualified voters of the city who are at least 18 years of age; and no member of this board shall hold any other elective or appointive office in the city government.

Sec. 15. Voters.
A qualified voter within the meaning of this charter shall be any person who is a resident of the City of Greenbelt and who is duly registered with Prince George's County under the applicable provisions of the [Article 33] Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and is at least 16 years of age; provided that eligibility to vote in any city election shall be subject to applicable registration deadlines as set forth in the charter and code of the city.

Sec. 16. Board of elections--Generally.
(a) Appointment. There shall be a board of elections consisting of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the city council. The members shall be appointed for a term ending on the third Monday of January in even numbered years or until their successors are appointed. Members shall serve for a term of four (4) years, or until their successors are appointed; except that, of the members first appointed, three (3) shall be appointed for a term expiring on the third Monday in January, 1978; and two (2) shall be appointed for a term expiring on the third Monday in January, 1976.

Members of the board of elections shall be qualified voters of the city who are at least 18 years of age and shall not hold or be candidates for any elective office in government (federal, state, or local) during their term of office. The board shall elect one of its members as chairman who shall serve at the pleasure of the board until a successor chairman is elected. A vacancy on the board shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the city council.

Three (3) members of the board shall constitute a quorum at meetings duly called pursuant to rules to be adopted by the board.

Sec. 20. Nominations.
(a) Any qualified voter who is at least 18 years of age may be nominated for the office of member of council upon filing at the office of the city clerk a nominating petition signed by not fewer than fifty (50) voters, a written acceptance of the nomination, and such other statements as may be required by this charter or by law. Upon the finding by the city clerk that the nomination petition, the written acceptance, and such other statements as may be required are in order, the name of such nominee shall be authorized to be placed upon the ballot.

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-3870 or banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

MEET AND GREET WITH CITY MANAGER, NICOLE ARD LET US KNOW WHAT QUALITIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN OUR NEXT CHIEF OF POLICE

Saturday, February 17 from 10:00am-12:00pm Schrom Hills Park, Community Building 6915 Hanover Parkway

The City of Greenbelt is in the process of searching for its next Chief of Police. Tell us your concerns, your thoughts, and your opinions. We would like to hear from you. Survey available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9KKY7VW>

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 19, in observance of Presidents' Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of February 19
Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, February 23.

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, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee.
For information on how to apply call 301-474-8000.



COEXISTING WITH BEAVERS

Presidents Day
Monday February 19
10:30am-1:00pm
Buddy Attick Park
555 Crescent Road

Join us for a community service learning event to protect trees from beavers!

Bring:

- Warm clothes and closed-toed shoes
- A reusable water bottle
- Student-bring a service learning form for community service hours
- Questions? Contact Maryam El-Amin at Mel-amin@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2150

Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt Public Works Department, the Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project, and the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS)



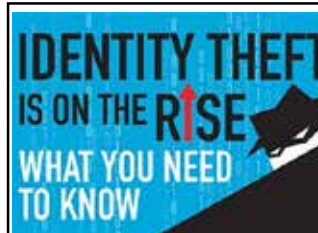
COMPOST 101

Learn the basics of backyard composting
FREE WORKSHOP
Saturday, February 24 from 10:30am-12:30pm
Public Works Facility-555 Crescent Road

- Bring a reusable water bottle
- Light refreshments will be served
- Discounted composting bins available:

Greenbelt Residents: \$30, Non Residents: \$40

Questions? Comments?
Contact Irobles@greenbeltmd.gov



Greenbelt Police present IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION LECTURES

Wednesday, February 21
7:00pm-9:00pm and
Wednesday, February 28
1:00pm-3:00pm

Police Station, 550 Crescent Rd.
Learn about the current trends in identity theft taking place in and around our community and what steps can be taken to avoid being victimized.

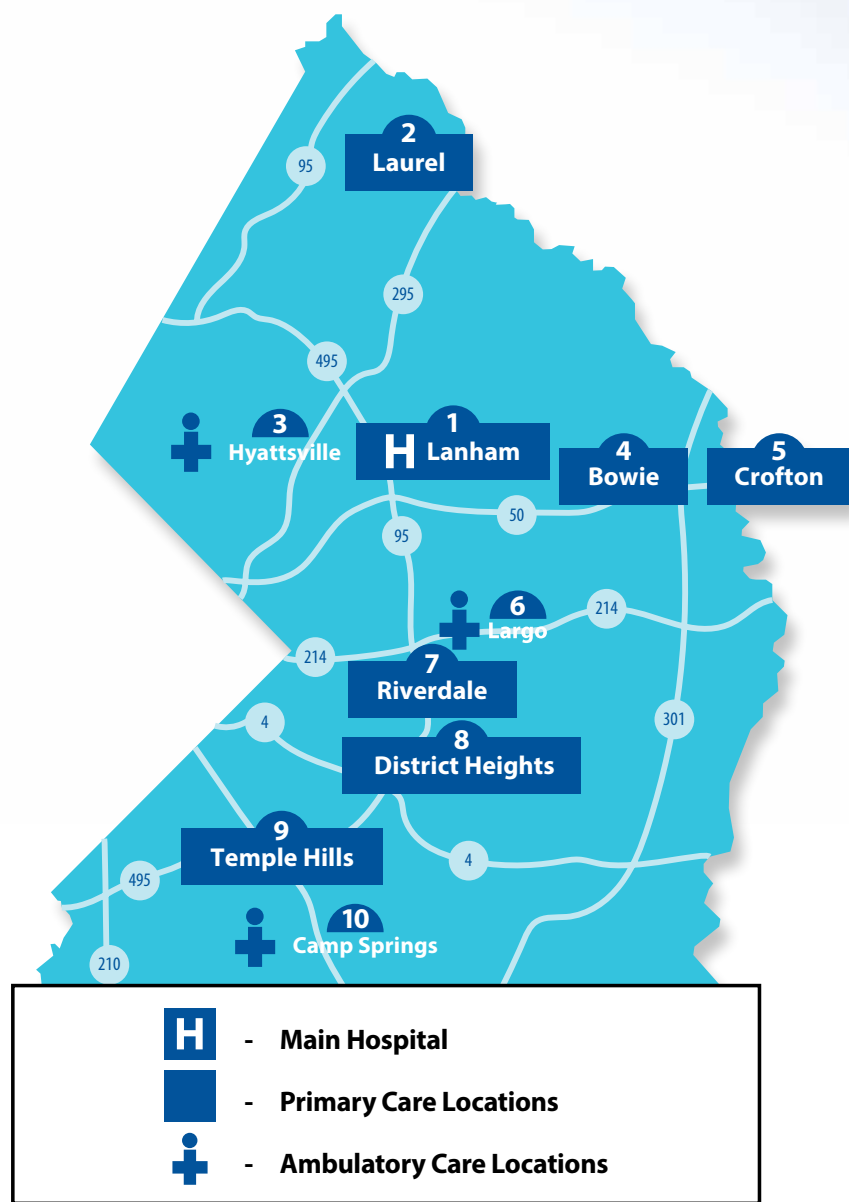
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- + Health Center **3**
- + Imaging Services **1 6**
- + Infusion Care **1**
- + Orthopedic Services **1 4 10**
- + Primary Care **1 2 4 5 7 8 9**
- + Radiation Oncology **1 4**
- + Rehabilitation Program **1 4 10**
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Composting Kitchen Scraps Turns Garbage into Gold

by Stephanie Warner

Greenbelt's many gardeners know that plants grow better when lots of finished compost is added to the dense clay soil in their lawns and garden plots. But composting food scraps benefits everyone, regardless of whether one maintains a lawn or garden. Putting household food scraps into compost bins, rather than the trash, could decrease landfill costs and will certainly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Using finished compost results in healthier lawns and gardens, reduces the need for watering and helps to clean our waterways. These are a number of benefits from simple community composting.

When food scraps are put into the trash, city residents pay for their disposal in landfills. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 21 percent of trash trucked to landfills is made up of food waste. Food scraps that are compressed in a landfill decompose in the absence of oxygen and so release methane, a potent greenhouse gas. The EPA estimates that emissions from landfills are the third largest source of methane emissions in the U.S.

But when composted properly, food waste garbage does not create methane and is transformed into a vital component of healthy soils.

Garbage into Gold

When correctly composted in the presence of oxygen and moisture, food scraps can be transformed into black gold – a crumbly, earth-scented organic material called humus. Adding humus to lawn and garden soil makes grass, flowers, shrubs, vegetables and trees healthier and more resilient. This resiliency comes from the ability of humus to store nutrients, water and beneficial microbes in the soil.

Plants, like people, need nutrients. Humus made with food scraps is full of nitrogen as well as beneficial microbes and fungi that make those nutrients available to the roots of plants. Humus chemically binds with organic nutrients, holding them in the soil until they are needed by plants. Vegetables grown in nutrient-rich soil are more nutritious than vegetables grown in poor soil.

In addition to storing away plant nutrients, humus can absorb about five times its weight in water. This reduces the need to water lawns and gardens during hot

summers. When water is stored in the soil rather than running off the land, heavy rainstorms wash fewer pollutants into area streams and Greenbelt Lake. In addition to reducing the volume of stormwater runoff, soil with high humus content filters out 60 to 95 percent of pollutants, storing them in the soil where beneficial microbes can break them down into nutrients useful to plants.

Waste into Wealth

High quality finished compost is so valued by gardeners and organic lawn managers that retail outlets charge \$10 per cubic foot. Buying finished compost is expensive, but making our own is free.

Both the Zero-waste Circle of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) and the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) have been working on strategies for composting more of Greenbelt's residential and business food waste. See the related story on recruiting households on this page.



Residents Can Apply for New Food Scrap Recycling Programs

by Stephanie Warner and Beth Leamond

Greenbelt is joining a national movement of organized community-powered food scrap recycling programs with the installment of a three-bin hot compost station at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SHLRC). Simultaneously, a second program focused on backyard cold composting and organic land management is launching through the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS). The two programs together provide a range of options to fit the differing needs of households in the city.

Residents are invited to apply to be one of the first 25 households to participate in the hot composting project, run by the Greenbelt Food Scraps Recycling Program. Any number of residents can participate in the cold composting project.

To participate

The three-bin hot compost station at the SHLRC is a pilot project aimed at establishing a way for city residents to recycle their food scraps and return finished compost to local gardeners and pilot participants. The Public Works Department built the critter-proof compost station and installed it on a new concrete pad.

Participating households will bring their food scraps to the SHLRC compost station once a week, learn simple and effective methods for hot composting, help to run the system and take home or distribute finished compost.



PHOTO BY BRIAN KIM

Public Works crew places compost station at SHLRC.

Training sessions are scheduled for Saturdays, March 10 and 17. Attendees will learn about hot composting and participate by turning compost with a pitchfork, helping to monitor the temperatures of the hot compost piles or teaching new participants how to add food scraps and other organic materials to the bins. There is a role for persons of all ages and physical abilities; kids can try out child-sized tools and bring their parents to learn to do hot composting.

Applications are available at the SHLRC, the Community Center or the New Deal Café. An online application at tinyurl.com/GBCapp1 will be distributed to community gardeners and resi-

dential groups.

Eventually more residents will be able to participate as the Zero-waste Circle learns how much food waste can be processed by the system.

CHEARS is recruiting households to participate in the Organic Land Care Co-Learning Community, which is focused on building soil through composting, organic land care and on growing plants that will thrive in the midst of climate change. CHEARS will demonstrate and teach different approaches to cold composting, which can be used successfully in backyards. CHEARS will hold its kickoff

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Stop the SCMAGLEV Train

This event is sponsored by:

Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice

Saturday March 3, 2018, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Greenbriar Community Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway

Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) Inc. has proposed the construction and operation of a high-speed superconducting magnetic levitation (SCMAGLEV) train system between Baltimore and Washington D.C.

Only the two BW Parkway routes remain under consideration. These routes pass right through Greenbelt and will impact communities north and south of Greenbelt. We oppose the project in its entirety and support the No Build option.

Come anytime between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM

The purpose is to organize opposition to the two BW Parkway routes by: (1) providing information about the two routes; (2) writing letters, which we will send to the decision makers and elected officials; and, (3) hearing from elected officials and activists.

We will have the following:

1. Letters to which attendees can add their own comments
2. Display maps showing the two proposed BW Parkway routes
3. Speakers from **11:30 AM to 12:30 PM (TBD)**

Contact Brian or Donna Almquist for information at:
GreenbeltAdvocates.EJ@gmail.com

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Sunday, February 18th
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"Don't we own our property all the way to the core?" asked Delegate Pamela Beidle at Thursday's hearing. Beidle represents District 32, the northwest area of Anne Arundel County.

Rogers' response was yes, but he compared building the tunnel under a home to putting in a public utility like an underground water or gas line.

According to data compiled by the grassroots opposition group Citizens Against SCMaglev, either route would affect over 900 businesses and residences in Greenbelt.

"I'm going to focus on impacts my constituents are asking about," said Delegate Anne Healey when it was her turn to speak. Healey represents District 22 which includes Greenbelt. "The folks at home are very concerned so I'm trying to ask the questions they have been asking me."

Healey asked for details about the ventilation shafts and if they would affect property values or cause other problems.

According to Chief Engineer Connie Crawford, the ventilation plans include emergency exits that are spaced every three to four miles, usually in a vacant lot or abandoned commercial property.

"In Washington, D.C., for example, they have 70 all over the city. You wouldn't even recognize it," she said.

Among several questions, Healey asked about how property would be protected during construction and where all of the dug up soil from the tunnels would go. She also brought up citizens' concerns that Eleanor Roosevelt High School was built on soil that may not be stable enough to tunnel under.

The response was that these factors will be taken into account in the next phase of the engineering study now that the routes have been narrowed down.

One of Healey's final questions was regarding potential impacts to the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. "It is the pride and joy of the community around there," she said.

She stated her concern for the train's impacts on animal life, vegetation and air quality to not only the Forest Preserve but also to parklands along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

"The EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) looks at all of those things that you're talking about," said Rogers, adding that

the train won't impact the air quality because it has no emissions and should take cars off the road.

Crawford pointed out that the proposals for the remaining two routes aren't set, but could be shifted to minimize any such impacts.

Healey also expressed frustration at the agencies' lack of communication with the local governments and residents.

Currently, there are no plans to use state tax dollars toward construction of the train. Funding would come from private investors and possibly a loan from the federal government. Japan is sharing this technology with the U.S., and has agreed to fund the beginning of construction with a \$5 billion loan, inclusive of a "low" interest rate that has yet to be disclosed to the public.

According to Rogers, the train would bring jobs to Maryland and boost the state's economy. He said that construction would bring 74,000 jobs and then sustain 1,500 annually. SCMaglev will increase Maryland's GDP by 1.5 percent, he said.

Rogers stressed that Japan has already spent 50 years developing and testing this technology.

"That is a real leap for us to take that technology and deploy immediately, not spend the next 30 years trying to build something new," he said.

The Baltimore Washington SCMaglev project made its 1,200-page preliminary screening report available to the public in January. It can be viewed on the reports page under project documents by going to bwmaglev.info.

Maria Herd is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.

GIVES Quarterly Meeting Saturday

The first GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) quarterly meeting for 2018 will be held on Saturday, February 24 at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. Please note that this is different from the usual meeting at the beginning of March.

GIVES has been selected to be part of the Change the World project with the University of Maryland. A team from the university will help GIVES develop an effective plan for the future.

For further information, contact Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

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believes there are other solutions.

"There are a myriad of other ways to expand employment opportunities to union members and in part that can come in the form of putting them to work on improving existing infrastructure," Byrd said.

District 1 Councilmember Mary Lehman spoke at the rally, commenting on the House Environment and Transportation hearing from the week before. She called out Northeast Maglev CEO and President Wayne Rogers for not being honest about the train's potential impacts.

"He was not truthful. He was not transparent. A lot of the delegates at that hearing weren't buying it," she said. "Give those lawmakers credit who were skeptical and asking the tough questions. Demand real answers. Do not let them spin tales about economic benefits."

Bowie resident John Lawson, who protested with Citizens Against SCMaglev, explained that the potential Bowie route "was right over my house so I got really energized."

Even though that route was recently eliminated, Lawson is still very against the train proposal. "I'm going to keep on with this even though my house is safe," he said. "It costs too much money and it's not even going to be used."

Steve Smith, a member of the local union that is represented by North America's Building Trades Union, joined the counterprotest on Monday because he believes the country should be investing more in infrastructure.

"I think it's very important for this nation in general to get more efficient and more improved forms of mass transportation," Smith said. "This 'one-family to one-car' can't sustain itself."

Another maglev supporter, Roger Davis, was at the demonstration because he also wants more transportation options as well as better job opportunities.

Davis is a paint contractor for a construction company. He backed up his point on transportation by explaining that it takes him over four hours to commute from Baltimore to Annapolis every morning on three buses and a train.

He is not a union member but heard about the rally from his aunt who is, and attended on his own time.

Smith and Davis said they were wearing the "clean green

jobs" shirts because they were being handed out at the demonstration.

"I guess we want to look uniformed," Davis said.

Kirk Brungard, director of the Baltimore DC Buildings Trades Union that represents 30,000 construction professionals, was one of the main organizers of the counterprotest.

Brungard said his union spends about \$25 million annually training construction professionals at 19 training facilities in the region.

"I think what excites us is that a project like this really offers the opportunity for people that live in this area, not just the skilled professionals already in the trades that are here tonight, but for residents that live in counties like Prince George's and Anne Arundel, to go through those programs and have an opportunity to work on these projects and make decent wages and benefits."

The SCMaglev is estimated to bring 74,000 construction jobs to Maryland and sustain 1,500 operational jobs.

Brungard said his union is supportive of any upcoming transportation solutions between D.C. and Baltimore.

"We think maglev provides the most proven technology of the different things that have been offered," he said.

Some of the Citizens Against SCMaglev members expressed

frustration that the counterprotesters may have been paid to protest and did not have a permit to be on Lawyers Mall.

"To my knowledge, anybody that I'm connected with was not paid to be here," said Brungard. "Everybody's here on their free time."

Maryland Capitol Police confirmed that Citizens Against SCMaglev was the only group to file a permit to protest for Monday night. In addition to the trade union protest, which did not file, another protest related to the first and second amendments was taking place further down the mall.

Maria Herd is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.

City Notes

One cat and one dog were adopted, one stray dog and a stray cat were impounded, and the carcasses of a cat and two squirrels were removed from the roadway.

Department of Public Works street maintenance crews continued repairing potholes throughout the city, treated icy streets and cleaned storm drains.

Horticulture/Parks crews finalized picking up Christmas trees, removed a hazardous/dead tree in Franklin Park and continued cleaning out the landscape beds.

Greenbelt Nursery School Open House

Registration for Fall 2018

Saturday, February 24, 10 am – 1 pm

Classes for children ages 2, 3, and 4

Two, three, and five days a week. Low child to staff ratio.

Full day educational programs available.

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Greenbelt Youth Baseball

2018 Registration Dates

(Bring a copy of Child's Birth Certificate & Photo ID)

Saturday, February 10, 17, 24, Wed 28 and Saturday March 3

Registration will be held at the following locations and times
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM @ Greenbelt Youth Center

Online Registration will be open Saturday, February 10
@ greenbeltyouthbaseball.siplay.com

DRAFT DAY

Friday, March 9, 2018 - 6:00 PM Braden Field #2
(for those who can't make Saturday)

Saturday, March 10, 2018

10:00 AM, First Year Players Draft (McDonald Field)
(Bad Weather Date Saturday, March 17, 2018 same time and location)
Major League Players Only
(Registration will also be available before the draft)

For more information please contact:
Commissioner - Brian Bailey 301-395-1547 or
at greenbeltyouthbaseball@gmail.com

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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.

Shooting

February 2, 8:52 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Officers responded to a report of shots fired but nothing was found at the given location. Later in the evening officers responded to the UM Prince George's Hospital Center after a report that a person who had been shot was there. A witness advised that the person had been sitting inside a vehicle on Edmonston Road when a man, described as being black with a dark complexion and wearing a trench coat, walked up to the vehicle, shot the person sitting inside and then fled on foot. The injured person was driven to the hospital by a friend. Injuries were described as non-life-threatening. The investigation is ongoing.

Robbery

February 1, 10:04 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. Two men, one armed with a handgun, confronted a food delivery person as he walked into an apartment building to deliver an order. Both men fled on foot after obtaining the food order and money.

February 2, 9:46 p.m., 7800 block Emily's Way. Two young adults, one armed with a knife, approached a food delivery person after he left his vehicle. A robbery was announced and after they obtained his cell phone and money, they threw him to the ground, entered his vehicle and took additional money. They then fled on foot. The delivery person was not injured.

Theft

February 4, 6 a.m., 100 block Centerway. Several soft drinks were removed after a storage shed was forced open.

February 2, 2:35 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended purse was taken from Laundry World.

February 2, 5:15 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. Mail was taken from a mailbox. A witness observed as many as four black males 15 to 18 years old wearing dark clothing take the mail and flee.

February 5, 4:30 p.m., 100 block Westway. A man moving out of a residence left four televisions unattended in front of the building. When he returned, the televisions were gone.

February 7, 2:55 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A package containing prescription medicine was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

Trespass Arrest

February 3, 4:09 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 34-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after having been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crime

One vehicle was stolen and two were recovered. A gray 2011 Mercedes Benz E-500 with Md. tags 1CH0191 was stolen from the 9100 block Edmonston Road on February 4.

A 2002 Ford Econoline E-350 van reported stolen July 24 from the 9100 block Springhill Lane was recovered February 1 by Prince George's County police in the 4800 block Heath Street in Capitol Heights. A 2017 GMC SUV that had been parked in the 200 block Lakeside Drive was recovered by Prince George's County police before it had been reported stolen, after it was involved in an accident.

Four thefts from vehicles and two attempted thefts were reported. Four tires and rims were taken from the 100 block Centerway. Tires and rims were taken from three vehicles in the 7800 block Walker Drive, where surveillance footage showed two possibly involved vehicles, a white Chevrolet Caprice and a silver or blue Dodge Caravan, and as many as seven possibly involved men.

A man in 46 Court Crescent Road observed a person enter his vehicle and attempt to take hand tools. The man dropped them and fled on foot when confronted. A driver's side window and a console were damaged in the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane in an attempt to steal an in-dash audio-visual unit.

Six incidents of vandalism were reported. The roof of a vehicle was damaged in the 200 block Lakeside Drive. Windows from four vehicles were broken in the 9300 block Edmonston Road. In the 9200 block Springhill Lane a vehicle was sprayed by a fire extinguisher.

Identity Theft Presentations

A free presentation on identity theft will be held on Wednesday, February 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. It is intended to educate the public about current trends in identity theft taking place in and around the community and what steps can be taken to avoid being victimized. This multimedia presentation is part of a lecture series sponsored by the Greenbelt Citizens Police Academy and the Greenbelt Police Department.

A second, identical presentation will be held the following Wednesday, February 28, at 1 p.m., also at the Police Station. Contact George Mathews, public information liaison, at 240-542-2116 for more information.

A Review

Documentary Recaps Ferguson Conflict, Sparks Discussion

by Jim Link

On the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday – he would have been 89 had he lived – the New Deal Café featured a riveting, timely Reel and Meal film and discussion of the killing of Michael Brown, an unarmed black man in Ferguson, Mo., on August 9, 2014.

Sabaah Folan and Damon Davis's film *Whose Streets?* is a documentary of interviews, news clips, archival footage and amateur video, which has the powerfully cumulative effect of showing the outraged citizens of Ferguson uniting with determination, thoughtfulness, careful strategic planning and righteous anger to transform the racist culture of the disproportionately white police force. By the film's end all of the marches, chants, demonstrations, sign-posting, municipal meetings, curfews, court testimony, violence and mayhem perpetrated by police and demonstrators leave the viewer drained and somber but deeply impressed by the Ferguson citizens' deep solidarity and palpable dignity.

It ends with President Obama's Attorney General, Eric Holder, ordering a federal grand jury investigation which finds "no probable cause" to indict white police officer Darren Wilson for killing Michael Brown. Obama says, "We are a nation of laws operating with an established Constitution; we must accept the grand jury's decision." To which one demonstrator shockingly responds, "Didn't he teach constitutional law at Harvard? There's no Constitution here in Ferguson."

It begins with two black men driving through Ferguson on a rainy summer night processing Brown's ghastly death. The windshield wipers stop metronomically and the headlights of passing cars reminded one of Travis Bickle driving around New York City in the film *Taxi Driver*.

"Kids can't read today, they just can't read," says one. "Their parents can't read, so the kids can't either," says the other. "If you can't read, you're as a slave." Thus begins the obscenity-laced, yet thoughtful, harrowing footage.

Impressionistically conveyed here are some striking moments. Def Poe, an underground hip-hop artist, activist and organizer of Copwatch, urges his friends, "Don't erupt, do the right thing, organize. Use social media, let's show the world what we can do." "My camera is my weapon," he says. Demonstrators chant "Don't shoot us!" and "We're not going anywhere, these are our streets," defying the curfew.

Brittany Ferrell, a 25-year-old nursing student and young mother, becomes an activist with her soon-to-be-wife, Alexis Templeton. "If you're not questioning what's normal, you're not paying attention." "Love! Love! Revolution love!" chant resisters with fists raised. "We want to show the world that we came out for our community today." "Blacks are over-incarcerated and undereducated!" Various posters, chants, T-shirt slogans included, "Missouri is the new Mississippi!" "This ain't your daddy's civil rights demonstration!"

"Silence equals death. Where do you stand?" "Please don't shoot me dead. I got my hands on my head!" "I am Mike Brown." "No justice, no peace!" "Free black women." "Never forget." "Honk for Mike!" and the repeatedly chanted, "We have nothing to lose but our chains," echoing Karl Marx. "A riot is the language of the unheard."

As the persistence of the demonstrators became apparent to the whole city of Ferguson, one woman declared at a town council meeting, "Some of you have been fearful for two months; many of us have been fearful for decades." Another claimed that "We do this not because we hate the police but because we love each other! Love always wins."

The New Deal Café crowd of 70 guffawed when cherub-faced Darren Wilson replied to interviewer George Stephanopoulos, when he asked if Wilson was racist, "I'm just a simple guy. That's not who I am. You can't perform the duties of a police officer and have racism in you." Punchy, insightful epigraphs by Frantz Fanon, Maya Angelou, Sojourner Truth, Langston Hughes, even slave-owning Thomas Jefferson ("All men are created equal.") introduced each segment of the film.

Guest speaker Jonathan Hutto of the Prince George's County People's Coalition jumpstarted the stimulating, wide-ranging discussion by asking the audience if they were struck by any generative themes in *Whose Streets?* One person said it was déjà vu all over again to see police dogs, water hoses and tear gas used against peaceful demonstrators by helmeted police with flak jackets and shields. She alluded to the recent movie *Selma* and the actual march in the 1960s.

Susan Barnett declared that the police should be genuine peace officers and protect peaceful demonstrators. "The federal troops sent to integrate Little Rock High School by President Eisenhower were doing their job in the right way." Mark Crystal added that under LBJ the police did keep the peace. Rachel Ray of the

Bahá'í faith urged that "We need to be allies, not well-meaning liberals who just observe. How do we do that? We can use our white privilege to do the right thing."

Various discussants said that Michael Brown's death triggered memories of Trayvon Martin in Florida, Rodney King in Los Angeles, Freddie Gray in Baltimore and Michael Schwerner, James Chaney and Andrew Goodman, killed in Philadelphia, Miss., in 1964.

Shirley Middleton, Lucy Duff and Donna Hoffmeister of the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition sponsored the event. Frank Gervasi and Alicia Deligianis cooked a great vegan meal. The Meal and Reel film and discussion is the third Monday of every month. The February 19 film, *Walking While Black*, pursues a similar theme for Black History Month.

County Town Hall On FY2019 Budget

A town hall meeting to discuss Prince George's County's Fiscal Year 2019 budget will be held on Tuesday, February 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro. All are invited to learn and pose questions about the process and schedule for reviewing and approving the county's FY19 operating and capital budgets.

Presenters will be County Auditor David van Dyke and Deputy County Auditor Turkessa Green of the Office of Audits and Investigation and Director Stanley Earley and Deputy Director Amber Hendricks of the Office of Management and Budget.

The meeting will take place in the Council Hearing Room, First Floor, County Administration Building, 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro.



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At the Library

All Prince George's County Library branches will be closed on Monday, February 19 for Presidents Day. The Greenbelt Branch Library will reopen on Tuesday, February 20 at 1 p.m.

English Conversation Club. Tuesday, February 20, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join our club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. Registration is recommended, as space is limited. (This club will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings.)

Kids Achieve Club. Tuesday, February 20, 6 p.m. Homework help and reading practice for students in grades K through 6. (This club will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings, concurrent with the English Conversation Club.)

Weekly Ready 2 Read Story-times. Tuesday, February 20, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Wednesday, February 21, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, February 22, 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.

African History & Culture Lecture Series. Tuesday, February 20, 7 p.m. The Electoral College: Affirmative Action for White Supremacy, presented by Asa Gordon, will be the next session of the Winter 2018 season in this audiovisual lecture series arranged by historian C.R. Gibbs.

Community Led Book Discussion. Tuesday, February 20, 7 p.m. Join friends and neighbors to discuss great contemporary books every month. February's selection is The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead.



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meeting on Saturday, February 17, with follow-up meetings on Saturday, March 17 and another date in April.

Residents may apply to participate in the CHEARS project by contacting Maggie@chears.org.

Anyone with a backyard composter is already keeping food waste from going to the landfill, one of the most important goals of these projects. Community hot composting projects are an option for folks who are not able to do backyard composting (apartment dwellers for example).

In hot composting, the compost process happens faster and more thoroughly, with larger bins (four cubic feet), and with several households contributing, they will be full in a few weeks. Because of the size of the bins, the oxygen-loving microbes find ideal conditions to do their work transforming food scraps into humus.

By controlling all of the important factors such as ratio of browns to greens, oxygen and moisture, each compost batch heats up to the ideal composting temperature range of 130 to 150 degrees F. At this temperature both weed seeds and pathogens are killed. The process is similar to that used by large compost facilities.

Both the Greenbelt Food Scraps Recycling Program and CHEARS cold composting projects are the result of cooperation between the city and resident-led organizations. Both are part of the city's efforts to decrease waste going to landfills and increase the city's sustainable practices.

The Zero-waste Circle and the Greenbelt MakerSpace Cooperative worked together to get a Community Impact Grant from the Prince George's County Re-



PHOTO BY BRIAN KIM

Public Works crew loads food scrap compost station from garage to truck.

development Authority to pay for materials and tools. In support of the grant, Public Works is now building a shed to store tools purchased from the grant monies.

The CHEARS Organic Land Care Co-Learning Community is supported by funds from the City of Greenbelt and a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

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Greenbelt History in Photos

From the Goodyear Blimp

by James Giese



PHOTO BY CHARLOTTE PARK BROOKS

Aerial view of Greenbelt taken from the Goodyear blimp in Spring, 1936

This is the 24th in a series of articles with photos depicting the early history of Greenbelt.

In the spring of 1936 the Goodyear blimp flew over a then-under-construction planned town of Greenbelt carrying a photographer identified as Charlotte Park Brooks. The Library of Congress photo files contain a series of pictures from that flight.

The view in the photo for this story is looking south on the construction taking place. Visible on the right is a curved roadway that is to become Crescent Road. At the lower left in the photo is a short segment of the future Ridge Road; another segment of Ridge can be seen at the top center. There is clearing for the rest of the road in between but it is not yet distinct, which may be due to the future roadway needing to include land on the other side of the straight property line (angling across the left side of the photo). That adjacent land had not yet been acquired by the government and could not be part of the planned town until it was.

Most of the pathways seen in the photo are construction roads that would eventually become the interior sidewalk system.

At the bottom of the picture the two end-to-end structures furthest left are temporary construction buildings. To the right of those are two horizontal rows that will become 45 Court Ridge.

Above those are two rows, not quite parallel, that will become 43 Court; to their right, work is beginning for homes on the north side of the future Eastway (running left-to-right above 43 Court Ridge in the photo). Above Eastway construction has started on two rows of buildings, lying at an angle to the surrounding roads that will become the 41 Court of Ridge. In this court were the model homes that Franklin Roosevelt would tour.

Visible at the top of the photo is a white row of homes, framed but without the brick veneer that will become units A to G in 35 Court Ridge. Just above that is a darker row of units N to V in 33 Court, where the brick veneer has apparently been applied. These two building rows were the first to be constructed and the backdrop for many of the earlier photos in this series.



PHOTO BY CHARLOTTE PARK BROOKS

Administrator Rexford G. Tugwell before take-off in the blimp

Students Dance Up a Storm At Greenbelt Elementary

by Ingrid Cowan Hass

In a second grade classroom at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES), students aren't just reading about weather attributes, they are dancing them. The dance sessions, led by local dancers Angella Foster and Lisa Pellittiere, are a mix of reading curriculum, science curriculum and arts integration strategies that make learning more hands-on and meaningful.

Students began with movement activities that focused on the three elements of dance: time, space and energy. These elements were used to explore severe weather, such as blizzards, thunderstorms, tornadoes and drought.

"Our discussions of storms led to the creation of several dance phrases that built upon each other to create a narrative dance. Then the narrative followed the life cycle of a storm through its developing, mature and dissipating stages," explained Pellittiere, who helped plan the workshops with Foster and the second grade teachers. "The discussion on drought led to a movement study on energy, where students worked in teams to create a dance phrase that demonstrated a loss of energy, reflecting the loss of vitality during a drought."

There are four second grade classes at GES (about 100 students in all) and each one was visited three times by one of the dancers. The students will ultimately research a storm type they are most interested in and create a weather report to be shared with the class.

Both dancers teach at the Community Center Studio Dance Program. Last year they came to the school for the first time and led similar arts-integrated workshops about constellations.

The local non-profit, Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) and the Greenbelt Elementary PTA formed a partnership several years ago with the goal to fund meaningful, sustainable and engaging workshops with local teaching artists in collaboration with teachers to support the curriculum. For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation to The Family Art Fund at GES and help fund future arts integration projects, email ingridcowanhass@larkov.de.



Local choreographer and dancer Lisa Pellittiere explores the life cycle of a storm through movement with Greenbelt Elementary students.

- Photos by Ingrid Cowan Hass



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