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Inside Stories



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Council Talks Gun Disposal, Boxwood Water, Amazon

by Nora Eckert

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From law enforcement to infrastructure projects and so much more, councilmembers are called on to cover a wide array of topics. Its February 25 meeting was no exception, with council discussing police weapons disposal, Boxwood water line replacement, and the possibility of Amazon's second headquarters locating near Greenbelt.

There was heated discussion about how to handle replacement of weapons for the Greenbelt Police Department, with Lt. Timothy White informing council they have been in need of a replacement for about two years. The issue of what to do with the used weapons once replacements were purchased divided the council.

"Once weapons leave our hands we have no idea what happens to them," said Councilmember Rodney Roberts, adding, "we should be setting an example and getting rid of these guns."

Councilmember Colin Byrd agreed in part. "I've seen guns end up in the wrong hands a lot, and I don't want to be a part of that at all," said Byrd.

However, he and four other councilmembers voted against Roberts' motion to destroy all weapons not being used by law enforcement. Greenbelt Police Chief Richard Bowers informed council that the only way to dispose of the weapons completely is to bring them to the trash incinerator in Baltimore. Instead, the police department is considering different companies that might purchase the supply of weapons.

Pipe Replacement

Council reviewed an update on the Boxwood water line replacement project that is scheduled

to start in March. April Wilt, technical contract manager with Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, provided the update.

The replacement project is estimated to take from March 15 until September 13, and will focus on 1,500 feet of new mains under Lastner Lane and Ridge Road. The existing mains under Lastner Lane were installed over 50 years ago. Replacement will ensure water services are dependable and a supply for emergency services is available.

Regular water service is set to continue during the project, with any exceptions being noted for those affected 48 hours in advance. "Any time water is interrupted for any purpose, we will notify," said Wilt.

Amazon to Greenbelt?

Byrd proposed a motion for council to draft a resolution opposing an Amazon headquarters See COUNCIL, page 10

Foundation Presents Grant Check for CDCG Projects

by Aileen Kroll



Attendees pose at the BCIN meeting. Those in red shirts were the presenters for the evening.

On Tuesday, February 19, a check presentation ceremony was held at Mishkan Torah. Director Carol Shaw of the Greenbelt Community Foundation presented the ceremonial check to the Center for Dynamic Community Governance (CDCG) Co-director John Buck with support from Rabbi Saul Oresky.

CDCG supports and trains a number of community organizations throughout Greenbelt. including the Beloved Community Interfaith Network (BCIN), which meets at venues supporting interfaith social justice endeavors throughout Greenbelt

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Del. Washington Addresses School Funding at Table Talk

A table talk with Maryland State Delegate Alonzo Washington was held Saturday at the New Deal Café to update citizens on the Kirwan Commission's recommendations for Maryland school funding. According to Washington, a Kirwan Commission member from Prince George's





Cast of 45 Is Homeward Bound; Story of Penelope and Odysseus

by Karen Yoho

Unscrupulous suitors. Conniving cannibals. A shape-shifting sea god. Showgirl sirens. Porcine ponderings. All of this and more can be found in the 2019 Greenbelt Youth Musical that opened with two performances last weekend at the Community Center.

The Greenbelt Youth Musical celebrates its 19th year by reprising a popular production from seven years ago, Home- played by Ezra Pitts, who has ward Bound. The book, music a strong voice and commandand lyrics by Christopher Cherry ing stage presence. It is hard are based on The Odyssey

"Humankind has been enchanted by The Odyssey for nearly 2,800 years because it's such a terrific story," explains Cherry. "The resourcefulness of Odysseus and Penelope as they battle adversity in their parallel storylines confirms for the audience that they are a perfect match, and we root for their reunion."

The role of Odysseus is to believe that this is his first

County's 22nd District, preliminary recommendations made in January

outline how to make Maryland's public schools more competitive by closing achievement gaps based on race, income, disability and other factors.

The commission, chaired by William "Brit" Kirwan, a former president of the University of Maryland, made policy and funding recommendations for Fiscal Year 2020 that include:

• providing free pre-K education for 3- and 4-year-olds whose families fall 300 percent below the federal poverty line;

• raising teacher salaries to be competitive with other professions with similar education levels:

• improving college and career opportunities with advanced placement help and career and

Maryland State Delegate Alonzo Washington holds his Table Talk at the New Deal Café.

technical education programs;

• providing increased funding to high-poverty schools for intensive services for students and families

These recommendations, Washington said, would cost \$325 million in FY 2020, with \$64 million, or about 20 percent of the total, going toward Prince George's County public schools. Washington told the 20 or so attendees that investing in early childhood education will be a priority. He said he supported investing in full-day pre-K to 3and 4-year-olds and making it a scaled-up approach.

The importance of early support for childhood education was a key point Washington expressed to Greenbelt residents. "It is a best practice that we invest in early childhood education and in a child's life so that when they get to high school they are literate," Washington said. "We've looked at the best practices not only in the state or country but other jurisdictions around the

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What Goes On

Monday, March 11 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building Thursday, March 14 7 p.m. Greenbelt Pedestrian & Bicycle Task Force, Community Center

Homer. Homer's epic poem follows the long, perilous journey of Odysseus to get home to his family in Ithaca after fighting the Trojan War. As with other Youth Musical productions directed by Cherry, the lyrics are jam-packed with complex and clever word play. His strong melodies and the talents of musical director Stefan Brodd allow the audience to follow the story line and meet a diverse cast of characters, from comic to villain, and everything in between.

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Ezra Pitts plays Odysseus and Erin Caldwell plays Penelope in Homeward Bound.



A Cooper's Hawk sits in the fallen leaves at Greenbelt Lake.

<u>On Screen</u>

Capernaum

Capernaum, the winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival, follows 12-year-old Zain Ai Rafeea, a povertystricken Lebanese child who runs away from his parents. He crafts a life on the streets and takes care of an Ethiopian refugee and her baby. Ultimately he sues his parents for the crime of giving him life. Capernaum, by Nadine Labaki, was made using a cast of nonprofessionals who had gone through similar events in their own lives. The film looks at the systemic inhumanity of poverty, and yet ultimately has a hopeful view that stirs the heart.

2018, 119 minutes, R

Blunt as Mary Poppins and Lin-Manuel Miranda as a street lamplighter is set in 1930s depression-era London. In the story Michael, now grown up and a grieving widower with three children, is still living on Cherry Tree Lane. Mary Poppins, the beloved nanny, glides in to save the day when Michael learns he is about to lose the house if he cannot pay back a loan. Mary Poppins uses her magical abilities to help the family re-discover the joy missing in

their lives as she takes the family on a magical fun-filled adventure. 2018, 130 minutes, PG

- Julie Rapp

Free Solo

This film returns to the OGT after winning Oscar and BAFTA awards for Best Documentary Film. From award-winning documentary filmmaker E. Chai Vasarhelyi and world-renowned mountaineering photographer Jimmy Chin, this National Geographic Documentary Film is astoundingly beautiful and thrilling. It is also terrifying and, at least to many in the climbing community, wrongful in its glorification of a supremely dangerous extreme version of the sport. This is a thought- and discussion-provoking film.

It chronicles Alex Honnold's first-ever climb up Yosemite's 3,000-foot-high El Capitan wall free solo: with no ropes or safety gear. The New York Times said this climb "should be celebrated as one of the great athletic feats of any kind, ever." The meticulous documentation of his compulsive, life-consuming preparation gives us some understanding of this feat and of Honnold's peculiar self. But watching the climb itself, minute by breathtaking minute, puts it right back in the realm of the inconceivable.

2018, 97 minutes, PG-13.

- Lesley Kash

FREE SOLO (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2018) (100 mins) Fri. 2:30 PM Sat. 7:30 PM Tues. 5:00 PM Wed. 12:00 PM AN IDEAL HUSBAND (NR) (2018)(160 mins) Sun. 8:00 PM Mon. 1:00 PM Storytime on Screen Mon. 10:30 AM – FREE

Wed. 5:00 PM

Thurs. 7:30 PM

Transforming America's Communities Through the Arts In partnership with the Greenbelt Museum Wed. 8:00 PM -FREE

Gardner, Jon Gardner, James Giese, Bernadette Gormally, Jim Gray, Carol Griffith, Mary Halford, Amy Hansen, Peggy Higgins, Donna Hoffmeister, Rebecca Holober, Larry Hull, Ginny Jones, Jeff Jones, Suzette Joyner, Jennifer Moser Jurling, Lesley Kash, Sue Krofchik, Sandra Lange, Sylvia Lewis, Jim Link, Marcie Lissauer, Chris Logan, Linda Lucas, Marc Manheimer, Joan Marionni, Kathleen McFarland, Cathie Meetre, Mary Moien, Elaine Nakash, Carolina Napp-Avelli, Patricia Novinski, Diane Oberg, Gail Phillips, Marylee Platt, Julie Rapp, Peter Reppert, Maya Robinson, JoEllen Sarff, Pat Scully, Carl Seely, Melissa Sites, Lola Skolnik, Helen Sydavar, Nancy Tolzman, Joanne Tucker, Jean Turkiewicz, Alan Turnbull, Lynn White, Janice Wolf, Karen Yoho, Ray Zammuto, Stan Zirkin and Dea Zugby

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Community Events

GATe to Screen Defending Utopia

GATe is proud to present Defending Utopia: The Greenbelt News Review at 80, a documentary film by Susan Gervasi, deputy director of the Utopia Film Festival. The film will air daily from Friday, March 8 through Friday, March 15 at 1, 5 and 8 p.m. on cable television stations in Greenbelt and surrounding areas, specifically Comcast 77 and Verizon Fios 19.

From its 1930s origin, conservative critics nationwide denounced the government-built Greenbelt project as a foolish utopian dream, and - during the McCarthy era – as a probable hotbed of communism. The News Review defended the egalitarian spirit of the city's many cooperative ventures, and encouraged residents to see themselves as pioneers of a new era in housing.

The 46-minute documentary also explores the paper's historic Supreme Court battle against a developer's libel suit. Reporter and editor Mary Lou Williamson describes the lawsuit's impact on the paper and her own role in the prolonged court fight. First Amendment experts also weigh in on its ultimate national impact on press freedom.

Maria Silvia Miller narrates Defending Utopia, which also includes commentary by Greenbelt Museum director Megan Searing Young and many longtime Greenbelt residents.

GES Parenting Classes

Greenbelt Elementary School is offering a series of Active Parenting Workshops in the Media Center at 6 p.m., on the following Tuesdays: March 19, April 9, May 21 and June 11. For more information and to RSVP email Kristen.Cahalan@pgcps.org.

Group Meets Weekly On Eating Challenges

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of individuals who are together recovering from a wide variety of food challenges including overeating, anorexia, bulimia and obsessively thinking of food. Anyone looking for help is invited to attend the regular weekly meeting every Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Baptist Church. There is no charge. For more information, call 240-305-3433 or 202-362-8571.

Thoughtful Discussion At the MakerSpace

How do we develop fair systems of distribution of limited resources? On a micro level, how do we decide which roommate gets the top bunk? Or the bigger piece of cake? On a broader level, how do communities decide how to fairly administer limited services? Means? Merit? If it's merit, what happens to the undeserving poor, to quote Alfred Doolittle?

The thoughtful discussion group that meets Tuesdays at the MakerSpace will grapple with this issue on March 12 at 7 p.m. Those prepared to share ideas and cheerful banter on this topic are welcome.

Greenbelt Writers Meet Friday

The Greenbelt writers group will be meeting on Friday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All writers are invited to attend. The winter is over - help us make writing plans for the rest of the year.

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.

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 can contact GYBLL at greenbeltyouthbaseball@gmail. com.

First HUG Walk

RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) is organizing the first Help Unite Greenbelt (HUG) Walk to be held on Sunday, March 31.

All Greenbelters are invited to participate in this event, joining the walk in any of the Greenbelt neighborhoods noted below and continuing through Greenbelt. RUAK requests that any and all groups and individuals from the community co-sponsor this nocost event, spread the word and join their neighbors to celebrate Greenbelt as a special warm and welcoming place we call home.

HUG Walk Schedule: 1 p.m., gathering at the Indian Creek Trail bridge at Greenbelt Station; 1:30 p.m., walk kickoff; 2 p.m., walk continues from Springhill Lake Recreation Center; 2:30 p.m., join the walk at Buddy Attick Park; 3 p.m., join the walk at Roosevelt Center; 3:30 p.m., join the walk at Greenbriar Community Center; 4 p.m., join the walk at Windsor Green Community Center; 4:30 p.m. walk concludes at Schrom Hills Park.

Any group that wishes to cosponsor this event should contact RUAK at spreadruak@gmail.com or Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755 by March 15.

Greenbelt Park Events

Saturday, March 9. Tobacco, Cash Crop of America's Past: At one time Maryland was the largest grower of tobacco. Its cured leaves were used for smoking, snuff and chewing. This "herb" or "weed" as it was known, was sprouted and cultivated through the winter for spring planting and summer harvest, when the leaves were tall and green. Greenbelt was once lush with the green leaves of growing tobacco. Meet at the Ranger Station at 11 a.m.

Sunday March 10. Wilma Rudolph: Join a park ranger as Greenbelt Park celebrates Women's History Month and discover the inspiring story of Olympic Gold Medalist Wilma Rudolph. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

100 Ways to Reverse Global Warming

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will meet on Wednesday, March 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114. Is overcoming climate change a hopeless dream? Or is it this generation's greatest gift, a calling to create a better world than anyone could have imagined? Paul Hawken, the founder of the nonprofit Project Drawdown, believes it's the latter. At the meeting, there'll be an overview of 100 ways humanity can reverse global warming, from how we treat our food supply to female empowerment. See what activists in Greenbelt are doing to act on some of these solutions and learn how to join Team Greenbelt in the Drawdown Eco-Challenge.

Updates will be provided on the Green New Deal and the Sunrise student movement, and several state climate bills here in Maryland, including one to make Maryland 100 percent renewable by 2040. With just four weeks before Maryland's 2019 legislative session ends, it's time for the final push to give Maryland a cleaner future.

For more information contact Lore Rosenthal, GCAN, SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com, 301-345-2234.

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 March 11 are as follows:

Monday, March 11: baked chicken breast with creamy pesto sauce, garlic parmesan orzo, ratatouille, wheat roll, tropical fruit, grape juice

Tuesday, March 12: pork roast with supreme sauce, roasted diced potatoes, green peas, dinner roll, fresh fruit, cranberry juice

Wednesday, March 13: BBQ chicken thigh, black eyed peas, collard greens, wheat bread, pineapple tidbits, cranberry juice

Thursday, March 14: baked meatballs with sweet and sour sauce, brown rice, broccoli, wheat bread, mandarin oranges, apple iuice

Friday, March 15: potato-crusted fish, diced rosemary potatoes, glazed carrots, wheat bread, fresh fruit, orange juice.



GATe Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, March 10th at 3pm

Join us in the multipurpose room at the Greenbelt Community Center (15 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt, MD: Room 201) for our annual membership meeting. The meeting includes a recap of the year's events at GATe and voting for 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.

Check out our Channel on Comcast 77 and Verizon Fios 19 For our schedule, visit: www.greenbeltaccesstv.org and click on "Channel"



GHI Notes

Thursday, March 7, 10 a.m., Storm Water Management Task Force Meeting, Board Room; 7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

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

Monday, March 11, 7 p.m., Board/Communications Committee Work Session, Board Room

Tuesday, March 12, 7 p.m., Legislative and Government Affairs Committee, Board Room

Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby; 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, March 14, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room; 7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room

GATe is proud to present a homegrown film by the Deputy Director of the Utopia Film Festival, repeating daily at 1pm, 5pm and 8pm from Friday 3/8 through Friday 3/15

More Community Events

are located throughout the paper.

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Defending Utopia: The Greenbelt News Review at 80

A documentary film by Susan Gervasi about our courageous home town newspaper and the battles fought on behalf of its idealistic community.

On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe) **Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19 Channels**

DISGRACED



By Ayad Akhtar Directed by Bob Kleinberg Produced by Malca Giblin

March 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 at 8PM

Sunday matinees: March 17 & 24 at 2PM

Q&A's after Sunday Matinees with cast and crew

Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission, \$20 Students/Seniors/Military \$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

Note: This show includes serious themes, strong and potentially offensive language, violent behavior, and is not recommended for children

April 26 - May 12 – The Honey Trap – directed by Michael C. Stepawony June 1 - Cabaret Night – produced by Jeff Lesniak GREENBELT ARTS CENTER-123 CENTERWAY-GREENBELT, MD (UNDER THE CO-OP GROCERY STORE)

Condolences to the many

Share your accomplishments,

friends of Joseph Flick, who died

milestones and news in the Our

Neighbors column. Send details

of your news items to editor@

Elaine D. Jones died peace-

fully on Ash Wednesday at

hospice according to her wish-

es. Her husband, John Henry,

welcomes brief visits from

friends and neighbors. The

family has set up a site to

schedule these visits over the

next few weeks. Contact his

daughter Corita at coritakate@

gmail.com for information.

Celebration of Life

Of Jennifer Robinson

Jennifer Robinson, a Greenbelt

resident who died in Novem-

ber, will be held at the Paint

Branch Unitarian Universalist

Church on Saturday, March 16

at 2 p.m. Speakers including

family and friends will share

their memories of Jennifer in

A celebration of the life of

greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Elaine Jones

on February 7.

Obituaries

Joseph Flick



Joseph Flick

Joseph (Joe) Flick, 72, of 8 Parkway, died on Thursday, February 7, 2019, at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park from complications following cardiac arrest.

He was born July 25, 1946, in Bryn Mawr, Pa., son of the late Mary Norton Flick and the late Joseph Samuel Flick, Jr. and nephew of the late Catherine Regina McGrath and the late William James McGrath of Maryland. He was a graduate of the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa.

Joe was a U.S. Army veteran who had served in Vietnam with the U.S. Army Military Police. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant (E-5) and received a Purple Heart. He later lived and worked in Washington, D.C., in the food industry after completing his tour of duty.

much-liked figure in Greenbelt. He had been living in Greenbelt and working at Co-op supermarket since 2000. He retired from the Co-op in 2018. Setting a Greenbelt example, he did not own a car.

Joe was a devout Catholic all his life and an active member of the St. Hugh of Grenoble parish, regularly attending daily Mass.



He was a member of the Sodality and had recently joined the Knights of Columbus.

An avid reader, Joe was especially interested in history, politics, art, science fiction, religion and astronomy. He even helped a Greenbelt author edit a public affairs book a few years ago.

Joe is survived by his sister in Indiana. He will be remembered for his ever-present sense of humor and for being kind and always generous to strangers as well as friends.

A Mass in celebration of his life will be held at St. Hugh's Church on Saturday, March 16 at 11 a.m., to which all are invited. He requested that there be no funeral service and donated his body to the Uniformed Services University of the Health Services. Those attending are invited to view and select from Joe's extensive book collection in Grenoble Hall after the service. Typical of his generosity, it was his expressed wish that all his books be given away after his death.

- Lois Gorman

Mowatt Church Hosts Spiritual Journey

Join Mowatt Memorial United



Writings

301-345-2918

Discuss With Others Our Neighbors Many Types of Loss

Community Hospices will host a discussion on different kinds of loss on Tuesday, March 19, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

We all experience losses and major shifts at some time in our lives. Besides loss from illness and death, there can be other types of loss such as a job, a home, divorce, relationship estrangement or a loved one's incarceration. Join a discussion about how these losses can affect us and some coping strategies. Supportive printed materials provided. Contact Margaret Capurso, bereavement counselor, at 301-560-6002.

Widowed Persons Support Group

On Saturday, March 9, a free support group for men and women who have recently lost their spouses will begin at the Community Center. The sessions will be offered from 2 to 4 p.m. each Saturday for six weeks. Registration is requested before the group starts. To get more information and to register, contact 301-693-5210 or wisboy929@yahoo.com. This support group is presented by Patuxent Widowed Persons Service and is supported by community organizations.



Blooming crocuses bring a taste of spring.



At the Library Storytime.

Saturday, March 9 at 10:15 a.m., limit 30 people. This storytime for girls and boys will celebrate famous women and girl power through stories and song. Stop by the Information Desk immediately prior to this event to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Teen Board

The weekly meeting will be held on Monday, March 11 at 4 p.m. for ages 13 to 18. Limit 15 participants. Earn service hours while making the local library a great place for teens. Enjoy snacks, meet new people, become a leader. Registration required; contact the library either in person or by calling 301-345-5800.

English Conversation

Learning to speak English? Join the club on Tuesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds.

Storytime

Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. Ages 3 to 5, limit 30 people. Wednesday, March 13 at 10:15 a.m., for ages newborn to 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/ caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people. Thursday, March 14, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s). **Kids Club**

Wednesday, March 13 at 4:30 p.m. Mentoring, reading and homework help for students in grades 1 to 6.

French Conversation

Thursday, March 14 at 5 p.m. Learning to speak French? Join the club and practice speaking French in a friendly atmosphere. **Bibliobop** Party

Saturday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m. Calling all preschoolers and toddlers ages 2 to 5. Come bust a move and shake the sillies out at the Greenbelt Bibliobop Dance Party. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop. No registration required.

Golden Age Club

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Community Center. All Greenbelt seniors are invited to join the group. In April, the group has an annual luncheon. This year's luncheon is on Wednesday, April 17. Tickets are on sale at the Wednesday meetings.

On March 13, Sherrel Maison, R.N., clinical liaison with Community Hospices, will present Live the Best You Can. On March 20, there will be a potluck and birthday luncheon. Bring a dish to share. March 27 is the monthly bingo session. If Prince George's County schools are closed or start late due to weather, the Golden Age Club meeting will be cancelled.



GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, Monday, March 11, 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 - National Women's History Month Proclamation

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City

Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.) Minutes of Council Meeting

Administrative Reports

Committee Reports

- Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) Report #2019-1 (Sustainable Land Care Policy)

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase and Installation of HVAC Equipment at the Greenbelt Theater. 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Policy on Local Hiring in Landscaping Contracts - PGCMA Proposed Resolution

- Beltway Plaza Conceptual Site Plan Response from M-NCPPC **Technical Staff**
- Award of Bid Outdoor Pool White Coat
- State Legislation
- *- Appointments to Advisory Group
- *- Reappointment to Advisory Group
- 18. Council Activities
- 19. Council Reports

SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Coun-cil meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are in-vited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any dis-abled 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, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee. Info: 301-474-8000

Free Vermicomposting Kit



Interested in in-home vermicomposting? Vermicomposting uses the power of the mighty earthworm to turn food scraps into nutrient rich compost that your garden and potted plants will love! The City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works in partnership with the Zero Waste Circle

has free in-home vermicomposting kits available to any Prince George's County resident. The free kit is a two bin system that comes with everything you'll need to get started (worms not included). The kit measures 15 inches high, 24 inches wide, and 16 inches deep. Interested Prince George's County residents should contact Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator, at jmartin@greenbeltmd.gov.

MEETINGS FOR MARCH 11-15

Monday, March 11 at 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/ municipaltv

Thursday, March 14 at 7:00pm, GREENBELT PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE TASK FORCE at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 112. On the Agenda: Cherrywood Lane & Metro Drive: curb cut: Sharrows on Crescent Road and on Ridge Road: Construction design plan on Hanover Parkway connecting Greenbelt East to Spellman Overpass to Old Greenbelt towards Anacostia River Trails.

Thursday, March 14 at 7:30pm, COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD in the meeting room at Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway. On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Community Feedback, Referral on City Holiday Decorating Contest, Next Meeting and other matters as time permits.

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

THE 2019 GREENBELT YOUTH MUSICAL

HOMEWARD BOUND

THE TALE OF ODYSSEUS AND PENELOPE

Written and directed by Christopher Cherry Based on The Odyssey by Homer

Greenbelt Community Center 15 Crescent Road Saturday March 9, 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

An epic adventure, an enduring love story, and an entertaining show!

Tickets: \$5 Advance sales at 301-397-2208

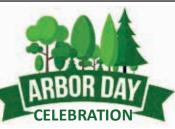


Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am - 4pm

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

6905 Greenbelt Road Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111



Join us on: Saturday, March 30, 10:00am-1:00pm Across from the SUNOCO Gas Station, 56 Crescent Rd

Celebrate Arbor Day by helping Public Works staff plant

trees to beautify the landscape and provide habitat for local wildlife. The event will be held on City property located on Crescent Road across the street from the SUNOCO gas station. For more information contact Jason Martin,

240-542-2168, jmartin@greenbeltmd.gov.

Reminders: Wear weather appropriate clothes and closed-toed shoes, bring your reusable water bottle, and high school students please remember to bring your service-learning forms

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Witchhazels are in bloom around Greenbelt: Hamamelis Arnold's Promise (yellow flowers), Vernalis (orange), and Diane (red).

- Photos by Mary Lou Williamson





Newly Scanned Newspapers Will Soon Be Posted Online

by Deanna Dawson

Greenbelt in the 1960s: a libel suit filed against the News Review, Peace in Vietnam rallies, Spiro Agnew elected as Maryland's governor (with hearty support from Greenbelt voters). Cecilia Franck is getting a taste of what life in Greenbelt was like back then while scanning newspapers for the Greenbelt Archive Project (GAP). Franck, a University of Maryland (UMD) graduate student in library science, has worked 20 hours a week for the project since late January, starting with issues from 1964 and working forward. Papers through 1968 are now done and the new digital versions will soon be uploaded to the Internet Archive.

Much has happened since GAP took up residence in the Community Center in September 2018. Several volunteers from the community have teamed with GAP staff on a variety of tasks. Working with newspapers from the News Review's holdings, they selected the 'best' copy of each issue from 1943 through 2001 for scanning and finished just before the March 1 target date. Papers from 1943 through 1963 have been transferred to GAP's collaborator, UMD Libraries, for scanning by a contractor paid by a grant UMD received for participation in the National Digital Newspaper Program (see loc.gov/ ndnp). The remainder will be scanned by Franck or other UMD students.

Volunteers also helped complete an inventory with the page count and other information for every issue published, which provides metadata for the postings on Internet Archive (digital papers from 1937 to present) and Library of Congress website (1943 through 1963). Volunteers inventoried the newspapers in the Greenbelt Library's Tugwell Room to search for issues miss-



PHOTO BY SANDY ROG

Cecilia Franck scans a News Review from the 1960s in the Greenbelt Archive Project's Community Center workroom.

ing from the News Review's holdings and to identify gaps in the library's collection of Greenbelt newspapers. Extra copies from the News Review's holdings can fill some of the gaps and make the library's publiclyaccessible reading collection more complete. For the dozen or so issues for which the News Review was unable to find newsprint originals to scan, volunteer Sandy Rodgers has cleaned up the existing microfilm-based PDFs to make them more readable and searchable.

To keep abreast of progress on the scanning and upload of papers, visit GAP's newly revamped website at greenbeltarchive.org, where updates will be posted bimonthly starting next week. In addition, the website has background information on both the project and the newspaper and a blog about project activities or items that have piqued interest. Read about life in Greenbelt 80 years ago via a link to the Library of Congress Chronicling America website where issues from 1939 of the Greenbelt Cooperator, the News Review's predecessor, are already posted (chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/ sn89061521/issues/1939/).

GAP thanks volunteers Kevin Fisher, Pragati Godbole, Frances and Allyn Hill, Katie Jolly, Elisabeth Kevorkian, Mike McLaughlin, Joe Miko, Elaine Nakash, Sandy Rodgers, Lynne Slater and Yu-Hsiu Wang for the time they have contributed – nearly 300 hours so far. The project is supported by proceeds from last spring's silent auction, citizen donations, in-kind contributions from the City of Greenbelt and grants from the Greenbelt Community Foundation and from County Councilmembers Todd Turner (District 4) and At Large Representatives Mel Franklin and Calvin Hawkins.

Deanna Dawson is a News Review staffer and coordinator of the Greenbelt Archive Project.

More Nature Scenes in Greenbelt





Mr. Fox makes his way across the yard on his morning routine.

- Photos by Mary Lou Williamson



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The Guardian of the Lake

PHOTO BY YANJIE ZHANG

Uke Students Present Recital For Appreciative Audience

by Karen Yoho

The sounds of strumming and singing ukulele players could be heard in the halls of the Community Center last Thursday night as players presented a recital for their friends and family. The presentation featured songs from diverse musical genres, from Dolly Parton to the Beatles, showtunes to bluegrass.

The recital was the culmination of eight weeks of classes for beginner and intermediate ukulele offered by the Recreation Department and taught by Rachel Cross. Class time was spent learning chords and songs for the four-stringed instrument popularly associated with grass skirt gatherings in the Hawaiian Islands.

Artist-in-residence Rachel Cross has been teaching ukulele for about eight years and teaching at the Community Center for three. "The uke is easy to

transport, inexpensive and you can play good-sounding music on it after only a few weeks of practice," said Cross.

There is a growing popularity for ukulele with thousands of videos posted on YouTube to fuel the fans. Cross shared her take on it, "The ukulele is a very social and community-oriented instrument. It is designed to get folks to strum and sing together."

Intermediate player Sally Davies had no experience with ukulele before the class. "The biggest surprise for me taking Rachel's class was having to play and sing," said Davies. "Now I find myself humming all our class tunes throughout the week!"

Cross will be back teaching beginner and intermediate ukulele classes at the Community Center in September. No flip flops required.

We the People in Community Center



We the People was created by three art classes for children and teens run by Greenbelt Recreation and taught by Amanda Larsen and Racquel Keller. The students based their drawings on Lenore Thomas' bas-relief work. The artwork is in the display case in the Community Center.



Greenbelt ukulele players gather following their class recital at the Community Center. Instructor Rachel Cross is kneeling in the front row, fourth from the left.

On Sunday, March 10 and Monday, March 11 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. children age 16 months to 4 years old can learn about wildlife at the Patuxent Research Refuge through fun and interactive songs, stories and activities. Parent participation is required. Public programs at the Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent.



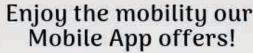
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Immigration Themed Concert at UMD

On Friday, March 8 at 8 p.m. in Dekelboum Concert Hall of The Clarice, come see The Immigrants 3, a free concert presented by the UMD Wind Orchestra and UMD Wind Ensemble. This program includes Frank Ticheli: Pacific Fanfare, Henk Badings: Sinfonietta No. 2 and Chen Yi: Dragon Rhyme.



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Roosevelt Dems Go Green To Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

by Sara Hale Henry

The Roosevelt Democratic Club is going green for its St. Patrick's Day event on Sunday, March 17, 3 p.m. at the Greenbriar Condominiums Terrace Room at 7600 Hanover Parkway. Anna Mudd, outreach and advocacy manager for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF), and Adam Ortiz, head of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, will talk about climate change and its impact on Maryland, the Chesapeake Bay and residents of the Greenbelt area

Mudd will outline CBF's commitment to its mission to save the Bay largely through the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint, an agreement between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the watershed states. The Blueprint is working, but there are challenges; studies have shown that most watershed states exceeded wastewater goals as well as goals for effects of agriculture on the Bay. There are improved underwater grass growth, healthier crabs and reduced oxygendeprived zones. Climate change is a major challenge, as are air pollution and the operation of the Exelon Generation Company's Conowingo Dam on the Susquehanna River. The Trump Administration's Fiscal Year 2018 budget excluded funding for the Chesapeake Bay Program. With determined advocacy from watershed residents, Congress showed strong bipartisan support and restored the Bay Program's funding. (CBF, Fiscal Year 2018 Impact Report; CBF.org).

But the proposed panel on climate change - minimizing the severity of climate change and denying the contribution of humans - and the president's and other officials' comments leave no doubt about this Administration's positions (Washington Post, Feb. 25, 2019). In addition, according to a study by the Union of Concerned Scientists (ucsusa. org/RsingSeasHitHome), a number of communities in Maryland face chronic inundation due to a combination of sinking land and rising seas, which are intensified by climate change.

For more information on the March meeting, see rooseveltclub. org.

City Notes

The Old Greenbelt Theatre hosted a Black History Month showing of Hidden Figures. Sixty members of the Franklin Park community received transportation and lunch at the Youth Center.

Animal Control picked up two stray dogs and returned them to owners, and investigated a cruelty complaint. A dog, two cats and a parakeet were adopted. Four dogs and three cats were surrendered by owners. One injured cat was impounded and taken to the vet for treatment.

Refuse/Recycling crews collected 25.48 tons of refuse and 10.79 tons of recyclable material.

Mom's Morning Out featured a science activity, Sink or Float. Budding scientists donned lab coats and safety goggles, formed predictions, conducted an experiment, made observations and came to conclusions.

Eight clients of Warm Nights Families Shelter had complementary shower access at the pool.

At a Community Art Drop-in

Summer Conservation Youth Corps at Refuge

Patuxent Research Refuge is sponsoring a summer Youth Conservation Corps program. The Youth Conservation Corps is a federally funded work-learn-earn program aimed at developing an appreciation and understanding of the nation's environmental and natural heritage. The program is eight weeks long, June 24 through August 16. Enrollees work 40 hours per week - Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. - and earn minimum wage (\$10.10/hour). Enrollees are expected to be available for participation in the entire program.

Projects may include grounds maintenance, trail building and controlling invasive species and nuisance wildlife. Special environmental awareness activities are incorporated into the work schedule. Most work is outdoors. A strong interest in outdoor work and natural resources management is recommended.

Applicants must be between

Maryland Comptroller Presentation



State Comptroller Peter Franchot meets with Greenbelt's business community on February 27. He says that the government shutdown "had a very toxic effect on the economy of Maryland."

Motorist Precautions During Extreme Cold

Dangerously cold temperatures can be hard on vehicles without proper maintenance. The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration offers tips for motorists during cold weather.

• Use vegetable oil and a paper towel to coat the rubber door seal to prevent a car door from freezing shut. Should a door be frozen closed, gently push forward to break the ice seal.

Keep at least one-half tank of fuel in the car to prevent fuel lines from freezing.

Check radiators and coolant hoses for any leaks. Small drips can lead to a burst hose while on the road or even extensive and expensive engine repair.

· Unplug mobile device chargers from cigarette lighters and make sure terminals are corrosion-free. At 32 degrees, a battery loses 35 percent of its strength and an aging battery is very likely to fail during colder temperatures.

· Keep the windshield washer reservoir topped with fluid. The combination of a dirty windshield and sunlight can significantly reduce a driver's visibility and pose driving hazards.

 Keep blankets, bottles of water and flares in the vehicle in case of mechanical breakdown.

• In the case of a breakdown, stay in the vehicle and turn on hazard lights. When in Maryland, dial #77.

Concert Spotlights UMD School of Music

Spotlight, A School of Music Showcase, will be held on Sunday, March 10 at 3 p.m. in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of The Clarice. This annual free celebration showcases the range and diversity of exceptional talent across the School of Music. Don't miss an opportunity to hear student artists shine. Performers will include the Omer Quartet, Wavelength Winds, Kunkel Jazz Combo and students from the Maryland Opera Studio. A new student composition for

Marietta House Hosts **Pearl Bailey Program**

The African American Women in Music Lecture Series continues with The Music of Pearl Bailey on Saturday, March 9 at 1 p.m. at the Marietta House Museum in Glenn Dale. Light refreshments will be served during a meet and greet following the program. Pearl Bailey, who lived from 1918 to 1990, was a singer and actress. She toured during WWII with the USO and, after many Broadway productions, hosted her own variety series in 1971. Bailey received the Screen Actors Guild's Life Achievement Award and was appointed Special Ambassador to the United Nations in 1975. She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1988.



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on Sunday, March 3, Artist-inresidence Racquel Keller led a free, all-ages workshop on storytelling through creative collage at the Community Center.

The Greenbelt Youth Musical is now playing in the Community Center. More than 50 teen and adult crew members collaborated to create over 100 costumes and many set pieces and props.

Seniors visited the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

CARES's Darren Stephenson was a guest speaker at the I Am Plugged In Informational Workshop, sponsored by the Laurel Helping Hands Youth Service Bureau. He spoke about challenges facing at-risk teens and strategies he uses to assist the teenaged clients.

15 and 18 years old (must be 15 by June 25, and not age 19 before the end of the program). They must be a permanent resident of the U.S., its territories or possessions.

Applicants will need a Social Security card prior to the first day of work.

Corps enrollees must be able to provide their own transportation to and from work; public transportation is not available.

Enrollees' selection will be made by lottery. Visit fws.gov/ refuge/Patuxent for information on the refuge and the YCC program or call 301-497-5701 or 301-497-5611.



the quqin, an ancient Chinese instrument, will be included.



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and Prince George's County. BCIN also held its monthly meeting at Mishkan Torah on February 19.

In recognition of CDCG's support of community groups and interconnections, the Foundation is sponsoring CDCG in a yearlong project entitled Greenbelt's Bountiful Community Organizations: Growing Skills and Nurturing Talent. This program will offer confidential, one-on-one sessions providing professional analysis and follow-up of governance structures for Greenbeltbased community organizations and businesses, as well as group training sessions throughout the day. These sessions will be offered throughout Greenbelt over the course of the next several months. The first session will be held on Saturday, April 13, at the Community Center, Rooms 112 and 113. No pre-registration is required. Stop by any time between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to participate



Presenting the CDCG check, from left, are John Buck; Carol Shaw, director of GCF; and Rabbi Saul Oresky, Mishkan Torah.

in Earth Day projects, too. Children are welcome. For more in- president of the Center for Dyformation contact Aileen Kroll at namic Community Governance, aileen@dynamic-governance.org.

Aileen Kroll is the co-director/ Inc.

ERHS Teacher Wins A Grant To Buy Research Equipment

The Society for Science and the Public announced the award of \$120,000 in grants to 35 science research teachers across the country to help them secure much-needed equipment and amenities for their classrooms. Sean Brady, a science teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, has received a \$4,000 grant to purchase a shaker incubator for his classroom.

Brady leads his students in microbiology research projects, but currently they only have regular incubators. Without agitation, liquid cultures tend to form clumps, which skews experimental results. The shaker incubator permits much better homogenization of liquid cultures, leading to a much larger array of possible research projects. He hopes that this will better prepare them for research at the collegiate level and beyond.



Sean Brady, science teacher at ERHS, received a \$4,000 grant to purchase a shaker incubator.

ceive this grant," said Brady. "It will help purchase equipment to further the research capabilities of our students. Introducing students to independent research while still in high school will better enable them to pursue research at the collegiate level and beyond."

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being located in Greenbelt. This follows a change in the tech giant's original plans to locate part of their second headquarters in New York.

According to an article in the Washington Business Journal that Byrd brought to council's attention, David Iannucci, chief executive officer of the Prince George's County Economic Development Corp., pitched a College Park and Greenbelt property to Amazon for the new location.

Byrd said Greenbelt officials were never consulted on the matter.

"We have to send some kind of message that the county executive can't go around pitching our city without talking with the people who lead the city or live in the city," he said.

Although councilmembers expressed their support for this sentiment, they had greater concerns about shutting down the option of welcoming any proposal from Amazon.

"I see no reason to put a roadblock up," said Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis.

The hesitations about shutting down any future communications with Amazon outweighed concerns about Iannucci's move, and the motion to draft a resolution opposing bringing Amazon HQ2 to Greenbelt failed to pass, with a vote of 2-4.

Breaking up the tense discourse at the meeting, Robert Goldberg-Strassler passed out chocolates to councilmembers after they agreed to co-sponsor a March 31 event called HUG Walk. HUG, which stands for "Help Unite Greenbelt," is a free event where participants walk across Greenbelt to spread a message of unity.

"The purpose is to bring Greenbelt together," he said. "It's a grassroots movement of kindness."

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

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world and what they've come up with and what they've done."

Washington said attracting and retaining quality teachers is important. The commission recommended adding \$13 million in funds to raise salaries in Prince George's County in FY 2020. "We are paying our teachers 25 percent below any other profession," Washington said. He added that teachers should also have more time for collaboration, more time for training purposes and a

were another topic of discussion. Washington reiterated support for tutoring and other academic support programs to be in place by 10th grade so that students will have the support they need to pursue college and careers. Washington also hopes to establish a committee to oversee career and technical education that will lead students to obtain the necessary qualifications for high-paying jobs.

Washington's preliminary policies were met with overall ap

who attended the talk. Lois Rosado, member of the Greenbelt Equity Alliance, gained insight from the table talk and echoed Washington's stance on helping to support Prince George's County schools. "We all need to fight with him [Washington] to ensure that county schools are funded properly."

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



Greenbelt Middle School winning debaters, from left, Chloe Mshana, Isabel Ramirez, Christione Johnson and (front) Alexandra Clarke pose with their trophies. The team is coached by Cesar Fortuna.



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A beaver forages by the Lake.

Dine and Learn With MNCPPC

March is National Nutrition Month. Celebrate with Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Department of Parks and Recreation, by coming to the free healthy cooking demonstrations the department has prepared. All ages are welcome, no registration is required.

On Thursday, March 14 from 6 to 7 p.m. the demonstration will be Cabbage Jambalaya with a Twist at the Vansville Community Center, 6813 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, and on Saturday, March 16 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Watkins Tennis Bubble, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro. For more information on the Department of Parks and Recreation, visit pgparks.com.

Members of the Bladerunners Robotics Team 6893 prepare for the D.C. district robotics competition to be held this Saturday, March 9, at Walt Whitman High School. They will be competing with a robot they built named Nancy, after NASA radioastronomer Nancy Grace Roman. (from left: Rahul Tikekar, Jaime Price, Greenbelter Briana Edwards, Mrs. Edwards, Vijay Kowtha and two other team members)

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Odysseus and his crew, from left: Polyctor played by Creedence Jackson, Perimedes played by Jonah Hurtt, Polites played by Will Peterson, Eurylochus played by Sean Brittan-Powell and Odysseus played by Ezra Pitts



Queen Penelope and her maids, from left: Penelope (Erin Caldwell), Autonoë (Bea McNabb), Eurycleia (Alyssa Heintzelman) and Hippodamia (Anya Wilkinson)

- Photos by Eric Zhang

Youth Musical. Odysseus's patient wife Penelope is played by Erin Caldwell, who fends off suitors while keeping hope alive that her husband will return. Caldwell tenderly finesses the most emotional songs of the show and handles her clever schemes and dialogues with ease. Their son Telemachus, played by Cole Cheng, longs to welcome home a father he does not remember while he seeks to protect his mother and prove his maturity.

Along for Odysseus's trials and misfortunes are first mate Eurylochus, played by Sean Brittan-Powell, and the crewmen: Will Peterson as Polites, Jonah Hurtt as Perimedes and Creedence Jackson as Polyctor. This small but mighty crew was entertaining and fun to watch. Two of the most humorous numbers in the show, Practically Married and Technically Married, suggest that the time Odysseus and Eurylochus spend together is a bond beyond friendship.

Playing the role of two different temptresses the crew encounters is Vanessa Daelemans. As Lady Lotus and as Circe she seeks to lure Odysseus with her bewitching beauty and magical methods. Her strong vocals captured her character's desire to be loved and not left alone.

In Ithaca, Queen Penelope is ably attended to by Autonoë, played by Bea McNabb, and Hippodamia, played by Anya Wilkinson. Alyssa Heintzelman shines in the role of royal housekeeper Eurycleia. They all lament the limits they face in a world where women are ignored and have no strength or rights to property. Visiting the royal home in an attempt to woo and swindle Penelope are Antinous, played by Danny Zolt, and Amphinomus, played by Logan Skovron. They are humorously diabolical as they plot to declare Odysseus dead and compete for the right to assume his wealth and position in Ithaca when they marry Penelope. They come bearing gifts and try to master the funeral games, only to be beaten by Odysseus, whose identity is unveiled upon his return to Ithaca. The 45 cast members are in 7th through 12th grade. An addition to the teen cast is Greenbelt Youth Musical veteran (and Circus Camp instructor) Charlie Fahey. Fahey was recruited to



The cast of Homeward Bound, the 2019 Greenbelt Youth Musical

play key older roles in the show, which benefit greatly from his villainous snarls and exaggerated expressions.

Despite the large cast this year, only two actors are seniors, Alyssa Heintzelman and Will Peterson. Younger cast members such as Mecca Lartigue as the sea goddess Ino and Jacob Royle as the Cyclops rose to the challenge to fill larger roles in

Homeward Bound and did an outstanding job.

"The energy and earnestness of the young actors are such a joy to me," said Cherry. "Their eagerness to be part of something larger than themselves, their willingness to dare, and their commitment to each other and to the project are all an inspiration."

More than two dozen musical numbers present the broad themes of hope, love, and loyalty while showcasing the talented teen thespians. Large ensembles effortlessly move in and out of scenes as the story jumps from the happenings in Ithaca to the mayhem faced by Odysseus and his crew thanks to the choreography of Youth Musical veteran Elta Goldstein. The costumes, accessories, sets and props by production designer Nicole DeWald help transport the audience to ancient times. Even the pottery pieces designed by Greenbelt potters were carefully researched for accuracy.

Homeward Bound continues with shows at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 9 in the Community Center. All performances for this show were sold out before opening night.

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Judo Clinic Reaches Out To Blind, Low-Vision Athletes

by René Sewell-Raysor

A martial arts clinic was held at the College Park Community Center on February 24 as an opportunity for blind and low-vision persons to learn more about the art of judo. Although judo means gentle way, the thwack sounds against the mat didn't sound gentle to the untrained ear. Dozens of volunteer coaches attended in white kimono-like tops over loose-fitting white trousers in the manner of the martial arts uniform called a gi (rhymes with "see").

Denna Lambert, a blind resident of Greenbelt, stood barefoot on the mat with the coaches. She is a member of the Metro Washington Association of Blind Athletes (MWABA), one of the co-sponsors of this event along with Hui-o-Judo and their sensei, Kevin Tamai.

"I'm part of the year-long National Fitness Challenge focusing on health, obesity and eating habits" in the blind community, Lambert said. She is also an active member in MWABA's tandem biking program. "Sometimes it's hard for me to get to some events, but they were holding this one practically in my backyard."

Tamai provided some context for the clinic. "We started with my dad having mats in the basement," he said. "We took the program to schools around the county and as we outgrew facilities we moved. We landed in Beltsville, where we are now. When MWABA asked us to put on this clinic we were excited."

Tamai was quick to clarify how to adapt judo to blind and low-vision athletes. "We don't change judo. We adjust our verbiage to be more descriptive. When our students compete, the only adjustment is to touch the opponent's gi to establish the distance between the opponents."

He also noted that he works with veterans with physical and emotional trauma. "I don't care if a judoka [practitioner] ever achieves a belt ranking. Judo is not just about your physical ability. It is respect for your partner, helping another person and selfconfidence. It's about character development. Those things are most important."

As she took a break from working with a couple of different coaches, Lambert observed, "Judo gives me a level of confidence that I can protect myself and that I have a level of strength and agility."

The thwacks reverberated for the duration of the clinic. Tamai explained: Practitioners hit the mat with their hand to take the impact out of the fall and redirect the energy.

For more information on judo classes contact Tamai at huiojudo. com. For more information on

blind athletes or to volunteer, visit mwaba.org.

- Photos by René Sewell-Raysor



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Margie Tamai Kettl (standing). Denna Lambert on the floor.

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In Disgraced, the Pulitzer Prize-winning play opening at

Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) on

Friday, March 8, the character of

Emily is an artist whose work

draws on Islamic tradition. At

GAC there is always art that

aims to complement the action on

the stage, thanks to gallery man-

ager Linda Thompson. For this

production, there is interesting art

on the gallery walls and there is

also art onstage that illuminates

they first will see photographs by

artist Dagmar Swenson. She has

chosen photographs that range

from pretty to gritty, landscape

to portrait and is not afraid to jar

the walls of Emily and Amir's

apartment, Jody Aldave evoked

Emily's evolving artistic style by

painting several landscapes in the

style of the British painter, John

Constable, then moving beyond

representational art to finally

achieve an intricate geometric

design. Of her work, Aldave

says, "My approach in produc-

ing requested art pieces involves

research and experimentation.

Learning about Islamic design

For the paintings that line

the viewer's sensibilities.

When audiences enter GAC

the story.

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.

Robbery

February 23, 8:58 p.m., 20 Court Crescent Road. A woman entered an apartment building and as she was about to enter an apartment a man approached her from behind, displayed a knife and took her purse from her shoulder before he fled on foot. He is described as black, 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 8 inches tall with a thin build, wearing a black winter coat and a beanie type hat.

Arson

February 26, 11:55 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Officers responded to a report of a car fire. This incident is currently being investigated as possible arson.

Child Abuse

February 20, 11:25 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A 30-year-old resident man arrested and charged with child abuse and second degree assault was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Assault

February 21, noon, 7601 Hanover Parkway. A 17-year-old nonresident youth was arrested for assault after she allegedly punched another student on February 15 during a verbal confrontation at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The youth who was punched was not injured. The youth who threw the alleged punch was released to school administrators pending action by the school board and the Juvenile Justice System.

February 21, 10 p.m., 6100 block Cherrywood Lane. A man playing basketball at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center became involved in a verbal altercation with a member of the opposing team that then became physical. Two other men joined in the fight and assaulted the player. The three men then fled. A friend transported the injured player to Doctors Community Hospital for treatment of facial injuries.

February 22, 9:53 a.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. Two motorists, a woman and a man, were involved in a traffic dispute on Kenilworth Avenue near Greenbelt Road. During the incident the man threw a frozen water bottle at the woman's vehicle and then left the area. The woman followed him to the parking lot of the Shell Food Mart, at which time he pointed a handgun at her and then fled.

Weapons

February 23, 2:57 a.m., Crescent Road near Southway. A man exited a vehicle and was walking to a residence when another vehicle drove up next to him and the three occupants inside attempted to start a verbal altercation with him. They then exited their vehicle and continued to argue with the man as one of them held a handgun. The men then left the area on foot.

Theft

February 22, 11 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Money was taken from a residence.

February 22, 12:58 p.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. A laptop computer was taken from a desk at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School between February 4 and February 15.

February 27, 4 p.m., 7400 block Greenway Center Drive. An unattended lunchbox that contained a wallet was taken from a construction site.

Vehicle Crime

One vehicle was stolen, a green 4-door 2010 Ford Fusion with Md. tags T815865M, taken from the 6100 block Breezewood Court.

Two stolen vehicles were recovered. A 2005 Ford-F250 Supercab reported stolen February 15 from the 9100 block Edmonston Court was recovered February 22 by Prince George's County police in the 5600 block of Vernon Way, Temple Hills. A 2002 Ford F-250 pickup truck reported stolen February 15 from the 6200 block Springhill Drive was recovered February 22 by Prince George's County police at an undisclosed location.

An attempt was made to steal a vehicle in 38 Court Ridge Road when the ignition was damaged.

Four sets of four tires and rims and one set of three tires and rims were taken from the 100 block Westway on February 21.

Items were taken from possibly unlocked vehicles in the 6000 and 7500 blocks Greenbelt Road, a wallet and purse, respectively, and a handicap placard in 25 Crescent Road.

Two vehicles were vandalized by breaking out windows.

GAC Displays Artwork Offstage To Complement Action Onstage

By Malca Giblin



Emily (Alison Starr) sketches her husband, Amir (Scott Stofko). Examples of her art hang on the walls in the background.

and practicing that concept allowed me to create the design for the mural in Disgraced."

The last piece of art the audience sees is the portrait of Emily's husband, Amir. To achieve this amazing likeness, a photograph of actor Scott Stofko was submitted to artist Amanda (Rey) Sykes, whose skillset is photorealism and brushwork. Sykes says she was inspired by Baroque artists including Peter Paul Rubens, Caravaggio and Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, along with modern artists such as Solomon Joseph Solomon, Frank Frazetta, Jun Suemi and Roberto Ferri.

In presenting Disgraced, GAC exhibits some vivid art as well as fine theater. Learn more about the production at greenbeltartscenter. org.

Museum Hosts Talk on Community Arts At Old Greenbelt Theatre on March 13

Randy Cohen, vice president of Research and Policy at Americans for the Arts, the nation's leading arts advocacy organization, will speak at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Wednesday, March 13, at 8 p.m. His talk, "Building a Healthier Greenbelt Through the Arts," is sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM).

Cohen's "10 Reasons to Support the Arts" blog recently received top honors from the Association of Media & Publishing for the best blog post of the year.

He has spoken in all 50 states and in national print and broadcast media on the importance of the arts in strengthening local economies and unifying communities.

All are welcome at this free event. For more information, contact Megan Searing Young at director@ greenbeltmuseum.org or at (301)507-6582.



Randy Cohen will speak at OGT on March 13.

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Sports

Raiders Women's and Men's Basketball Teams on Quest for the Championship

Nerves set in quickly last Friday as the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Lady Raiders began their quest to repeat as state champions. Competing against their rival, the Bowie Bulldogs, Roosevelt fell behind early and went into the locker room facing a halftime deficit, despite senior guard Taylor McCormick's return to the lineup for the first time in over two weeks. With their now healthy point guard's 3-point shooting, the Lady Raiders began to assert themselves in the second half; however, it was their defense that altered the game's momentum.

Guards Trinity Workman, Nylah Lee and Norma Thornhill forced the Bulldogs into almost constant turnovers, frustrating their opponent and creating easy offensive chances for the Lady Raiders. Senior forward Makayla Adams – who has committed to play collegiately at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore - provided solid defense and rebounding in the paint on the way to the 51-35 victory that set up a Tuesday night rematch with the C.H. Flowers Jaguars.

If the Lady Raiders continue to win, they will earn a spot in the regional finals Saturday, March 9. A regional championship would lead to a March 14 state semi-final matchup at Towson University.

Men's Squad

ERHS boys were more than ready for their playoff journey after a 74-61 county championship victory over the Frederick Douglass Eagles last Wednesday



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by Patrick Gleason

in which senior Isaiah Gross tallied 32 points. The Raiders opened Monday night with a 13-3 lead over Flowers and never looked back. While the Jaguars tried to use the size of center Bruno Onwuarzor to assert themselves physically, the Raiders were one step ahead of the Jaguars all night, sprinting to a 51-34 halftime lead. Gross and fellow senior Cameron Brown both threw down alley-oops, while senior point guard Kyle Rose continually pushed the tempo for the Raiders who simply outmatched a solid Flowers squad.

Despite the difference on the scoreboard, the game maintained a competitive atmosphere until the final whistle, signaling an 87-70 Roosevelt victory, setting up a meeting with the Wise Pumas. A win against that team would fix a regional final meeting with either DuVal or High Point; as the number one seed, the Raiders will host each game. With victories, the men's team would also play on March 14 in the state semifinals to be held at the University of Maryland.



Senior Makayla Adams hopes to lead the Lady Raiders back to the state finals. Gabrielle Coleman looks on.



Senior Jamal Cochran takes aim for a Raider squad yet to drop a county game this season.



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Sketches Depict Greenbelt Structures: Iconic, Ordinary

by Matthew Arbach

This January, Jamie Jorgensen made a New Year's resolution to devote more time to sketching Greenbelt's distinctive buildings. In the five and a half years spent living in Greenbelt with his family, he has made note of the diversity of interesting architecture. This self-taught pursuit is a way for him to relax and to reconnect to the visual arts - something he briefly tried in high school and has rekindled in the past few years.

The subjects for his drawings include the Sunoco gas station, Old Greenbelt Theatre, the Safeway at Greenway Center, Greenbelt Baptist Church, the Trinity Assembly of God, some typical row house units and the interior of Beltway Plaza, as well as pedestrians.

Jorgensen employs pen and ink for the outlines, along with a subtle use of watercolors. He stated, "I just like the look of ink on paper, or the ways watercolor flows and mixes." Typically, he completes a sketch in about 30 minutes.

Jorgensen focuses on two areas in his art: urban sketching and nature landscapes. His building pieces celebrate the "human world" while the landscapes depict the natural. This dual pursuit allows him to get into contact with two sides of the daily experience.

Jorgensen summed up his approach by saying, "I'm certainly going for some sort of realism, but I also want the ink and the watercolor to be part of the conversation. I want to leave something for the mind of the viewer to fill in."

Two artists are his most prominent inspirations, John Muir "Jack" Laws and Teoh Yi Chie. Laws is a naturalist, author and educator who specializes in realistic depictions of birds. Chie creates colorful paintings of international city settings and cultural landmarks. Together, both artists inform Jorgensen's coupled interest in nature journaling and urban sketching.

Jorgensen works full time as a government mathematician. His wife's career in education brought their family to Greenbelt. She currently teaches at Blair High School, while their daughters attend Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Jorgensen feels his artistic project has allowed him to get to know Greenbelt more. He enjoys the close-knit and communityoriented feel of the area. "There are always people to chat with while sketching," he said.



The Safeway at Greenway Center

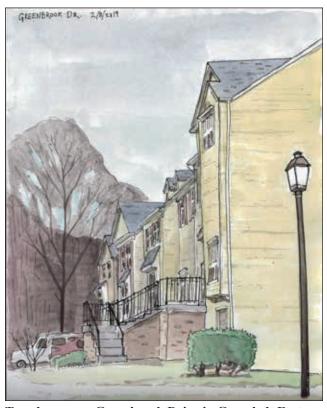


The movie theater and Beijing restaurant

- Photos by Jamie Jorgensen



Greenbelt Baptist Church



Townhouses on Greenbrook Drive in Greenbelt East





Jamie Jorgensen

His seven current drawings are available for viewing on the Greenbelters, Greenbelt Neighbors, and D.C. Chapter of Urban Sketchers pages on Facebook, as well as his Instagram account (@pbandjorgy). Otherwise, he said, "They just stay in my sketchbook.'

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