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## Worksession on Proposed Gas Station Examines Concerns

by James Giese

A once-proposed supersized gas station with car wash has now re-emerged as a classier-looking supersized gas station with fried chicken and an urgent care center. The location is the north side of Greenbelt Road between the Capital Beltway and Capitol Cadillac with access from Capitol Drive in the commercial development known as the Golden Triangle. A proposal that once would have been looked at with abhorrence by former city councils was given an open-minded hearing by the current Greenbelt City Council at its August 1 worksession.

Brian Gibbons, chair of the

Advisory Planning Board (APB), told council that after robust discussion the APB had recommended that council take a look at the proposal. City Planner Terri Hruby told council that the rewrite of the zoning law will permit gasoline service stations in office park zones, the zone currently designated for this property. Further, there is before the Prince George's County Council a zoning text amendment bill to permit gas stations in office park zones with possible adoption this fall. The belief of APB and staff is that it is better to reach agreement soon and obtain covenants for city approval of site plan,

architecture, signage, etc., before legislation is adopted that would enable the developers to proceed without city input.

### Proposal

Numerous large-size gas stations are appearing along major highways throughout the country. Generally, they include multiple pumps under canopies in front of the property with a large convenience store behind, many with a fast food outlet or the company's own food service included.

Royal Farms of Baltimore, known for its dairy products and fried chicken, has been building

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## A Summer Splash to Remember

by Denna Lambert



PHOTO BY DENNINA LAMBERT

G AFC lifeguards Jessica Cook and Stacy Hindalong play a game with the students of BELL Academy, a group of blind and visually impaired children living in Prince George's County.

Over the next few weeks, summer will come to a close. A looming question arises for kids, "What'd you do this summer?" Many parents hope that their child's answer will detail the meticulous and tireless efforts they took to keep them educated and busy. We all have a hope that children will have summers filled with friends, activities, exploration and growth. For children with disabilities, particularly those who are blind, this hope is

deeply held by their parents who are searching for a welcoming and inclusive community. The BELL Academy is one such program and has several connections to Greenbelt.

The BELL Academy, a program sponsored by the National Federation of the Blind of Maryland which stands for Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning, is a two week immersion

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## Greenbelt Labor Day Festival: Continuity Cherished by All

by Butch Hicks

Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival begins Friday, August 31 and continues through Monday, September 3 at the Roosevelt Center. What is so appealing about this event is its consistency year after year. "It's an event eagerly awaited by residents of Greenbelt and surrounding communities," said Linda Ivy, president of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Board of Directors. "Each year our friends can count on enjoying thrilling rides, art programs, variety music shows, a mixture of food vendors and a final day parade comprising police and military units, political representatives, civic organizations and social groups. I believe it's that sameness and dependabil-



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDVAR

2017 Festival attendees enjoy the hang glider ride.

ity that attracts so many to the event," Ivy stated.

Frequently former Greenbelters return for the annual Labor Day Festival. They may come from as close as New Carrollton or Berwyn Heights or from as far away as Texas, Illinois or Michigan. Comments have included praise for the exciting rides, fun food, entertaining shows, arts programs and the parade. Just as frequently comments have addressed coming back to the event they enjoyed when living here and seeing a familiar setup, catching up with friends and experiencing the small-town camaraderie offered by the city and enhanced by the festival.

Dan Rothford, a visitor from Michigan and former resident of Greenbelt, said his East Coast vacation plans this year include time in Greenbelt for the Labor Day Festival to show his children what small town values can mean. "We live in a large Michigan city and it is easy to become part of the metropolitan wallpaper. When I was living in Greenbelt, this festival was a dependable gathering providing a

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### What Goes On

**Monday, August 20**  
7:30 p.m. Council Worksession, Urban Forest Tree Master Plan, Municipal Building  
**Wednesday, August 22**  
8 p.m. Council Worksession, Wave Cannabis Medical Dispensary, Community Center

### From the Editor's Desk

## News Review Articles Translated to Spanish

I am very excited that we have begun translating one or two News Review articles into Spanish each week. Though the paper will remain an English-language paper, there are many Greenbelt residents who speak Spanish as a first language. We want, as much as possible, to make our content readily available to as wide an audience as we can. Greenbelters are a diverse group, speaking many languages and having arrived here from many different places.

We welcome two Spanish-speaking Greenbelt residents,

Estoy muy entusiasmado de que hayamos comenzado a traducir al español uno o dos artículos del News Review cada semana. Aunque el periódico seguirá siendo en inglés, hay muchos residentes de Greenbelt que hablan español como primer idioma. Queremos, en la medida en que podamos, que nuestro contenido esté disponible para una audiencia lo más amplia posible. Los Greenbelters son un grupo diverso, hablan muchos idiomas y han llegado aquí desde muchos lugares diferentes.

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## Co-op Supermarket Needs New Roof, Seeks Grant Writing Help

by Joe Timer

At its meeting on July 25, the board of directors of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy unanimously agreed to begin the process of replacing the Co-op's roof. Determining total costs and funding options is critical to shaping the scope of this capital expenditure. The Co-op's board has targeted this project to be completed by summer 2019. The board has taken this action

to ensure the Co-op's long-term viability.

The scope of the final project will be influenced by the Co-op's ability to secure funding for the project. The Board believes that a multi-faceted approach to funding is most feasible. Funding components may include donations from Co-op members and

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PHOTO COURTESY OF GREENBELT POLICE

Officers Troy Arnold and Bryan Fink pose during National Night Out with Alex, who wants to be a police officer. See story and more photos on page 12.

# Letters to the Editor

## Bee-killer Chemicals

About 2011 Greenbelt followed the lead of Takoma Park in passing anti-herbicide legislation.

At the end of last week, two court decisions vindicated that. In one, a judge ordered EPA to carry out a ban on chlorpyrifos, a pesticide produced by Dow, which EPA's Pruitt refused to follow through on after meeting with Dow's CEO.

In a first-of-its-kind court case, Monsanto was ordered to pay \$289 million to a victim of the carcinogenic properties of its Roundup spray.

I hope these cases will encourage Greenbelt to also ban Bayer's bee-killing chemicals. In the meantime, I take every chance I get on social media to encourage people to start similar movements locally.

Patricia Heil

## Pleased with GHI's Home Improvements

Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) has been renovating its houses in old Greenbelt: new electric vents, new windows, doors and siding. I have been waiting with anticipation since summer began. I finally received notice that the work on my house would begin.

When the vents were installed, I was surprised that new vents could make such a difference – they are beautiful! I never thought I'd say that about electric vents.

Next I was notified the new windows would be installed. I remember thinking: how much improvement can new windows make? A window is a window. Was I ever wrong!

Peggy Rooney

As the men removed the old windows and replaced them with the new windows, I was pleasantly surprised. The new windows are also beautiful: a modern upgrade with half screens, leaving the top windows so clear it is as though I could see the outside forest as if I were standing outside.

As for the workmen from Acadia Contractors, they were most professional. Each one knew his job and did it swiftly, working as a team. The installation was professionally accomplished and the clean-up perfect.

The men were friendly and moved through the house with such ease, there were no feelings of intrusion.

When the windows were completed, I could hardly tell anyone had been here. There was little residue left behind, inside or out. I commend the professional team of men from Acadia Contractors who worked on my court. And Dan Cuervo, from GHI, who came to oversee the work, made me feel confident when he knocked on my door. He explained what I could expect and thanked me for my cooperation. He, too, presented himself very professionally. I am grateful for their services.

## Sites on Art

We News Review readers owe Melissa Sites a big thank you for her lucid, sensitive homage to Dan Kennedy's en plein-air art. (August 9 issue, page 12). Her article reads like an easy-to-swallow mini-lecture on impressionist art!

Jim Link

## Greenbelt Unplugged Has Game Night

Come out to play, meet neighbors and have some unplugged fun on Sunday, August 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. Board games will be available, but participants should feel free to bring their favorites. This event for ages 8 and up is sponsored by Greenbelt Unplugged. For more information, visit [unpluggedgreenbelt.wordpress.com](http://unpluggedgreenbelt.wordpress.com).

## Next Blood Drive Is September 7

The August blood drive has been cancelled by the American Red Cross. The next drive is scheduled for Friday, September 7 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 201.

**GIVE BLOOD  
GIVE LIFE**

## On Screen

### Leave No Trace

Two new movies come to Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, August 17: Leave No Trace is director and co-writer Debra Granik's sensitive story of Will (Ben Foster), a PTSD stricken war vet who lives illegally in public forestland with his 13-year-old daughter Tom (Thomasin McKenzie). Theirs is a loving, happy life, primitive in survivalist mode, until social services interrupts their fragile Eden in order to "fix" things. Will cannot adapt to city life, getting a job and otherwise becoming "civilized." But Tom finds that this new life beckons temptingly, offering hitherto unsuspected adventures. School and friends aren't so bad, really. So, what is to be done?

PG rated, 119 minutes long.

### Far from The Tree

Far From The Tree is director Rachel Dretzin's documentary based on Andrew Solomon's book of the same title about children who are drastically different from their parents. The characters observed include young people with Down syndrome, autistic children, dwarfs and people who are homosexual. Andrew Solomon, who is gay, is optimistic that society can come to believe that celebrating differences is a way of living a happy life.

Rated PG, 93 minutes long.

- Jim Link

## Correction

In the photo associated with the CMC Chorale article in the August 9 issue, the caption should read Eric Vore, not Yore.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, August 16, 7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Saturday, August 18, 8 to 10 a.m., Woodlands Work Day, Canyon Creek Trailhead

Monday, August 20, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Tuesday, August 21, 7 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Wednesday, August 22, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, August 23, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room

7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room

Friday, August 24, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.



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### SHOWTIMES

August 17th - 23rd

LEAVE NO TRACE (CC)

(PG) (2018) (109 mins)

Fri. 2:30, 7:30 PM

Sat. 2:30, 7:30 PM

Sun. 2:30 (OC) PM

Mon. 7:30 PM

Tues. 7:30 PM

Wed. 7:30 PM

Thurs. 7:30 PM

FAR FROM THE TREE

(CC) (2017) (93 mins)

Fri. 5:15 PM

Sat. 12:00, 5:15 PM

Sun. 12:00, 5:15 PM

Mon. 5:15 PM

Tues. 5:15 PM

Wed. 2:30, 5:15 PM

Thurs. 5:15 PM

Stage on Screen:

ISADORA DUNCAN -

16mm (1989) (60 mins)

Sun. 8:00 PM

Mon. 1:00 PM

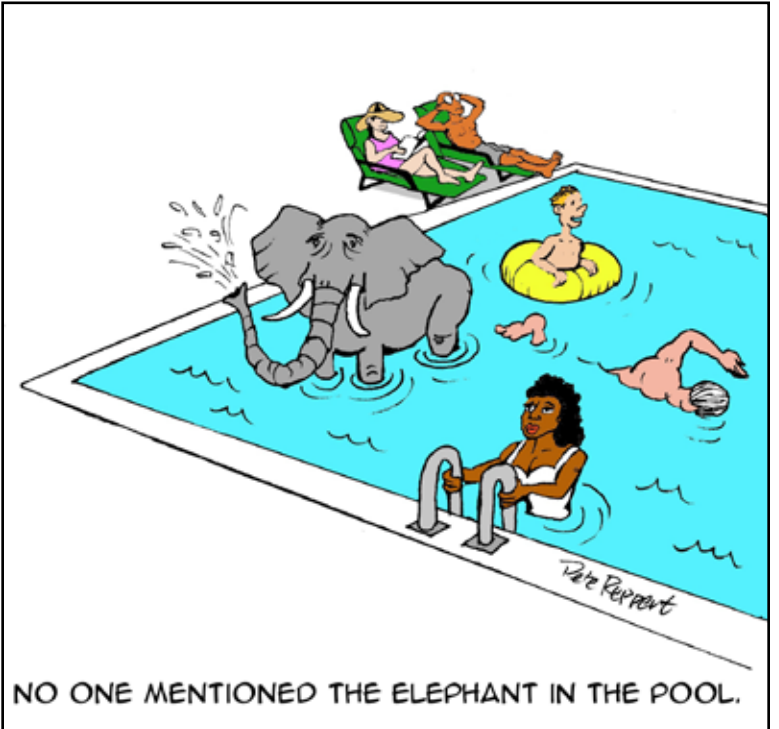
School's Out: FREE!

PETER RABBIT (CC) (PG)

(2018) (95 mins)

Thurs. 1:00 PM

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NO ONE MENTIONED THE ELEPHANT IN THE POOL.

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All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider withholding the name upon request.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, privacy, taste, copyright and clarity.

## 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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# Community Events

## Reel and Meal At the New Deal

On Monday, August 20, the Reel and Meal at the New Deal film series will feature End of the Road by filmmaker Tai Uhlmann.

End of the Road tells the story of a community created in Canada in the 1960s and 1970s by a group of American war resisters and free-spirited Canadians and Europeans. These counter-culture pioneers moved to a small mill town in western Canada to build their own homes, grow their own food and create a sense of community. Uhlmann uses 16 mm, Super 8 film and archival still photos shot by these adventurous nonconformists to depict their ramshackle homes and free-living life-style.

The program will start at 7 p.m. following an optional plant-based buffet served from 6:30 p.m. Those who plan to come for the meal should RSVP to [reelandmealatnewdealcafe@gmail.com](mailto:reelandmealatnewdealcafe@gmail.com).

Reel and Meal, a monthly vegan meal and film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues, happens every third Monday of the month at the New Deal Café and is organized by Utopia Film Festival, Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking and Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition.

For more on this month's Reel and Meal, contact [reelandmealatnewdealcafe@gmail.com](mailto:reelandmealatnewdealcafe@gmail.com), call Frank Gervasi at 301-474-7680 or visit [newdealcafe.com/events/reel-and-meal](http://newdealcafe.com/events/reel-and-meal).

## St. Hugh's Bingo: A Family Tradition

St. Hugh's Church Labor Day Weekend bingo has been a long-standing festival tradition in Greenbelt. Families come with their children to sit at picnic tables, play bingo, sample some of the foods provided by various vendors and enjoy being outdoors together.

A number of families honor the memory of their loved ones with a special bingo game. This practice started many years ago when the T game was initiated by the Osborne family in memory of Tessa Osborne, who loved to play bingo. The winner of this game gets \$100 as well as half of the bingo pot of money.

Memorial games this year include the I game for Kelly Ivy, the M game for Michael Maxwell, Jr., the L game for Liz Labukas, the P game for the Peterson family, the TX game for Councilmember Thomas X. White and the D game for Debbie Reese. This year the schedule of the memorial games will be listed in the Labor Day Festival information pull-out in the News Review.

The ever popular blackout bingo games will continue as the last bingo game each night, where the winner gets the entire pot of money, usually over \$200. Sponsors for the blackout games include Councilmember Edward Putens, Susan Walker, Cathy Fisanich, Ellen Hanyok, Barbara Chotiner, Michael Durante and Mary Jo Dorsey.

Proceeds from bingo help support the Ladies of Charity Eviction Prevention Program/Food Pantry and youth activities.

## 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 August 20 are as follows:

Monday, August 20: Indian beef curry, brown rice, green beans, naan bread, tropical fruit, apple juice.

Tuesday, August 21: Baked cod with Old Bay cream sauce, O'Brien potatoes, spinach, wheat roll, fresh fruit, chocolate cake.

Wednesday, August 22: Chicken marsala, buttered bow tie pasta, broccoli, wheat roll, sliced peaches, apple juice.

Thursday, August 23: Beef hot dog, baked beans, hot spiced pears, coleslaw, wheat hot dog bun, cranberry juice.

Friday, August 24: Pork roast, mashed spiced yams, cabbage, dinner roll, mandarin oranges, apple juice.

## Registration Opens For Public Schools

Prince George's County public school offices are now open for registration for the upcoming academic year. Early registration of children, especially kindergarten-aged children (those who will be five years old by September 1), is important for staffing purposes.

Because of ongoing construction at Greenbelt Elementary, registration there is by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling the school at 301-513-5911. Registration and other office business will take place at a temporary office that has been set up at Greenbelt Middle School at 6301 Breezewood Drive.

Registering parents/legal guardians will need a current lease or mortgage statement/settlement papers or deed/GHI Mutual Ownership Contract for proof of residency, the child's original birth certificate, valid identification, immunization records and two pieces of mail (less than 30 days old) with the current address. If the child is transferring from another PGCPSS school, parents or guardians should obtain a transfer document from the previous school as part of the registration process.

## GMS MyHopeFest Coming Saturday

Hope Center D.C., Inc. will hold its second annual MyHopeFest, a family day for the surrounding community, on Saturday, August 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Greenbelt Middle School.

This year's festival will feature live entertainment, a health fair, an array of food and beverages, and a full Kids Zone. There will also be free backpacks, complete with essential back-to-school items, for school-age children. All friends and family are invited to join the fun.

Monetary donations toward the filled backpacks can be made online at [myhopefest.com](http://myhopefest.com). All donors will have their names or companies displayed on a promotional board at the event. Donations are tax deductible.

For more information, contact Sergio Chavez at 571-245-6013 or email [myhopefest@gmail.com](mailto:myhopefest@gmail.com).

## Greenbelt Writers Monthly Meeting

The Greenbelt Writers Group will meet Friday, August 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All local writers are welcome to attend; there will be open readings for those wishing to participate. The group usually meets on the third Friday of the month but for August will meet on the fourth Friday. For more information on the group, contact Barbara Ford at [barb.ford@comcast.net](mailto:barb.ford@comcast.net).

## It's Time for Yearly Bookshelf Purge

Bookshelves overflowing? Throughout the month of August the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA will collect used books to sell at the Used Book Sale at the Labor Day Festival.

Book donations should be dropped off at the Co-op Supermarket no later than Tuesday, August 28. At-home pickup for large donations can be arranged. Leave a message at 240-821-5878 to arrange a pickup or school drop-off. Donations are tax deductible; just ask for a receipt.

Most books are accepted; no magazines or encyclopedias. The PTA accepts books on tape, CDs, DVDs, records, puzzles and games (no VHS).

Money raised through the book sale is used by the PTA to support school events and arts, music and science programs, for teacher appreciation and student rewards and to purchase items needed.

More details are available at [greenbeltelementarypta.org/?page\\_id=2852](http://greenbeltelementarypta.org/?page_id=2852).

## Participants Sought 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 and informal groups formed solely for the parade are invited to submit a parade application, available at [greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/parade-participants/](http://greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/parade-participants/).

Create a float, put together a performance, show off an antique or otherwise unique vehicle, or simply march together displaying signs advertising your group. You may even win a prize. All parade participants must pre-register no later than August 24 by emailing a completed parade application to [GreenbeltLaborDayParade@verizon.net](mailto:GreenbeltLaborDayParade@verizon.net).

The parade will take place on Monday, September 3 from 10 a.m. to noon. The parade route is along Crescent Road from Greenhill Road to Southway. Participants are asked to line up in the staging area along Crescent Road between Lastner Lane and Greenhill Road between 8 and 9:30 a.m. More detailed information is available from the parade participant webpage listed above.



## Ribbons Awarded For Best Photos

Have you taken any awesome photos that you would like to share with your neighbors? The Labor Day Festival Photo Show is coming soon. Both adults and children (under 12) are invited to enter up to two photographs per person. Categories include Greenbelt Memories, Families, Children, Wildlife, Pets and more.

Frames with outer dimensions greater than 16 inches by 20 inches will not be accepted and smaller frames are preferred, as space is limited.

Bring ready-to-hang photos and completed registration forms to the Community Center, Room 114 between 5 and 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 30 or Friday, August 31. Judging is done on Friday night and winning ribbons will be on display starting Saturday at 1 p.m.

There is no charge to enter. For more information, contact Keith and Janet Zevallos at 301-982-0850, email [laborday\\_photoshow@yahoo.com](mailto:laborday_photoshow@yahoo.com) or go online at [greenbeltlaborday.com](http://greenbeltlaborday.com).



More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

## Utopia Film Festival

Presents:

"One River, Many Relations" (2015)  
"The Random Effect," (2015)  
"I Am Reva," (2015)

Sunday, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>, Wed., Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Fri., Aug 24<sup>th</sup>,  
Beginning at 8 PM

On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)  
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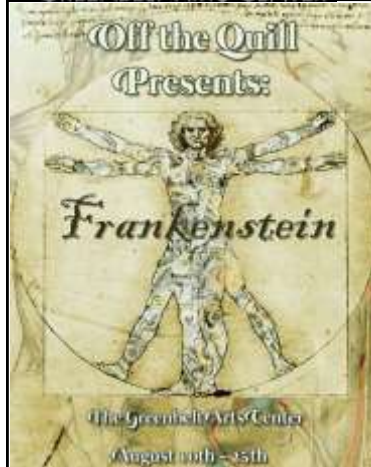
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18, 24, 25 at 8PM

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August 19 at 2PM



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COMING SOON:

Timon of Athens - Aug 31 - Sept 8 - from The Rude Mechanicals  
Spring Awakening - Sept 14 - 30 - from Wolfpack Theatre Company  
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## Greenbelt Access Television

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# Obituaries

## Joseph "Shayne" Carstens



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAMILY

Joseph "Shayne" Carstens

Joseph "Shayne" Carstens, 81, a longtime resident of Greenbelt, died on August 5, 2018, after a long fight with dementia. He was the son of Hazel and Joseph Carstens of College Park.

Mr. Carstens was born on January 5, 1937, in Brooklyn, New York. He joined the United States Marines, served four years and was a proud member of the coveted Ceremonial Silent Drill Team. He graduated from Towson University with a teaching degree. He worked more than 20 years for the Maryland Transportation Administration, and returned to teaching after retiring.

Mr. Carstens was a marathon runner, famously known as "The Puppet Man." A passionate master of connecting people, he earned the renowned title "Mayor of Town Hall." Always concerned with health and fitness, he was an aerobic swimmer for 40 years and worked as a fitness instructor. He was a practicing vegetarian and an accomplished swing dancer.

Mr. Carstens is survived by his wife Margaret, his brother Richard (Esther) of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mr. Carstens will be remembered for his passion for life by those whose lives he touched. He was in every sense a "people

person" and provided "an abundance of extraordinary moments of fun, joy, and love" to all who knew him.

Plans for a celebration of his life will be announced at a later date.

## Joseph "Ray" Marshall



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAMILY

Joseph "Ray" Marshall

Greenbelt resident Joseph R. "Ray" Marshall, Sr., 79, died on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. He is survived by his wife Robin Marshall; children Colleen (Winston) Fender, Keith (Linda) Marshall and Cindy Segó; brother Bill Marshall; grandchildren Joseph Marshall III, Nicole Lore, Josie Segó, T. J. Segó and Aliyah Fender; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sons, J.R. "Jay" Marshall, Jr., and D.S. "Scott" Marshall.

The family will receive visitors at Gasch's Funeral Home, 4739 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville, on Thursday, August 16 from 9 a.m. until the service at 11 a.m. Interment will be private.



## SPANISH continued from page 1

Ana Fernandez-Napp, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and her mother Carolina Napp-Avelli, a University of Maryland math professor, as our Spanish translators. We look forward to the possibility of other Greenbelters, whose first language is Spanish, also working with the paper.

I am enthused about where this could lead. Who knows? Maybe someday we will be translating into English articles written in Spanish by News Review staff. For now, our goal is to include one or two translated stories on our website, [greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://greenbeltnewsreview.com), each week. Let me know what you think at [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

**EN ESPAÑOL**

Damos la bienvenida a nuestras dos traductoras de inglés a español, dos residentes de habla hispana, Ana Fernandez-Napp, estudiante de ERHS en su último año de secundaria y su madre Carolina Napp-Avelli, profesora de educación matemática de la Universidad de Maryland. Nos gustaría, a ser posible, que otros residentes de Greenbelt, cuyo primer idioma sea el español, también trabajen con el periódico.

Estoy entusiasmado de pensar a qué puede llevarnos esto. ¿Quién sabe? Tal vez algún día estemos traduciendo al inglés artículos escritos en español por el personal del News Review. Por ahora, nuestro objetivo es incluir una o dos historias traducidas en nuestro sitio web, [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com), cada semana. Hágnanos saber lo que piensan escribiéndonos al email: [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).



Condolences to friends and family of Joseph "Ray" Marshall, Sr. who died on July 31.

Condolences also to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelt resident Joseph "Shayne" Carstens who died on August 5.

Hats off to Quanasia T. Hill who recently made the president's list for her outstanding grades at Chowan University.

Congratulations to Cortland Jones, the graphic arts teacher at Greenbelt Middle School, for his invitation to appear on the Dr. Marquita Smith Blades Show: Candid Conversations that Create Change Facebook Live. You can watch live on Sunday, August 19 from 5 to 6 p.m. at <https://lnkd.in/ewNtUaX>.

## No Shots? No School

Parents who received a letter from their child's school stating that the child is missing required immunizations should know that students who do not have required immunizations will be excluded from school.

Appointment times with pediatricians for immunizations may not be available in time for school. However, there are free immunization clinics at sites throughout the county this summer.

Visit [pgcps.org/immunizations](http://pgcps.org/immunizations) for more information on requirements, free clinics and more.

## City Notes

City staff provided support at several locations hosting National Night Out activities.

At the Community Center and Youth Center, Springhill Lake Recreation Center summer camps, the fun goes on. Expedition through Time explored the 1980s, Creative Kids presented Magic in the Attic, Kinder Spy Camp went to Patuxent Refuge, YOGO went to the National Zoo and a Baysox game.

Therapeutic Recreation featured the annual Senior BINGO/Baysox game.

Animal Control investigated an animal bite, a dirty yard and a dog running loose. Two kittens were impounded, one was adopted, a dog was surrendered and one impounded cat was returned to its owner.

Refuse/recycling/Sustainability/Environmental staff inspected work done on Northway, to make sure the Forest Preserve boundary

was not breached. Crews collected 29.16 tons of refuse and 12.75 tons of recyclable material.

Horticulture/Parks crews repaired plantings and irrigation and removed damaged tree limbs on Southway after a truck drove through a landscape bed, damaging plants and irrigation.

### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

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[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

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11040 Baltimore Avenue Beltsville, MD 20704

301-937-4292 [www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org](http://www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org)

The Reverend Joseph M. Constant, Rector

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9:15 a.m. - Family Service/Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. - Sunday School

11:15 a.m. - Full Service/Holy Eucharist

Sunday Nursery Care 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday Worship Schedule

12:00 Noon - Healing Service/Holy Eucharist

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Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

**At the Library**

Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Tuesday, August 21, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Wednesday, August 22, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, August 23, 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 make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library's storytimes. Each program includes 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.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Monday, August 20, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Volunteer and work together to make the library a better place for teens by talking about books, music and movies and suggesting what you would like to see in the collection. Registration required; contact the branch either in person or by calling 301-345-5800. (TAB will meet weekly on Monday afternoons.)

Crafters: Album Covers. Tuesday, August 21, 3 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Come to the library and make an album cover to take home.

English Conversation Club. Tuesday, August 21, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. (The club meets weekly on Tuesday evenings.)

Community Book Discussion. Tuesday, August 21, 7 p.m. Join friends and neighbors to discuss great contemporary books every month. The selection for August is *Moonglow* by Michael Chabon.

STEM-tastic: Escape the Room. Wednesday, August 22, 4:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Become a mad scientist by conducting hands-on, fun science experiments using basic scientific principles. Search for clues, crack the codes and solve the mystery in this fun escape-room challenge. No registration required.

French Conversation Club. Thursday, August 23, 5 p.m. Learning to speak French? Join this club and practice speaking French in a friendly atmosphere. (The club will continue biweekly on Thursday evenings.)

**Jazz on the Lawn At Riversdale**

Susan Jones and the Extension Cords will provide jazz al fresco at Riversdale Mansion, 4811 Riverdale Road, on Wednesday, August 22 from 7 to 9 p.m.

This will be the last show of this summer's Jazz on the Lawn series.

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true sense of small town American closeness. We walked to the center and spent a fortune on the rides, listened to bands and almost marched in the parade. Between doing and seeing things, we stuffed ourselves with our version of nutritious food: hot dogs, burgers, fries, all washed down with plenty of sodas."

This year all of the shows, booths, displays and midway rides are being scheduled, programmed and developed as they are year after year. The quality of sameness will attract thousands of Greenbelters and others to the usual excitement, thrills and joy of having experienced the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

For more information

see the festival website at [greenbeltlaborday.com/](http://greenbeltlaborday.com/).



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

**ERHS cheerleaders perform in the 2017 Parade.**

**Appreciation for Kelly Ivy's Festival Support**

We remember Kelly Ivy who passed away May 9. He was 63. Kelly joined the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee in 2007 and became the entertainment chair. Later, after hearing from the event's participants he reorganized parking near the event to allow for more handicapped spaces. He was always versatile with his support by helping each committee wherever he was needed. One of his last support roles occurred working with the public works team addressing infrastructure setup for the Festival. He was famous as an ambassador for the Festival with his ad hoc commentary about forthcoming events and past successes and he would usually add comments encouraging folk to become Festival



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE IVY FAMILY

**Kelly Ivy**

volunteers. During one encounter he said, "I believe we in Greenbelt are fortunate to have this Festival each year. The pictures prove how important it is to our friends, families and others who come here."

# City Information

**MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 20-24**

Monday, August 20 at 7:30pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Urban Forest Tree Master Plan** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Greenbelt Municipal Access, Comcast 71, Verizon 21, Verizon HD 996, and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)*

Tuesday, August 21 at 3:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: UPDATES: FORA/GAIL, Widowed Persons, Senior Forum Event Planning, Visibility of Community Center Stairstep Edges, Council Work Session w/Advisory Committee Chairs; Discussion of Potential Change in SCAC Roster Size*

Wednesday, August 22 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Wave Cannabis Medical Dispensary** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

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**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

**There are currently vacancies on:**

Advisory Committee of Education, Arts Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee

For information on how to apply: 301-474-8000

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**A GREENER LABOR DAY FESTIVAL**

Greenbelters recycle more than half of our waste material. Let's keep improving! One great way to educate and encourage the practice of recycling is to raise awareness during the Labor Day Festival. Greenbelt Public Works, the Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability's Zero Waste Circle (Green ACES-ZWC), and the Green Team, are striving to make the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival as green as possible. Trash and recycling bins will be placed in sets side by side. Some compost bins will be available. Food vendors will provide mostly recyclable/compostable dinnerware. Volunteers will encourage people to put their refuse in the correct bin and will be available for questions. If your waste is recyclable—and most will be—please discard it into a recycling bin, not the trash can. And put only recyclables in the recycling bins. Wherever available, put organic material in the compost bin. Did you know that we are charged \$59/ton to landfill, while we are charged only \$25/ton for recyclables? If we save money on trash collection by recycling, we can use the savings for other city programs and activities.

**Volunteers Needed to Encourage Recycling & Composting**

Public Works, and Green ACES are seeking volunteers to stand near sets of recycling, trash, and compost bins to cheerfully encourage and help people "recycle the recyclables," "compost the compostables," and "trash the trash."

**Training will be provided at the Public Works building on Thursday, August 23 and Wednesday, August 29, at 7:30 PM.**

For students or any other volunteer we will be glad to sign community service hours and/or provide recommendations as appropriate. To register for the training please contact: Jason Martin, Greenbelt Environmental Coordinator, at [jmartin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jmartin@greenbeltmd.gov) To sign up to Volunteer at the Festival please go to our SignUp Genius: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4CABA929A2FD0-greening3](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4CABA929A2FD0-greening3)

**Fall Recreation Programs Starting Soon!**

Check out our Fall 2018 Activity Guide for more details! Explore our Activity Guide for lots of options for all ages and interests. We offer seasonal special events and varied recreation facilities and classes to provide opportunities for community celebrations, a chance to learn something new or improve your skills in an activity you enjoy, all while socializing and staying active!

Please visit our website, stop by a recreation center, or give us a call for more information.

Greenbelt Recreation  
[www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) 301-397-2200

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**BRADEN FIELD TENNIS COURTS 1-4 WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Saturday, August 18, Monday, August 20 and Tuesday, August 21 from 8am-6pm due to International Junior Tennis Tournament.

If you have any questions, please call 301-397-2200.

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**Mom's Morning Out**

This traditional pre-school program provides activities that encourage social development, offers beginning reading, math, & science curriculum, develops fine and gross motor skills and encourages lots of fun with peers. Children must be fully potty trained before they are eligible to register.

**Ages 3-4 years Tu/Th 9am-12pm Greenbelt Youth Center**  
**Ages 4-5 years M/W/F 9am-1pm Greenbelt Youth Center**

Instructors: Gaye Houchens, Shelly Cooper  
Children may attend all five weekdays with instructor approval.

**\*Pre-School Program is licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education #251208**

Registration now open! Spaces are limited! For registration information call 301-397-2200. Session begins on September 10!

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**Diaper Baby Mobile Wellness Program**

SPACES ARE LIMITED! REGISTER FOR FALL 2018 FREE DIAPERS!

A FREE program open to low-income families with children ages newborn to 2 years old, who wear diapers or pull ups & live in the city limits of Greenbelt.

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- Home visits are scheduled between 7:00AM-1:00PM. Nurses will call families to schedule the first home visit

**FREE SERVICES OFFERED:**

- Diapers, Formula, Baby Accessories monthly
- Baby Wellness Nursing Assessment
- Baby Milestone Progress Review
- Information/Resource Linkage
- Healthy Eating Education
- Fresh Produce/ food items delivered once

**CONTACT: Katherine Farzin, Community Outreach Coordinator, [kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov) Office (240) 542-2019 ¡Se habla español!**

Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook for event information, announcements and more!

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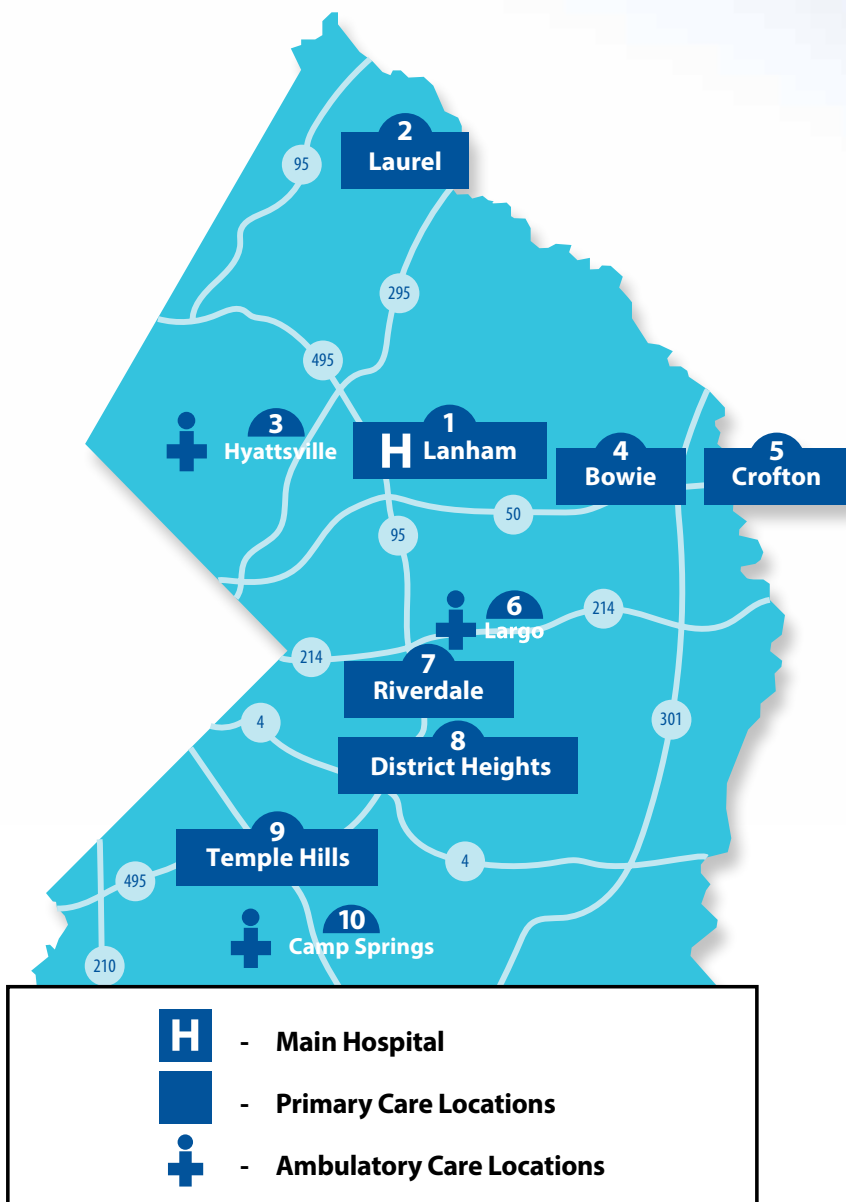
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# Roosevelt Dems Explore How to Increase Turnout

by Konrad Herling

Usually, at this time of the year, board members of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club are busy lining up members to work the funnel cake booth to raise money for the club and for Democratic campaigns. While these efforts are underway there will be an increased effort to register new voters, drive voters to the polls and call voters to galvanize a greatly increased voter turnout. A low turnout in our county has been cited as a key reason Democrats did not retain the governorship in the last election and is seen as critical to winning in the fall. During the primary campaign and since, gubernatorial candidate Ben Jealous has promised a big effort toward securing a great voter turnout, in contrast to the gubernatorial campaign of four years ago. That will be critical given the current 12-point lead Governor Larry Hogan has in the polls, according to The Washington Post and The Baltimore Sun.

In concert with this goal, the club has begun efforts to register new voters at Beltway Plaza. The deadline to register is Tuesday, October 16. Early voting will occur from Thursday, October 25

through Thursday, November 1.

In a poll taken by the state's Democratic Party leadership, the key issues for Prince George's County residents are education, the economy, immigration reform, social security and infrastructure.

Additionally, the club's leadership will be contacting several speakers to assure members and guests that its monthly meetings will continue to be interesting and informative. The next meeting will be on September 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building.

Finally, the board will be presenting to the membership a proposal to offer county high school students a significant opportunity with a prize by writing about the importance of a free press and to provide their perspectives about fake news and real news. Given some of the content of ongoing public discourse on this topic, the timing is perfect.

For more information about the club or helping out with the Labor Day Festival or election efforts, contact Nicole Williams at 202-321-4207 or check out the club's web page, rooseveltclub.com.

# Simple Tips for Preventing, Escaping a Residential Fire

by David Shapiro

Eleven Greenbelt families just lost their homes to fire. Whether living in an apartment, a townhome or a single-family residence, one can reduce the chance of a fire. If fire develops, family members can increase the likelihood that they will survive.

### Sources of Fire

Start with controlling sources of ignition. Smoking increases the risk of fire in the home. Smokers can reduce the risks at least a little by being meticulous about using an ashtray. Candles also cause fires but the risk can be reduced, for example, by setting the candleholder on a non-combustible tray or plate large and stable enough to catch the candle if it falls over. Cooking grease also can cause fires when it spatters and ignites. A common kitchen fire scenario is when the cook leaves the room briefly though for long enough for the fat to hit the flame and ignite. Electrical fires can develop with little warning. If a wall in the home feels hot, or if residents sense a hot-plastic smell, they should not be afraid of calling out for help, even if it turns out that there was no fire.

### Wire Safety

One source of fires in the home is an overloaded extension cord or power strip. Extension cords are designed and tested for temporary use; if the people living in the home rely on fixed extensions that are constantly in use, they should consider the option of having a receptacle added. Power strips are not intended to be plugged into other power strips, or extension cords into other extension cords. Circuit breakers, which are designed to help prevent wires overheating, can't protect them fully.

Another common cause of fire in the home is the practice of running old and deteriorating ex-

tension or appliance cords under a rug or pinched behind furniture. Even running an extension cord through a doorway or window risks damaging it. Also, indoor cords pose extra shock danger when used outdoors. Replace any cord or plug that is cracked, cut or broken, unless it can be professionally repaired. Replace any cover plate that is broken. Any receptacle that is discolored, broken or loose may pose an extra risk of fire.

### Safely Escaping a Fire

The residents of an apartment or house can escape a fire safely, but they need to follow some rules. First, every residence should have smoke alarms with batteries replaced every year and that are less than 10 years old. The importance of changing smoke alarm batteries is well-publicized, but the fact that alarms are reliable for just about a decade is less known. Second, make sure that if one smoke alarm sounds, all alarms in a residence will also go off. A smoke alarm should be placed in each bedroom, outside sleeping areas and in areas such as living and dining rooms. Third, if anyone in the home has hearing loss or is on medication that makes them drowsy, or periodically drinks heavily, a strobe alarm will be more likely to awaken them. Plug-in low-frequency alarms that will be triggered by the smoke alarm are even more useful. The next step is making sure everyone can get out of the house. The critical factor is to ensure there are clear paths for residents to escape. It doesn't matter whether a person is a neatnik or more relaxed: everyone needs to get out fast if an alarm sounds. (The writer, a resident of Greenbelt, is an electrical contractor and consultant who is involved in many safety groups.)

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opportunity for blind and visually impaired children living in Prince George's County. Entering its sixth year, nine students, ranging in age from five to 12, were offered an opportunity to be "kids" while learning from blind adults. During each seven-hour day, students engage in fun instructional activities in Braille, cane travel and independent living skills, plus they receive a huge serving of positivity in what it can mean to be an independent blind individual. Due to significant cuts in special education services, many blind students receive a fraction of specialized resources they need to stay on par with their sighted peers. The BELL Academy was created as an answer to this dilemma where local blind adults would serve as teachers and mentors for the students.

This year, students visited NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and met with Greenbelt resident and scientist Dr. Robert "Bobby" Candey who shared his expertise in radio astronomy, which is the idea that space can be more than what you see, but also what you can hear! A team from the Ice, Cloud, Land Elevation Satellite (ICESat) program created tactile 3D models for the students to understand the effects of climate change on glaciers and created a game that taught them the science behind how the satellite uses laser photons to gather science data. For many of them, this was their first exposure to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) activities that was tailored to their needs as a non-visual learner.

An even more memorable experience was created and supported by the staff at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. Due to good intentions of protective parents and a fear of trying, many of these blind students have never gone swimming with friends, an activity which would be appropriate for teens their age. The GAFC staff were supportive in giving the students room to explore the facility with their white canes, learn how to use the locker room and navigate independently to the pool area. This may sound simple enough but for many blind children and adults, they are often not given the space to use their own navigational skills to do these very tasks without the assistance of someone else. There is an old adage in the disability community, what may look like floundering to one person can be a form of swimming to someone with a disability who navigates a world through touch and sound.

GAFC lifeguards Jessica Cook and Stacy Hindalong created a surprisingly simple yet engaging game for the students. For many who are blind, distance is something that must be experienced and touched. So to say that a pool is 25 meters in length, a blind teen may have a vague concept of what that actually means. Combining a dash of creativity and compassion, Stacy and Jessica created a What time is it?



The students of BELL Academy, a group of blind and visually-impaired children living in Prince George's County, visit Goddard Space Flight Center with blind and visually-impaired adults including Greenbelt resident Denna Lambert.

- Photos by Denna Lambert




game where a leader asks the students to take a given number of steps which correspond with the time. For instance, Paul, a tall 12-year-old, yells out, "it's six o'clock" to the question from the eager group, "what time is it." Whoever is the first to reach the leader gets to declare that it is Dinner time! This ingenious game gave the students a chance to be leaders, understand and become comfortable in navigating the water, and have fun in making as much noise as they want-

ed. While Stacy and Jessica did not have any specialized training in blindness or special education, they had an open spirit filled with curiosity and compassion that led them to create a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for these kids. And at its core, this is the mission of all of the activities occurring around the city, to help grow happy, healthy, confident and vibrant children.

Denna Lambert is a disability programs manager at Goddard Space Flight Center.

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such outlets in the mid-Atlantic states with numerous facilities in Anne Arundel County. Two have recently opened in Prince George's County off of the Capital Beltway, one in Camp Springs off Branch Avenue and the other in Upper Marlboro off Marlboro-Ritchie Road. According to Royal Farms Director of Real Estate Jeff Bainbridge, more county stores are "in the queue" with Greenbelt being one of them.

Councilmember Colin Byrd asked how they had made the determination to locate in Greenbelt. Bainbridge replied that Royal Farms had opened its first county store in a new apartment building in College Park, but that proved not to be economical for them. Another location could not be found there. The Greenbelt site is right off the Beltway, he said, and lacked competition. "We are going to raise the bar," he said.

Royal Farms is a subsidiary of Two Farms, Inc. of Baltimore, which also owns Cloverland/Greenspring Dairies, the provider of much of the milk consumed in the Baltimore-Washington area. Bainbridge said the company no longer operates its farms, having leased them off, many to the Amish in Pennsylvania. However, it is still a major milk distributor. Royal Farms stores sell Cloverland-Greenspring dairy products.

The Greenbelt property was acquired by the State Highway Administration to build an off-ramp from the inner loop of the Beltway to Greenbelt Road. That idea was later abandoned and the state put the property up for sale at auction. Capitol Cadillac bought the property and proposed adding a Hummer dealership there. That, too, did not happen.

Now a local area developer, Manekin LLC, has a contract purchase agreement to build the Royal Farms facility plus an urgent care center. The company has not built anything in Greenbelt but has developed commercial properties in other parts of the county. Manekin will build the Greenbelt facility for Royal Farms, which will purchase it upon completion.

Royal Farms does not franchise stores, according to Bainbridge. He also said that the Greenbelt location will have 40 to 45 employees, about half of whom will be full-time employees who receive benefits. Also, the project would provide about 75 construction jobs.

### Architecture

The proposed architecture for the Greenbelt store would be the same as for the two others opened in the county. It differs from similar type facilities by being set back from the road a little further with landscaping in front. The compound is bordered with a metal picket fence with red brick columns. Similarly, the end posts for the canopy above the gas pumps are also brick. The store building also is of more elaborate exterior design than similar facilities.

There are some issues with the Greenbelt site that were noted at the meeting. There would be no direct access to Greenbelt Road. Instead, cars on Greenbelt Road would need to turn into Capitol Drive and go up a hill to reach the driveway entrance or turn onto Walker Drive and then onto Capitol Drive. Hruby expressed



A color drawing from an August 1 city council worksession shows the plans for a Royal Farms gas station on Greenbelt Road.

concern with the traffic impact, noting it would be desirable for the traffic to use Walker Drive for ingress-egress, as there is no traffic light at Capitol Drive. Councilmember Edward Putens expressed concern about tandem trailer trucks lined up outside the facility, as he has observed at other large gasoline station facilities.

Norman Rivera, attorney for the developers, pointed out that their traffic counts indicated the facility would generate less traffic than what is now allowed for office development. He also noted that a traffic study would have to be done as part of the development process.

Like Capitol Cadillac, the facility would be well above street level, a problem Manekin President Richard Alter said would have to be dealt with in site planning. He noted that this site was not quite as high as the car dealership. Rivera said the revised site plan set the buildings further back from the road to allow more room for the change in elevation.

### Trees and a Castle

There is also considerable state highway right-of-way between the property and Greenbelt Road reserved for future road widening, if needed. Cleared of trees back in the 1960's, the property is now wooded.

Alter noted the trees were second growth and called them "scrub trees." He expected that most would come down. This highway right-of-way might also be used for a stormwater retention pond, he said, although the current proposal is to locate a more efficient stormwater management system on site. Run-off from this site will flow south into Greenbelt Park and Still Creek. Alter said they would be able to give better answers as to run-off concerns when engineering studies have been made.

Also in this area are the foundation ruins for Toaping Castle, the home of the Walker family, who first settled the property before the American Revolution. Alter said the site plan proposes opening up the area around the ruins, now covered by the woodland, and providing a seating area beside it with sidewalk access from Capitol Drive.

Mayor Emmett Jordan liked the proposal for the ruins. Councilmember Leta Mach thought there should be picnic tables there or behind the store. Councilmember Silke Pope supported that idea and also proposed a dog

walk station.

### Urgent Care

Some concerns were expressed by councilmembers about building an urgent care facility for this site. Councilmember Rodney Roberts said urgent care facilities seemed to be appearing at every street corner and questioned the need for more. Pope said the developers needed an alternative if an urgent care facility was not feasible, although she later said she was really not against the idea. Jordan also was concerned that the proposed urgent care building might be used for some other use. Byrd wondered how the developers made the determination to propose one.

Alter expressed surprise at the negative comments, saying he thought that use would be something the city would like and the proposal was "the result of a dialogue we had." Royal Farms could reconsider, he said, since "no deal had been cut," but he thought it was feasible. His company has done a lot of medical facilities, but not an urgent care. Alter said an alternative might be a dental-medical office facility. Any alternative would need to comply with the zoning code, he noted.

Mach said she was open to the proposal. Putens supported the idea and wondered if it could be done in an art deco style.

Still, councilmembers, concerned about other less desirable potential uses, felt that there needed to be an understanding between the city and the developers as to what would happen if an urgent care facility proved to be unfeasible.

### Other Issues

Hruby noted law required gas stations to post prices on a sign, but there should be limits as to size. Alter provided a photo of the sign at the BP station on Southway and committed to not providing one any taller. Unlike some gas station signage, the Royal Farm sign would not post price listings for products other than gas. He also noted there would not be multiple prices depending on method of payment. Hruby said that the sign style should be reviewed.

The gas pump island is proposed to be in front of the store facing Greenbelt Road. Hruby said she did not like that layout and it was a matter for further discussion.

APB's Gibbons said that consideration should be given to a permeable surface pavement.

Jordan asked four other questions about possible city concerns:

Would the facility be LEED certified (a recognition given to buildings producing minimal impact upon the environment)? Bainbridge said the building would meet LEED's standards, but that the company would not "go through the motion" to be certified. He said it was difficult to obtain LEED certification in a commercial building.

Would there be charging stations for electric vehicles? Bainbridge said they were looking at it. Availability of state grants would be a factor.

What were the plans for lighting the station? The company would have a lighting plan prepared, Bainbridge responded. They would use low-wattage

LED bulbs and indirect lighting that would not go off site.

What are Royal Farms recycling practices? Do they achieve zero waste, not use plastic straws and do composting? Royal Farms does recycle and values the environment, Bainbridge said. The company has not yet decided what to do about straws and he could not speak on composting. The shortening used in deep frying is reprocessed and reused, he said.

### Next Step

Lastly, Jordan asked what the next step in the process would be. Hruby recommended devising a covenant agreement with Royal Farms and the developer. With the zoning bill coming up for public hearing in September, she felt the city should not be lagging in the matter.

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the community, loans from Co-op members, grants, state tax credits and a bank loan.

The Co-op is currently researching possible grant opportunities. Generally, any State grant will likely require submitting applications by late 2018. Developing an effective grant application is a challenge.

The Co-op is looking for an individual with the skills and experience to produce a first-class grant application. Writing the grant could be undertaken either under a contract arrangement or pro bono. Any interested person should contact Joe Gareri (joe@greenbelt.coop or 301-474-0522) or Bob Davis (bob.davis@greenbelt.coop or 301-474-0522).

The roof project has several components, all of which will be addressed as the Co-op moves forward. The current roof is seven years beyond its warranty and the store has experienced leaks during the last three years. To date, leaks have been addressed with roof repairs, but each leak results in the expense of the repair, plus the potential loss of inventory caused by water damage.

While the primary objective is a new roof for the building, the Co-op is also investigating the installation of solar panels. Electrical demands are great in any supermarket. Installing solar panels will not only save the Co-op money, but will provide a significant improvement to the cooperative's environmental footprint.

Preliminary cost estimates for a new roof are between \$275,000 and \$300,000 – detailed estimates are being compiled. Preliminary estimates for a solar power system are about \$400,000 if the Co-op owns the system outright (and can put all the electricity the

system generates back into the Co-op) and as little as \$0 if a developer owns the system. Again, detailed estimates are being put together. If a developer owns the system, the Co-op still benefits through reduced electricity costs, but the bulk of the energy produced by the solar panels would belong to the developer.

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A Review

# Lost in the Charnel House

by Jim Link

One of the most haunting, prescient foundational myths of modern European Western culture had a very inauspicious beginning a mere 200 years ago when 18-year-old Mary Shelley scribbled her immortal horror story of scientific hubris, the blasphemous arrogance of humans who dare to play God.

Her cautionary tale has never gone out of print and is even more urgently relevant now than in 1816, when she bested her husband Percy Shelley, Lord Byron, Claire Clairmont and Dr. Polidari in a ghost story writing contest in the Villa Diodati near the shore of Lake Geneva. Think of the catastrophic man-made effects of climate change, the self-inflicted nuclear sword of Damocles hanging over us or the moral abyss implied by the possibility of human cloning.

Off the Quill now has a timely, gripping revision of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* at the Greenbelt Arts Center, thanks to the shrewd, if not fiendish, imaginations of director Thomas McGrath and assistant director Patrick Mullen. They have skillfully woven into the plot a bizarre but thoroughly appropriate shock ending. No spoilers here.

The excellent chemistry and unrelenting intensity which crackles between Dr. Viktor Frankenstein (Andy De) and his unnamed creature (Jimmy Heyworth) grip the audience completely. They are perfect foils for each other, full of reciprocal blame and probing philosophical interrogation. De is short(er), nervous, energetic, tightly wound, full of misplaced



PHOTO BY CHELSEIE LLOYD

Jimmy Heyworth plays the Creature and Andy De plays Viktor Frankenstein at Greenbelt Arts Center.

idealism; Heyworth is tall(er), looming, muscular, menacing in his hoodie which only half hides his mutilated face. "Why did you create me?" asks the creature. "We will have to answer for everything we have done," he claims and blames Frankenstein for the perverted hunger of his intellect and his use of knowledge without wisdom. Their dialogue/duel could easily have collapsed into bathos but De and Heyworth maintain their high wire act beautifully.

A great supporting cast enhances the night's delights. The lovely Leanne Dinverno plays two not very blushing brides. She is Elisabeth, affianced to Dr. Frankenstein and also the unnamed mate created by him to alleviate his creature's loneliness. It is clear that both Dr. Frankenstein and his creature are, like Adam

before the gift of Eve, incomplete men without their helpmeets.

Donald Cook is excellent as Waldman, the kindly blind man for whom the creature collects food and who in turn teaches the creature how to read – Dante's *Inferno* no less! The creature develops the soul of a scholar and appreciates the beauty of words.

Patrick Mullen is the dapper, droll brother of Elisabeth who defends Dr. Frankenstein's long absences and all-consuming experiments. He is also the set designer, lighting designer, fight choreographer and, with Dinverno, the costume designer.

See this thrilling meditation on the nature of evil and the consequences of dabbling too deeply in the dark arts of the charnel house on August 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. and August 19 at 2 p.m.

# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltdm.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltdm.gov/police)

### Robbery

August 4, 10:11 p.m., Greenbelt Road near Lakecrest Drive. Two men approached a person who was walking to a residence on August 3 at approximately 1:15 a.m. One of them asked for a cigarette and the other punched him, which rendered him unconscious. When he came to, he noticed that his wallet and cell phone were gone.

### Sex Offense

August 5, 9:35 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man approached a woman who was in a parking lot about to perform some minor maintenance on her vehicle and offered to help. After she declined his offer, he fondled her and ran away.

### Theft

August 3, 9 a.m., Miner Street near South Center Drive. Lumber was taken from a construction site.

August 3, 3:02 p.m., 400 block Ridge Road. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

August 4, 6 a.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. A wallet was removed from a residence.

### Trespass

August 2, 4:45 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An 18-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespass, resisting arrest, three counts of second degree assault and vandalism after officers responded to a report of a trespasser inside Beltway Plaza. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Burglary

August 6, 9:24 a.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road. Power tools in a vehicle in a fenced lot were removed.

August 6, 5:55 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A storage unit was forced open and suitcases, a Christmas wreath and miscellaneous papers were removed.

### Vandalism

August 3, 1 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. The sliding glass door of a residence was broken out.

### Vehicle Crime

One vehicle was recovered. A 2013 Ford Taurus reported stolen July 23 from the 9100 block Edmonston Road was recovered August 3 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 500 block Newcomb Street, S.E.

One vehicle was stolen on August 4 from the 8000 block Mandan Road, a blue 1996 Honda Accord with Md. tags 9AC2324.

Fourteen thefts or attempted thefts were reported. Four occurred in the 6900 block Greenbelt Road on August 4. Windows were broken in three vehicles; stolen items include an identification wallet; a checkbook and keys; and a purse and checkbook. The fourth vehicle was unlocked but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Six vehicles in the 100 block Westway were targets of thefts on August 8. Handicap placards were taken from four vehicles after windows were broken out. The driver's side window was broken out in another but it is not known if anything was taken. A window was only partially broken out in the other vehicle and entry was not gained.

Windows were also broken in two other locations to gain access. In the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace a radio was taken. Another vehicle, on Mandan Road near Hanover Parkway, was rummaged through but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Power tools were taken from a vehicle in the 6200 block Breezewood Drive.

Five incidents of vandalism were reported. Three tires on one vehicle in the 100 block Westway were punctured. Windows were broken out of two vehicles, one the city recreational department van parked at 15 Crescent Road and another vehicle in the 9100 block Edmonston Road. Also at the latter address, a window in another vehicle was cracked.

A glue-like substance was poured on a vehicle at 22 Court Ridge Road.

# Trapped Great Blue Heron Avoids a Watery Grave

by Gloria Brown and Cathie Meetre

As is her daily routine, Gloria Brown was walking around Greenbelt Lake. She saw what appeared to be an odd-looking swan sitting in the water. On closer examination, she realized it was a Great Blue Heron – which is rarely seen in this position. As Brown watched it, the bird attempted several times to fly but couldn't seem to get rolling on its takeoff. She realized that the bird was firmly attached to something that was keeping it afloat. Concerned at the bird's plight, and joined by another lake stroller with a phone, Brown contacted a number of agencies to come to the aid of the heron, eventually striking gold with the nearby Greenbelt Animal Control office.

Two staff members came to investigate and confirmed that the heron was indeed being restrained by something. The initial suspect in the case was, perhaps, an abandoned length of fishing line – or maybe the plastic from a six-pack of sodas. They waded in to solve the problem.

But for once, the guilty party was not human disregard for the environment. The villain of the piece was a snapping turtle that had clamped its jaws on the slender leg of the heron and was not about to let go – not for ani-



The blue heron sits on the water like a swan.

- Photos by Gloria Brown

The prime suspect, left, shows little remorse.

mal control officers and not for anybody.

The officers pried the reluctant turtle free and wrapped the bird carefully to keep it from damaging itself in its distress. They took it to receive first aid for its

damaged leg.

Brown later remarked how quickly and professionally the animal control officers responded and praised the care and compassion with which they treated the heron.



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# Sports

## ERHS Girls Soccer Team Preps for Victorious Season

by Patrick Gleason

Although the 2017 Eleanor Roosevelt girls' soccer season ended with a loss to the eventual state champ Broadneck Bruins, the defeat was a victory of sorts as the team returned to the state semi-finals for the first time since 2014. Fall practice began last Wednesday for a Raiders' team captained by seniors Mykenna Maniece and Dallas Sava. Head Coach Bob Sowers enters his sixth season with 13 returning players – and several key contributors from a JV squad that won the county championship last season – but will have to replace his leading goal scorer and goalkeeper from last season. Juniors Aliza Khan and Zosia Nicholson will likely fill the goal-scoring shoes of graduated senior Jennifer Santos, who now plays at Washington Adventist University. Nicholson has had an injury-plagued freshman and sophomore season but after playing a full season of lacrosse this past spring, is set to contribute in her primary sport. The competition in goal falls to junior Stephanie Ijoror, a two-year starter on junior varsity and Greenbelter Isabela Martins, a freshman. Twins Corina and Nicole Miko will steady the Raider midfield along with junior Madison Endres and senior Jamie Kraske. The defensive line will be largely reconfigured from

a season ago; however, junior defenders Louisa Ellison and Haley Zack came on strong at last season's end and performed strongly throughout Roosevelt's summer league slate of games. Junior Zion Albright, a two-year JV captain, could also prove indispensable to the Raider defense.

The Raiders have a challenging scrimmage schedule including a visit to Elizabeth Seton on August 21 at 5:30 p.m. The regular season begins on September 10 at Laurel, while the Raiders then quickly set their sights on the archrival Bowie Bulldogs who will visit Greenbelt two days later, for the first time since last season's high scoring playoff defeat. The other key date on the schedule will be the Raiders' visit to nearby Parkdale High School on October 11. The Panthers have steadily improved their program over the last several years, losing to the Raiders in last season's rain-soaked region final. The Bulldogs and Panthers are likely the stiffest tests in preventing the Raiders from returning to the semi-finals. And if you ask senior captain Maniece, she is already pushing the team to prepare for those playoff matches, hoping to push her team's season into mid-November, where the Raiders will look for their first state title since 2003.



PHOTO BY TAYLOR CARRION

Junior Aliza Khan is pressured by senior Daniela Luna as Coach Bob Sowers instructs at an early season practice.

## Four Tennis Courts Closed for Tournament

by Chris Rogers-Spatuzzi

Four tennis courts near the Greenbelt Youth Center will be closed to the public from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. Courts 1, 2, 3 and 4 are reserved as part of the Wayne K. Curry Prince George's County International Junior Tennis Championships; courts 5, 6, 7 and 8 will still be open to the public on these days.

The tournament, which returns to Prince George's County for a seventh consecutive year, is one of four Grade 1 junior tennis tournaments held in North America, according to a program

released by the Junior Tennis Champions Center (JTCC) in College Park. Each year, it draws many of the top male and female junior tennis players from around the world.

The main tournament begins on Monday, August 20, but qualifiers and wild-card rounds will take place before this. It is hosted by the JTCC, and most of the matches will take place in College Park, but Greenbelt will host one day of qualifiers as well as parts of the first and second rounds of the main tournament.

## John Henry Jones at Mission BBQ Korean War Veterans Day

by Cathie Meetre

On July 27, Mission BBQ celebrated Korean War Veterans Day. General Manager George L. Thomas III tells this newspaper that during the day he had a visit from John Henry Jones. Jones, a Korean War veteran, told Thomas that he has worked with Greenbelt News Review for many years and requested that this picture be sent to the

newspaper. Thomas reports that it was an honor to meet Jones, wishes him the best and has faithfully submitted the photograph.

Readers may remember that Jones recently celebrated his 90th birthday with a rousing celebration. He has been a News Review carrier for many, many years.



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John Henry Jones attends Korean War Veterans Day at Mission BBQ.



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# New Police Chief Bowers Has Old Greenbelt Ties

by Chris Rogers-Spatuzzi

Last Tuesday, the City of Greenbelt announced the appointment of Rick Bowers as the city's new police chief. He has over 25 years of law enforcement experience and has spent the last 23 years with the nearby Takoma Park Police Department, where he worked his way up in the ranks to captain and held positions such as deputy acting chief and acting chief.

Bowers has never lived or worked in Greenbelt but he has a special connection to the city. He grew up splitting his time between Montgomery and Calvert counties, but spent many summer weekends here and has many fond memories associated with the city he will now police.

"When I was young, like age 10 through 12, one of my best friends lived in Greenbelt," he said. "My parents would drop me off at his house for weekends, and we would hang out around town and go to the Labor Day Festival and things like that."

Now, after more than two decades of law enforcement work in Takoma Park, he is excited to bring his knowledge and experience to the city he frequented during his childhood. The structure of Greenbelt's police department and municipal organization is similar to that of Takoma Park's, so he feels the transition will be easy.

"Greenbelt has always had a reputation of being an outstanding police organization," Bowers said. "The opportunity to join that team and help it grow and excel, that's what I'm really looking [forward to the most]. You want to be able to be impactful on an organization in a positive way: that's what I really hope to be able to bring to it."

A graduate of Paint Branch High School in Silver Spring, he spent two years at Prince George's Community College before earning a B.A. in crimi-



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**Greenbelt's new police chief, Rick Bowers**

nal justice from Southern New Hampshire University and a master's in management from University of Maryland University College. Bowers also graduated from well-regarded specialized law enforcement programs, such as the FBI National Academy and the Northwestern University School of Staff and Command.

"I always had an interest in a law enforcement career," Bowers said. "My uncle was a Prince George's County police officer when I was young so that sort of inspired me."

He got his first taste of law enforcement during college, working as a seasonal police officer in Ocean City during the summer, and was then hired full-time by the Takoma Park Police Department in 1995. In Takoma Park, he has run the patrol division, the special operations team and the SWAT team and for the last six years has been in charge of the department's administrative services section.

Bowers will be sworn in on Monday, August 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

*Chris Rogers-Spatuzzi is a University of Maryland journalism student and the summer intern for the News Review.*

# National Night Out: Bringing Citizens and Police Together

Many folks turned out for this year's National Night Out, despite the brief period of bad weather that evening. The event featured fun activities for citizens of all ages including face painting, moon bounces, rock climbing, skateboard exhibitions and even a corn hole game. All six locations throughout Greenbelt had plenty of great food and plenty of people enjoying it. The evening provided a wonderful opportunity to interact with our Greenbelt residents.

National Night Out is a community police awareness-raising event in the United States, held the first Tuesday of August. It is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out seeks to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. It also provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

We are already looking forward to next year's event.

**Kids play corn hole at National Night Out.**



**- Photos by George Mathews**



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**McGruff hugs adoring kids while Officer Scott Yankowy looks on.**



**Officer Troy Arnold answers questions at National Night Out.**



**PFC Irelisse Fernandez (far left) and PFC Konetta Brown (far right) pose with Police Explorers Fernandez and Sandoval.**



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