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Capitol Flag Carried by Scouts Celebrates Women's Suffrage

by Melissa Sites



PHOTO BY LUCY DIRKSEN

Members of BSA Troop 214 and BSA Troop 1920 carry their troop, state, district and national flags in front of the Capitol.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote, six girls from local Troop 214 marched with flags at the U.S. Capitol, becoming some of the first female Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to do so.

According to Troop 214 Co-

ordinator Casandra Cartagena, "Flag ceremonies are a traditional Scouts BSA activity and are done at most formal scouting events, and at special occasions like the [commemoration] on June 4. Flag ceremonies can be raising the flag or marching with flags.

In this case, we had flags for the U.S., Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia and one for each troop, and we marched with them."

She went on, "Flag ceremonies were organized across the country at many state capitals to recognize the historic occasion. The National Capital Area Council (NCAC) and the troop from Seneca District organized the flag ceremony and invited us to participate. In addition, BSA invited all scouts (boys or girls) to write a letter to their congressman as part of learning about citizenship in the nation."

Greenbelt Scout mother Lucy Dirksen enthusiastically supported her two daughters, Raina and Linden Dirksen, who took time

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GMS Teacher Wins 2019 Christa McAuliffe Award

Greenbelt Middle School science teacher Manuela Pagunsan is the recipient of the 2019 Christa McAuliffe Outstanding Teacher Award from Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS).

Pagunsan, a 32-year veteran educator, teaches seventh-grade science and biology and coaches the Science Bowl team. She previously worked as a science

teacher, department chair and science fair coordinator at Oxon Hill Middle School.

"Ms. Pagunsan's ongoing dedication to building her skills and making science fun for students epitomizes the spirit of this award," said Dr. Monica Goldson, chief executive officer.

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PHOTO BY LAUREN CROSSED

Inspired by Greenbelt animal control officers during a career day, Magnolia Elementary students collect supplies and donate them to the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Friday, June 14.



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What Goes On

The members of the Greenbelt City Council will be attending the Maryland Municipal League Conference this week. There will be no city council meetings from June 24 to 28.

Council Meets with New School CEO Dr. Monica E. Goldson

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt City Council held a worksession on June 4 with Dr. Monica E. Goldson, Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's County Public Schools at the time of the worksession. Christian Rhodes, chief of staff, accompanied her. All councilmembers were present. Sometime after the June 4 meeting concluded County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced that Goldson had been named permanent Chief Executive Officer. The council had two major issues to be addressed: a school boundary update for students living in Greenbelt Station, and the physical conditions of Greenbelt schools including future construction needs.

Goldson updated the council on the past year's activities. She reported that the county has 134,000 students in 207 schools.

She mentioned that a three-year teacher's contract was concluded, restoring pay steps teachers had been denied. Golden added that the county also gave teachers an additional step and are aiming for a compensation package similar to nearby jurisdictions. She said that she has been with the county school system for almost 30 years, and indicated she is familiar with Greenbelt.

Prince George's County has the second oldest school buildings in the state – an average of 49 years. There is now a plan to shorten the time required to obtain permission and build new schools by entering into public-private partnerships. Ten schools may be the first test of this plan in which a private group builds the school, maintains it, and the

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Greenbelter Helps to Register New Voters in Greenbelt West

by Eugene "Jesse" Nash IV



PHOTO BY EUGENE "JESSE" NASH IV

Ric Gordon (right), who organized the rally, poses with a DJ who ran the sound system for the event.

Franklin Park resident and author Ric Gordon has had a vision to promote political activism in his home community since he was young. Last Saturday, Gordon rallied with city council members, political candidates and interested Greenbelters in the Beltway Plaza Mall to bring his dream to reality. Together, they helped fourteen Greenbelt West residents register to vote and increased awareness of the 2020 census to hundreds of mallgoers.

"It just takes a spark to light a match," Gordon said.

The OneVoice rally brought in Mayor Emmett Jordan, Councilmembers Judith Davis and Colin Byrd, State Delegate Alonzo Washington, retired Councilmember Konrad Herling, and Hyattsville City Councilman Joseph A. Solomon, among others. They

spoke about the importance of voter registration and participation in the 2020 census.

"The census gives us a once-in-a-decade chance to redraw the lines of power in our favor," said McKayla Wilkes, who intends to challenge the longstanding Democratic Fifth District Representative, Steny Hoyer, in 2020. "We can get more representation and more funding to build the world that we want."

Byrd noted that a lot of people have made sacrifices over the last two decades to grant every citizen the right to vote, so no one should take that right for granted. Jordan also emphasized the importance of voting and all of the important things which depend on the democratic vote of

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Letters to the Editor

Eleanor Roosevelt's Tree Needs our Help

The letter in last week's News Review headed "Ailing Trees" inspired me to take a walk up the path along Crescent Road, toward the lake, just past the Baptist Church, to see for myself the condition of this special memorial. We are told that Eleanor Roosevelt herself once stood on this spot, looking out over the new town's woods and lake.

Over 50 years ago, on November 2, 1968, I was present at the dedication of the original tree. The girls from my 4-H club (the Sparklers) had been asked by the Women's Club of Greenbelt, sponsors of the event, to help pass out programs. Guest of honor was Mrs. Roosevelt's daughter Anna (Mrs. James A. Halsted). There is a beautiful photo of the dedication event on page 208 of the big book on Greenbelt, "History of a New Town 1937-1987," edited by Mary Lou Williamson.

Alas, that first tree did not survive long and was replaced by a different tree. There have been other replacements over the years. But I was dismayed to find today a completely dead young tree surrounded by weeds and even a clump of poison ivy. This is not right! If funding is the problem, I'm sure our Greenbelt clubs and even individuals would chip in to replant a tree and spruce up the whole memorial site.

It's important, especially for Greenbelt, to keep alive the memory of the woman named on the plaque as "First Lady of the Land, First Lady of the World." The inscription on the plaque ends, "Her continuing interest helped to make real the dream of an ideal community."

Kathleen Scott McFarland

Evading Accountability

On May 29, Maryland Delegate Alonzo Washington hosted a public meeting that included an update on the maglev train project. The Greenbelt City Council held a similar meeting on April 25. David Henley from Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) presented information on the project at both meetings. BWRR is a Maryland-based railroad franchise affiliated with The Northeast Maglev, which is the company formed to develop and build maglev in the Northeast Corridor.

Information meetings with

Henley are not helping to stop this useless and wasteful project. We need our District 22 lawmakers, which includes Washington, and our city council to tell the public what they are doing to stop the project.

We believe our District 22 lawmakers, who are Democrats, can propose effective legislation to stop the project but need to obtain the support of fellow Democratic legislators. Democrats control more than 4/5ths of the seats in the Maryland General Assembly and can override a veto by Governor Hogan. Are they simply unwilling to confront influential Democrats in the Assembly, U.S. Congress and even at BWRR who support the project?

According to the Baltimore Business Journal (September 22, 2015), Maryland State Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller pledged to back the project. In the same article, U.S. Senator Ben Cardin stated that he believes money can be found to pay for the project. Former U.S. Senator and Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle sits on the The Northeast Maglev Advisory Board. All are Democrats.

According to the Greenbelt News Review's article about Washington's meeting, Washington stated that he is happy with the outcome of his information meeting but saddened to find a lack of public trust in Maryland government. We're not surprised the public lacks such trust.

We believe our District 22 lawmakers and our council can do a lot more to stop the project. Instead they appear to want to set the public against Henley and Hogan. By doing so they deflect responsibility from themselves, possibly thinking they can avoid being held accountable to the public and can gain advantage for future political aspirations.

We want to know specifically what our lawmakers are doing to stop the project. It concerns us that they do not want to tell us.

Brian Almquist

Unwanted

The maglev as proposed: to be built under the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, will impact the City of Greenbelt. Has the Greenbelt City Council, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. or any of the homeowner associations in the Greenbelt area consulted legal counsel to oppose the building of the maglev?

Recently I have heard of the "Loop," also an underground transportation system to be built under the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore. The "Loop" is anticipating using the Greenway Center as a staging area.

Either or both of these systems will negatively affect our homes and quality of life. As residents of the City of Greenbelt we should have legal counsel and our homeowner associations should also inform "We the Citizens" of how to stop these trains.

Ruth Haynes

Maglev Security

Has anyone heard about what security systems the proposed maglev project plans to implement?

The maglev is expected to be built 80 to 100 or 120 feet underground, able to accommodate 500 passengers. I have been following the proposals and have heard nothing about security.

I believe this is a real problem since we are aware that schools, churches, synagogues, mosques and office buildings are targets of hate groups.

Perhaps we will need to have the same type of TSA checkpoints as the airports now have, remove shoes, belts and coats then go through a metal detector.

Until the security question is addressed and environmental

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June 21st - June 27th

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ASK DR. RUTH (NR)(2019)
(100 mins)

Fri. 7:00 PM

Sat. 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 PM

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Mon. 7:00 PM

Tues. 7:00 PM

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Thurs. 7:00 PM

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(PG)(2018)(97 mins)

Tues. 1:00 PM - FREE

On Screen

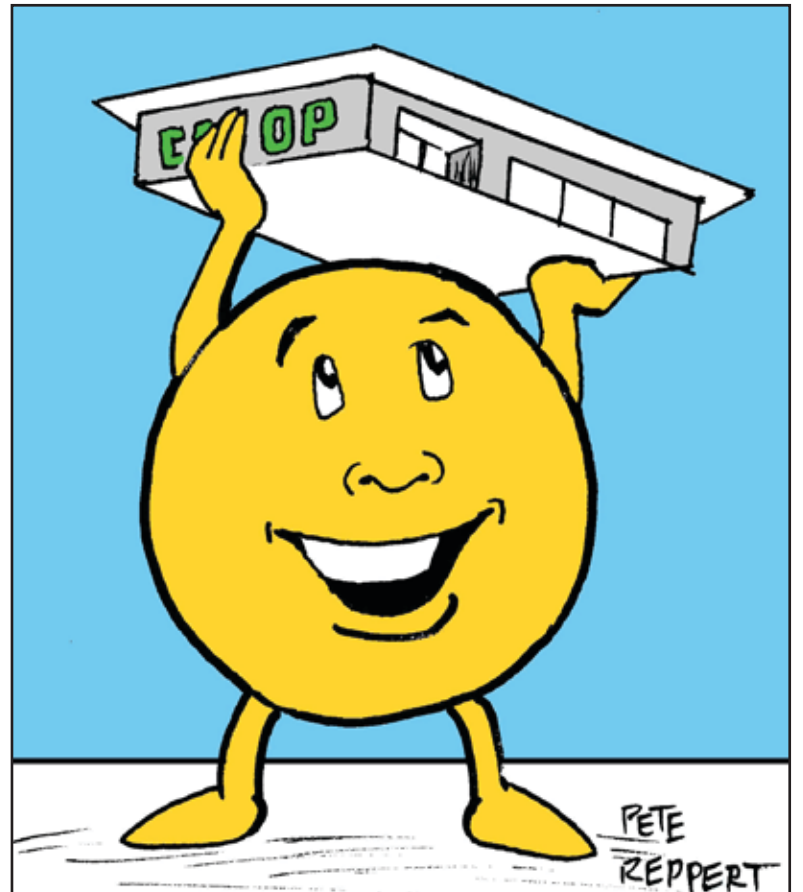
(The Old Greenbelt Theatre is screening its first-run films in the Community Center in the Ground Floor East Suite until further notice. Follow the signs and arrows leading the way.)

Ask Dr. Ruth

In this 2019 documentary Dr. Ruth Westheimer demonstrates the charm and humor that put people at ease with her uninhibited approach to sex therapy and education. A Holocaust survivor with a thick German accent and a tiny frame, she became a media sensation as America's most famous sex therapist, transforming the conversation around sexuality. Early in the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s, she was also outspoken in denouncing the bigotry surrounding homosexuality. Nearing her 90th birthday, she reflects on the many turns in her life. Her childhood was painful – her parents perished in WWII after sending their only daughter to Switzerland – and she grew up alone. After the war she emigrated to Israel, where she trained as a sniper. Finally, she made it to New York where she received her education, setting her on an unlikely path to a career at the forefront of the sexual revolution. But her enduring legacy, she says, will be that she survived and had children and grandchildren.

Not rated, running time: 100 minutes

- Sandy Rogers



Greenbelt's Co-Op will have solar power
and every Friday there will be a sale on
sun-dried tomatoes.

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Community Events

Kite Craft Workshop

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites guests of all ages to make your own kite at a Community Art Drop-in on Sunday, July 7. All materials will be provided for this workshop led by instructor Aaron Springer. The event takes place at the Community Center. Admission is free, but reservations are recommended; follow the link at greenbeltmd.gov/arts to sign up for a 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. start time. A limited number of seats will also be available on a walk-up basis for both seatings.

While visiting, see the Greenbelt Museum's current exhibit at the Center, *The Knowing Hands that Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus*. Straus is best known locally as the creator of the iconic Mother and Child statue in Greenbelt's Roosevelt Center and the impressive bas reliefs on the façade of the Community Center. The museum's historic house will also be open for tours at 10-B Crescent Road, for a nominal admission fee.

For more information, call 301-397-2208. City of Greenbelt arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Thoughtful Discussion At Roosevelt Center

A complex weather system, rain and threatened lightning, wind and hail, forced the postponement of the Tuesday night Thoughtful Discussion on June 18. So the al fresco meeting at Roosevelt Center from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, will focus on the same topic: Complex systems surround us and control our lives in many ways, from cars to computers to the power grid. We need them, but we can't understand or explain them. Have the systems we depend on become so complex that they are indistinguishable from magic?

Come join the discussion of this topic and help select an area to be explored the following week.

Peace Month Events

Greenbelt Peace Month continues with three events this week. Sponsors are Baha'is of Greenbelt, this Thursday evening; the Greenbelt Writers' Group, Friday; and Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition, Saturday afternoon.

Thursday, June 20: A Women and Peace program by Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Greenbelt, 7 p.m. at the Community Center Room 114. The speaker, D.C. writer Hillary Chapman, develops the theme that equality of women and men is an essential prerequisite to peace. A co-author of *The Calling: Tahirih of Persia and Her American Contemporaries*, he connects the life and work of Tahirih, the trailblazing female nineteenth-century Iranian religious-revolutionary leader, with early female reformers and religious leaders such as Sojourner Truth and Susan B. Anthony. Contact: Alice Mformen, mforalice@comcast.net, or Nancy Joy Allchin, njallchin@comcast.net.

Friday, June 21: Open readings and favorite writings on peace, 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The program includes poetry, prose and essays, plus a short discussion about peace in today's world and the ways that writing can have an impact on it. Light refreshments will be served. Organized by the Greenbelt Writers Group. Contact: Barbara Ford, barb.ford@comcast.net or 301-441-8241.

Saturday, June 22: Presentation on making peace with Iran and Venezuela, 1 to 3 p.m. in the Community Center Multi-Purpose Room. Popular Resistance and Baltimore Greens activists Kevin Zeese and Margaret Flowers will report on their visits to Iran and Venezuela as well as the recent Embassy Protection Collective's 37-day peace vigil at the D.C. Venezuelan Embassy. They will discuss the role of U.S. military and economic power in those countries and the world, and the role of U.S. people in responsibly bringing about foreign policy changes. Organized by the Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition. Contact justpeacepg@earthlink.net.

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 the Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of June 24 are as follows:

Monday, June 24: Eggplant parmesan with marinara sauce, parslies spaghetti, Tuscan vegetables, Italian bread, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Tuesday, June 25: Meatloaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, glazed carrots, tropical fruit, fruit-punch juice.

Wednesday, June 26: Chicken cacciatore, buttered rotini, garlic spinach, Italian bread, mandarin oranges and pineapple, apple juice.

Thursday, June 27: Pulled Cuban pork, black beans, plantains, coleslaw, whole-wheat bun, cranberry juice.

Friday, June 28: Potato-crust fish, garden-medley rice, broccoli, fresh fruit, orange juice.

This Sunday: Croquet

Sunday, June 23 from 12:30 to 3 p.m., Greenbelt Unplugged brings back Croquet and Crumpets for a second year running. Last year's event was so successful we decided to repeat. The event takes place on the croquet grounds adjacent to the Community Center and Library. Croquet equipment and some refreshments will be provided.



Greenbelt Park Events

Saturday, June 22, Campfire Program: Passenger Pigeon. Once seen in massive flocks of millions of birds, the passenger pigeon vanished from America in 1914. Visit scenic Greenbelt Park, once a habitat for the bird, to learn of this extinct species and the reasons for its sad demise. Campground guests and the public are welcome to join at the Campfire Circle for a traditional NPS campfire program at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 23, Reading Ranger: The Raft. Join a Park ranger to read *The Raft* and explore a young child's vacation journey into nature. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, June 25, A Journey through America's National Park System. Come hear the story of David Kroese and the park system's centennial and look at the Find Your Park lapel pin exhibit. The program is an effort to extend thanks to the wonderful people who staff and protect our nation's parks. Learn how the exhibit project led to the first narrative ever published introducing all 419 units in our National Park System. Held at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

Astronomical Society

The movie *Hidden Figures*, based on the true story of the women mathematicians who helped launch the space program, will be shown Thursday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114. This is free and open to the public. Sponsored by The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt.

Poolside Social Club

The poolside social club meets Tuesday, June 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the concession area of the outdoor pool of the GAFC. Please join us and meet your neighbors! For more information: bsglick@gmail.com.


TEA Time 4th Friday At New Deal Café

The Taking Effective Action (TEA) women's support group provides mutual support for women's personal goals and professional development through positivity and progress. Meetings are held on the fourth Friday of each month from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the New Deal Café, led by Li'l Dan Celdran. Enjoy constructive dialogue while dining together and supporting one another and the Café.

Art Visioning Meeting July 7 for Central Park

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites Greenbelt residents from all neighborhoods to participate in a public art visioning meeting for the newly dedicated Greenbelt Station Central Park. How can artwork enhance the experience of park users and adjoining neighbors? Look at examples of different types of public art and discuss what you would like to see in this new community green space. Learn about the city's public art policy and commissioning procedures, and about the current project funding outlook. This session will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. RSVP by following the link at greenbeltmd.gov/arts. For additional information, contact Nicole Dewald, arts supervisor: ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov, 301-397-2208.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.



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8 am	Democracy Now!
9 am	Classic Film: <i>Inspector General</i> (1949) Danny Kaye
11 am	Adopt A Pet
11:30	Greenbelt Discussion
12 pm	Greenbelt News Reel
1 pm	Strata (Archaeology)
2 pm	Greenbelt News Reel
3 pm	Classic Film: <i>Inspector General</i> (1949) Danny Kaye
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Obituaries

Diane C. Ronchi



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Diane Ronchi

Diane C. Ronchi, a lifelong Greenbelt resident, died on June 12, 2019. Diane was born on January 13, 1947, at Prince George's Hospital, to George and Dirce Ronchi. Diane grew up and spent most of her life in Greenbelt. Her father, George, was a painter who studied art at the Corcoran School of the Arts in Washington D.C. Diane developed a talent for drawing at a very young age by spending endless hours watching her father do what he loved. Her favorite pastime was drawing animals, especially horses. She attended St. Hugh's School and went on to graduate from High Point High School in 1965.

Diane married in 1968 and raised two children, Jeffrey and Diane, who also attended St. Hugh's. While her children attended there, Diane was an active roommother, helping with bazaars, bake sales and luncheons. She was also a Cub Scout leader and very active with the local Brownie and Girl Scout troops. Later, when her children were in high school, Diane worked at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Greenbelt, again using her art skills as a secretary to produce amazing weekly bulletins.

Years later, Diane went to work for the Department of Agriculture in Beltsville and finished her federal government career with the Department of Defense, working at the Pentagon as a travel agent. The department was then transferred to Fort Belvoir, VA, where she finally retired early to take care of her mother. During her tenure at the Pentagon, she was present during the 9/11 attacks.

Diane joined the Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad in 1989 as part of the Ladies Auxiliary, again following in her father's footsteps as he was one of the first volunteers to help organize the Greenbelt Rescue Squad. During her time there she served as secretary until she became ill. She was instrumental in their yearly bake sales, filling cookie jars and using her artistic talent to make posters. She would have celebrated 30 years of service with the Ladies Auxiliary this year. She is gone but not forgotten. Over the years, Diane also volunteered with the Park Police Volunteer Association, the Public Safety Advisory Committee and the Greenbelt Police Citizen's Academy. Diane showed her love for the Greenbelt Police Department by dropping in on a regular basis to deliver homemade baked goods to the officers, especially the chief. Of course this made her very popular with the department.

Diane was an avid dog lover and had many dogs over the years. Everyone who knew Diane was aware of her strong love for dogs and all animals. She was instrumental in the creation of the Greenbelt Dog Park.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her two brothers, George

Ronchi (Rita) and William Ronchi (Diane), her two children, Jeffrey Timbs (Rochelle Lida Timbs) and Diane Timbs Fuchs, her grandchildren, Alyssa, Jessica, Jeanette, Mark and Tony, and her great-granddaughter, Emma. She is also survived by many cousins, aunts and uncles in New Jersey, her loving best friend, Charlene Backstrom, her beloved dog Sadie, and numerous other friends in Greenbelt, the city she loved so much.

The viewing will be held at Borgwardt's Funeral Home (4400 Powder Road in Beltsville) on Sunday, June 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. A funeral mass, for all who would like to attend, will be held on Monday, June 24, at St Hugh's Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Fort Lincoln Cemetery (3401 Bladensburg Road in Brentwood, Md.) immediately following the mass.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Greenbelt Ladies Auxiliary in memory of Diane.

— Charlene Backstrom

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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GHI NOTES

Thursday, June 20, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby;

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

Monday, June 24, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Wednesday, June 26, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room

Friday, June 28, office closed, Emergency Maintenance Service available at 301-474-6011

Monday, July 1, 7 p.m., Board Executive Work Session, Board Room

Wednesday, July 3, 7 p.m., Addition Maintenance Program Task Force, Board Room

Thursday July 4, (Independence Day) office closed. Emergency Maintenance Service available at 301-474-6011



Condolences to the family and friends of Diane Ronchi.

Congratulations to Manuela Pagunsan who is the recipient of the 2019 Christa McAuliffe Outstanding Teacher Award from Prince George's County Public Schools.

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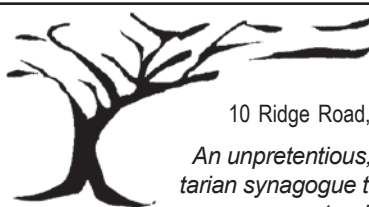
“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”
Romans 12:21

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At the Library

2019 Summer @ Your Library: A Universe of Stories
 Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 landing on the moon this summer at the library. The theme for the 2019 Summer @ Your Library is A Universe of Stories. The library challenge runs from now through August 19. Participants of all ages may register online at pgcmls.info via the Beanstack online platform.

Just for registering, participants will receive a prize, then will earn additional points and prizes by checking out books, logging reading or attending library events. PGCMLS library branches will host space-themed events starting in mid-to-late June.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Monday, June 24, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Earn service hours while making the local library a great place for teens. Registration required; please contact the branch either in person or by calling 301-345-5800. TAB meets weekly on Monday afternoons

Books at Bedtime. Monday, June 24, 6:30 p.m., ages newborn to 3, limit 20 people. Presented by the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program.

English Conversation Club. Tuesday, June 25, 6 p.m. Are you learning to speak English? Join our club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. This club meets weekly as a walk-in event on Tuesday evenings.

Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Tuesday, June 25, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 30 people. Wednesday, June 26, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people. Thursday, June 27, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s).

STEM-tastic: Ingredients of the Universe. Wednesday, June 26, 4:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Become a mad scientist by conducting hands-on, fun science experiments using basic scientific principles. Come learn about key scientific concepts and terms such as atoms, elements, molecules and compounds to explore the universe by creating a fun, innovative Universal Trail Mix. No registration required.

French Conversation Club. Thursday, June 27, 5 p.m. Learning to speak French? Join our club and practice speaking French in a friendly atmosphere. This club meets biweekly as a walk-in event on Thursday evenings.



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City Information & Events

MEETINGS FOR JUNE 24-28

No City Council Meetings this Week-Greenbelt City Council will be attending the Maryland Municipal League Conference.

Monday, June 24 at 6:30pm, **CART MEETING** at Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Budget, Review of the Pet Expo, Preparations for National Night Out and Labor Day*

Monday, June 24 at 7:30pm, **CERT MEETING** at Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Budget, Review of the Pet Expo, Preparations for July 4 and National Night Out*

Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Turning Point Academy, Elections & Liaisons, 2019/20 Calendar, Participation in Labor Day Parade, and Report on Education Forum with Dr. Thornton*

Tuesday, June 25 at 7:30pm, **GREEN ACES** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Updates from Sustainability Framework / Green Team Circles, Upcoming events: Saturday, June 29, 11am to 12:30 pm, Composting 101 at PW Saturday, July 27, 9am to 12 noon, Electronics Recycling at PW*

Thursday, June 27 at 8:30pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at the Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road. *On the agenda: Science Fund Application Form & Process, One Year Review of Co-Chairs & Circle Process, Review of collated Stewardship Guidelines, and Presenting Guidelines to City Council/Report 2017-01 re: AMT*

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

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center
 101 Centerway, 301-397-2204

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday, June 21 8:00-9:45pm

Admittance to the pool is \$5.00 for all families (including passholders.) Bring your pool toys and the whole family for an evening of fun!

Entering families must have at least one adult. Families will be charged \$1.00 for each additional non-family member, with a limit of three non-family members per group. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Indoor Pool.

Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook and Twitter @cityofgreenbelt

JULY FOURTH FANFARE

Celebrate Independence Day with friends and neighbors at Buddy Attick Park

- Bring a picnic
- Walk the lake trail
- Enjoy the playground
- Community Drum Circle, 5:30pm-6:45pm
- Greenbelt Concert Band, 7:30pm-8:30pm
- FIREWORKS approximately 9:00pm

In case of inclement weather, please call the weather and information hotline, 301-474-0646, for updated event status.

Composting 101
 Learn the Basics of Backyard Composting Free

Saturday, June 29 from 11am-12:30pm
Public Works Building, 555 Crescent Rd.

Discounted composting bins available \$10 New, but cracked and fixed.
 Contact LRobles@greenbeltmd.gov

Consider making a Charitable Donation to City of Greenbelt's Emergency Relief Fund

Consider donating to the Emergency Assistance Agency Funds, which helps our neighbors in need. Agency Funds are managed, but not financed by the City.

The purpose of the Emergency Assistance Fund is to assist Greenbelt residents who are at-risk of eviction.

Checks may be made payable to the City of Greenbelt. Donors may direct their donation toward one or more of the agency funds. Donations are tax deductible and upon request a letter acknowledging your gift will be issued.

Thank you to all residents who have contributed in the past.

Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau

FREE Babysitting Course

THURSDAY, JUNE 27 from 1-4pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse
6101 Cherrywood Lane

This course is targeted towards students in grades 5-8 (10-13 years of age). Students will learn about babysitting responsibilities, safety, and how to handle emergency situations.

Students should bring a pencil or pen. They will receive a packet of information, a certificate of completion and will have the opportunity to enroll in Greenbelt CARES Odd Jobs/Job bank.

For additional information and enrollment, contact Judy Hering, Vocational/Educational Counselor, Babysitting Instructor: jhering@greenbeltmd.gov or 301-345-6660.

Greenbelt Station Art in the Park

PUBLIC ART VISIONING SESSION
Tuesday, July 9, 7:30pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln.

How can public art enhance the user experience at Greenbelt Station Central Park? What kind of art would you like to see in this space? Look at examples, and join the conversation!

Please RSVP at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts
For more information: ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov
Greenbelt residents from all neighborhoods welcome
Light supper provided. Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL
 June 29, 2019 from 10am-1pm
 Springhill Lake Recreation Center 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Join the City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works for an invasive plant removal and bio-retention cleanup event

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

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

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Bowie, Maryland 20716
301-327-0206 and 301-327-0247

Doctors Community Practices at Crofton

(Primary Care and Family Medicine)

2191 Defense Highway, Suite 201
Crofton, Maryland 21114
410-305-9622

Doctors Community Practices at District Heights

(Primary Care and Family Medicine)

6400 Marlboro Pike
District Heights, Maryland 20747
301-327-0953

Doctors Community Practices at Laurel

(Primary Care and Diabetes Care)

13900 Baltimore Avenue
Laurel, Maryland 20707
301-276-7396

Doctors Community Practices at Riverdale

(Primary Care, Family Medicine and
Endocrinology)

6502 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 100
Riverdale, Maryland 20737
301-278-8637

Doctors Community Practices at Temple Hills

(Primary Care and Family Medicine)

5859 Allentown Way
Temple Hills, Maryland 20728
240-273-4826

Metropolitan Medical Specialists

(Primary Care and Family Medicine)

8116 Good Luck Road, Suite 300
Lanham, Maryland 20706
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Springhill Lake Rec Center Serves as Summer Meal Site

by Melissa Sites

For children and youth who are in need of lunch over the summer, Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SHLRC) will offer free bag lunches to anyone age 17 years old and younger. SHLRC will serve as a Summer Meal Site Monday through Friday, beginning June 24 through August 16 (excluding July 4).

Anne Oudemans, Greenbelt Recreation program supervisor, said, "We're very grateful to be able to offer free meals to people in the community who need it. In late May we learned that two summer recreation sites sponsored by M-NCPPC were going to be closed this year, and we knew that a lot of families in the Franklin Park community relied on those programs for meals for their kids. We're excited to be able to jump in and join the program so late in the game. We sent our program coordinators, Frank Jones and Brian Butler, to a mandatory training to make sure they understand the regulations," including strict USDA requirements for reporting and food safety.

Typically the bag lunch will consist of a sandwich, piece of

fruit, and other sides such as granola bars or carrots. The lunch program is sponsored by the Prince George's County Schools Food and Nutrition office, which also manages the distribution of food to various sites around the county. Oudemans said, "Every summer recreation site that's inside a school building will be providing free meals as well. Berwyn Heights Elementary and Magnolia Elementary are the two closest to Greenbelt."

The number of bag lunches offered will be adjusted according to need. The SHLRC recreation program, and free lunches will start off Monday, June 24 with an estimated 35 participants expected. Oudemans stated that, "Via email we can be in touch with the summer lunch coordinator and modify that number on a daily basis. We anticipate that number may go up as the news spreads in the community, and we have the flexibility to accommodate that."

SHLRC opens at noon Monday through Friday, and lunches will be available beginning at 12:30 p.m.



Nominate Your Favorite For Outstanding Citizen

While summer vacations have just begun and thoughts of most Greenbelters are on swimming, barbecues and lazy days, the Outstanding Citizen Committee wants everyone to be thinking of who should be the Outstanding Citizen for 2019. Each year for 46 years, a Greenbelter has been recognized at the opening ceremonies of the Labor Day Festival. The new Outstanding Citizen will be Grand Marshal of the Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 2, and his or her name will be added to those of previous recipients to a plaque that hangs in the Community Center.

Greenbelt is a city with many outstanding folks. Over the years, an abundance of hardworking, dedicated women and men have devoted countless volunteer hours for the good of the community. Each year since 1973, one of these volunteers has been selected as the one person who best represents the concern, selflessness and dedication that help make Greenbelt the special place that it is. Each of us knows some certain person who stands out, someone who gives generously of his or her time and shows concern for others, someone who demonstrates the leadership, enthusiasm and cooperation for which Greenbelt has always been known. Nominees must be volunteers; city employees and elected officials may not be considered for their paid services. Look around you and seek out that special person you think has helped make Greenbelt a great place to live. Then put your thoughts in writing, listing those traits you consider to be special and the or-

ganizations in which your special person is active. A nomination form is located in this paper on page 8 but a letter will do as well.

If you've nominated someone before without success, don't be discouraged. The Committee receives many wonderful nominations each year but only one person can be selected. If your nominee has not yet been recognized, don't be discouraged. Your favorite could be this year's winner. Nominations may be submitted until July 29 to: Robert Zugby, Chair, Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen Committee, 94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Greenbriar Community Holds Boards Elections

Greenbriar Phase I held their Annual Meeting on March 5, electing the following officers: Lawrence Noda, President; LaVerne Smith, Vice President; Missy Dodd, Secretary; Evelyn Kenly, Treasurer; and Rhonda Furmanski, Director.

Greenbriar Phase II reconvened their Annual Meeting on April 11 and elected the following officers: Linda Kulle, President; Doris Johnson, Vice President; Mary Blizard, Secretary; Cheryl Taylor, Treasurer; and Kevin Marshall, Director.

Greenbriar Phase III had their Annual Meeting on March 19 and elected the following officers: Angeline Butler, President; Anne Weldon, Vice President; Carol

A Review

Mendacity! Sexuality! Fertility! (Or Maggie the Cat is Alive!)

by Jim Link

From the first words uttered in this production ("No-necked little monsters!"), from her first hip thrust, Maggie the Cat captured the opening night audience in the Greenbelt Art Center's production of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. The play runs Friday, June 21 and Saturday, June 22 at 8 p.m.

Allison McCalister drips eros and exudes Machiavellian pragmatism as she tries to get her husband Brick to inherit Big Daddy's 28,000-acre Mississippi Delta plantation. "I don't have the charm of the defeated," she exclaims. "I am determined to win!"

This Rude Mechanicals production skips its trademark plot wrenching and satirical hilarity to give us Tennessee Williams straight. *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* won the Pulitzer Prize for drama in 1955. The acclaimed movie of 1958 (Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman as Maggie and Brick) muted the implied homosexuality of Brick and Skipper, high school, college and semi-pro football heroes and bosom buddies. The Rudes merely give us excellent acting, production, direction, set design, costuming and Tennessee Williams' searing, candid script.

Joe Downs is excellent as the brooding, handsome, sexually ambiguous, alcoholic Brick, favorite son of Big Daddy. His best buddy and fellow football hero Skipper has committed suicide, leaving Brick's sniping brother Gooper and his wife Mae to insinuate a homosexual union. The situation is made worse as Brick refuses to sleep with Maggie.

Brick barely speaks a word in Act I, but his body language, casual gestures and facial expressions speak volumes. Downs is silent but he certainly is acting. In Act II he becomes articulate, particularly during the explosive dialogue between him and Big Daddy concerning the nature of Brick's sexuality.

Deryl Davis is swaggering, vulgar, Mississippi redneck Big Daddy who thinks he is cancer-free when everyone except him and Big Mama know that his spastic colon is really terminal cancer. His misplaced euphoria enables him to rail against the



PHOTO BY RACHEL ZIRKIN DUDA

Back row from left: Director Michael McCarthy, Leah Delano (Dr. Baugh), Joe Downs (Brick), Allison McAlister (Margaret the Cat), Daniel Dausman (Gooper) and Holly Trout (Mae). Front row from left: Leah Delano (Lacey), Shelby Sours (Big Mama), Deryl Davis (Big Daddy) and Leah Delano (Rev. Tooker)

mendacity and hypocrisy that saturate his family.

Poor Big Mama, deeply shallow, tries to maintain the appearances of domestic bliss. Shelby Sours as Big Mama quivers in disbelief as Big Daddy showers her with insults about her stupidity. Big Daddy aims the same bitter truths against daughter-in-law Mae, vapid but fertile, mother of five who resemble "four dogs and a parrot." Holly Trout as Mae courageously keeps the hypocrisy afloat.

Her husband Gooper is played beautifully by Daniel Dausman. Dweeby, with his face plastered with a pinched smiling rictus, reeks of timidity and ineffectuality as he sucks up to Big Daddy.

Leah DeLano ably does triple duty as Dr. Baugh, Reverend Tooker and the servant Lacey. The doctor's labored explanation that a biopsy has shown Big Daddy's cancer is terminal is very effective. Big Mama, growing more and more aghast, slowly grasps the full horror of the situation.

Director Michael F. McCarthy

shrewdly stages the whole play in the bedroom of Brick and Maggie. The constant flow of human traffic increases the sense of claustrophobia and spying. There's no privacy anywhere on these 28,000 acres.

Attempting to wrest the plantation from Gooper and Mae, Maggie the Cat throws one more desperate gambit at Big Daddy. No spoilers here, but see this great American classic and smell the odor of mendacity.

Family Fun Night

The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center is hosting a family-friendly event on Friday, June 21, from 8 to 9:45 p.m. For one night only, admission to the pool drops to \$5 for all families, including passholders. Bring pool toys and the whole family for an evening of fun.





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June 22nd and 23rd

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Business

Business Column Now Open for Business

The News Review invites Greenbelt businesses to submit brief announcements for the business column. Tell us about events such as new employees, anniversaries, awards won, new programs, and other newsworthy items. Send brief (40-50 words) items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Crowne Plaza Helps Grow Green with Pride Challenge

Staff and management at Crowne Plaza Greenbelt Hotel stepped up to the Grow Green with Pride community cleanup challenge. This Prince George's County beautification initiative aims to make Greenbelt cleaner and greener.

Growing Green with Pride is a collaboration that includes Keep Prince George's County Beautiful, Prince George's County Public

Schools, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, community organizations and civically-active businesses such as Crowne Plaza.

The goal is a shared commitment to keep our communities appealing and attractive. Crowne Plaza encourages other community organizations and groups to join. Crowne Plaza is located in Capital Office Park.

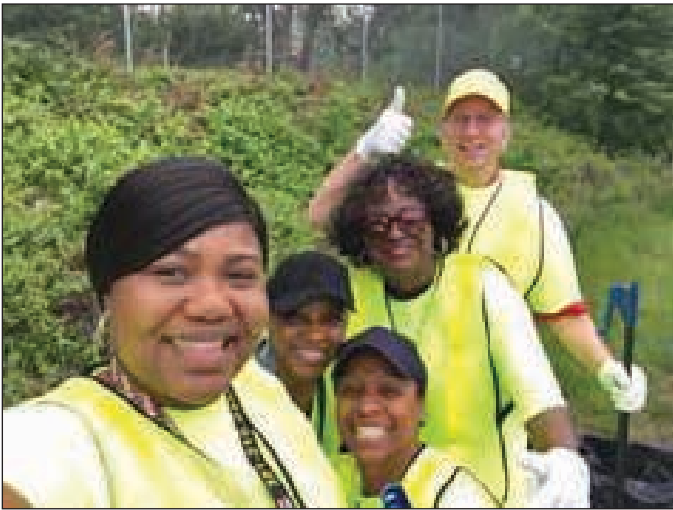


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Crowne Plaza Greenbelt staff participate in the May 4 Prince George's County Green with Pride event.

TEACHER

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"Getting students engaged in STEM subjects goes a long way toward developing future scientists, engineers and mathematicians."

Pagunsan was one of 20 teachers selected for scholarships to the STEM-focused administrative certification program, a partnership between PGCPs and the University of Maryland. She has focused recent professional development efforts on teaching science to Talented and Gifted (TAG) students, special education and integrating technology into the classroom.

"Ms. Pagunsan is a hardworking, well-organized, committed teacher who has given much to our pupils," said Dr. Solomon Osofero, Greenbelt Middle School Science Department chair. "She enjoys the respect of her pupils, their parents, her fellow teachers and the school administration."

Pagunsan was honored at the annual Employee Recognition Dinner on June 14 at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt. Her name will be added to the Christa McAuliffe award plaque at the Sasser Administration Building in Upper Marlboro.

The Christa McAuliffe Award honors an outstanding educator based on competitive standards of excellence established by other teachers. The award is a tribute to McAuliffe, the Teacher-in-Space who lost her life aboard the space shuttle Challenger in January 1986. McAuliffe taught in Prince George's County from 1971 to 1978.

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the people.

A steady crowd came through the mall during the three hours that the lectern was manned. Some sat or stood and tuned in to the speakers. Many other mallgoers brushed past the amplifiers, voter registration table and two-dozen seats set up in front of Beltway Hardware.

A couple of heads turned when Solomon delivered parts of his speech in Spanish. He spoke of a collective desire to change the current cooperation between Prince George's County police officers and Immigration and Customs Enforcement for finding, detaining and removing undocumented immigrants.

But the S.I.T.Y Stars jump rope performances drew the largest crowds of the day. This group of girls that dance, tumble and jump rope to hip hop was the anchor of the event, according to Byrd.

Greenbelt resident Ed Fallon passed out surveys to renters as part of a larger project to strengthen the political voice of Greenbelt's renter population.

Only the organizers and the two councilmembers stayed to

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to be part of the flag ceremony.

Linden described the event as a normal day but recognized the historic importance of the ceremony. Local NBC News Channel 4 interviewed some of the girls and asked what it was like to be a girl in the BSA. Linden said, "I talked about how I was proud to walk about in the Boy Scout uniform, but being a girl. Women have worked very hard to have a say about who dictates their lives. I owe it to the women who came before us."

Linden elaborated on her choice to join BSA Scouts: "When I was little I'd see my brother [Eagle Scout Jaden Dirksen] go and do all this fun stuff, and Dad [Matt Dirksen] would say, 'You have to be a Boy Scout.' And then Dad said, 'Oh hey, girls are allowed in Boy Scouts,' and it was not too long after Jaden became an Eagle Scout [that I joined]."

Raina, the older of the two Dirksen sisters, is trying to make Eagle Scout before she turns eighteen in less than two years. "She is so organized. She has a binder. She is determined," the Dirksens report.

Troop 214 is currently the only Scouts girls troop in the Patuxent District, but in the NCAC there are over 30 troops for girls, mostly in Virginia. The other troop on this occasion was from Seneca District in Maryland. By February 2019, more than 77,000 girls had joined BSA in single-gender troops.

impact studies are complete the only maglev option I can stand behind is the third option, which is the no build option.

Gail Richards

Historic Firehouse Is Maglev HQ

I was in Baltimore for a few days attending a conference and had the opportunity to visit the Northeast Maglev-BWRR headquarters. Several years ago the firm purchased a historic firehouse on Gay Street several blocks north of busy Pratt Street and the Baltimore Inner Harbor.

This firehouse was built in 1904 after the Great Baltimore fire in the same year. Used as a firehouse until the mid-1990s the structure was renovated in 1997 for use by Baltimore's Community College Business and Continuing Education Center for over a decade. The firehouse then sat empty for several years until it was purchased and retrofitted for the Northeast Maglev-BWRR HQ.

The 18,600-square-foot building with 12-foot high ceilings was conducive to additional modifications for office space. Architectural elements of the old firehouse, from the four large red bay doors to the thousands of 1-inch-square ceramic tiles that line some of the interior walls of the ground floor, have been preserved and incorporated into the renovation. The 2nd floor is where offices and work areas are located. The ground floor contains a lobby and a large open conference space with seating and several 50" monitors for presentations.

If folks are in the area, do stop by to see the building and, if staff is available, you might be able to get a look-see inside. Kudos to the Northeast Maglev-BWRR for recycling, reusing and renovating the firehouse building.

Robert Snyder

At right: Greenbelt resident and maglev proponent Robert Snyder at Northeast Maglev headquarters in Baltimore.

Faith Leaders' Meeting With City Council

Thanks to the Greenbelt City Council for convening the meeting of faith-based representatives on June 5. The meeting was very well attended with 17 representatives present. Improved communication between the City of Greenbelt and the faith-based representatives was stressed, so that city resources and faith-based programs for those in need can be maximized and utilized to the fullest.

Some programs are in need of more volunteers, i.e., Cookies at the Bridge, which would like to expand to other after school areas. The Eviction Prevention Program administered through Greenbelt CARES is in need of donations to continue rent assistance. St. Hugh's Church will be working with Robert Goldberg-Strassler (RUAK) and Rivers of Life AME Church to provide more books for students to take home to read at Springhill Lake Elementary School. St. Hugh's Food Pantry will be giving out "kid friendly" food bags to help meet the food needs of children who normally get meals at school.

Everyone at the meeting was supportive of having more frequent joint sessions between council and faith-based representatives.

Mary Ann Tretler
President

St. Hugh Ladies of Charity



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NOMINATION FORM

Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form by July 29, 2019 to: Bob Zugby, Chair
Outstanding Citizen Committee
94 Ridge Road; Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed), which explains why this nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time, specific accomplishments during period of service, the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the City, and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material is useful to the Committee but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful.

You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later, but no later than the July 29th deadline.

Nominated by:

Name(s) (please print) _____ Signature(s) _____ Telephone _____

Thank you!

CAR AUCTION

June 29 – July 6 2019
8am

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Assault

June 5, 11 p.m., 7500 block Greenway Center Drive. A man walking in a parking lot was approached by another man who asked why he was following him. This second man then threatened him and reached for something in his pants. The man who had been approached jumped on him and bit his finger. The man with the bitten finger then walked away.

June 10, 10:40 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. Three men sat at a table in Wendy's when one of them asked an employee for free food. When he replied that he didn't know him, the man pushed the employee out into the parking lot. The other two men followed and all three assaulted the employee, punching and kicking him. One of the men produced a handgun but then dropped it. The employee kicked it out of reach, at which time the three men fled. The employee refused treatment for minor injuries. The three men are described as being black, each 5 feet 8 inches tall. One wore a white skull cap, white puffy vest over a white T-shirt, light blue jeans and yellow shoes; the second, a dark buttoned-up shirt; and the third, a white skull cap, white tank top and jeans.

DWI/DUI

June 8, 1:11 p.m., Kara Court near Megan Lane. A 30-year-old resident was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by alcohol and other traffic-related violations by officers who responded to a report of a vehicle stopped in the roadway. The man was released on citations pending trial.

Theft

June 6, 10:45 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A 45-caliber semi-automatic handgun was taken from a residence.

June 8, 9:22 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence in January. The reason for the delay in reporting the theft is not known.

Fraud

June 8, 9:37 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A woman arranged to buy a vehicle online and make payment using several gift cards. After she gave the seller the card information, communication from the seller stopped and the woman never received the vehicle.

Credit Card Offense

June 8, 4:35 p.m., 8900 block Edmonston Road. A woman said she lost her purse and a credit card inside the purse was later used to make an unauthorized purchase.

Trespass

June 10, 7:20 a.m., 5900 block

Greenbelt Road. A 33-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of CVS Pharmacy after being banned from the establishment by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Counterfeit

June 11, 11:30 a.m. 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 17-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for possession of a false government document and driving without a license. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Vandalism

June 6, 6:15 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. The sliding glass door to a residence was broken out, possibly by using a rock.

June 12, 6:58 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. The glass patio door of a residence was broken out.

Vehicle Crime

A black 2002 load trailer with Md. tags 034801X was taken from the 9200 block Edmonston Road. Four tires and rims were taken from one vehicle in the 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway. A taillight was broken in the 100 block Westway.

The owner of a vehicle in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane heard its alarm sound at approximately 5:20 a.m. and saw two men outside his work van, with the hood and doors open. The owner confronted one of them, who then threw a car battery toward him. Both men involved in this theft then fled on black mopeds. Tools belonging to the owner had been taken.

A laptop computer was taken from a possibly unlocked vehicle in the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace.

Three attempted thefts from vehicles occurred on June 9 on Edmonston Road near Edmonston Court, each after windows were broken out to gain access. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Four thefts from vehicles occurred on June 9 after windows were broken to gain access. Three were on Edmonston Road near Edmonston Court and included a cell phone, loose change, a driver's license and a credit card (subsequently used to make an unauthorized purchase). The fourth occurred in the 7800 block Mandan Road, where a notebook computer and camera were taken.

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Greenbelt's newest police officer, Dylan Davis (left), is sworn in at the June 17 council meeting. Davis grew up in Anne Arundel County and attended Broadneck High School before entering the Anne Arundel County Community College Police Academy.

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City Notes

Building Maintenance/Street Maintenance/Special Details and Horticulture/Parks all worked on the renovation of the Old Greenbelt Theatre, including recycling the old theater seats.

Refuse/Recycling collected 31.24 tons of refuse and 12.88 tons of recycling material.

Summer Camps have begun, and there are still some openings for camps later in the summer.

SHLRC staff are planning and training personnel for their summer Drop-In programs. They will also host a Summer Meal Site, with free lunches for kids Monday through Friday during the summer.

Therapeutic Recreation inclusion staff provided a presentation on inclusion at the Camp Pine Tree Orientation.

Senior Globetrotters enjoyed visiting and making glass pieces at McFadden Glassblowing in Baltimore.

Animal Control investigated an animal bite and a cruelty complaint and removed a snake from a home. Eight kittens and two cats were surrendered. Two cats and a kitten were adopted.

CARES' Director Liz Park attended training at the Department of Social Services on understanding LGBTQ identities and experiences so as to create safe and nurturing community environments.

Sharon Johnson of CARES took training on Alzheimer's: diagnosis, caregiving and costs of care.



Things to Know about Greenbelt Independence Day Celebration

Independence Day fireworks will be held on Thursday, July 4 at Buddy Attick Park, at approximately 9 p.m. and will last 20 to 30 minutes. The Greenbelt Police Department will have a tent set up in the grassy area by the main parking lot to assist with everything from first aid to reuniting lost children with their families. The Greenbelt Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) will use an adjacent tent as a hydration station with cooling chairs and will also provide limited first aid.



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school system pays it off over 30 years. The builder would be responsible for repairs. Goldson indicated that they are close to solidifying this plan. In response to council questions, she indicated that currently new schools take from 7 to 10 years to complete, from starting the process to opening the school. The public-private plan could take only three years and save \$180 million. Although a list of school to be built/rebuilt was not available, she stated that Springhill Lake Elementary would be in the first phase. Councilmember Rodney Roberts stated that he is not certain about a plan using public-private partnerships.

Councilmember Colin Byrd asked Dr. Goldson about school inequality stating that parents want to ensure a good school for their children. Goldson replied that not all feelings about schools are based on sound data. Some services are found in all schools and some services such as performing arts, languages, etc. are in only some schools. But the quality has to be the same.

School Boundary Issues
Mayor Emmett Jordan opened the discussion on school boundaries in the newly developed Greenbelt Station. He indicated his frustration and disappointment over the last four years of inactivity in resolving the issue of whether Greenbelt Station residents can send their high school students to Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). He reviewed the history of the agreement between the city and the county to assign all Greenbelt high school age children to ERHS. Jordan also mentioned the relative recent city annexation of the small tract on which Greenbelt Station is built.

Jordan read the pertinent section of County Bill (CB-33-2004) which states: "High school age children residing within the corporate boundaries of the City of Greenbelt, as those boundaries may be altered in accordance with state law, will be permitted to attend Eleanor Roosevelt High School." However, Greenbelt Station students have been assigned to Parkdale High School. Council would like to see these students moved to ERHS by this Fall. Councilmember Judith Davis indicated that the brief incorrect assignment of a College Park ZIP code to Greenbelt Station may have caused confusion about the location of the residences.

Elementary-age children in Greenbelt Station were assigned to Berwyn Elementary instead of a Greenbelt elementary school. It was already agreed that Greenbelt Station children could attend Greenbelt Elementary (GES) but that a bus was not available for the school year just completed. Parents had to provide transportation. It was indicated last year that a bus would be provided next year for these students; the city would like confirmation that this will happen. Davis indicated that there is already a school bus for elementary school children

and that it only needs to be diverted from Berwyn to Greenbelt. Dr. Goldson indicated that they might need to ask for a one-year extension before a bus will be provided. She emphasized that there are only two more meetings of the school board.

Council emphasized that Greenbelt is passionate about its students and collects extra taxes to assist in their development and safety. Greenbelt Station residents are not able to take advantage of benefits such as school resource officer; city grants to Greenbelt schools; city-sponsored after-school clubs; and ACE (Advisory Committee on Education) educator and student awards. Goldson listened intently to the plea for ERHS and GES and said that she would review the detailed information on the number of children involved. But there was no specific indication of a resolution for ERHS.

Physical Condition

There are many issues regarding city schools physical plant conditions. For example, Springhill Lake Elementary (SHLES), which serves residents of Franklin Park Apartments, has serious issues with the roof, no air conditioning in the gym and multipurpose room, and issues with other parts of the building, including a large number of aging temporary classrooms. There are also 23 temporary classrooms at ERHS and many of those need repairs.

Jordan mentioned some of the outside SHLES issues including severe drainage problems in the playground area. The city supplied trees and mulch and volunteers have been working on improving that area. Jordan likes volunteerism but it's sometimes hard to coordinate activities with the school. He mentioned the Rotary Club's helpfulness with the butterfly garden.

Another issue involves the use of Greenbelt Middle School fields by city organizations. The Recreation Department has been

working on a memorandum of understanding with the school system but no agreement has been reached. Goldson remembered that and said it may have "fallen off the radar." She requested that the city recontact her office. Councilmembers indicated that they would be willing to help with fixing and maintaining the fields if the city could get reliable access to use the fields. Kap Kapastin, long-time representative of Quantum Companies, the owners of Beltway Plaza, was in the audience. Quantum is in the process of seeking permission to build housing units in that area, and Kapastin volunteered his organization to assist with field maintenance in exchange for the ability of new residents to use the fields in the future.

GMS Bus Issue

Rohani Bacchus, representing the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition, requested to speak from the audience on an issue related to the bus to Greenbelt Middle School (GMS). She indicated

that the students who are bused to GES are always on time, but that those bused to GMS are chronically late getting to school. She stated that children are being marked absent and late and parents being notified of such absences due to no fault of the children or parents. Bacchus indicated that she has had no luck finding the right persons to address this problem. She had prepared a written document and Dr. Goldson took it to look into the issue.

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Greenbelt Summer Arts Camps Still Have Some Slots Remaining

by Eugene "Jesse" Nash IV

Greenbelt Arts Camps started Monday, June 17, in the building Camp Coordinator Chris Cherry still reminisces about as the old Greenbelt Center School. This year the occasion is particularly special to the man who never ceases to hold a smile.

For the first time in 20 years of working at the camp, Cherry has a camper enrolled who is the child of an earlier camper and camp counselor.

While many of his first campers are adults, Cherry is just as filled with enthusiasm and energy as ever to hear the Greenbelt Community Center hallways echoing with the sound of children's voices again.

"It's just wonderful when it's full of children again, that's who it was designed for," Cherry said.

Rooms now marked Gallery, Senior Classroom and Community Meeting Room were once again occupied by children who were drawing, making crafts and singing.

The halls and individual classrooms may not have been as full as they were when Greenbelt was first established according to Cherry. New homeowners had such a high rate of births those first few years that the school had to operate in shifts to accommodate everyone.

This summer, the community center looks a lot more like it did in the old days when it was a school, than it typically does these days during the school year.

In the gymnasium that now regularly hosts adult-oriented events like a naturalization ceremony two weeks ago and adult basketball games last week, dozens of children returned to practice their rolls on blue mats as part of the Circus Camp, which Cherry is happy to see return.

The Circus Camp was previously hosted by the city in the gymnasium, but underwent a short hiatus when the director moved out of Greenbelt. This year, Greenbelt resident Mike Funt rebooted the program with skills coach Charlie Fahey.

Participants in the Creative Kids Camp began to learn the music, characters and art for the play they will be producing. Those in Circus Camp were treated to having the Funt and Fahey team entertain them with a laugh-provoking preview of the skills they will learn over two weeks, including unicycle, tight rope, hula hoops, juggling, acrobatics and stilts.

But for a legacy camp worker like Cherry, the best part of the job is watching the progression of participants from camper to staffer to adult.



Chase Goddard gets help balancing during Circus Camp.

- Photos by Eugene "Jesse" Nash IV



Ezekiel Kelley draws a hydra during an art activity, taught by Aaron Springer for the Greenbelt Creative Kids Camp.



Aaron Springer introduces children to their next activity on their first day of Creative Kids Camp.

"It's a job in which I get to watch kids grow up," Cherry said. "Some of them are campers who started when they were six years old, and then they go through Creative Kids, they go through Camp Encore, and then they become interns for camp in high school and then come back as college students as counselors. So, it's really rewarding to be able to help people grow up and unfold into who they are."

The arts camps will have three

productions every other Friday beginning on June 28. These are free and open to the public. There will be two showings of Cherry's original play, Hercules and Hippolyta, at 10 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. and a Circus show at 12:30 p.m.

There are still open slots for sessions three and four of the Creative Kids camp, which begin on July 15 and July 29, respectively.

Greenbelt Marks Stonewall Rebellion's 50th Anniversary

by Michael Hartman

The New Deal Café will hold a commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion on Sunday, June 23, at 3 p.m. Maryland State Delegate Gabriel Acevero will be the featured speaker.



openly gay man of Afro-Latino descent seated in the Maryland General Assembly. Currently, there are six openly LGBTQ members of the Maryland General

Assembly.

The Stonewall Rebellion, sometimes referred to as an uprising or riot, is seen by many as one of the key events that led to the gay liberation movement. The actual Rebellion lasted several days and began as a response to a police raid that began in the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village. Eight plainclothes police officers entered the inn and started making arrests. In response to this, Stonewall patrons went out into the streets demonstrating and rioting until the early morning hours. Over the next several nights, large groups of people demonstrated in the streets around the inn.

Stonewall marked a turning point in the gay rights movement. The Stonewall Inn itself was named a National Historic Landmark in February 2000 and in 2016 it was made a national monument. The New York City Police Department officially and formally apologized for the actions taken by its officers both before and during the Stonewall Rebellion.

In January 2019, State Senator Mary Washington (D-Baltimore City) became the first openly LGBTQ person of color seated in the Maryland Senate and State Del. Gabriel Acevero (D-Montgomery County) became the first

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Inn protest, the Greenbelt City Council, at its Monday, June 17, meeting, issued a proclamation marking June as LGBTQ Pride Month. Hilary Ranny-Howes, the president of Greenbelt Pride, received the proclamation. The proclamation referenced the Greenbelt Community Pledge, which states that "The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation." The proclamation also noted that the City "strives to be a safe space that does not tolerate violence, harassment, or hate speech." It also affirmed the diverse lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) community's contributions "to the widespread academic, economic, artistic and social spheres within and around our greater community."

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