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

by Mary Lou Williamson

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

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

by Nora Eckert

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 “not to give up on this fight to achieve equality for all, to see 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 born in separateness and inequality, still had the potential to become what it’s becoming now.”

See THORNTON, page 12

ERHS Robotics Team Wins With Focus and Persistence

by Lauren Moses

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.

See ROBOTICS, page 8

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 moving 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.

Counsel also introduced for first reading a resolution to authorize the negotiate purchase of public spaces 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 reading See COUNCIL, page 8

Snowy Wednesday

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

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OC = Open Captions
CC = Closed Captions
DVS = Descriptive Video Service

SHOWTIMES
February 22nd - 28th
GREEN BOOK (PG-13)(CC) (DVS)(2018)(130 mins)
Fri. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 PM
(Guest Speakers)
Sat. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 PM
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)
(2016)(127 mins)
Sat. 10:30 AM - FREE
Little League Fundraiser
Sat. 11:00 AM - FREE
HIDDEN FIGURES (PG)
(2016)(127 mins)
In partnership with Greenbelt Rec. Dept.
Sun. 100 PM - FREE
Storytime on Screen Mon.
10:30 AM - FREE
WHAT HAPPENED TO CHOCOLATE CITY? (NR)
(2007)(46 mins)
w/ Director Q&A
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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. GYBLL provides new opportunities for the league. Players ages 9 to 14 years old will be drafted separately on 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 Model's.

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

Rare Opportunity To See Mercury
The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public Saturday, 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.). Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not on the hill, unless bringing their telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is cloudy.

Thoughtful Discussion At MakerSpace
What do we need to know?
All with the information in the universe at our fingertips, available from our smartphones, 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.

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 set at 1 and 2 p.m. The event will take place in Room 204 (the Multipurpose Room) at the Community Center. Admission is free but reservations are required. Visit 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, Up-Side Down House: Unconventional Family portraits by Robert Cantor, Maura Doernk and Amanda Demos Larsen. Working from family photos, share unique interpretations in the space between past and present, see collaborations, and imagine.

Also see the Greenbelt Museum’s current exhibit at the Community Center, The Know How Toolbox. Curators have re-created The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus. Straus is best known locally as the creator of the icon of the mother and child above the entrance to Greenbelt’s Roosevelt Center and the impressive bas reliefs on the facade 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, Home- ward Bound, will 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 at the door. Visit the Community Center business office for a weekend pass. For more information about City of Greenbelt arts programs, visit greenbeltmd.gov 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? for a free admission. This film explores the phenomenon of gentrification as it affects the black community of Washingtonians. The city’s demographics are shifting as a result. Attendees will have a rare opportunity to see this film. The city’s demographic shifts are illustrated through the story of three generations of Washingtonians.

At Greenbelt Park
Saturday, February 23: Spring Farm Life 200 Years Ago. Through the work of Eric Slane, famous for his drawings and paintings of early American life, and with exhibits of the tools farmers then wielded, listen to a ranger talk on pioneer days in the woods. Admission to 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. Meet at the Swett Picnic Area at 1 p.m.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

Join Shabbat Across America and Canada
On Friday night, March 1 hundreds of synagogues across the country and, including Mishkan Torah, will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate what is, after all — Shabbat. The Membership Committee invites everyone to a community Shabbat prayer service at 6 p.m. Services will follow at 8 p.m.

Bring only vegetarian food and beverages. With so much new food available, one does not need to be heat or cooked. If your last name starts with an A-F bring an appetizer, side dish or salad. F with an A-D bring a dessert or beverage. For possible RSVP to membership@mishkantorah.org.

Snow date is Friday, March 8.

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Obituaries

Robert Frederick 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 widows Martina Schmidt Lange and daughter Rhiannon of the home in Greenslade, Ind.; daughter Jessica (Cameron), daughter Arielle (Jimmy), brother Jonathan (Katherine), sister Alice, stepbrother Alex (Brianne) Barnes, stepbrother David Barnes, and stepmother David and Sandra Lange. Also four grandchildren: Destiny, Connor, Olivia and Alex.

A future memorial gathering will be announced.

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Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service in honor of Fred Wicox, 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. Wicox either during the service or casually over refreshments following the service.

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City Information & Events

MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 1

- Monday, February 25 at 8:00p.m. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipal
- Tuesday, February 26 at 3:00p.m. SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Advisories Committee will present their report on the Operation Plan for the next year.
- Wednesday, February 27 at 7:00p.m. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Club Facilitators Meeting, Educator Awards - Preparations, 2019 Nomination, and Updates - Ace Grant Awards

LEGISLATION
- Committee Reports
- Administrative Reports
- Minutes of Council Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS
- Approval of Agenda and Additions

OTHER BUSINESS
- Not recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda

(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

SCHEDULED FUTURE MEETINGS
- On the Agenda: Review PEPCO tree tagging in Boxwood Tract, Review new version of Sustainable Land Care Policy, Continue the schedule is subject to change.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES
- 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 cages 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

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

PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING 555 Crescent Road 10AM – 1PM
- Spring Recreation Activity Guide Now Available! Registration begins on Monday, February 25 for Greenbelt Residents & Monday, March 4 for non-residents
- Check out our Spring 2019 Activity Guide: greenbeltmd.gov/recreation
- Explore our Activity Guide for lots of options for all ages and interests. We offer seasonal special events and varied recreation facilities and classes to provide opportunities for community celebrations, a chance to learn something new or improve your skills in an activity you enjoy, all while socializing and staying active!

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
February 25, March 25, and April 22
6:00pm-7:30pm
- Learn the basics of parenting a teen (plus in-depth discussion of today’s hot topics)
  - What’s going on in your teen’s head? why do they do the things they do?
  - How to open up the lines of communication
  - Encourage cooperation and responsibility
  - How to discipline effectively
- To register call 301-345-6660

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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 filler and toe drain installation, embankment raising and spillway repair. Bid packages may be obtained electronically at http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/planning_code start deadline February 22, 2019.

DONATION DROP-OFF
Green Drop Charitable Donations
https://www.gogreendrop.com/acceptable-items/

Saturday, February 23
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon or until all items are collected
Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center
Info: 301-474-8308

PRESIDENTS’ DAY OF SERVICE
February 23, 2019
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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 1960 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 back to the area, 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 grandchildren, much later, her grandchildren.

At the News Review, Beauchamp was known for her editorial positions: editor, reporter, editor-in-chief 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 Al Skolnik. Her article for the University of Maryland and the American Association of University Women gathered 40 women and men many of whom she knew personally, 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.”

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In 1957, 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 1998 to 1993. She also worked with others on founding the University’s Ollie program for low-income families.

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 Maryland 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 Helen Dwight人物 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 works were published by 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 Gov.-recognizable 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.

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Beauchamp's marriage ended in divorce. She is survived by her daughter Edith, of Greenbelt; sons George (Debbie) and 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. Any Hansen and Sandra Lange contributed to this report.

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 Co-op’s investment strategy, when a Co-op member invests under Co-op under this program, the total of their current member-ship 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 get all their money back at the end 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 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 offset the cost of investing in Co-op while still returning 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 final decisions 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 See ROOF, page 8
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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 commissions to handle 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 black 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.

Mayor Emmett Jordan presented a proclamation declaring February 17 as Random Acts of Kindness Day and February as Black History Month in Greenbelt. Plans include a Community-sponsored showing of the movie Buffalo Soldiers and a look at certain and Alonzo Washington are co-sponsors. Several in the room admitted that the main project affected by this act would be the proposed hyper-loop.

In addition, counsel also supported SB 387/HB 669 which would require that anyone seeking a license to operate a natural gas pipeline obtain certain water quality certifications from the Maryland Department of the Environment, 6) SB 516/HB 115 which would increase Maryland’s Research and Development Sales Tax to 6.5 percent by 2030. The current standard is 25 percent by 2020.

The Co-op is financially solvent and remains fully capable of cooperation when parts are needed or ideas are recommended by members. Members of the Co-op Board are working 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.”

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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 Bhana, 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. Bhana 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 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 in the Beltville 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 team.

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, running along the Route 200 corridor in Springbrook High School in Silver Spring; Malig-Mayhew teaches science and Goldgisser teaches science. Having prepared for the race for a while, they determined to do their part.

Kroll was more than prepared to complete her second leg of 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.

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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 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 stage. 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 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 that’s, 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.

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New Stadium Seats at ERHS

Construction of the new seats at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School stadium nears completion.
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 the Black Student Union. The group’s performance was a testament to the city and people, over 200 showed. “I think that’s a testament to the community,” she said. 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.

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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 Board of Education 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 what I think Reformed was called,” he said, is being deepened by President Donald Trump, who challenged President Barack Obama’s citizenship status, explicitly called into question the black experience in America.

This sense of inequality, he said, is being deepened by President Donald Trump, who challenged President Barack Obama’s citizenship status, explicitly called into question the black experience in America. “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.

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.

“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 exclaimations 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 JeAnne 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.”

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