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Virginia Beauchamp Dies at 98: Professor, Led Women's Issues

by Mary Lou Williamson

Virginia Walcott Beauchamp, 98, a longtime resident of Greenbelt, died on Sunday, February 10, 2019. An English professor at the University of Maryland, she began advocating for a Women's Studies Program at the university in 1968 and was the first coordinator of the new program when approved in the mid-1970s. Dr. Beauchamp continued as a significant leader for women's issues at the university, chairing the Women's Commission and serving on the Faculty Senate. For more than 50 years she was also a key player for this newspaper.



Virginia Beauchamp

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Born Virginia Walcott in Sparta, Mich., she attended the University of Michigan for her B.A. and M.A. and then served in the Red Cross at the end of World War II. She later donated her Red Cross uniform to the

Greenbelt Museum. After departing on a troop ship from San Francisco on September 10, 1945, bound for the Philippines, she spent a year in post-war Japan, See **BEAUCHAMP**, page 7

ERHS Robotics Team Wins With Focus and Persistence

by Lauren Moses



PHOTO BY MARK CAMPBELL

The ERHS robotics team members pose with their winning robot.

Over the past three years, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School VEX Robotics Team Area 53 Alien Raiders has experienced growth in size, knowledge and success. Led by head coach and parent, Mark Campbell, Area 53 has been the main focus for all 35 student members since his arrival. Campbell has also helped to lead all robots of the 2018-2019 team to either VEX state or national championships.

It took three years for Campbell to create a system that he believed could turn the program around. After being laid off from

a previous job in August 2016, he accepted the position with little hesitation. However, he knew he had to do things differently.

Before Campbell became head coach, students were not charged a fee and the head coach was not allowed to turn students away. These rules were not conducive to the working environment that Campbell had in mind partly due to lack of required financial resources for the team and lack of a high-level focus and attention to detail.

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Thornton Urges: Don't Give Up Fight for Equality for All

by Nora Eckert

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Racial progress in Greenbelt, prejudices in American leadership and the necessity of empowering children through education were the focus of the Black History Month speech given Sunday by Dr. Alvin Thornton to a crowd of over 200 at the Community Center. Thornton, chair of the Prince George's County Board of Education, has a rich history as an educator and advocate for public schools. He was a professor at Howard University, served on the Board of Education in the 1990s and chaired the Maryland Commission on Education, Finance, Equity and Excellence, often referred to as the Thornton Commission.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Alvin Thornton, Chair of Prince George's County Board of Education, speaks at the Black History event at the Community Center.

Growing up in Alabama, Thornton said he was aware of the obstacles his ancestors faced, and he encountered many of his own. Yet, he could laugh when remarking that he didn't always

wear a fancy suit or drive a nice car. "Because I'm standing here before you indicates the possibilities of our nation. That in one generation I can come from a father who lived with his once-enslaved grandmother and be the chairman of the school board of Prince George's County."

He urged the audience to not give up on this fight to achieve equality for all, drawing on Greenbelt's roots to show how a system of separation and bigotry can turn into something beautiful. Greenbelt was built with the labor of African Americans who were denied the opportunity to live in the all-white community. "The Greenbelt concept, even though it was birthed in separateness and inequality, still had the potential to become what it's becoming now."

See **THORNTON**, page 12

City Council Makes Decisions On Contracts and State Bills

by Diane Oberg

Aside from the proposed redevelopment plan for Beltway Plaza, which will be reported on separately, the Greenbelt City Council at its February 11 meeting mostly handled issues of legislation at both the city and state levels and accepted committee reports from the Ethics Commission and the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

City Legislation

By a 4-1 vote with Councilmember Rodney Roberts opposed, council approved a resolution to purchase lawn mowing and landscape services from P2 Management Services at a cost of \$46,000. Roberts argued that local youth should do this rather than contracting out. P2 submitted the lowest bid among the seven companies seeking the contract.

Council also introduced for first reading a resolution to authorize the negotiated purchase of professional services to undertake a feasibility study and create concept-engineered design

plans for bikeway facilities on Hanover Parkway from Sabra and Associates at a cost of \$59,685. As per council's standing rules,

this legislation was not discussed but will be introduced for second

See **COUNCIL**, page 8

Snowy Wednesday

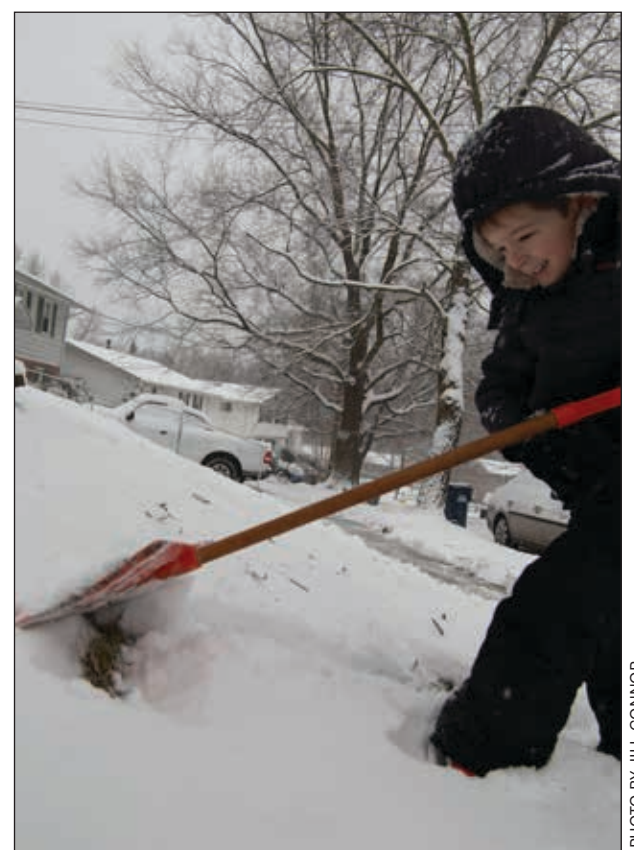


PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Alexander Connor, 5, shovels snow during Wednesday's snow day. Area schools were closed, as well as most government offices.

What Goes On

**Monday, February 25
8 p.m.** City Council Meeting, Municipal Building.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for Black History Program

I would like to express my appreciation to the Black History Program Committee for an excellent Black History Month Program on February 17. Everything was extremely well done – from the opening ceremony with drums and ceremonial libation poured for our ancestors to the closing remarks by Mayor Emmett Jordan. Greenbelt’s diversity was well-represented by both the attendees and participants in the program.

The talent of Greenbelt youth was highlighted by both their artwork and live performances. Dr.

Alvin Thornton’s message was spot on regarding the need for fair distribution of resources to educate all of Maryland’s youth. Perhaps the biggest highlight for me was seeing several young children run up to the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dem Raider Boyz Step Squad after their high energy dynamic performance. These children told the squad members how awesome their performance was. You could see that these children saw themselves as future squad members. We will have a brighter future as a city, state, nation and world if we provide the opportunity for every individual to be the best that they can be.

Carolyn Dent

Corrections

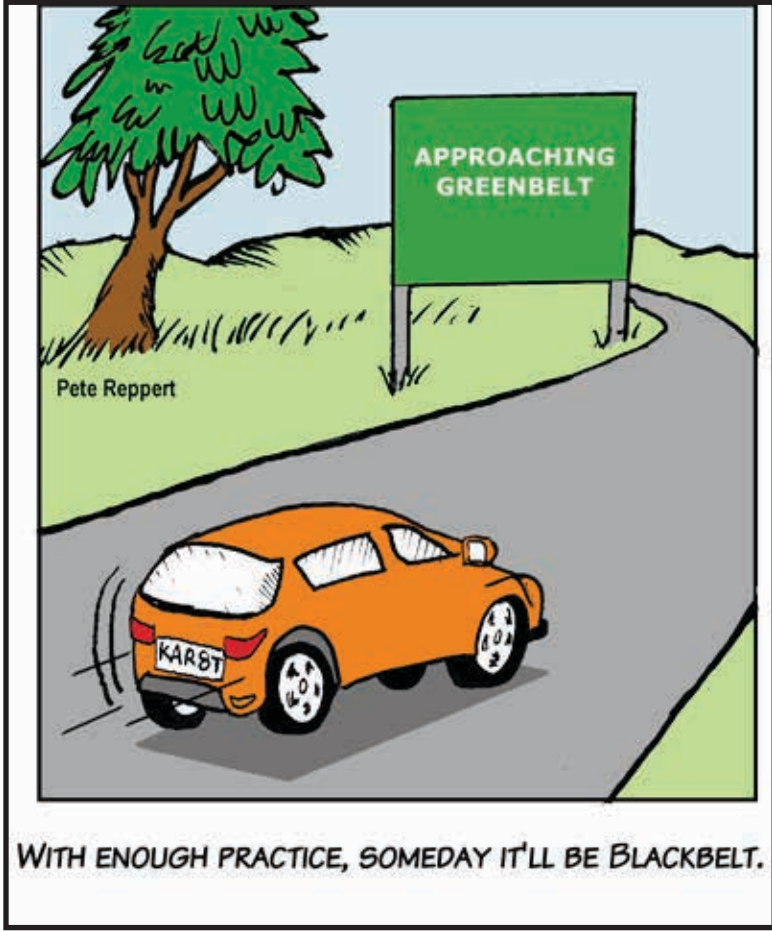
In last week’s issue, in the photo caption concerning Scout Troop 214, the first name of Olivia Nickel was misspelled. The News Review regrets the error.

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WITH ENOUGH PRACTICE, SOMEDAY IT'LL BE BLACKBELT.

Snow Day on Wednesday



PHOTO BY GARY CHILDS

Public Works crews spent Wednesday clearing the snow.



PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Sara Connor, 2, helps to clean off the car on Wednesday.



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Sun. 4:00 (OC), 7:00 PM
Mon. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 PM
Tues. 5:00, 8:00 PM
Wed. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 PM
Thurs. 2:00, 5:00 PM

THE SANDLOT (PG)(1993)
(101 mins)
Little League Fundraiser
Sat. 11:00 AM - FREE
HIDDEN FIGURES (PG)
(2016)(127 mins)
In partnership with
Greenbelt Rec. Dept.
Sun. 1:00 PM - FREE

Storytime on Screen Mon.
10:30 AM - FREE
WHAT HAPPENED TO CHOCOLATE CITY?(NR)
(2007)(46 mins)
w/ Director Q&A
Thurs. 8:00 - FREE

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On Screen

Green Book Plays at Theatre

The Old Greenbelt Theatre (OGT) is finally getting Green Book and planning for a guest speaker at one of the showings. For details on all showings and related extra attractions check the OGT website.

Directed by Peter Farrelly, Green Book follows the mid-century road trip of an African-American concert pianist and his Italian-American driver/protector. The Green Book was published to help travelers of color safely navigate racist-ridden territory. The film’s treatment of this subject and its multiple Oscar nominations have been the subject of praise but also criticism and much discussion.

Dr. Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali), a world-class concert pianist, hires a rough-edged bouncer from the Bronx, Tony Lip (Viggo Mortensen), as his driver for a concert tour from Manhattan to the Deep South. Despite the Green Book’s guidance, they are confronted with racism and danger and must learn to set aside their differences, as well as see the humor in themselves, each other and the journey they’ve undertaken.

2018, 130 mins, PG-13

- Lesley Kash

Community Events

Art Drop-in March 3

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program welcomes visitors of all ages to attend a Community Art Drop-in on Sunday, March 3, with seatings at 1 and 2 p.m. The event will take place in Room 201 (the Multipurpose Room) at the Community Center. Admission is free but reservations are required. Email agardner@greenbeltmd.gov to reserve your spot.

Learn to tell a story via creative collage with Artist-in-residence Racquel Keller. Projects can be as simple or complex as wanted. Materials are provided, but feel free to bring images from home. While visiting, see the new art gallery exhibit, Upside Down House: Unconventional Family Portraiture by Robert Cantor, Maura Doern Danko and Amanda Demos Larsen. Working from family photos, three painters share unique interpretations in the space between past and present, self and relations, experience and imagination.

Also 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 Greenbelt's Roosevelt Center and the impressive bas reliefs on the façade of the Community Center. From 1 to 5 p.m. enjoy a guided tour of the Museum's historic house across the street at 10-B Crescent Road for a small admission fee.

A performance of the 2019 Greenbelt Youth Musical, *Homebound*, will immediately follow the workshop at 3 p.m. Based on *The Odyssey* by Homer, the show offers an epic tale of adventure, a domestic comedy and an enduring love story. Tickets are required, and they are available in advance at the Community Center business office for a small fee. For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts or call 301-397-2208.

Film: What Happened 2 Chocolate City

On Thursday, February 28, Old Greenbelt Theatre will screen the documentary, *What Happened 2 Chocolate City*, at 7:30 p.m. This film explores the phenomenon of gentrification as it affects the black community of Washington, D.C. The city's demographic shifts are illustrated through the story of three generations of Washingtonians. The film is free and all ages are welcome. The film will be followed by a discussion with its director, Mignotae Kebede.

At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, February 23: Spring Farm Life 200 Years Ago. Through the work of Eric Sloane, famous for his drawings and paintings of early American life, and with examples of the tools farmers then wielded, listen to a ranger talk on pioneer days in the woods of Greenbelt. Meet at the Ranger Station at 11 a.m.

Sunday, February 24: Join the Greenbelt Park Walking Club for a mid-winter 1.4-mile trail walk around the park loop road. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 1 p.m.

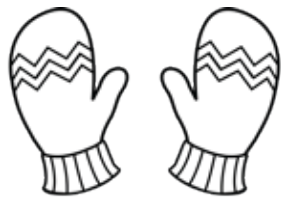


PHOTO BY GLORIA BROWN

D'Mario listens intently as he and his grandmother, Carmelita Williams, prepare to create a sock monkey, at an Art Drop-in over the summer.

Thoughtful Discussion At MakerSpace

What do we need to know? With all the information in the universe at our fingertips, available from our smart phones, what do we need to keep in our heads? If what we really need are reasoning skills, what content do we need to learn and practice those skills? The thoughtful discussion group that meets on Tuesday evenings at the MakerSpace will explore this topic on February 26, starting at 7 p.m. All who want to know more or think they know something relevant to the topic are welcome to attend



More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Astronomical Society Meets February 28

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will hold its next meeting on Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114. All are welcome. The speaker will be Dr. Derek C. Richardson, speaking on The Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART): Defending Earth. Over 700,000 asteroids have been catalogued to date, of which nearly 20,000 are near-Earth asteroids (NEAs), and some of those pose a threat of future collision with Earth. The DART, a NASA mission led by the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, is a technology demonstration of using a kinetic impactor to deflect such potentially hazardous asteroids. The mission will target the tiny 150-meter diameter moon of binary asteroid Didymos, striking it with the 540 kg DART spacecraft. In this talk, Richardson will provide background about asteroids (including binaries), the hazard they pose and possible corresponding mitigation strategies and details about the DART mission.

Register for Greenbelt Youth Baseball

Greenbelt Little League registration is open and evaluations will be held on Saturday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to noon. Greenbelt Youth Baseball is now officially Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League (GYBLL), part of the largest youth baseball organization in the country. This change provides new opportunities for the league. Players age 9 to 14 years old will play regular season local and area inter-district games to prepare for tournaments at the end of the year. Winners in the district tournaments play in the state, regional and national tournaments.

On Saturday, February 23 at 11 a.m., GYBLL is holding a fundraiser and will host a free showing of *The Sandlot* at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. This event is sponsored by Modell's.

For more information about GYBLL and to register for the new season, visit gyblittleleague.org. Full and partial scholarships are available. Anyone interested in volunteering or coaching, contact GYBLL at greenbeltyouthbaseball@gmail.com.

Rare Opportunity To See Mercury

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public Saturday evening, February 23 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees who come early will have a rare opportunity to see Mercury (it sets at 7:20 p.m.). Afterward expect to see Mars and deep sky objects such as galaxies, nebulae and star clusters currently high in the sky, viewed through our observatory telescope and astronomical camera. Visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 7 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.

Join Shabbat Across America and Canada

On Friday night, March 1 hundreds of synagogues across the continent, including Mishkan Torah, will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews – Shabbat. The Membership Committee invites everyone to a community potluck on March 1 at 6 p.m. Services will follow at 8 p.m.

Bring only vegetarian food that is ready to eat and does not need to be heated or cooked. If your last name starts with an A-F bring an appetizer, side dish or salad, F-N bring a main dish and O-Z, bring a dessert or beverage. If possible, RSVP to membership@mishkantorah.org. Snow date is Friday, March 8.

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 25 are as follows:

Monday, February 25: BBQ pork riblets, baked beans, collard greens, wheat bun, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Tuesday, February 26: Southwest chicken thigh, Spanish rice, Mexicali vegetables, wheat bread, mandarin oranges, grape juice.

Wednesday, February 27: Salisbury steak with gravy, whipped potatoes, glazed carrots, wheat roll, fresh fruit, orange juice.

Thursday, February 28: Cheese lasagna roll-up with marinara sauce, corn, green peas, Italian bread, tropical fruit, apple juice.

Friday, March 1: Menu not yet available.

Greenbelt Access Television

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Davinci Resolve Bootcamp - \$25

Saturday, Feb. 23rd from 9:30am-3:30pm

This day long class is designed for members who want to learn the basics of editing on Davinci Resolve, a free software known for dominating the coloring world. Limit 4 people. Prerequisite: Orientation.

GATe Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, March 10th at 3pm

Join us in the GATe studio (15 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt MD, 20770 Suite #204) for our annual membership meeting. The meeting includes a recap of the year's events at GATe and voting on board members. Any member whose membership is up to date 7 days prior to the meeting can vote and/or run for a board position. Refreshments will be provided.

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Obituaries



Robert Frederick Lange



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Bob Lange

Born March 23, 1959, in Washington, D.C., to David W. Lange and Roberta Susan (McFadden) Lange. Died February 1, 2019, near Indianapolis, Ind., while driving on treacherous ice to work. He was a math teacher at Northwest Middle School in Indianapolis.

He attended Greenbelt schools and graduated from Parkdale High School. He especially enjoyed their drama program.

He received two Bachelor of Science degrees (Math and Physics) from the University of Central Florida (2000), two Master of Science degrees (Math and Physics) and a Master of Arts from the California Institute of Integral Studies (2006). He also was a journeyman ironworker.

Survivors include his widow Martina Schmidt Lange and daughter Rhiannon of the home in Greencastle, Ind.; daughter Jessica (Cameron), daughter Arielle (Jimmy), brother Jonathan (Katherine), sister Alice, step-brother Alex (Brienne) Barnes, step-brother David Barnes, father and step-mother David and Sandra Lange. Also four grandchildren: Destiny, Connor, Olivia and Crius.

A future memorial gathering will be announced.

Fatmata Turay



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAMILY

Fatmata Turay

Fatmata Salamatu Mahoi-Turay, formerly of Greenbelt East, died unexpectedly at the age of 39 on January 16, 2019.

Fatmata was born in 1980 to the family of a traditional Paramount Chief in Sierra Leone. After completing secondary school in Freetown, she came to the United States in 2000, living in Philadelphia and New York before moving to Maryland. She earned a Certificate of Nursing Assistant, providing skilled and loving care in that role for many seniors and homebound individuals in Greenbelt and nearby areas.

While living on Greenbrook

Drive, Fatmata with her husband Abdul Turay collected and shipped several tons of shoes and clothing to benefit victims of civil war and the ebola epidemic in their home country. The News Review reported on their presentation at a Reel and Meal program organized by the Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition at the New Deal Café in 2013 – and also recently published Abdul's letter on the challenges faced by immigrants in the Greenbelt area.

In addition to her husband Abdul and daughter Favor, now living in New Carrollton, Fatmata leaves many relatives in Sierra Leone and several in Maryland and New York. The family is facing additional adversity as 2-year-old Favor is facing a major health issue for which she has received treatment at Children's National Hospital and Kennedy Krieger Institute.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 23, Fatmata Mahoi-Turay's life will be celebrated at Redeemers Church of Christ in Lanham, followed by repast at St. Theodore Church Hall. In lieu of flowers, Greenbelters who

wish to honor Fatmata's memory with a gift supporting vulnerable residents of Sierra Leone are asked to contact Abdul Turay at 240-640-0082 or Turayabdul64@yahoo.com. Gently used clothing and toys would also be welcome for "Baby Favor," who will soon be recovering at home.

Greenbelters are saddened to learn of the tragic death of Bob Lange, son of David Lange and stepson of David's wife, Sandra. Bob, who grew up in Greenbelt, was living in Indiana with his family. David Lange is himself recently home from the hospital, recovering from surgery.

We extend condolences to the family of Fatmata Turay, a resident of Greenbelt East, who died on January 16.

Also, our condolences to the family and friends of Jim McGraw, a resident of Lakewood, who died on February 12.

Congratulations to the city for its momentous and inspiring commemoration of Black History Month on Sunday, February 17, at the Community Center.

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

Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service in honor of Fred Wilcox, resident, local musician and teacher, who died in October. The service will be held on Saturday, March 2, at 10 a.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road. Come and share memories of Mr. Wilcox either during the service or casually over refreshments following the service.



"And if thine eyes be turned towards justice, choose thou for thy neighbor that which thou chooseth for thyself." – Bahá'í Writings

Greenbelt Baha'i Community

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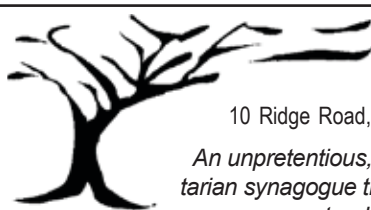
1 Hillside Road, Greenbelt 301-474-6171 Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff

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2 Corinthians 5:7

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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, Monday, February 25, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations
(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Heart Health Awareness Month Proclamation
- WSSC Presentation on Boxwood Waterline Replacement Project

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(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

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Administrative Reports

* Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Professional Services To Undertake a Feasibility Study And To Create Concept Engineered Design Plans (Up To 30%) For Bikeway Facilities On Hanover Parkway From Sabra & Associates At A Cost Of \$59,685.
2nd Reading and Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Prince George's County Clean Water Partnership Project - Greenbrook Lake Improvement
- University Square Outfall Restoration Project
- State Legislation
- Policy on Local Hiring in Landscaping Contracts
- Amazon HQ2
- Replacement Weapons for Police
- *- Resignation from Advisory Group
- *- Appointments to Advisory Group
- *- Reappointment to Advisory Group
- 21. Council Activities
- 22. Council Reports

SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

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

ACTIVE PARENTING OF TEENS



Greenbelt Municipal Building
February 25, March 25, and April 22
6:00pm-7:30pm

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MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 1

Monday, February 25 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL-MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, February 26 at 3:00pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Greenbelt Connection, FORA/GAIL update, Widowed Persons update, Reappointment to Committee, Staircase Edging update, and Not for Seniors Only topic discussion*

Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Club Facilitators' Meeting, Educator Awards – Preparations, 2019 Nominations, and Updates – Ace Grant Awards*

Tuesday, February 26 at 7:30pm, **GREEN ACES AND GREEN TEAM** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Complete and Green Streets Policy document presentation and Updates from Sustainability Framework / Green Team Circles*

Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30pm **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Grant Review Panel – PRAB Representative, Recreation and Parks Master Plan Next Steps, Beltway Plaza Redevelopment Feb 4 - Work Session Review, Sustainable Land Care Policy Update*

Thursday, February 28 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Review PEPCO tree tagging in Boxwood Tract, Review new version of Sustainable Land Care Policy, Continue discussion of Executive Summary, Begin discussion of Contingencies, Stream naming project (update from Owen)*

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

PRESIDENTS' DAY OF SERVICE

February 23, 2019

Public Works Building 555 Crescent Road 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.

Reminders:

- Bring a reusable water bottle
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
- Students: bring community-service forms

Questions? Contact Environmental Coordinator
Jason Martin at jmartin@greenbeltmd.gov

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INVITATION TO BID

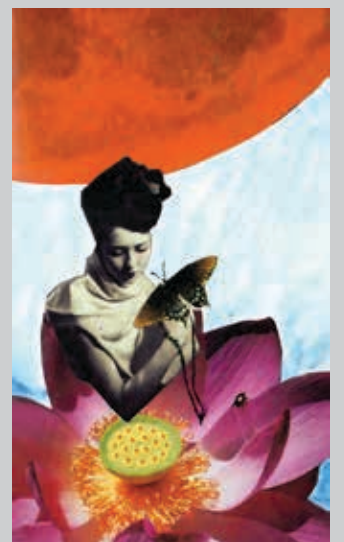
Greenbelt Lake Dam Repair Project
City of Greenbelt Bid No. 2018-02-B

The City of Greenbelt will accept bids from qualified construction companies for the Greenbelt Lake Dam Repair Project until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2019. The project includes three phases of construction involving chimney filter and toe drain installation, embankment raising and spillway repair. Bid packages may be obtained electronically at http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/planning_code starting Friday, February 22, 2019. A pre-bid meeting will be held on site (meet at the parking lot of Buddy Attick Park; 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770) on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 10:00am. Anyone needing additional information may contact Terri Hruby at the City's Department of Planning and Community Development at (301) 345-5417 or at thruby@greenbeltmd.gov.

DONATION DROP-OFF

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Saturday, February 23
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Info: 301-474-8308



Community Art Drop-In
Sunday, March 3
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.
TELLING A STORY WITH CREATIVE COLLAGE WORKSHOP

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1962 (25th anniversary) News Review staff: Front row from left, Bess Halperin, Harry Zubkoff, Al Skolnik, Virginia Beauchamp and Bernice Kastner. Second row, Rita Fisher, Thea Lovell, Elaine Skolnik, Dorothy Sucher and Dorothy White. Back row, Izzy Parker, Victor Fisher, Russell Greenbaum, Margaret Thompson, Mary Lou Williamson and Syd Kastner.

returning to the U.S. on May 9, 1947. She met her husband, George E. Beauchamp, Jr., while both were in graduate school at the University of Chicago where she received her Ph.D. in English in 1955. The couple had three children: Edith, George and John.

The Beauchamp family moved to the 8 Court of Crescent Road in 1957. From 1963 to 1965 the family lived in Lagos, Nigeria, where she helped found the American International School of Lagos in 1964, serving on their first school board, which she recently described as one of her proudest achievements. When the family returned, they moved into a new home on Maplewood Court. Beauchamp again taught at the university and volunteered on the newspaper. A few months after moving in, her husband was sent to Saigon for several years by the State Department during the Vietnam War, while she and the children stayed in Greenbelt. When there was time, she enjoyed playing bridge at the Community Center and attended cultural events. She took great pride in her children and, much later, her grandchildren.

At the News Review, Beauchamp held all of the editorial positions: editor, reporter, editorial writer and senior copy editor. She was a member of the board of directors for most of those years. During the paper's 75th anniversary celebration, Beauchamp recalled picking up the paper from her doorstep on the first Thursday after the family moved to town. Soon after, she answered a call from the paper for more staff. She worked in the basement of the Parkway office along with then-editor Harry Zubkoff and Phyllis Chasanow, a high school girl and later a restaurant critic for the Washington Post. Beauchamp is also responsible for recruiting her neighbor, Mary Lou Williamson, in 1962, when asking for help in locating a poem by Robert Frost to use in her class the next morning. Beauchamp, with other senior staff, helped prepare documents needed for the 1965 libel suit against the paper by a local developer that ended in 1970 with a unanimous decision in the paper's favor by the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 2002, the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee named her the Outstanding Citizen. Chairperson Robert Zugby said "Dr. Virginia Beauchamp has added distinction to the City of Greenbelt. She is a dedicated community worker and leader,

is modest and unassuming, a beloved teacher, has integrity, tenacity, humor, warmth and is productive and creative. We feel that she is a very outstanding person and one that is not only notable locally, but nationally and internationally as well." She also participated in the work of the Greenbelt Nursery School, Gray Panthers, Greenbelt Arts Association, Senior Housing Association and GIVES.

In 1976, Beauchamp became a founding member of the Women's Action Coalition of Prince George's County, a network of diverse women's groups. She served on the Prince George's County Commission on Women from 1990 to 1993. She also worked with others on founding the University's Ollie program for life-long learning.

Beauchamp coordinated lectures for women scholars at the University of Maryland and wrote books and articles, including *A Private War: Letters and Diaries of Madge Preston 1862-1867*. The diaries chronicle the everyday middle-class life of a 19th century Baltimore woman as well as her private life where she records her husband's rages, infidelities, beatings and verbal abuse. She also worked on a 15-year collaboration through the Folger Library on restoring and republishing a 16th century best seller, first published in London in 1529 on women in Tudor England and how they should live their lives: *The Instruction of a Christian Woman* by Juan Luis Vives. Her work with two key collaborators, Elizabeth Hageman (University of New Hampshire) and Margaret Mikesell (John Jay College CUNY) and others was published in 2002 when she was 82 and 12 years after her official retirement from the University. Her writings and her contributions to achieving gender equity in Maryland educational institutions during the first decade of Title IX won her the Governor's Award. Her article for the Maryland Historical Magazine drawn from

the private writings of the Catholic nuns who nursed the soldiers on the battlefield following the Battle of Gettysburg, "The Sisters and the Soldiers," also won acclaim for its gripping eyewitness accounts before, during and after the battle.

In 1991, Beauchamp was named to the Prince George's County Women's Hall of Fame and in 2003 she was inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. The citation notes that she "is a pioneer, risk taker, intellectual with a vision and has given women the power to believe they have a history to be proud of, and a future to believe in."

In 2015, the University of Maryland and the American Association of University Women gathered 40 women and men from many parts of her life to honor her, holding a program titled: *A Celebration of a Lifelong Champion of Equity for Women*, Virginia Walcott Beauchamp in her 95th year.

The Beauchamp marriage ended in divorce. She is survived by her daughter Edith, of Greenbelt; sons George (Debbie) of New Smyrna Beach, Fla; John (Esther), of Baltimore; five grandchildren: Catherine, George Aaron, Leslie, Kristen and Allen Beauchamp and two great-grandsons.

A memorial service is planned for later in the year.

Amy Hansen and Sandra Lange contributed to this report.



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Virginia Beauchamp is greeted by University of Maryland System Chancellor William E. "Brit" Kirwan at a celebration to honor her 95th birthday in April, 2015, and her lifelong work championing equality and equity for women.

Rays on the Roof Addresses Investment/Donation Options

by Cathie Meetre

Some Greenbelters have expressed questions or concerns about the donation and investment programs proposed to fund the Co-op's solar roof project. These notes are also available as FAQs on the Co-op's website at greenbelt.coop/cms/join/solar-array-project/frequently-asked-questions/.

Investments

According to Board Member Dr. Bill Jones, who oversees the Board's investment strategy, when a Co-op member invests in Co-op under this program, the total of their current membership balance in the Co-op and investment in Rays on the Roof may not total more than \$10,000. Member capital held by Co-op is not a guaranteed investment (nor has it ever been) and the capital investment was originally required in 1984 by lenders to the newly-formed Co-op as evidence of community commitment, according to Richard Bates, who was on the Co-op board at that time. There is no FDIC insurance or Maryland state insurance on these investments and it is possible (though Co-op believes highly unlikely) that the investor will not get their money back at the term of the investment. The investor must assess their ability to take this risk.

Jones confirms that if no part of the project (which includes the new roof and the solar array) goes ahead, contributions (either donations or investments, but excluding cash-register ticket donations) to Rays on the Roof will be returned as is. Most of these funds are currently still in pledge form. Interest on the investments begins on the official start of the project, to be determined based on state funding and project readiness.

Co-op rules state that members may be either individuals or organizations. This means that businesses and groups (e.g. other co-ops, stores, professional and consulting firms and other businesses) may invest up to \$10,000 as well as donating an unlimited amount.

Donations

Donations are of two types. An individual may
a) donate a specific larger sum of money directly, or
b) may purchase \$1, \$3 or \$5 tickets at the cash register.

There is no dollar limit on donations.

Because Co-op is not a 501(c)(3), donations are not (nor would ever have been even prior to the new tax laws) tax deductible as an itemized deduction on individual income taxes. Investors in doubt should seek qualified tax advice.

Donations are an important part of fund-raising efforts and can be combined with investments of varying lengths (4, 7 and 10 years) as a mix-and-match option. By donating an amount approximately equal to the interest on an investment, donors can offset the cost of interest to Co-op while still retrieving their initial investment in full. For example, a donation of \$2,000 and an investment of \$8,000 will return \$10,000 to the originator by the end of the investment period.

Other Concerns

The Co-op Board makes the following assurances based on concerns and questions raised by members:

- Co-op's lease, as amended, specifically addresses lease duration, ownership of the array and its products and confirms

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What once was used as an after-school program for friends to hang out until their parents picked them up after work turned into a group of 22 students working diligently and competitively on their robots during the 2016-2017 seasons.

As STEM classes and programs continuously grow and evolve across the world, VEX Robotics is expanding, too. Area 53 is among 20,000 teams that rely on and compete in VEX Robotics because they are known to be reliable, cost-efficient and innovative.

For the 2018-2019 Area 53 team, being a member is a privilege. Although there are stressful times when robots break or don't do what is expected, team members are equipped to tackle issues head on.

Caleb Wheeler, a former wrestler and current senior on the team, expressed similarities between the two activities. He said, "If you want to be good, that means completely breaking yourself. It means maintaining discipline across your entire team, because if one person fails then you could possibly lose points for the entire team. I learned to remain disciplined for a general goal for the benefit of everybody on the team."

Every member on the team has a job for their respective robot that includes either programming, designing or building. Miles Campbell, another senior and son of the head coach, said, "Every team is very involved with their own robot and what they are doing. But there's a lot of cooperation when parts are needed or ideas are recommended." He also said most practices are intense, especially those leading up to competitions.

Wheeler and his group went into practices with a little more stress than the rest. Unfortunately, his group started the season depleted after their robot failed to work, time and time again. With the other six groups either in states or nationals, Wheeler's group was the only one that had not qualified leading up to their final competition on February 2. After weeks of breaking down to rebuild, Wheeler's team finally qualified for the state competition by winning second place out of 31 teams in the last VEX meeting. He said when his robot works like expected "it's like a cylinder block lifted off your chest."

Head coach Campbell reflected on that moment as a tear rolled down his cheek, "He [Wheeler] remained persistent. It's the persistence that matters, not the genius." Wheeler, who has only two years of experience on the team, has earned a role as a mentor to underclass teammates. "That boy has got a bright future ahead of him and I hope I am around to see it because he's a good kid," Campbell said.

Campbell's passion for robotics and his team stems from the similar interest that the Segway inventor, Dean Kamen, had. Kamen propelled the idea that robotics fundamentally combines mechanical engineering with software engineering. And for Campbell, exposing high school students to those concepts is of utmost importance. "The whole nation is talking about STEM, STEM, STEM. This [robotics] is it in reality," Campbell said.

Lauren Moses is a graduate student in journalism at the University of Maryland and a reporter for the News Review.



ERHS Robotics team members work on their robot.

PHOTO BY MARK CAMPBELL

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permission to install. It is fully aligned with bond bill requirements.

- The Co-op's finances have been either reviewed or audited in every year of its history and its financial statements are issued by the auditors.

- Co-op is financially solvent and though sales are not spectacular, it has a positive cash flow.

- Reserves are low. This, however, is a significant factor in motivating the bond bill request which, in addressing the roof/solar project, also offers the means to build reserves.

- Co-op's sprinkler system did leak at one time, but was long since repaired and remains fully functional, meeting all regulatory requirements.

- SEC requirements at both federal and state levels have been

assessed and there is no concern about the ability of Co-op to extend its existing member capital program to accommodate new levels of investment.

Readers are encouraged to submit questions directly and raise their concerns or comments about Rays on the Roof directly to the Co-op board. Questions and observations are most welcome as they allow the board to understand what information needs are. If the question raises a new concern, it can be investigated promptly.

Questions regarding the Rays on the Roof Campaign should be directed to Co-op Board Member Bill Jones (301-442-8623). He is available between 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. except Thursdays, when he is available from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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reading and adoption at the February 25 council meeting.

State Legislation

Council took actions to support the following state legislative proposals: 1) House Bill (HB) 102/ Senate Bill (SB) 442 which would prohibit the state from constructing toll roads or bridges without the consent of a majority of affected counties, 2) HB109/SB 285 which would extend the ban on the sale or use of certain polystyrene food service products on or after January 1, 2020. Prince George's County already has this ban which the legislation would extend to the entire state. 3) HB21/SB279 which would provide matching grants to nonprofit organizations for aging in place programs, 4) HB209 which would require that any privately-owned transportation project with tunnels prepare an environmental impact statement in accord with the National Environmental Policy Act. Anne Healey, Greenbelt's state delegate, is the primary sponsor of this bill and Delegates Tawanna Gaines and Alonzo Washington are cosponsors. Several in the room indicated that the main project affected by this act would be the proposed hyper-loop.

In addition, council also supported 5) SB387/HB669 which would require that anyone seeking to construct a natural gas pipeline obtain certain water quality certifications from the Maryland Department of the Environment, 6) SB516/HB1158 which would increase Maryland's Renewable Portfolio Standard to 50 percent by 2030. The current standard is 25 percent by 2020. Greenbelt's entire state delegation are cosponsors of this proposal. 7) SB316 would prohibit parking of non-electric vehicles in a designated charging space.

Small Cell Towers

Bill Manico submitted a proposal modeled in part on a Takoma Park ordinance for a small cell notice policy. Council took the proposal under advisement so that the feasibility, cost and practicality could be assessed. The proposed ordinance would set out the process for public notification regarding requests for approval of new small cell towers in Greenbelt. City Attorney Todd Pounds has reviewed the draft and said that he is not sure that the legislation is needed but has no objection if council decides to adopt it.

Cathie Meetre is a News Review reporter. She is assisting the Co-op with various administrative and organizational tasks but does not have a vote on any decision.

How Do Animals Stay Warm in Winter?

On Friday, February 22 and Saturday, February 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Patuxent Research Refuge offers a program on Staying Warm in Winter. Find out how animals stay warm, through hands-on activities, crafts and games for all ages. This is a drop-in program; come and leave when ready. The program is for all ages; no registration is necessary. For more information call 301-497-5887 or visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent.

Committee Reports

Council accepted the Ethics Commission Report #2019-01 that recommended expanding the commission to five members in order to ensure that there are adequate commissioners to hear any case that may come before them. With just three members, the report points out, the absence or recusal of a single member requires the case to be decided by just two members. This report will be considered at a future meeting.

Council also accepted a report from the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) proposing that the city install solar lights and mile markers along the Indian Creek Trail to improve the safety of trail users. In addition, PSAC recommends bike patrols, call boxes at the entrances to the trail and periodic trimming of plants not protected under environmental regulations.

PSAC also called for a safety review of the WMATA trail once it is complete, although it noted that the recommendations for the Indian Creek Trail would also likely apply to the WMATA trail.

Proclamations

Mayor Emmett Jordan presented a proclamation declaring February 17 as Random Acts of Kindness Day and February as Black History Month in Greenbelt. Planned observances include a Democratic Club-sponsored showing of the movie Buffalo Soldiers at the Greenbriar Community Center, and a showing and discussion of the documentary Power to Deal and a free showing of the movie Hidden Figures at the Old Greenbelt Theatre including a speaker from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on Sunday, February 24. (The events without dates have already happened.)

In addition to the proclamations, members of the Explorer Post sponsored by the Greenbelt Police discussed how the police explorer program benefits them.

Daniel Sandoval, who is interested in a career in law enforcement or the criminal justice system, said the program has helped him develop leadership skills. Duncan Proctor said the goals of the program promote personal growth through character development and improving physical fitness and patriotism, among other benefits. He noted that post members must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.0 and have no serious infractions.

The program currently is accepting applications. Master Patrol Officer Irelisse Fernandez, an Explorer Post advisor, said the explorers have participated in several events and observations, including the Labor Day parade, National Night Out, domestic calls and arrest procedures. Private First Class Konetta Brown, also an advisor, noted that there are currently just four of the authorized eight post members. She clarified that post members can have no felony or misdemeanor convictions.

Resident Bill Orleans, during Petitions and Requests, stated that youth with misdemeanor convictions should be permitted to join the post.

Rosenwald School Annual Celebration

The Ridgeley Rosenwald School annual black history month celebration will be held on Sunday, February 24 at 3:30 p.m. at the Ridgeley Rosenwald School, 8507 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights. Come and celebrate the 92nd Anniversary of Ridgeley Rosenwald School. The school opened in 1927 as Colored School No. 1 in Election District 13.

The program will feature a keynote address from Curtis Valentine, member-at-large, Prince George's County Board of Education. Call 240-264-3415 for more information.

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Greenbelters Run Marathon, Savor Satisfaction of Success

by Jamal Williams

There are many reasons a person would choose to participate in a marathon: exercise, personal achievement and happiness are a few. It also takes a lot of preparation, practice and mental determination to complete the 26.2 mile race. But the best part about it is simple: the race is open to anyone who wants to give it a try.

Raj Bhanot, who coordinates the annual George Washington's Birthday Marathon, described the event as an opportunity for growth and giving back. "I've been running marathons for more than 10 years and it is a way to give back to the running community," he said. Bhanot reminded runners to not put so much pressure on themselves and to live in the moment during the race. "Enjoy yourself, be in the zone and don't try and compete with others."

Aileen Kroll, co-director at the Center for Dynamic Community Governance, is an experienced runner who has competed in many 5k, 10k, half- and full-marathons over the years. With each race, a new memory is made. "It takes a lot of courage to be out there that long. They are all very special to me, each race has a different feel," she said.

Kroll participated in the George Washington's Birthday Marathon, which started near the Greenbelt Youth Center on Sunday, February 17, and continued onto roads on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. While this was not her first time running in a marathon, Kroll made her first appearance in this marathon with her team, the Sprintsteens. It was also her first time running the race as a relay event.

The relay run consisted of three loops with each runner responsible for completing their own part of the marathon. The first two runners made a relay exchange after completing their portion of the marathon, leaving the last runner responsible for finishing the race. "All times are compiled, sent online and are done in comradery," Kroll explained. Running alongside Kroll were teammates Linsey Malig-Mayhew and Marina Goldgisser, who would be competing in the first and third legs of the race, respectively. Both are teachers at Springbook High School in Silver Spring; Malig-Mayhew teaches special education and Goldgisser teaches science. Having prepared for the race for a while, they were determined to do their part.

Kroll was more than prepared to complete her second leg of



Runners prepare for the start of the annual George Washington's Birthday Marathon on Northway, on Sunday, February 17.

- Photos by Jamal Williams



Linsey Malig-Mayhew, Aileen Kroll and Marina Goldgisser show their excitement after finishing the marathon.

the race as well. Though she had much experience running, Kroll recalled a time when racing wasn't always open for everyone to join. "It used to only be geared to the elite runners, particularly white men. Women weren't allowed to participate at first, but now there's equal opportunity," she explained. Kroll was happy to see that men and women of all ages, sizes and backgrounds are able to participate in the event. "What I love about running is that it is available to anyone in any condition. You don't need any specific skills to join and it brings people together because it is not exclusive to one kind of person," she said. "Whether you're walking or running, all you need is a pair of sneakers and you're good to go."

After more than four hours, the Sprintsteens crossed the finish line. In the aftermath of the race, Kroll and her teammates glowed

with the satisfaction of meeting a tough challenge. Though they did not cross the finish line first, Kroll said completing the race was an accomplishment in itself. "Some people run unprepared, some people even run barefoot, just show up and do whatever it is that you do," she said.

Jamal Williams is a graduate student in journalism at the University of Maryland and a reporter for the News Review.

UMD Poets Open Mic At MilkBoy ArtHouse

Milk x Honey Spoken Word Open Mic will take place on Tuesday, February 26 at 9 p.m. at the MilkBoy ArtHouse in College Park.

Milk x Honey is a free open mic hosted by UMD's Terpoets.



Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Stun Gun

February 13, 5:35 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. A 17-year-old nonresident youth was arrested for possession of an electronic control device (stun gun) during the investigation of a suspicious and occupied vehicle. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Assault

February 8, 6:48 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A loss prevention officer at Giant observed a shoplifter take merchandise and leave the store. He attempted to detain the man, at which time the man struck him multiple times and then fled. The officer refused treatment for minor injuries.

Theft

February 7, 4:53 p.m., 8100 block Lakeside Drive. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

February 10, 11 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A package was removed from the front stoop of a residence.

February 12, 5 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. Money was taken from an unattended purse at Safeway.

Disorderly Conduct

February 7, 7:48 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. A 24-year-old resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct by officers responding to a report of a man threatening an employee at Ross Dress for Less. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

February 9, 3:38 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. A traffic cone was thrown through the patio window of a vacant residence.

Vehicle Crime

One vehicle was stolen from the 9100 block Edmonston Court, a white 2005 Ford F-250 pickup truck with Md. tags 1DG8604.

There were multiple thefts and

attempted thefts from vehicles and widespread vehicular vandalism. Among other incidents were the following:

A wheel lock key was taken in the 200 block Lakeside Drive after a window was broken to gain access. The following items were taken from possibly unlocked vehicles: money and a metro card (6800 block Damsel Court); sneakers, notebook and money (7800 Lakecrest Drive) and a notebook computer (also in the 7800 block Lakecrest Drive).

A set of four tires and rims was taken in the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace and in the 8200 block Greenbelt Station Parkway, a window was broken out and the owner's manual and a first aid kit were taken. In the 6000 block Springhill Drive four tires on one vehicle were punctured. In a third incident in the 7800 block Lakecrest Drive a window was broken out and a wheel lock key was taken, along with several lug nuts from the tires.

Power tools were removed from two work vans in the 9100 block Edmonston Road after a door was forced open in one van and a window was broken out in another.

Paint was scratched in the 7800 block Hanover Parkway. Windows were broken out on vehicles in the 7900 block Lakecrest Drive, 6800 Damsel Court, and in the 100 block Westway.

A purse was removed in the 7500 block Hanover Parkway after a window was broken and a pocketknife was taken from a possibly unlocked vehicle in the 200 block Lakeside Drive. Finally, in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road, the person advised that surveillance footage showed a man get out of a red Nissan Pathfinder and hit his windshield, cracking it.

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Sports

Greenbelt's Youth Baseball Joins National Little League

by Nora Eckert

Riley Hebert remembers stepping up to bat as a 9-year-old in Greenbelt's Youth Baseball team and facing a pitcher who was four years older than he was. "Sometimes I felt a little not-in-the-same-group," said Riley.

Now that Greenbelt's Youth Baseball league has joined the national Little League, this is one of many issues that players and coaches don't have to worry about. While the previous pitch group was for players ages 9 to 12, the new divisions split players into 9- to 10-year-old and 11- to 12-year-old groups.

This is one of many reasons Greenbelt Baseball President Patrick Keaton pushed for the league to join. "Little League helps groups produce a positive baseball experience for youth. They can provide us guidance, training and all kinds of things we didn't have access to before to help us do a better job," said Keaton.

David Lynch, a board member and coach, said he has some substantial work to do for the latter role, including studying a 220-page Little League rulebook and memorizing the permitted coaching practices.

Yet, as a parent, he is very excited about the product of all of his required studying.

"I'm just thrilled at the opportunity to see my son develop further and play on a broader scale. The larger the interest and the more you play, I think it really creates that interest to continue and the level of development happens faster," he said.

One of the larger changes Lynch is excited about is the chance for players to potentially compete in the Little League World Series. It's just one of the many new possibilities that have opened up for players that didn't exist before.

A lack of manpower is one of the biggest challenges for the Greenbelt Little League. The entire staff is volunteer. Keaton, who is hoping for increased membership in the League, explained that they will need all



PHOTO BY PATRICK KEATON

Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League logo

the help they can get to accommodate more players.

The team has been active since 1951. Keaton said that after 68 years, there were many reasons they decided to make this switch. One was some changes in personnel over the past year.

"Last year was a chaotic year at times. We had some coach turnover at the end of the year," he said.

Now, Keaton hopes the transition to Little League will create only positive changes for the community. "It just feels like Greenbelt should have Little League. Little League is all about providing a place for kids that's safe, that's high quality, where kids can learn and have fun. It feels like that's what Greenbelt is about."

The league will be hosting a fundraising event with a free showing of The Sandlot at the Old Greenbelt Theatre at 11:00 a.m. on February 23. An evaluation, or tryout, for players age 9 and older will be held March 9 at McDonald Field.

Nora Eckert is a graduate student in journalism at the University of Maryland and a reporter for the News Review.

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Black History Celebrated At Community Gathering

by Nora Eckert

Greenbelt honored its history and looked to the future with a mixture of art, poetry, dance and passionate speeches at Sunday's Black History Month celebration at the Community Center.

Booming drums accompanied the presenters as they walked to the stage, and emcee Brian Butler opened the ceremony with, "we call on the ancestors of all those present to join with us in love and peace as we celebrate Black History Month." While paying homage to those who came before, the event also focused on the future of Greenbelt. After asking for the permission of the oldest attendee to proceed with the ceremony, Butler also asked the youngest member of the audience for permission to proceed.

The importance of empowering youth was a main theme in Prince George's County Board of Education Chair Dr. Alvin Thornton's speech. He proclaimed education is the key to moving Greenbelt forward, receiving roaring applause when he said, "I am the product of public education."

Thornton's speech was followed by Dem Raider Boyz Step Squad, who performed a powerful and elaborate routine, inspired by Black History Month, that they prepared in just one week. The crowd sat on the edge of their seats while the boys stepped with stunning precision, evoking laughter, gasps and several standing ovations.

Coach Richard Melvern said he was proud they could be a

part of such a "phenomenal program."

Mayor Emmett Jordan talked about Greenbelt's complicated history, reminding attendees how the community was built with the hard labor of African Americans who were not permitted to live in the all-white community when it began. Today, over 50 percent of Greenbelt residents are African American. "Black history is American history, so as a community we are all celebrating together," Jordan said.

Councilmember Colin Byrd shared his pride and gratitude at being the second African American to be elected to the Greenbelt City Council, and thanked Jordan for being the first. He expressed the importance of acknowledging the wrongs done to African Americans in Greenbelt and across the nation, but to continue focusing on moving forward.

"I look forward to working with the community to continue to remember our past, to make sure our future is bright, and to make sure now and forever ... Greenbelt is a place of love, joy and happiness for all its residents." Nicole Williams, who helped promote the event, said she was amazed by the turnout. While she and other organizers expected between 50 to 100 people, over 200 showed. "I think that's a testament to the city and to the community," she said.

Nora Eckert is a graduate student in journalism at the University of Maryland and a reporter for the News Review.



Eleanor Roosevelt High School National Champion Step Squad, Dem Raider Boyz, performs at the Black History Month Celebration at the Community Center.

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Although Thornton said Greenbelt has made sweeping progress, he spoke about remaining local and national challenges. When Prince George's County voted to pass a resolution to discuss the Black Lives Matter movement in schools in February, some community members wondered why such focus needed to be paid to it. "Black is really a surrogate for an aspiration to achieve justice and equality for all of us," Thornton said.

This sense of inequality, he said, is being deepened by President Donald Trump, who challenged President Barack Obama's citizenship status, explicitly called developing nations by derogatory names and prominently displays Andrew Jackson's portrait in the Oval Office.

"Presidents Day is tomorrow. Maybe one day we'll again have a president who deserves Presidents Day," Thornton said to laughter and applause, adding, "You got that? Put that on Facebook."

After years of battling injustice and prejudice, Thornton is not stopping now.

"Let's not get tired! I'm 70 years old and I am in no way tired ... there is work to be done on behalf of our babies."

Thornton said fighting for a strong education system and reducing the wealth gap are two of the most important issues Americans must conquer to create a better future for children. It is something he has focused his career on, particularly with his pioneering actions on the Thornton Commission, which produced a state aid formula to better fund Maryland schools.



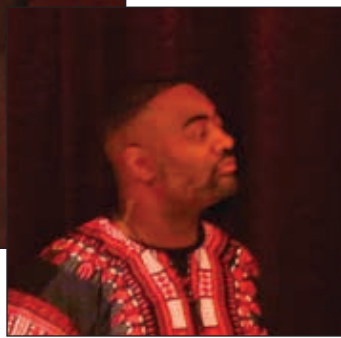
Cardboard and tempura paint mask, titled "Roots", was designed by Godwill Tewan, a 7th grader from Greenbelt Middle School.

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Greenbelt Middle School art teacher Alisha Taylor-Styles (left) and Lois Rosado speak at the event.

PHOTO BY RASHANNA PAYRE



Brian Butler emcees the event.

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Mecca Lartigue previews her dance for the upcoming Greenbelt Youth Musical.

PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

"We'll fight to ensure our children don't inherit the burdens I inherited. They don't deserve them," he said.

It was a message that resonated with attendees, from the cheers and exclamations of agreement to the quiet head-nodding at more somber moments.

"I was touched by his speech, his meaning of bringing us together and we've got to start with our students," said JoAnne Ward-Small, a Greenbelt resident and former public school counselor.

Some traveled from surrounding communities to hear Thornton speak, and were not disappointed.

"Very powerful," said Dwight Scott, a Capitol Heights resident. "He touched on some really great things especially as the nation is moving sort of backwards at this moment. We should be fully aware of that."



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