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## Council Discusses Franklin Park Crime and Recreation

by James Giese

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*(This is the second article in the series on the City of Greenbelt's Stakeholder Meeting with Franklin Park Representatives.)*

On December 19, the Greenbelt City Council sat down with six Franklin Park representatives, Police Chief Richard Bowers and others to discuss matters of public safety and recreation. The

meeting was held at Greenbelt Station.

### Crime

Bowers was asked to discuss crime issues at Franklin Park as Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis expressed concern that crime is increasing, particularly in light of a shooting incident that had occurred the day before. Bowers said the changes in numbers of crime incidents occurring is an areawide trend and not just a Greenbelt or Franklin Park issue.

Actually, he expected that fewer crimes were committed in 2018 than in 2017. There were a string of 11 burglaries recently that skewed the crime data, making the crime rate seem worse than it really is. These 11 crimes were committed by one person who has been identified and no longer resides in the city.

Franklin Park contributes funds to the city to pay for an

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## Red Cross Volunteers Install Free 10-Year Smoke Alarms

by Julie Rapp

There are many ways to serve the community. Instead of providing food for those in need or cleaning up a park, volunteers served their neighbors by installing smoke alarms. On Saturday, January 19, a group of volunteers with the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign installed free 10-year smoke alarms in Windsor Green, Greenbrook Village and Lakes at Greenbelt Village. Candice Covin, American Red Cross disaster program manager for Montgomery and Prince George's counties, coordinated this activity with Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan. The Windsor Green Homeowners Association, led by President Cathy Cruzon, hosted the Red Cross and volunteers in their community building for an orientation and briefing on logistical support. Volunteers then went around to the various buildings and installed 85 smoke alarms



PHOTO BY PAM COVIN

Volunteers at the MLK event include Candice Covin from the Red Cross (2nd from the left), Patricia Sandidge from Windsor Green HOA (center) and Mayor Emmett Jordan (right).

for residents who registered in advance and scheduled an appointment.

Maryland law requires the replacement of battery-only smoke

alarms with new, 10-year smoke alarms with sealed batteries and a hush feature (to silence the alarm

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### Budget 2019

## Council Is Briefed on City's Budgets for This Year, Next

by Diane Oberg

On Wednesday, January 9, the Greenbelt City Council received a briefing on the current fiscal year (2019) budget and shared their ideas as to what each councilmember hoped would be included in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget.

City Treasurer Jeff Williams told council that he expects the current year budget to show a small surplus by the end of the fiscal year (June 30). Both revenue and expenditures are down from the amount budgeted.

Net real estate tax revenues will be lower than Fiscal Year 2018, largely due to lower than anticipated property tax assessments. These revenues may

decrease further if commercial property owners successfully challenge their assessments.

Williams reviewed other sources of revenue and expenditures. Hotel/motel tax receipts are expected to decline due to additional competition such as the new hotel at the University of Maryland. Income tax revenue is up, cable TV revenues are down as is red light camera revenue.

So far this year, interest revenue is running above the budgeted amount, which Williams attributed entirely to the Federal Reserve Board's increasing of interest rates.

Expenditures are down, largely

due to vacancies. A higher vacancy rate reduces salary expenditures as well as pension

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### What Goes On

**Monday, February 4 8 p.m.** Council Worksession on Beltway Plaza Redevelopment Proposal, Municipal Building  
**Wednesday, February 6 8 p.m.** Council Worksession with Combined Properties Greenway Center, Community Center



PHOTO BY BEN CLARKE

Greenbelt Middle debate team members Alexandra Clarke (left) and Christione Johnson triumph in the Washington Urban Debate League Winter Tournament. (See story on page 7.)

### Shutdown

## Shutdown Affects ERHS Student Internship Programs

by Odinn Waguespack

Due to the recent government shutdown, internship sites such as NASA and the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center were closed for several weeks. This left 19 Eleanor Roosevelt High School interns who had already been assigned to the sites without any means of obtaining research for their projects during those 34 days. These projects are a required component of student graduation requirements.

Over the course of the year, interns work under the supervision of mentors in a variety of venues ranging from NASA to the National Zoo to collect data for a Research Practicum (RP). The RP is a culmination of their senior year and integral for anyone enlisted in an internship. The data collected halfway through the year is also presented during the ERHS Science Fair, scheduled for February 13.

Interns spend half of each school day working in their respective internship sites, with the other half devoted to usual

courses. The shutdown, however, left many students with a hole in their schedule spanning several hours.

Yau-Jong Twu, internship coordinator and physics teacher, said she let many of the interns stay in her class while they had nowhere else to go.

She explained that "The interns are just doing whatever they can over here, mostly their course work. At this point, I'm hoping the government reopens soon so that they can get more research done before the science fair. However, I'm thankful that many of the mentors keep in touch with students even when they're not at work."

### Data Needed

Samuel Ludlam, an ERHS senior who is a NASA intern, expressed worries about the effects of the shutdown on his research. "I need data. I was supposed to start taking it after the break. I can't really do any

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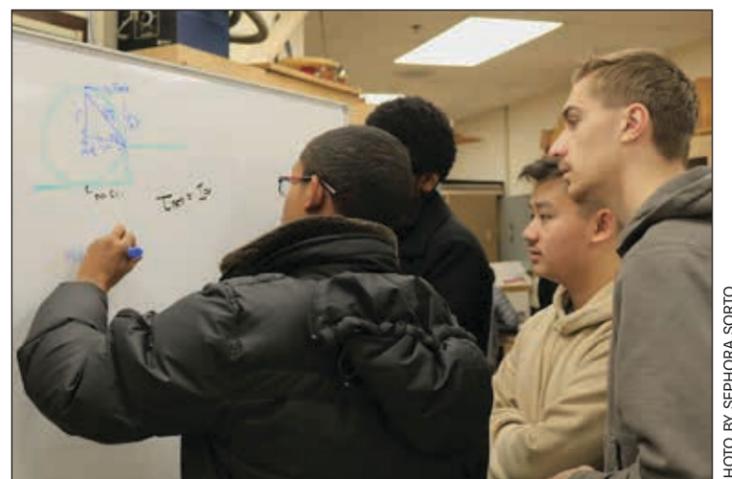


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From left, ERHS students Faizu Adam, Caleb Wheeler, Victory Nguyen and Samuel Ludlam work on a whiteboard.

# Letters to the Editor

## Lock Replacement In Franklin Park

In response to the article in the January 24 News Review: City Council, Franklin Park Discuss Maintenance Issues, the words in the article implied that Franklin Park has only been installing locks this past year. To clarify, Franklin Park was updating the city on our progress for changing out the old locks and installing the updated version to meet the new city ordinance/code. Franklin Park management takes security issues very seriously and does everything in its power to ensure a safe living environment for its residents.

**Denise Knight**  
Director of Resident Services  
Franklin Park

## Roofs Matter!

As the volunteer who is organizing the technical aspects of the Co-op grocery store's solar/roof program, I had the opportunity to spend some quality time with roofing contractors last week. The occasion was a pre-bid meeting I had scheduled, in response to the Request for Proposals we have published; one part of the meeting was a tour of the existing roof. I am attaching a photograph I have named Lake Co-op, because at about 10:30 a.m. on January 24, this roof was completely covered in standing water. Depth? I estimate maybe three inches in spots, less deep in others, depending on where one was standing.

Is a flat roof supposed to look like this? Nope. Are there roof drains? Yep. Are they working? Hmm ...

Do we, as a community that cherishes our Co-op grocery store, need to get together and take action? Yes we do, and we are! A great plan has coalesced and is moving forward, to install a solar energy system that will pay for a new roof, pay for itself and pay for the next roof as well, within the lifetime of the solar energy system.

Come on, Greenbelt ... Let's do this!

**Steve Skolnik**



PHOTO BY STEVE SKOLNIK

Roofing contractors gaze over the lake of standing water on the roof of the Co-op on January 24.

## Thanks for Grant

Thank you, Greenbelt Community Foundation, for honoring the Center for Dynamic Community Governance with a grant award for our latest project: Greenbelt's Bountiful Community Organizations: Growing Skills & Nurturing Talent. This project, which will operate throughout 2019, will be held in convenient locations throughout Greenbelt. Designed to fit into everyone's busy schedules, these gatherings will offer drop-in sessions so that people can get individualized and customized 1:1 professional analysis of governance and communication questions and issues, as well as hourly group trainings. You can stay for any amount of time that fits your schedule and children will be most welcomed. Watch for more details or contact Aileen at aileen@dynamic-governance.org.

**Aileen Kroll, Co-Director**  
Center for Dynamic  
Community Governance

## Warmer Winters Now

We live in a GHI frame home and had work done to our crawl-space in 2018. We had been living with intermittent foul smells creeping up from below as well as cold floorboards we just couldn't warm during the winter.

Now, our house heats up and stays cozy! Not only is the material of our floor warmer, but also the ambient air in our house. We've been without any odors since the work was done, which is a nice plus.

We're much more comfortable and very happy with the work.

**Joe Ralbovsky**

## Bike Safety Issues

I saw the recent story about the Bikeshare and think it is a good idea if they are installed near the lakes for recreational riding and costs are reasonable. However, I don't see the bikes as a commuter benefit because the city has pretty good regular bus service to many areas of Greenbelt. In addition, the city has few bike lanes on major roads with heavy traffic presenting safety issues for riders who are not renting/wearing bike helmets.

**Kathryn Beard**

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(133 mins)

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Sun. 8:00 PM  
Mon. 8:00 PM  
Tues. 2:00 PM  
Wed. 5:00 PM  
Thurs. 12:00 PM

**THE FAVOURITE (R) (DVS)**  
(CC) (2018) (121 mins)

Fri. 5:30 PM  
Sat. 5:00 PM  
Sun. 5:30 PM  
Mon. 3:00 PM  
Tues. 5:00 PM  
Wed. 8:00 PM  
Thurs. 5:30 PM

**IF BEALE STREET COULD TALK (R) (DVS) (CC) (2018)**  
(120 mins)

Fri. 3:00 PM  
Sat. 8:00 PM  
Sun. 3:00 (OC) PM  
Mon. 5:30 PM  
Tues. 8:00 PM  
Wed. 2:30 PM  
Thurs. 3:00 PM

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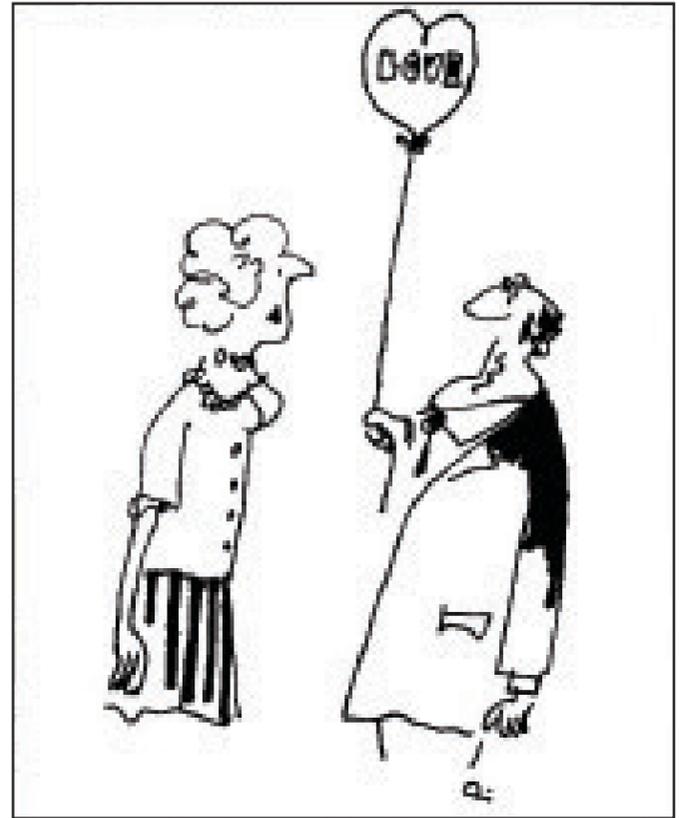
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Mon. 1:00 PM -FREE

**JONI 75 (NR) (2019) (120 mins)**  
Thurs. 8:00 PM

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## The Old Curmudgeon



"I forgot to put a love note in the News Review!"

But you still have time to get your love note in for the February 14 issue.

- Cartoon by Izzy Parker, News Review, February 4, 1999.

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# Community Events

## GATe Boot Camp Saturday, February 9

Greenbelt Access Television (GATe) plans a Boot Camp in February and the organization's Annual Meeting in March.

"We are trying to simplify things so anyone can get started making their own videos to put on our community channel," said Andy Zmidzinski, GATe's executive director.

Station Manager Phoebe McFarb concurred. "I feel that this boot camp ended up being a really helpful way for students to learn the basics of editing quickly. Once people understand the basics and the parts that are most important to remember in an editing software, it's a lot easier for them to start exploring the rest of the features available."

The Zmidzinski/McFarb duo, which also benefited from the contributions of George Kochell, intends to hold more boot camps in the future. The next one scheduled is set for Saturday, February 9, 9:30 a.m. at GATe's studio. The class will cover GATe's Canon cameras, focus, composition and sound.

In addition, GATe is holding its annual meeting Sunday, March 10, at 3 p.m., at GATe's studio. This is a great place to learn more about GATe's operation and who the board members are, and for you to become a member.

For more information and to register, call 301-507-6580.



Phil Aiken works at the computer with assistance from Andy Zmidzinski of GATe.

## Free Star Party Saturday Evening

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, February 2 at the City Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Attendees may expect to see Mars and deep sky objects such as galaxies, nebulae and star clusters currently high in the sky, viewed through the Observatory telescope and astronomical camera. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 6:30 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

## Green New Deal Livestream Watch

On Tuesday, February 5, the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will host a Green New Deal Livestream Watch Party from 7 to 9:15 p.m.

The party is part of the effort to build public support for the Green New Deal and elect a candidate who will champion the movement in 2020, and make it law in 2021. Livestream watch parties will take place across the country in February to bring more people into the movement and get everyone ready to move forward together.

Join the gathering on February 5 and push for clean air and water and good jobs for every single person across the country. Everyone is needed to demonstrate to state legislators that GCAN is serious about climate change action. Appropriate follow-up actions will be planned.

RSVP at [facebook.com/pg/chearsorg/events/](https://facebook.com/pg/chearsorg/events/) and follow the link to the ActionNetwork event page.

The meeting will be held at 56 Lakeside Drive. For further information, contact Lore Rosenthal, [SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com](mailto:SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com) or 301-345-2234.

## Golden Age Club Monthly Activities

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Community Center.

February 6: Business meeting  
February 13: Special presentation by Joyce Bailey and the Female RE-Enactors of Distinction (FREED), a group of women who desire to teach American history that perhaps has been forgotten or overlooked. FREED is an auxiliary organization of the African American Civil War Memorial & Museum. More details next week. This group performed last year and were encouraged to return to re-enact more historical events.

February 20: Potluck and birthday luncheon. Bring a dish to share.

February 27: Bingo  
Visitors are always welcome. Note that the meeting is canceled if Prince George's County schools are closed or open late due to weather.

## Monthly Jazz Jam At New Deal Café

One of Greenbelt's best-kept secrets, the monthly jazz jam session at the New Deal Café, started up again on Saturday, January 26, led by saxophonist and Greenbelter Greg Meyer. Except for a six-month break, this session has been ongoing for seven years. A high level of musicianship was on display as 10 soloists took turns sitting in with the house band on standard tunes. The Café took on a cool vibe as listeners lingered over a drink from the Café's new espresso machine. The next session will be Saturday, February 23 from 2 to 5 p.m. Musicians of all levels who are interested in jazz are welcome. For information on this and other happenings at the Café, check [newdealcafe.com/events/calendar/](http://newdealcafe.com/events/calendar/).

## 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 4 are as follows:

Monday, February 4: baked meatballs, marinara sauce, whole grain rotini, Capri vegetables, Italian bread, fresh fruit, orange juice

Tuesday, February 5: stuffed salmon with dill sauce, corn, Brussels sprouts, wheat bread, applesauce, cranberry juice

Wednesday, February 6: corn chowder, honey balsamic chicken thigh, mashed spiced yams, broccoli, wheat roll, pineapple tidbits, apple juice

Thursday, February 7: pork roast with gravy, scalloped potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, fresh fruit, cranberry juice

Friday, February 8: baked chicken breast with creole sauce, California vegetables, wheat bread, tropical fruit, grape juice.



PHOTO BY PETER REPERT

The house band performs at Saturday's jam session at the New Deal Café. From left, bandleader Greg Meyer, Joe Rathbone (guitar) and CC Wilson (bass). Not pictured: Art McKinney (drums).

## Dynamic Community Governance Meets

Now more than ever the time has come to learn skills that will inspire and enhance abilities to work together. Join John Buck, co-founder and co-director of the Center for Dynamic Community Governance, for an introduction to the Netherlands-inspired governance concept, dynamic community governance. The meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10 from 1 to 2 p.m. at a Greenbelt venue to be determined based on the number of participants. The session is free but registration is required. Contact Aileen at [aileen@dynamic-governance.org](mailto:aileen@dynamic-governance.org).

## Free Art Drop-in On February 3

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program welcomes visitors of all ages to attend a community art drop-in on Sunday, February 3 at the Community Center. Admission is free, but reservations are required. Make a drum in a workshop with Karen Arrington, artist in residence. All materials will be provided.

While visiting, see the new art gallery exhibit, Upside Down House: Unconventional Family Portraiture by Robert Cantor, Maura Doern Danko and Amanda Demos Larsen. Enjoy the humor and mystery of works by three painters who use family photos as a point of departure.

See the Greenbelt Museum's current exhibit at the Community Center, The Knowing Hands that Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus. Straus is best known locally as the creator of the iconic Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center and the impressive bas reliefs on the façade of the Community Center.

To reserve a seat, contact Anne Gardner at [agardner@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:agardner@greenbeltmd.gov). Seatings will be available at 1 and 2 p.m.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or call 301-397-2208. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, February 6 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.



More Community Events are located throughout the paper.



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**Canon Camera Bootcamp**  
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This day long class is designed for members who want to learn the basics of camera use, composition, and terminology. Learn on the Canon XF305 professional camcorders we have here at GATe. Limit 4. Prereq: Orientation.

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# ERHS Drama Students Say: No Gun Violence in Schools!

by Nyah Clay

After a year of student-led protests of gun violence in American schools following the February 2018 shooting in Parkland, Fla., that took the lives of 14 students and three staff members, students continue to voice concerns about their safety in and out of school. Despite the national platform students have built, however, many still struggle to find a safe space to use their voice within their own communities. Among these students is Eleanor Roosevelt High School junior Niya John. As an advocate for stricter gun laws in the U.S., John helped organize a school-wide walkout and rally in 2018, following the Parkland shooting. This year, with the help of the ERHS drama department and ERHS seniors Nyah Clay as co-

director and Grace Harness as set construction lead, John will direct the one-act play Declaration by Jonathan Dorf. The events of the play take place before, during and after a fictional shooting at ERHS. The play will be performed on Thursday and Friday, February 14 and 15, on the one-year anniversary of the Parkland shooting. A post-show discussion will be held each night to provide an audience of ERHS students, community members and local stakeholders the opportunity to share their views on the production. John and her team of students hope to open a discussion regarding the state of gun control in the U.S. and provide the community a safe space to express themselves.

Nyah Clay is a senior at ERHS.

# Why Co-op Must Do a Dollar Match to State Bond Bills

by Cathie Meetre

A couple of people have asked the News Review what is meant by matching funds in the context of trying to fund Co-op's solar roof project. Why is Co-op asking the community for money when it is also asking the state for money?

State funding. It does not have to be repaid. But to get it, the organization must chip in too. It is a requirement of an Individual Bond Bill issued by the State of Maryland that the requesting organization provide funds by themselves that cover at least 50 percent of the cost of the project. Of course, that's far from the only requirement, but it is an essential one.

In the case of the Co-op's Rays on the Roof project, the whole project will likely cost \$750,000 and Co-op is requesting

a Bond Bill amount of \$350,000 from the state. This leaves Co-op with \$400,000 it must raise itself – which is more than the required 50 percent. To have the best possible chance of winning the free money, Co-op wants to be particularly convincing to the legislature about the level of community support it can muster because their case for funding rests partially on its place in the community.

For the Co-op this must be done through donations, investments or loans and that's why Co-op is asking for pledges – to show the state legislature that we will be able to contribute as required. The money itself doesn't have to be in hand immediately, but the pledges are important to have when Co-op's representatives face the committee.



Congratulations to Eleanor Roosevelt High School students Carla Rose, Raquel Powell and Jordan Walls who were all named Posse Scholars and will receive scholarships.

And congratulations to LaToya Fisher on passing her certified park and recreation professional exam, completing her professional certification within one year of her employment with the City of Greenbelt.

Ginger and Brian Archibald of Greenbelt are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, Elizabeth Rose, on January 26.

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

## Mowatt MUMC First Ever Chili Cook-off

On Saturday, February 9 at 5 p.m. the Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church at 40 Ridge Road in Old Greenbelt will have its first ever Chili Cook-off. There will be prizes and entertainment. Spaces are limited and the deadline for registration is February 1. Those interested in participating may call the church office at 301-474-9410. Instruction will be provided after a completed registration form has been received.



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# And It's Open ...

- Photos by Amy Hansen



Top left: Cars line up to enter Goddard Space Flight Center on Monday January 28 as the federal government's 5-week shut-down comes to an end. NASA employees received emails saying the goal was to get them paid by January 31. Other logistical catch-up on base will take longer; for example, the cafeterias will not reopen until February 4.

Top right: The gate into Beltsville Agricultural Research Center on Research Road is open again, providing a pass through.



## At the Library

### Teen Board.

Monday, February 4, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Earn service hours while making the local library a great place for teens. Enjoy snacks, meet new people, become a leader. Registration required; contact the library either in person or by calling 301-345-5800.

### English Conversation.

Tuesday, February 5, 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.

### Storytimes

Tuesday, February 5, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 30 people. Wednesday, February 6, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people. Thursday, February 7, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s).

### Kids Club

Wednesday, February 6, 4:30 p.m. Mentoring, reading and homework help for students in grades 1 to 6. This club meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons.



## Storytime at Mosque

Hena Khan, author of Under My Hijab, will present a community storytime on Saturday, February 9 at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of Diyanet Center of America. The free event will also include arts and crafts and snacks. The center is located at 9610 Good Luck Road in Lanham.

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# City Information & Events

## MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 4-8

Monday, February 4 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Beltway Plaza Redevelopment Proposal** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996, and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv*

Tuesday, February 5 at 3:30pm **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd. *On the Agenda: FORA/GAIL Update, Widowed Persons Update, Staircase Edging Update, Greenbelt Connection Hours, Reappointment to Committee, and Grant Review Panel.*

Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00pm **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd. *On the Agenda: vagrancy issues, City's Emergency Siren referral, review of the final version of the Greenbelt Station Path recommendations to Council, and City's Cellular Phone Connectivity Issue - Status report and further discussion and planning of next phase of this project.*

Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00pm **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Rm. 112. *On the Agenda: Selection of a representative to serve on the Grant Review Panel for the city's Recognition Group program, Proposed murals on the concrete walls of the 193 overpass over the B/W Parkway, and Continued planning discussion for the next AAB-sponsored arts mixer*

Wednesday, February 6 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION/COMBINED PROPERTIES/GREENWAY CENTER (stakeholder)** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee of Education, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee.  
Info: 301-474-8000



## NEW!

**Parent's Night Out**  
Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Road  
**Friday, February 8**  
**5:30-8:30pm**

Children ages 4-12 enjoy art activities, a pizza dinner and a movie while you have a night out! Activity # 133222-2

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The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, invites sealed bids from experienced contractors to furnish material and labor for the repair and re-plastering (whitecoat) and re-surfacing of the zero depth/beach entry at the outdoor pool of the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, 101 Centerway, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770:

The Invitation to Bid may be obtained from the City of Greenbelt website ([www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation)), from eMaryland Marketplace (<http://emaryland.buyspeed.com>), or in person from the City of Greenbelt, Finance Office between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Bids will be received in the City of Greenbelt, Finance Office at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770 in a sealed envelope marked: "Outdoor Pool Re-Plastering Bid# 2019-1" until 10:00 a.m. SHARP, Tuesday, February 26, 2019.



Volunteers are needed on  
**February 2**  
**10am – 1pm**

Be a part of the community effort to protect trees from beaver herbivory at

Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to place wire caging around the trunks of native trees to protect them from beaver herbivory. Volunteers will meet at the Public Works building located at **555 Crescent Road Greenbelt, MD 20770**. The building entrance is located at the bottom of the Buddy Attick Park parking lot and through the gate.

- Reminders:  
Wear weather appropriate clothes and closed-toed shoes
- Bring your reusable water bottle
- High school students: Remember your service-learning forms

## Community Art Drop-In

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road



**FREE. NEW POLICY: RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Write to Anne Gardner to reserve your seats:  
[agardner@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:agardner@greenbeltmd.gov)  
Sunday, February 3  
Seatings at 1pm and 2pm

*Make simple percussion instruments with Artist in Residence Karen Arrington. Materials provided. All ages welcome.*

## CITY WELCOME PACKETS

Join us for a **Packet Stuffing Party!**  
Help us put together our next set of Welcome Packets to be distributed to New Residents.

**Thursday, February 7 from 6-8pm at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.**

Light refreshments and volunteer hours will be given.

Please bring your forms!

Info: Beverly Palau at [bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov) or 240-542-2026

"The newly-formed **Greenbelt Pedestrian & Bicycle Task Force** is seeking citizen input in setting initiatives and goals to make Greenbelt a more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly city.

Plan on attending our next meeting:

**Thursday, February 14, 2019, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Community Center, room 112 (the gallery).**

We need to hear about your experiences and share your ideas! If you have any questions, please contact John Campanile, [jbeltower@yahoo.com](mailto:jbeltower@yahoo.com)."

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District Heights, Maryland 20747  
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# Is Solar Viable For Co-op? Just the Watts, Ma'am

by Cathie Meetre

Co-op's plans to install solar technology at its facility has advantages over prior efforts in the Greenbelt area. In perhaps most technology roll-outs of the past, even though the underlying idea was sound, many early adopters came to grief figuring out just how to harness it. In the personal computer world, for example, Atari was an early and promising entry in the PC game but came to nothing. This doesn't mean computers are bad, just that Atari didn't make the right business choices. The fact that one early implementation of a solar array in Greenbelt wasn't a financial blockbuster to its investors (though it still faithfully produces cut-rate power for the church it serves) doesn't mean solar power itself is a losing proposition.

## Co-op's Advantages

Co-op will be the owner of the new array and the electricity it generates will be Co-op's directly. There is no middleman. Every kilowatt of electricity generated is a direct savings to Co-op. With the bond bill hopefully offsetting part of the upfront cost, array power savings pay for both the new roof and the array itself in about 10 years. After that, savings pay for the next array and roof and so on into the future, ad infinitum. The more expensive electricity gets, the more having 25 percent free power saves for Co-op.

Adding to the incentive, several years of technology development and improving deployment techniques mean arrays make more power per unit area and degrade much more slowly than those of 2011. Arrays have come down in price too, so it's a much better deal.

## What Went Wrong Before?

In 2011 a group of solar pioneers installed an array on the Greenbelt Baptist Church. Greenbelt Community Solar assembled enough small-scale investor money to purchase and install the array and sell the electricity to the church at a price less than that of Pepco – a setup that continues today. The array was a solar success but not a business success. At Pepco prices, the church array still generates about \$4,500 in power and will for another 15 or more years. The cost of this power to the church is a percentage of the Pepco price so the church pays less than that for the power. From the point of view of Greenbelt Baptist Church, Greenbelt Community Solar delivered on its promises, providing discounted power on that part of its power consumption that was generated by the array.

Profitability predictions to the investors (not the church itself) were based on several things, including selling the power, but two factors were particularly significant: 1) The ability to write off the array rapidly and save money on each individual's income taxes by taking a tax loss; 2) Income from Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs) that was more than the electricity itself was worth.

Both these strategies were ultimately unsuccessful. Project income was classified by IRS as "passive" (a topic beyond the

scope of this article and perhaps even human ken, giving rise to such lexical gems as "active participation in a passive activity.") It meant, however, that depreciation was limited to the income from the array. Income could be zero but not negative and the expected tax-loss breaks were lost. This passive income designation does not apply to Co-op because the electricity is not being sold to a third party but will be used in-house.

SRECs were another casualty. They and other generous federal incentives caused a boom in solar and SRECs produced by rooftop arrays became more numerous. But power companies increased renewable energy sources and didn't need to buy as many SRECs. Within a few years, supply exceeded demand and the bottom fell out of the market. SRECs are now about \$6 each. Co-op's calculations do not even include SRECs as a source of income. Co-op's projections don't depend on incentives.

Between these two factors and the high cost of staying in business for a small company with only one asset, the church array is only marginally profitable to its investors and has yet to pay their investment back. It works well, it generates all the expected electricity and provides the electricity at the cost expected for

the church, but it's no financial bonanza.

## What Co-op Learned

The mistakes made on the church array were the result of inexperience in a fledgling industry – being a pioneer is tough. The rules were unclear and the economics unexpected. If the project had simply lent the money to the church, all parties would likely have seen more profit and though they'd still have suffered from the fall of the SREC, they'd have escaped the curse of passivity. Owning the array turns out to be key and it is this that differentiates the Co-op's array from the church array. The church does not own theirs. Co-op will.

The solar industry has matured and the three individuals assisting the board in the current project were all members of Greenbelt Community Solar and have learned the pitfalls (the hard way) and still, and perhaps because of this, consider solar a key and feasible technology. The Co-op array's case for Greenbelt depends on the simple equation of sun + array = electricity. No fancy tax breaks, no relying on incentives.

Just the watts, Ma'am.

*Cathie Meetre is one of the Greenbelt Community Solar investors.*

## GHI Notes

Thursday, January 31, 7 p.m., board worksession: Neighborhood Conservation Zone for Old Greenbelt, Board Room

Wednesday, February 6, 7 p.m., Addition Maintenance Program Task Force Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, February 7, 10 a.m., Storm Water Management Task Force Meeting, Board Room;

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

Friday, February 8, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

## Arts Advisory Board Meets February 5

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board (AAB) meets Tuesday, February 5 at 7 p.m. in Room 112 at the Community Center. Topics are expected to include selection of a grant review panel representative; a suggestion for murals on the Route 193 overpass above the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and planning for an AAB-sponsored mixer event.



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# Greenbelt Middle School Debate Teams Top Rated

The Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) Debate Team was awarded numerous trophies from the Washington Urban Debate League Winter Classic Tournament. The competition was held at the Alice Deal Middle School in northwest Washington, D.C., on January 19.

Alexandra Clarke and Christione Johnson earned First Place – Varsity Award. Chloe Mshana and Isabel Ramirez were awarded Second Place – Varsity. Godwill Tewan was undefeated in Novice division and got second place as well. Johnson was separately awarded the Varsity Middle School Best Speaker Award. Ramirez was ranked 5th.

Prince George's County and Washington, D.C., schools have been competing once a month, leading up to the January event. The topic for all the debates this year is immigration. Four qualifying rounds of debate were held in this first of two tournaments. The second will be held on Saturday, February 23 and the top six pairs will advance to the National Finals. The two GMS Varsity debate teams, under the leadership of instructor Cesar Fortuna, are currently ranked first and second for the National Middle School Urban Debate Tournament in April.



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**Road Show: Greenbelter Marc Manheimer reads the News Review while waiting for the doors to open for the road production of Hamilton in San Juan, Puerto Rico.**

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temporarily during cooking). All smoke alarms must be replaced 10 years after the manufacturer's date printed on the back of the alarm because they lose their operational sensitivity after that. Smoke alarms must be placed on every level of the home and are recommended for each sleeping area. Maryland's smoke alarm law was signed in 2013 and included new requirements that took effect on January

1, 2019. The law was designed to achieve the most reliable smoke alarm coverage possible in older dwellings without requiring homeowners to run new wiring. Studies have shown that more than half of the smoke alarms in fire fatalities failed to sound because the 9-volt battery was removed. Sealed batteries are now required in all smoke alarms to ensure they work in case of a fire.



PHOTO BY EMMETT JORDAN

Representatives of the American Red Cross unload free smoke alarms to be installed in the Greenbelt East communities.

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RP work since I can't go to NASA. So essentially I don't have a project at the moment. I might not really have anything for the science fair. Depending on how long the government is shut down, I might not have a research project."

Seniors at certain sites were given the chance to start data collection earlier, minimizing the risk of jeopardizing their science fair presentation. Senior Jonathan Williams, an intern at the National Zoo, said "The government shutdown is basically banning me from my internship space until further notice. I'm not worried, because I already have all my data collected. I got an early start during the school year."

However, many interns at sites such as NASA never got a chance to start collecting their data, since pairing up interns with mentors can take a considerable amount of time. Kyle Ingram, NASA intern, said that "I've only had five days as an intern. NASA generally takes a while to match people up."

Ingram explained that while the shutdown might not have as much of an impact on his particular project, the shutdown could be worse for students with lab experiments. "My RP project, I should be able to do at home. I'm not as badly affected as some other interns. For instance, I know a person who works with cell cultures; you can't really take those home."

While figuring out how to keep interns occupied can be a

challenge, it is not an emergency for school staff. Jane Hemelt, Science and Tech Coordinator at Roosevelt, stated, "We have dealt with similar situations; maybe not this long before. The students were not able to collect as much data before Science Fair, but their RP projects were fine."

*Odinn Waguespack is a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and a member of the Raider Review (student newspaper) staff.*

### Recreation

Assistant Director Greg Varda and Coordinator Brian Butler came to the meeting to discuss recreational activities at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Varda said Greenbelt Recreation will continue to work with Franklin Park to develop exercise areas in the complex. He talked about how the relationship with Franklin Park is going well and expressed their eagerness to continue to collaborate with Rec Center programs in the apartment complex. Anderson expressed a

desire to do more activities in cooperation with the recreation department.

Butler said that the department is working on offering an IT training program at the Rec Center and is working with the elementary school to find ways to promote healthier eating. The Rec Center will work to keep children involved while also increasing parent involvement. He believes it is important to keep children

active at the center, particularly those "on the fence." He noted that some Rec Center alumni, now adults, have returned to the Center to mentor young people currently involved in the Center's activities.

Varda thanked Torres for being so present and available and said that it is helpful when police officers drop in to the Rec Center simply to make more contact with the kids.

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payments (set based upon the number of filled positions on July 1). Declines in motor vehicle fuel cost, and insurance and workers compensation premiums are also significant factors.

### Looking Ahead

City staff are working to prepare the proposed budget for FY 2020. Councilmembers suggested items that they would like to see in that budget. However, these items were not discussed in detail and there were no discussions to indicate which items have the most support.

Among the items identified

were: a second dog park, improved maintenance and enforcement of fees for the existing dog park, additional space for city staff, a possible increase in councilmembers' pay, replacement of Bradford Pear trees and new trees to plant between Greenbelt Station and the old scrap yard. Also mentioned: the next phase of security cameras, new computers at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, enhancements to the interior of that building, more funding for programs at Greenbelt Station and improvements to the city animal shelter.

### Internship coordinator Ms. Twu grades papers.



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# Police Blotter

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

### Theft

January 17, 3:15 p.m., 101 Centerway. A secured locker (with the lock code on the lock) was entered and a wallet was removed.

January 17, 4 p.m., 8 Court Laurel Hill Road. Multiple packages were taken from the front stoop of a residence.

January 20, 2:30 p.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended wedding ring was taken from the men's room at Target.

January 23, 3:18 p.m., 8200 block Miner Street. Building materials were taken from a construction site.

### Burglary

January 22, 5:45 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A 32-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with burglary and trespass after he was found hiding in the closet of a vacant apartment. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were recovered. A 2018 Audi Q5 SUV reported stolen to the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department was located in the 9100 block Edmonston Road.

A 2018 Kia Sorrento SUV reported stolen to the Piedmont International Airport Police Department in Greensboro, N.C., was found in the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

Ten thefts from vehicles were reported. Five occurred after windows were broken to gain access. A flashlight and a cell phone charging cord were taken from the 7800 block Somerset Court; a Lyft sign from the 100 block Westway; a wallet, hairbrush and clothing from the 7800 block Mandan Road; toys from Mandan Road near Hanover Parkway; and a camera and camera accessories from the 6400 block Ivy Lane.

A trunk was entered in the 6400 block Capitol Drive; three laptop computers, a notebook-type computer and two hard drives were taken.

Four tires and rims were taken from each of two vehicles, one in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway and the other in the 7900 block Mandan Road. One tire and rim

unit was taken in the 7800 block Mandan Road. A front tag was taken in the 6000 block Springhill Drive.

Two acts of vandalism were reported. Windows were broken in two vehicles, one in the 7800 block Mandan Road and the other in the 8100 block Bird Lane.

### Fatal Shooting Arrest

In reference to the December 18 fatal shooting of 18-year-old Abdul Karim Thomas, suspect Tavon Jonathan Barnes, 17, of New York City, was arrested on a warrant as an adult for first degree murder. Barnes, who previously resided in Greenbelt, was arrested in New York City and is currently awaiting extradition.

### Armed Robbery Arrests

Darion Nicholas Washington, 21, of Brandywine, and Taylor Anthony Gilbert, 24, of Greenbelt, were arrested and charged with armed robbery, strong arm robbery, second degree assault and theft. On Saturday, January 26 at 8:17 p.m., officers responded to a report of an armed robbery. The victim, a cashier at the Sunoco Service Station in the 100 block of Centerway, advised that the suspects, one armed with a handgun, entered the station and announced a robbery. One of the suspects then threw the victim to the floor and demanded money. After obtaining money from the victim the suspects fled the scene on foot.

A short time later an officer observed two subjects matching the clothing description on foot in the area of Kenilworth Avenue and Crescent Road. The suspects were positively identified by the victim. One of the suspects was found to be in possession of a bb-type handgun. Both suspects were arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.



# Freezin' for a Reason



PHOTO BY LEIGHANN KEMP

On January 26, Greenbelt Police Officers, from left, Captain Gordon Pracht, Deputy Chief Tom Kemp, and Chief Rick Bowers join the Police Plunge at Sandy Point State Park, jumping into the Chesapeake Bay to help raise money for the Maryland Special Olympics.

### City Notes

Horticulture/Parks crews filled sinkholes around the Buddy At-tick lake path, removed a tree on Crescent Road that was blown down by wind and added mulch to muddy areas in the dog park.

Facilities Maintenance installed a new water heater at the Springhill Lake Rec Center, retrofitted lights in the Youth Center meeting room and repaired a door sensor for the fire alarm at Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability/Environmental crews collected 33.13 tons of refuse and 16.99 tons of recyclable material and held an electronics recycling event.

The Youth Center offered free programs for furloughed federal employees and their families: a Tumble Bugs and Gymborama and a free preschool art program. Mom's Morning Out featured the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his contributions to the nation.

Currently on view at the Community Center Art Gallery: Upside Down House: Unconventional Family Portraiture by Robert Cantor, Maura Doern Danko and Amanda Demos Larsen. A reception will be held on Friday, February 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The show will continue through March 22.



## PRELIMINARY AGENDA GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, February 7, 2019 GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

- A. **GHI Special Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.00 p.m.**
  - Approve Motion to hold an Executive Session Meeting on February 7, 2019
- B. **GDC Executive Session Meeting – begins after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting adjourns**
  - Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting Held on January 3, 2019
  - Contingency Fee Retainer Agreement with Attorney to Appeal Property Tax Assessment For Parkway Apts
- C. **GHI Executive Session Meeting - begins after the GDC Executive Session Meeting adjourns**
  - Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting Held on January 3, 2019
  - 2019 Contract for Frame Crawlspace Electrical Improvements - 2nd reading
  - 2019 Contract for Tub Re-glazing - 2nd reading
  - Formal Hearings With Members re: 90+ days Financial Delinquency
- D. **GHI Open Session Meeting - begins at 7:45 p.m.**
  - Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting Held on January 3, 2019
  - Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting Held on January 3, 2019
  - Selection of a Board Member to Fill Vacancy
  - Review Draft Minutes of Special Membership Meeting Held on August 6, 2018
  - Storm Water Task Force's Proposal re: Pilot Study Concept for Mapping Non-tidal Flood Risks
  - Request for an Exception by the Member of 5-D Eastway to Install 5" Horizontal Lap Siding on a Gardenside Addition
  - Request for an Exception by the Member of 14-K Hillside Rd to Install a Full-glass Serviceside Entry Door
  - ARC Recommendation re: Replacement of Roof Shingles for 2-story AMP additions
  - Finalize the Zoning Task Force's NCOZ Proposal
  - Finance Committee's Recommendation For a Policy to Assist Members Whose Coop Fee Payments are affected due to the US Government Shutdown
  - Replacement of Tree in Common Area behind the Boat Yard in the Administration Building Complex
  - Attorney's Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) re: Yards in City of Greenbelt Right of ways
  - Audit Committee's Recommendation – Clarification Regarding Membership Vote Required to Sell Real Property
  - Re-schedule Work Session to Review the Board's Strategic Action Plan
  - Schedule General Manager's 2018 Evaluation



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# County At Large Reps Mind The GAP in Surprise Move

by Cathie Meetre

At a worksession with the new at-large county councilmembers on January 16, the Greenbelt Archive Project (GAP), represented by the august person of its president, Greenbelt News Review Editor Emerita Mary Lou Williamson and straight-person Cathie Meetre, were kindly allowed the floor (at the last minute) by council. They did their tried-and-true standup comedy routine about 1937 and the Supreme Court and how acidic newspaper is and so on. Everyone knows how it goes. Never missed an issue, essential element in city and county history, newspapers crumbling to dust, posterity and yada-yada. It's corny but it works. Gets a laugh every time.

After a few moments of whispered consultation, Councilmembers Mel Franklin and Calvin Hawkins told the meeting how much they appreciated the energy that organizations like the newspaper and its archive group put into making their community a great place to live. Alone, this would have been music to

the ears of the double act – it doesn't take very much to make their day. But when Franklin announced that he and Hawkins would fund the \$25,000 grant request out of their discretionary resources, Williamson and Meetre were caught completely unaware.

It's pretty hard to surprise that hard-bitten journalist Williamson. Both she and Meetre were elated at the news because this grant was the last substantial request needed to fund the project to completion in September 2020. Knowing funds are assured to cover the specialized work contracted to the University of Maryland leaves GAP staff free to focus on getting the job done.

Kudos to Franklin and Hawkins for prompt and effective action. And three cheers for the city council and their readiness to accommodate Greenbelt's organizations.

*Cathie Meetre is both president of the Greenbelt News Review and board member of the Greenbelt Archive Project.*

# Democratic Club Presents History of Buffalo Soldiers

by Konrad Herling

On Friday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway, the Greenbelt Democratic Club will sponsor its Black History program highlighting African American Cavalry's Buffalo Soldiers. The event has been organized by Joyce Fitzgerald, club vice president.

Originally, Buffalo Soldiers were members of the 10th Cavalry Regiment of the United States Army, formed on September 21, 1866 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. This nickname was given to the Black Cavalry by Native American tribes who fought in the Indian Wars. The term eventually became synonymous with all of the African American regiments formed in 1866.

Buffalo Soldiers fought Native Americans, including Sitting Bull, primarily in the Southwest. Twenty-three soldiers earned Medals of Honor in their service. Additionally, they fought outlaws, including Billy the Kid, and went to battle alongside Teddy Roosevelt in the Spanish-American War. While none of the Buffalo regiments fought in Europe in World War I, they were involved in restoring peace to the Philippines.

One local aspect of life with the Buffalo Soldiers involved Henry Vinton Plummer, the first African American chaplain in the Army. Born a slave at the Three Sisters Plantation in Bowie in 1844, Plummer was admitted into the Army by President Chester Arthur in 1884. However, later

that year Plummer was ruled to have behaved with "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman." Plummer pleaded not guilty to the charge but the military court found him guilty and discharged him later that year.

He went on to serve as a pastor in Kansas, and he maintained his innocence until his death in 1905. Plummer's descendants have sought to prove that the charge was based on fallacious information motivated by racial discrimination. In 2003, the Prince George's County Council, led by the late council member William Aleshire, offered a resolution in support of examining what truly occurred.

To learn more about this case and the Buffalo Soldiers' contribution to our military history, all are invited to attend the February 15 meeting. Attendees are encouraged to bring some light food or dessert for all to share.

For more information about the upcoming event, see the ad on page 7.

## OperaTerps Presents Gilbert and Sullivan

The UMD School of Music offers OperaTerps: Gilbert and Sullivan's Patience on Friday, February 1 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 3 at 3 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall. OperaTerps is the University of Maryland's first student-run opera company. This program is free; no tickets required.

# Democratic Club Pays Tribute To Martin Luther King, Jr.

by Konrad Herling

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club's annual trip to Annapolis to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was both enjoyable and inspiring.

The keynote speaker in Annapolis was former mayor of Baltimore and current president of the University of Baltimore, Kurt Schmoke, whose words moved an audience of approximately 150 22nd legislative district residents. Among the themes he referenced from King were that a good education can help a person individually as well as making a positive impact in the life of the community.

Our legislative delegation of Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Alonzo Washington, Anne Healey and Tawanna Gaines dis-

cussed transportation issues, including their sustained opposition to the proposed maglev project; how to more equitably address student non-violent actions so they are not unnecessarily suspended and are provided the counseling necessary to address their actions; and stronger action to respond to global warming. Additionally, Washington indicated a new 295 Coalition is being formed to inform residents living near the Baltimore-Washington Parkway of transportation issues. Following these talks, the audience sang Lift Every Voice and Sing and then attended sessions of the House of Delegates or the State Senate where state representatives spoke of the message of King's life.



Kurt Schmoke, former mayor of Baltimore, speaks at MLK Day in Annapolis.

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# New Circus Teacher Raises Big Top Again in Greenbelt

by Melissa Sites

The circus is coming back to town! Circus Camp, sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation, will open a new chapter this spring with the arrival of Mike Funt, professional clown and circus teacher.

Funt lived in Los Angeles for 12 years, and for six years he was the assistant artistic director at the Clown School in Hollywood. After moving to Greenbelt in July 2018 with his wife, a scientific illustra-

tor at NASA, Funt reached out to Greenbelt Recreation and was amazed to find that Greenbelt has an established community of young circus performers eager to develop their skills.

After only one year of hiatus (with no circus camp last summer), Funt will restart circus camp in Greenbelt, helping students learn many of the same skills as in prior years, including walking globe, slack line, Rolla bola (balance board), stilts, juggling, unicycle, tumbling and floor acrobatics. The day will start with warmups, acrobatics and tumbling and the majority of the time will be spent practicing skills. Younger kids will learn traditional clown routines, while older kids will develop their own routines using improvisational techniques. Funt says, "My style is very process oriented, not results oriented," explaining that while there will be a fun and entertaining show at the end of the session, the camp is dedicated primarily to teaching children important life skills, like demystifying failure, taking risks safely, working together as a team and learning to recognize each person's individual strengths. The youngest campers will be age 8 for the regular session, but there will also be a one-week session at the end of the summer for children who have completed kindergarten through second grade.

Funt believes that clowning can help "tap into yourself to find the part of you that people find interesting." His three principles of clowning are play, reveal and connect: as a clown teacher, he helps students find their most playful self, reveal their vulnerable side and connect with the audience. "Every single person is a clown before they get to middle

school, and then they start worrying about being cool. Little kids haven't forgotten that yet. I love teaching clowning workshops because I love getting people who aren't performers to tap into their silly playful self. A clown is the part of you that your friends make fun of behind your back: it can be the part that you take very seriously or that you hide, where you are most vulnerable." Funt's teaching philosophy of circus in the classroom was first developed by Australian circus clown Reg Bolton, who became a kindergarten teacher.

Funt has studied clowns throughout many different cultures. In Japan, the Noh theater tradition features Kyogen comic relief plays that break up longer, more serious works. In some Native American traditions, the Heyoka is a clown that does things upside down or backwards. Funt has studied the classic Italian form of commedia dell'arte, which gave rise to the well-known characters of Harlequin, Columбина and Pulcinello. French teacher Jacques Lecoq developed a style of physical training for actors involving masks that concluded with the actor adopting the red nose, which Lecoq referred to as "the smallest mask." Mike Funt's business card is a perfectly round, shiny red nose.

Today, clowns may have experienced a downturn in the public image, but Funt explains that "Forty percent of my job is getting people to understand what a clown is," citing examples from Buster Keaton and Lucille Ball, to Bugs Bunny, Wile E. Coyote or Bottom from *Midsummer Night's Dream*. When kids claim to be afraid of clowns, Funt reassures them that they are only afraid of the makeup.



Mike Funt works with school children on balance as part of the circus program.

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In addition to clowning, Funt belongs to Actors Equity and is also a director. He recently directed a production of *The 39 Steps* in Atlanta, a version of the Hitchcock movie, featuring a main actor who is the lead, one woman playing the three love interests, and two clowns who portray all the other characters encountered in the spy thriller. Funt works with groups like Healthy Humor, who work with children in hospitals, or Clowns Without Borders, with which he performed for children in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria.

Funt grew up in Newnan, Ga., southwest of Atlanta, and started acting in school plays and local community theater, supported by mentors and teachers. He attended Valdosta State University on a theater scholarship and got a bachelor of fine arts degree in theater performance. He was inspired to become a clown by his childhood obsession with *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, as well as comedy heroes like Buster Keaton and Stan Laurel, who came out of music hall and vaudeville, which in turn sprang out of commedia dell'arte. Funt says, "This clown thing was something that's been a part of human culture for about as long as there has been human culture. That fascinated me and prompted me to study clown traditions from all over the world and all throughout history."

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# ACE Grants Will Fund Local Schools Programs



by Jon Gardner

At the Greenbelt City Council meeting on Monday, January 28, council approved 27 Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) grants to six local schools, for a total of \$13,631.89. The ACE grants are available to teachers and parent-teacher organizations from Greenbelt schools. Grants are given in response to proposals for projects or items that enhance or enrich school-based activities. The grants program is funded by the City of Greenbelt, and the selection of proposals for funding was made by council based on input from ACE.

The ACE grants program has run since the 2008-2009 school year. This year, council increased the budget and ACE made two changes to the program. The maximum for each grant was increased from \$500 to \$600 to account for 10 years of inflation. ACE also introduced Teacher Development Grants to help teachers purchase books or attend training or conferences. The Teacher Development Grants were limited to \$400 each and five were awarded this year.

**Eleanor Roosevelt High School** won four grants. Two will support the school's choirs, including a field trip to collaborate with a Pennsylvania school on a concert and the purchase of choral ring binders to hold their music. The ERHS gardening club will get funding to install raised beds, and the English department will purchase copies of the book, *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, a novel that examines issues of police brutality in communities of color.

**Greenbelt Middle School** will get one grant to purchase a set of ukuleles for their general music class, allowing those students to learn music with a real musical instrument. **Turning Point Academy** will get a Teacher Development Grant to bring professional development speakers to the school.

**Magnolia Elementary** will receive grants to purchase licenses for an online math program and

to fund two days of in-school training for sixth graders in character, team building and environmental issues in preparation for a field trip to North Bay Adventures.

**Springhill Lake Elementary** will run a family game night with math and reading game kits. The school will start a garden club to grow vegetables in the school courtyard and develop a butterfly garden. There will be grants that support a Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports program and a program that fosters successful integration of students with disabilities into the mainstream population.

**Greenbelt Elementary School (GES)** put in a lot of strong proposals this year and was awarded 15 grants. There were Teacher Development Grants to buy books on academic conversations, guided reading and differentiated instructions. A dance instructor will teach the teachers as part of their arts integration program, and a teacher will attend a related standards conference.

The arts are a theme at GES, and grants will fund drums, camcorders and instruction in drawing plants. To get students outdoors, grants will provide composting bins, mosaic pavers and a greenhouse. There are first-grade literacy materials and games and blocks for learning the Russian alphabet. The school has developed a mindfulness room to help students learn techniques for reducing stress. There will be additional lessons in conflict management, and support for the school's library.

This is the 10th year that Greenbelt has distributed ACE grants to the local schools; in total there have been 196 proposals funded. ACE's recommendations were approved by council with a unanimous 7 to 0 vote, and councilmembers expressed appreciation for the efforts that ACE put into reviewing grant proposals.

*Jon Gardner is a member of ACE.*



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