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### JULY 11, 2019

## City Adopts Complete & Green Streets Policy to Guide Planning

#### by Kathleen Gallagher

The City of Greenbelt has been moving toward the adoption of Complete and Green Street principles for years and in many respects has been walking the walk without having formally adopted a policy. According to a memorandum prepared by Community Planner Molly Porter, staff of the Department of Planning and Community Development first drafted a Complete and Green Streets policy in 2011. Since then staff have continued to research best practices in policy formation and implementation

and to review the policies of other jurisdictions in the region and nationally.

The result was a substantively revised draft that went forward to a Greenbelt City Council worksession on June 12, following positive reviews by the city's Advisory Planning Board and the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES). A handful of modifications was requested by city councilmembers at the worksession.

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At the city council workses-

sion on June 19, Greenbelt Access Television (GATe) declared

its revised mission not just to

continue to cover educational and public events, but to be-

come the community channel for

Greenbelt. GATe laid out its past

efforts and new developments,

including a new cloud-based

playout system and revamped

teaching programs as well as

a goal of producing "more rel-

Camp YOGO campers take a trip to Great Falls National Park in Virginia. See story, page 12.

## Despite Showers, July Fourth Show Brings out Hundreds

by Eugene "Jesse" Nash IV



Fireworks light up the sky over Greenbelt Lake, providing a grand finish to a great holiday.

Hundreds of spectators came out to Buddy Attick Park to celebrate Independence Day by watching the fireworks over the lake, but not before a storm threatened the show.

For many Greenbelters, July 4, 2019, will be remembered as a wet day. Storms grumbled throughout the late morning and early afternoon with rain falling even into dusk. At times the rain poured, at other times it dripped, but the drizzle was continuous. Still, even as the rain fell, fireworks technicians loaded up barges with fireworks underneath

a small tent. As some looked out their windows at the gray sky and searched on Facebook whether there would even be a show, police officers started to set up cones on Crescent Road and closed the park parking lot.

A funnel cake booth was set up by the path leading to the lake, parties started to form by the picnic sites, and families began to claim picnic benches. The rain trickled down as fireworks enthusiasts trickled in, setting up their chairs under diverse patterns

# GATe Describes Some Funding **Challenges and New Visions**

#### by Matthew Arbach

evant stories that are important to residents," said GATe president, Frank Gervasi.

Several board members were present including Gervasi, Vice President Bob Zugby and Secretary Konrad Herling. Among the staff members were CEO Andy Zmidzinski, office manager Phoebe McNab and animation instructor George Kochell.

GATe was chartered to promote and provide public access in 1986, as an outgrowth of the municipal access system started in 1982, according to its memorandum of understanding with the city. Municipal access focuses on governmental affairs, with GATe concentrating on public and educational subjects. In 1996, GATe was given space at the Community Center, for which it pays a monthly fee of \$442. At times,

See GATe, page 9

# Windsor Green Residents Make Their Community a Safer Place

#### by Windsor Green Static Watch Committee

Toward the goal of safer streets, volunteers from the Windsor Green Home Owners Association in Greenbelt East have been the "eyes and ears" on the ground, reporting suspicious activities to the Greenbelt Police Department for the past 23 years. Recently when Judith Thompson retired from leading this activity, she passed the torch to Matt Rodriguez, a second-year doctoral student in the Department of Family Science at the University of Maryland School of Public Health. Having recently moved from McKinney, Texas, Rodriguez jumped at the chance to volunteer as the next coordinator, seeing the work as an opportunity to apply to a real-life community the knowledge he acquired at the university. So far, he has coordinated several meetings with resi-

curred on Thursday, June 20, when over 20 Windsor Green residents, along with Greenbelt Police Lieutenant Timothy White and four of his officers, discussed how to ensure their community remains safe. At the start of the meeting, Rodriguez outlined the See WINDSOR GREEN, page 9

See JULY FOURTH, page 12

## Franklin Park A/C Repaired With Minimal Downtime

by Eugene "Jesse" Nash IV

Contractors for Franklin Park shut off air conditioning to three apartment buildings Wednesday, July 3, to repair a broken HVAC cold water line. They worked into the evening hours to fix the pipe and finished work by 2 a.m. Thursday morning, in time for the July 4 holiday. While the repairs were being completed, the

City of Greenbelt, offering its help to Franklin Park residents, sent out a notice on Facebook that listed the cooling centers where affected residents could go. Residents, who were initially told the air conditioning could be shut off indefinitely, were relieved it was only off for the day.

#### What Goes On

Monday, July 15 8 p.m. Council Worksession, Sustainable Land Care Policy, Municipal Building Wednesday, July 17 8 p.m. Council Worksession, Advisory Board Chairs, Community Center

dents of the Windsor Green community and the Greenbelt police. One of those meetings oc-



From left, Lt. Timothy White; Matt Rodriguez, coordinator, Windsor Green Static Watch; Detective Irelisse Fernandez; Cpl. Michael Eppard; and George Mathews, public information liaison.

The Greenbelt MakerSpace Repair Café will take place on

Correction

July 13.

# Letters to the Editor

#### Quiet the A/C Units!

For 3 or 4 years now I have been annoyed by the loudness of the air conditioning unit positioned atop the Food Co-op, at the Roosevelt Center end of the building. Also affected, when the temperature is high, are the persons at the festivals using the nearby outdoor seating, including at the New Deal Café.

At the stage area where bands perform, I have been measuring a sound level of 68 dBA(decibels) from the A/C unit when the temperature is high. This is only 22 decibels below OSHA's requirement for a hearing-safe workplace. We can see how there could be potential for hearing damage, if we were to add the ambient 68 dBA to the 100 dBA generated by some of the bands. Search: "safe sound levels"

On a hot day, while one is walking past the Roosevelt Center entrance to the Co-op one will hear the nearby theater building A/C unit and consider that significant. However, as soon as one proceeds to the area where the bands perform, the theater A/C unit sound virtually drops out and the Co-op A/C unit sound becomes prominent.

In an earlier News Review article there is discussion about structures peripheral to the air conditioning unit, but not about replacing it or making it quieter. Meanwhile I have learned that a new A/C unit, for example a 150ton unit, is so quiet that a person could have a normal conversation right next to it. And I have learned that our unit can be made quieter if provided an enclosure. Since major roof work is imminent, perhaps now is a good time to figure out whether this unit should be replaced or quieted. I suggest replacing it with a new unit and keeping the old unit as a spare for the ones on the opposite end of the building.

Optional Info 1: The A in the dBA measurement is about using the meter to mainly measure the levels of the sounds best perceived by human hearing.

Optional Info 2: The sound from the AC unit was loud when I was taking a reading in the bandstand area at 3:30 p.m. while the temperature was 90 degrees. This was because sound bends (gets refracted) toward cooler air, due to the temperature gradient. When the temp was over 90 degrees on the roof, the temperature on the ground was less than 90 degrees because of the trees, so more of the sound got directed downward, causing the A/C unit on the roof to seem louder. The same principle also applies to light, as the sun, when it is setting, is not exactly where it appears to be. Search: "Why noises seem louder at night?" Bill Norwood

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"MY OTHER ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE IS A CAR."

#### <u>Clarification</u>

## Greenbelt Open Space Funding Clarification A News Review article from the June 27 edition did not clar-

A News Review article from the June 27 edition did not clarify the amount of money the city was given through the Project Open Space (POS) Grant. In FY2020, the city will be allocated a \$198,540.93 grant. That money will be added to the \$478,572.83 from previous POS grants in an account run by the city. From the combined sum, \$488,384.93 will be used for buying land that can become public spaces, as the News Review previously reported. The remaining funds of \$188,727.93 will go to the other maintenance and construction projects previously reported on.

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On Saturday night, after a rainstorm, a Greenbelter, upon returning home found a hitchhiker on the roof of her car. The frog was about the size of a golf ball. The coin in the picture is a penny. The driver doubts he rode all the way back from

Lanham, but who knows? However he got there, he was a big surprise in a little package.

#### <u>On Screen</u>

## Pavarotti

Featuring never-before-seen footage, concert performances and intimate interviews, filmmaker Ron Howard examines the life and career of Italian operatic tenor Luciano Pavarotti. Beloved as the man who brought opera to the people, he had a voice with a threeoctave range and a clear, penetrating timbre that amazed. But he also had an emotional passion that drove his music and created a powerful bond with his audiences. He crossed over into popular music, eventually becoming one of the most commercially successful tenors of all time. The New York Times said of the film, "... Pavarotti's larger-than-life personality shines in almost every scene. The singer's optimism is contagious, and his schoolboy-like wonder is jubilant."

Rated PG-13, running time 114 minutes The Last Black Man in San Francisco also continues this week. - Sandy Rodgers THE LAST BLACK MAN IN SAN FRANCISCO (R) (CC)(DVS)(2019)(120 mins) Fri. 5:00 PM Sat. 2:30 PM Sun. 5:00 PM Mon. 5:00 PM Tues. 7:30 PM Wed. 5:00 PM Thurs. 7:30 PM NUREYEV(NR)(2018)(109 mins) Sun. 8:00 PM Mon. 1:00 PM

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# **Community Events**

#### Widowed Persons Support Group

Men and women who have recently lost their spouses are invited to a free support group conducted by the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service (PWPS). Starting on Thursday, July 25, the group will meet each Thursday for six weeks from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center. Registration is requested before the group starts. The group is open to all widowed persons in Prince George's County.

Trained volunteers who have also been widowed will conduct the sessions. Participants share personal experiences, exchange information and discuss published materials prepared by bereavement specialists. Such groups can offer insights, emotional support, practical information and friendships.

To register and to receive more information, contact 301-693-5210 or wisboy929@yahoo. com. PWPS and its services were originally sponsored by American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) and now by the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and other community organizations.

#### Square Dancing At Mishkan Torah

Last January, Mishkan Torah Synagogue sponsored a square dance open to all residents of Greenbelt. Many people who attended that event enjoyed it so much they asked for another similar event in the near future. Said future will be on Sunday afternoon, July 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Mishkan Torah. The dance is an opportunity to meet and get to know new people and to develop and reinforce a caring community. Square dancing promotes interaction through changing partners and joining others in following the commands of the caller. However, no partner is needed to attend the event.

No previous experience in square dancing is necessary. The caller, Jim Wass, is experienced in working with those who have no prior experience and those who are regular square dancers. There is a small fee to cover expenses. See the advertisement on page 9.

## **Doc at Reel and Meal**

Take a trip through the psychedelic 1960s on Monday, July 15 when the Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café screens Psychedelic Mysticism: The Good Friday Experiment and Beyond. The 46-minute documentary will be shown following an optional vegan meal, which begins at 6:30 p.m. (film to begin at 7:15 p.m.).

Psychedelic Mysticism chronicles a controversial 1962 experiment in which 10 Boston-area theology students received 30 milligrams each of the powerful drug psilocybin during a Good Friday church service. Psychiatrist Walter Pahnke wanted to know whether psilocybin, a mindaltering substance based on the active ingredient in a Mexican mushroom, really spurred the genuine mystical experiences that Harvard professor Timothy Leary claimed it did.

Pahnke's findings would challenge both science and religion. However, mind-altering drugs like psilocybin became associated with the era's turbulence and research funding dried up. By the time of Pahnke's disappearance in 1971, legal research was ending, and his work was seemingly forgotten.

A 21st century resumption of legal psychedelic research has placed his ground-breaking study in a new light. In Psychedelic Mysticism, renowned Johns Hopkins investigators William Richards and Roland Griffiths explain how Pahnke's study helped lay the groundwork for their own research into the therapeutic use of the powerful drug psilocybin.

Local filmmakers Susan and Frank Gervasi will lead a discussion following the film.

Reel and Meal, a monthly vegan meal and film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues, happens every third Monday of the month at the New Deal Café and is organized by Utopia Film Festival, Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking and Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition. This month's program is sponsored by Utopia Film Festival.

For more information about Psychedelic Mysticism contact Frank Gervasi at 301-474-7680 or frankrgervasi@gmail. com. For more information about Reel and Meal, contact reelandmeal(*a*)newdealcafe.com. Or visit newdealcafe.com/events/ reel-and-meal/.

#### Psychedelic Research The Mousetrap Coming to GAC

This summer Thunderous Productions, Inc. is presenting Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC). The production will have six weekend performances: July 19 to 21 and July 26 to 28. Join in for a classic murder mystery.

The theater will feature an opening night reception on Friday, July 19 so the audience can meet the cast. Visit the GAC website at greenbeltartscenter.org/ for tickets and more information.

#### **Radical Suburbs** Lecture/Book Signing

Author Amanda Kolson Hurley will speak about her new book, Radical Suburbs: Experimental Living on the Fringes of the American City on Thursday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. We have forgotten, says the book, that American suburbs were once fertile ground for utopian planning, communal living, socially conscious design and integrated housing. The author will discuss the history of suburbs, such as the mixed-use, architecturally daring Reston, Va., and Greenbelt itself.

Books will be available for sale and signing by the author. The lecture is sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the City of Greenbelt and is free, but a ticket is needed through Eventbrite.com, limit two per registrant.

#### **Toastmasters Meet**

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, July 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

#### **Greenbelt Writers Group Meets July 19**

The Greenbelt Writers Group will meet on Friday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. There will be open readings and general discussions. All Greenbelt writers are invited to participate in this monthly meeting.

#### 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 July 15 are as follows:

Monday, July 15: baked chicken leg, with mushroom gravy, whipped potatoes, Brussels sprouts, bread, tropical fruit, apple juice

Tuesday, July 16: beef ziti, broccoli, hot spiced apples, Italian bread, fruit punch

Wednesday, July 17: Swedish meatballs, penne pasta, peas and carrots, bread, sliced peaches, cranberry juice

Thursday, July 18: pork roast with apple glaze, mashed spiced yams, green beans, dinner rolls, fresh fruit, orange juice

Friday, July 19: baked cod loin with Old Bay cream sauce, white beans with arugula, garden vegetables, roll, fresh fruit, cranberry juice



#### **GHI Notes**

Friday, July 12, office closed, Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, July 16, 7 p.m., Long-Range Planning Committee Meeting, Board Room; 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting, GHI Kitchen; 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Wednesday, July 17, 7 p.m., Bicycle Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby; 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, July 18, 7 p.m., Board Training Session (Interpreting Financial Statements), Board Room.

Friday, July 19, office closes at noon for employees' annual picnic.

Saturday, July 20, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room.

#### **Thoughtful Discussion At Roosevelt Center**

Who's your hero? What qualities does society look for in those honored by the title of hero? Are they different for personal rather than public heroes? Is it a word bandied about too loosely?

The MakerSpace thoughtful discussion group hopes to gather at one of the umbrella tables outside of the Roosevelt Center, weather permitting, on Tuesday, July 16 at 7 p.m. to ponder on heroic values.

The group will also decide the topic for the following meeting; come suggest a subject for discussion.

#### **Repair Café July 13**

The Greenbelt MakerSpace is hosting its quarterly Repair Café Saturday, July 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Center. Come learn how to repair tired or broken stuff or help repair others' items and rescue them from the recycling or garbage bins. Bring clothing, furniture, kitchen appliances, computers, jewelry, toys, etc. for the challenge of making it useful again.

Volunteers are welcome to join in making this a great community event - no experience necessary. The MakerSpace Repair Café program, the first in the Mid-Atlantic region, started in 2014 and was made possible by a Jim Cassels Award from the Greenbelt Consumer Co-op and by an eager supporting group of volunteers. For more information, visit make125.org/things to do/ repair-cafe/.



#### **July 13 Summer Tennis Social**

On Saturday, July 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) will sponsor an informal mid-season tennis social at Braden Field courts. All skill levels are welcome for friendly doubles and singles play, no partner needed. Ready to learn or re-learn? Try the Beginner Court. A local tennis coach will provide instruction from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Balls and light refreshments provided and rackets made available. The social is free for paid GTA members. There is a fee for drop-ins. Participants can sign up for GTA membership at the event. Membership forms are also available on the website, greenbelt.com/ tennis. Fees can be paid in cash at the event or on the website with PayPal.

On Facebook go to facebook. com/reelandmealNDC.

#### Hospice Hosts Talk **On Depression**

Community Hospices will host a discussion group about distinguishing grief sadness from chronic depression on Tuesday, July 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All are welcome. Supportive printed materials will be available. Contact Margaret Capurso at 301-560-6002 with any questions.



**Thunderous Productions Presents:** AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

July 19, 20, 26, 27 at 8pm Sunday Matinees: July 21 & 28 at 2pm Available at GREENBELTARTSCENTER.ORG



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2 pm	Greenbelt News Reel
3 pm	Classic Film: Beat the Devil (1954) Humphrey Bogart
5 pm	Strata (Archaeology)
6 pm	Greenbelt News Reel
7 pm	Democracy Now!
8 pm	Classic Film: Beat the Devil (1954) Humphrey Bogart
10 pm	Democracy Now!
11 pm	Adopt A Pet
11:30	Greenbelt Discussion
12 pm	Greenbelt News Reel
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## **Obituaries**

#### Rossana Del Vecchio



**Rossana Del Vecchio** 

Rossana Del Vecchio of Lakeside Drive died on July 4, 2019. Rossana was a great woman, mother, scientist and friend. She loved life and her children immensely and fought bravely to be with them as much as life allowed.

Rossana was born in Taranto, Italy, on September 7, 1969. She grew up in Taranto with her two sisters and a brother, and had a lot of good and caring family members and friends. Rossana graduated from the University of Pisa in 1994 with a bachelor degree in oceanography. She then moved to the U.S. and in 2002 graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, with a doctoral degree in environmental chemistry.

It was at the University of Maryland that Rossana fell in love with Neil Blough, who later became her husband. Rossana and Neil shared their love for the ocean, science and the outdoors. Together they had two children, Vincent and Giulia. From the beginning, the family chose Greenbelt as their home. Rossana was a protecting, loving and fun mom. Her children and family were her top priority; her own needs



always came later. She was very involved in her children's school and in Greenbelt community life, and quickly made friends with whom she intertwined her daily life.

Rossana loved the Greenbelt community as well as Italy and her native heritage, and traveled back to Taranto regularly. When she arrived in Maryland, she connected with Italians in the area who became lifelong friends. She also later connected with the broader Italian community via the DIVE association, an Italian social club based in Washington, and in 2018 became a steering committee member.

Rossana loved her research, working in the laboratory and at sea. She had many students and friends at the University of Maryland and enjoyed working at NASA and was looking forward to contributing to their research initiatives.

Rossana was taken by a quickly spreading illness, but she will always stay in the hearts of those whose lives she touched. She is survived by her husband Neil and children Vincent and Giulia. In Italy, Rossana is survived by her parents Vincenzo and Gilda, and siblings Kika, Barbara and Alessandro.

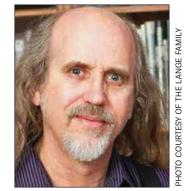
Her family encourages donations to the American Cancer Society as expressions of sympathy.

## Celebration of Life of Robert F. Lange

A burial service for Robert Lange will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 19, at Greenbelt Cemetery, 6300 block Ivy Lane. He grew up in Greenbelt and died in Indiana in February.

Afterward, light refreshments and a celebration of Life will be held at 12 Pinecrest Court. Greenbelt.

All are welcome. You are encouraged to wear tie-dyed clothing or come as you are.



**Robert Lange** 

## Nature in Greenbelt



Mama Wood Duck has her ducks in a row.

friends of Rossana Del Vecchio of Lakeside Drive who died on July 4. We were saddened to learn

Condolences to the family and

Our Neighbors

of the death of Thomas "Jeff" Chapman, who died on April 11, 2019.

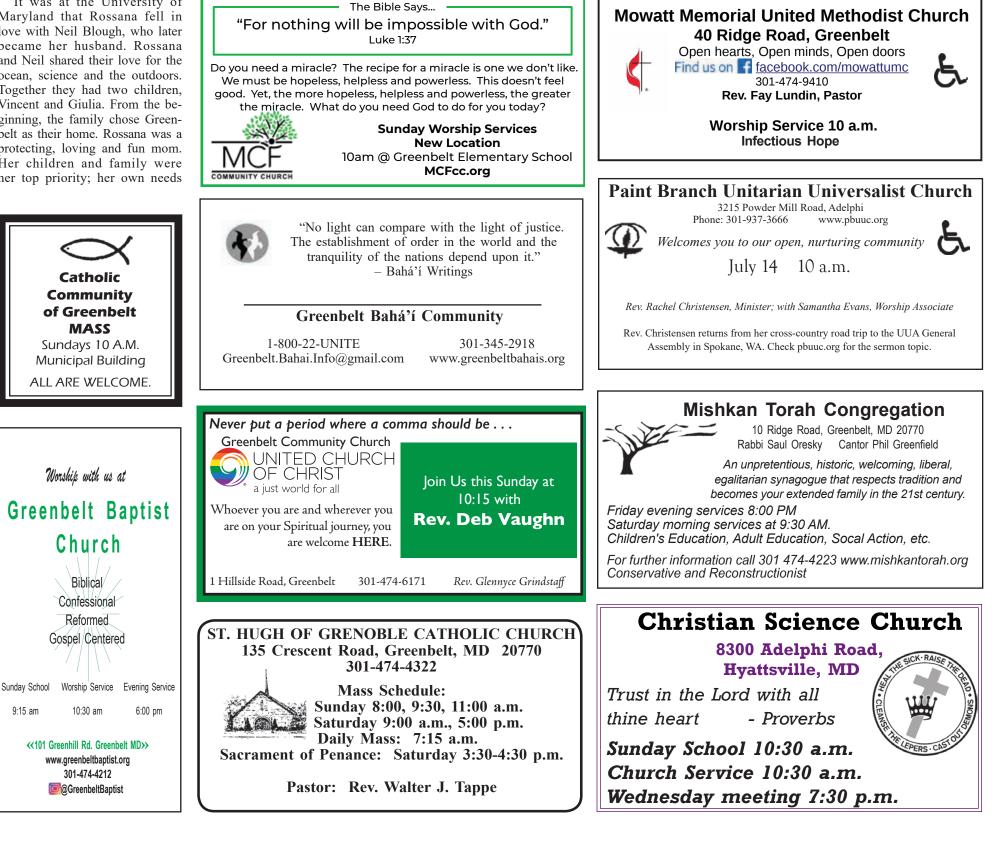
Congratulations to ceramic artist Christine Coyle, whose work is included in the juried exhibit at the Mansion at Strathmore. Coyle has generously donated samples of her expert work to Greenbelt charitable enterprises, including the Greenbelt Archive Project silent auction in May 2018.

Congratulations to Anja Elizabeth Holland, a rising junior film major at Hollins University, who has been named to the Dean's List for the 2019 spring semester. To attain this distinction, students must earn at least a 3.5 average on a 4.0 grading scale. A graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Holland is the daughter of Kyla Hanington and Daniel Hamlin.

Congratulations to the Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars for being featured in The Washington Post on their performance at the national Independence Day parade.

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





#### Apply Now for 2019 Art and Craft Fair

Now through September 27, individuals and nonprofit organizations can apply online to participate in the City of Greenbelt 2019 Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair. The fair will take place on December 7 and 8 at the Community Center.

Now in its 48th year, the art and craft fair is a vibrant tradition. Approximately 70 exhibitors are chosen to participate annually, selling their own original paintings, prints, photography, clothing, accessories, pottery, wood crafts, musical instruments, toys and much more. Joining them are local poets and authors as well as local nonprofit arts, humanities and service organizations. Groups are invited to sell or raffle crafts related to their mission; they may also sell tickets, memberships, gift certificates and wares with their logo. The fair is open to youth exhibitors as well as adults. Applications are available online at greenbeltmd.gov/ arts. There is a fee to participate in the event, but there is no cost to apply. Artists are selected on a rolling basis. For more information, contact Anne Gardner at agardner@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2060. Greenbelt arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.



#### Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

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

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#### New and Coming Soon Listings in Greenbelt

**5 Woodland Way** Rare single-family GHI cottage. 2BR, 1BA, full basement, shed with electric. Super cute! \$300,000.

#### COMING SOON: Hyattsville condo – Amazing location, across from Prince George's Plaza, near metro, 1BR/1BA \$83,000.



**MEETINGS FOR JULY 15-19** 

Monday, July 15 at 7:00pm **CLOSED SESSION**. *Please see notice below.* 

Monday, July 15 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Sustainable Land Care Policy** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996, and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv* 

Wednesday, July 17 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Advisory Board Chairs** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996, and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv* 

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

#### **OFFICIAL NOTICE**

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(I) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, July 15, 2019 in the Library of the Municipal Building at 7 :00 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be the performance evaluation of the City Manager.

\*The public may attend the Work Session of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 7:00 pm. David Moran, Assistant City Manager

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

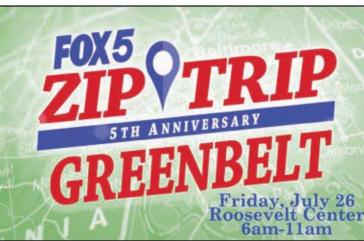
There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Ethics Commission, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Youth Advisory Committee Info: 301-474-8000



#### BUDDY ATTICK SUMMER FUN RUNS – FREE

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# Greenbelt's Hidden Woodland Gem: the Canyon Creek Trail

Greenbelt boasts a wide network of formal and informal trails throughout the wooded areas surrounding the community. Some of these trails connect various superblocks of homes. Others join up with established trails on city land and wind deep into the Greenbelt Forest Reserve and Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, according to the GHI Woodlands Committee website (ghi.coop/content/our-trails).

Canyon Creek Trail follows the headwaters of Canyon Creek and connects many forest areas. Hikers can begin their walk at the trail entrance near 58 Court Ridge Road, where there are two trail signs posted. The trail leads along the creek to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center fence.

Steve Kearney called this trail "a hidden gem," well worth the time to walk it. It cuts deeply through the canyon and is surrounded by large trees and a wide diversity of ground cover. Kearney said that at this time of year the trail hikers are able to see many ferns bursting forth with a lush, green beauty.

The Woodlands Committee writes on its website about the trails winding in and around the woodland: "Whether they are short or long, close to homes or

#### City Notes

The Independence Day celebration at Buddy Attick Park drew a big crowd for fireworks and a community drum circle.

Street Maintenance/Special Details relocated speed sensors to Cherrywood Drive.

Refuse/Recycling collected 24.10 tons of refuse and 9.35 tons of recycling material.

The environmental crew gave a Compost 101 presentation and started Community Plastic Eco-Challenge for the City of Greenbelt.

Summer camps and classes are going strong, with a few spots still available. Kinder Camp learned about the Secret Life of Animals. Camp Pine Tree welcomed Improv4Kids. The creative campers worked on the arts, including ceramics, drama and circus performances. YOGO kids traveled to Wheaton Park and Sugarloaf Mountain. Springhill Lake Recreation Center offered a comprehensive drop-in program weekday afternoons, basketball

totally secluded, what all these trails share is connection with the natural world that makes Greenbelt so special. On all trails, different seasons will offer different treats. Spring brings new wildflowers bursting with color, summer, dense lush undergrowth, fall, vibrant fall foliage and win-

ter, the opportunity to follow wildlife tracks and admire unique tree bark.

Note that ticks (lone star and other species) are active now, so trail walkers should dress appropriately and check for ticks during and after their outings.



Canyon Creek Trail can be entered from 58 Court Ridge Road. The trail leads toward Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

## Local Ceramic Artist's Work At Strathmore Exhibition

Christine Coyle, a participant in the Greenbelt Recreation ceramics program, had two pieces accepted into the regional juried exhibition currently on view at the Mansion at Strathmore. Her plate, shown in the photo, received an Honorable Mention in the 32nd Biennial Exhibition of the Creative Crafts Council. The exhibition continues through July 31. The Mansion is located at 10701 Rockville Pike in North Bethesda.



This plate by Coyle received an **Honorable Mention.** 



## <u>Greenbelt Reminiscences:</u> Remembering "Jeff" Chapman

#### by Rick Ransom

Thomas "Jeff" Chapman and I were friends when we were teenagers in old Greenbelt. He was the son of Velma Chapman who was involved in the community in various endeavors. Jeff was tall, much taller than I, and we were both lanky. He died on April 11, 2019, after a battle with Alzheimer's. He was 73. A memorial gathering was held at the Greenbelt American Legion Friday evening, June 14.

Jeff loved a good joke, even when he was the butt of it. He would laugh louder than anybody else at some aside that involved something he'd done or said. He was a gentle man, but he could not tolerate disrespect in others toward their family members. I remember a time our band was practicing at a friend's house in Berwyn Heights when I was in the "Rockin' Rejects" with Leigh Dorsey. This friend was drinking beer while we were practicing and began to speak rather crudely to his mother, who was a perfectly wonderful hostess. Jeff couldn't believe it and asked him several times if he had heard him correctly, telling him each time to act more respectfully. The friend took umbrage at this so Jeff told him if he didn't stop treating his mother this way, there would be physical consequences. He was not a fighter, but his size indicated his ability to apply such punishment.

Jeff also provided one of the most captivating moments I have experienced in the many weddings I have attended. He was marrying Bonnie Cross. When the preacher asked him if he would have this woman as his wife, Jeff said "I guess." I know he didn't intend it as it sounds, but it was just Jeff's approach to most of what he confronted in life. The minister said "Son, there is no maybe, it has to be 'I do!'" Jeff apologized and said the necessary words. It was entertaining beyond the ceremony. Jeff and Bonnie had two children, Denise and Tom, both of whom attended the memorial gathering along with his grandchildren.

Jeff's marriage to Bonnie end-

ed in divorce. He spent the last 26 years with his devoted wife and friend Karen. They lived in Greenbelt while Jeff was working, but later moved to Lottsberg, Va. Although Jeff and I did not actively pursue our friendship in later adulthood, I would see him occasionally at the Legion. He had become good friends with several of the members. Ten of them bought a cabin in the western part of Maryland not far from the West Virginia border on the Little Savage River. They formed and maintained the Bear Pin Rod and Gun Club for 30 years for fishing and hunting endeavors. They were continually improving the cabin to where it eventually provided beds for 12. Many of that group were in attendance and remembered those times fondly, as well as Bull and Oyster Roasts at the Legion where Jeff would shuck oysters.

Jeff was also someone you could trust. You could leave a bag full of money with him, come back in 10 years, and he would return every dime you gave him in the original bag. He might have a little trouble remembering where he stashed it, but then don't we all these days. He was a guy who enjoyed a good joke, even at his own expense, but didn't care much for foolishness. I will miss his appreciation for humor and his general good nature.

#### **USBG Features American Gardens**

On Saturday, July 13 from 11 to 11:30 a.m. join a U.S. Botanic Garden tour of the exhibit Gardens Across America. Tours will focus on displays highlighting diverse and beautiful public gardens in the U.S.

Meet on the terrace in front of the conservatory. Tours are held outdoors so bring sunscreen, protective clothing and water. In case of rain or extreme heat, the tours will be cancelled. The tours are free, but pre-registration is required.

#### NOMINATION FORM

#### **Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen**

Submit this form by July 29, 2019 to: Bob Zugby, Chair

skills and EagleVision classes, as well as free summer lunch for kids.

Summer art classes are in session, featuring pre-school art, family ceramics, adult pottery, pastels and various workshops. A Community Art Drop-In was hosted on July 7.

While the creative kids transform the Community Center gallery, the Municipal Building is displaying artwork by seven Greenbelt arts educators through September 26, with a reception on August 12.

Senior Nutrition served 66 hot meals to seniors the week of July 4, with each senior receiving frozen meals to enjoy on the holidays.

The Community Center staff conducted a fire drill for summer campers and assisted the Old Greenbelt Theatre with logistics during the theater renovation.

ROCK THE POTOMAC BOOK RELEASE PARTY
New Deal Café Sunday July 14 2 pm
Greenbelt author Mark Opsasnick
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#### 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.

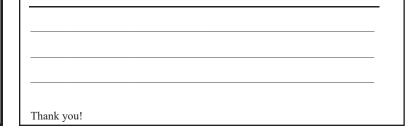
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## Local Mission BBQ Donates To Greenbelt FOP Lodge #32

On Friday, July 5, the Greenbelt Mission BBQ donated \$3,909 to the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #32 from sales of their Blue Cups. For each Blue Cup purchased, a donation goes to a local law enforcement agency. Friday's donation will be placed into the Greenbelt FOP general fund for programs such as the annual Shop with a Cop. For more information on the Blue Cup program, visit: https://mission-bbq.com/ thank-your-hometown-heroes-onecup-at-a-time.



From left, Gaby Benitez, Mission BBQ Community Ambassador; Greenbelt Police Officers Rakibur Rahman, Scott Kaiser and Michael Thomas; George Thomas, Mission BBQ General Manager

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On a motion by Councilmember Colin Byrd, seconded by Mayor Emmett Jordan, the city's new Complete and Green Streets Policy was unanimously and enthusiastically approved by the five councilmembers present at the July 8 regular council meeting.

The city's new policy adopts the National Complete Streets Coalition's definition of complete streets, including that they "are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages goes forward. For example, the vision of the complete and green streets applies primarily to larger streets that are wide enough to accommodate multiple forms of transportation. Councilmember Judith Davis said residents should be aware that on many streets it will be impossible to do major modifications.

"We won't be overhauling the smaller streets," she said.

One undertaking where the principles are being applied, as may be guessed from its name, is the Cherrywood Lane Complete and Green Street Retrofit Project, currently underway in Greenbelt West. According to Assistant City Manager David Moran, a significant part of the work is being accomplished with grants. A council worksession on the project is scheduled for July 10 at 8 p.m.

# City Council Discusses Roads And NAACP Maglev Statement

#### by Cathie Meetre

At its July 8 regular meeting the Greenbelt City Council discussed issues concerning local roads, memorializing citizens and the NAACP's recent endorsement of the maglev. Other topics discussed at the meeting will be covered in additional articles. **Roads** 

#### Roads

Councilmember Colin Byrd observed that the intersection of Mandan Road and Mathew Street often has vehicles parked right up to the corner, making it hard to make the turn. He suggested that parking be restricted on the corner. Councilmember Judith Davis suggested end-stops on the white parking lines noting that this had solved a similar problem elsewhere in the city.

Mayor Emmett Jordan listed several concerns relating to the State Highway Administration (SHA). In particular, the pathway along Greenbelt Road as it goes under the 495 bridge is covered with mud and debris originating from the structure and the road that make it difficult and potentially dangerous to use the pathway. He also noted a crosswalk near Greenbelt Park, possibly the responsibility of the Park Police and SHA. He expressed concern that pedestrians did not have good lines of sight especially given the extra lanes and the ramp to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

#### **Public Roads Adoption**

Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby described the street to be accepted by the city in the South Core, Phase A development, Greenbelt Station. Stream Bank Lane's first road segment passed inspection by Planning and Community Development and Public Works. This includes lighting, landscaping, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, storm drains and paving. Council accepted the recommendation.

#### NAACP and Maglev

Davis noted that the NAACP state conference wrote a letter of support for the maglev because of the potential employment opportunities. Jordan proposed and Byrd supported the idea of getting several affected county municipalities to co-sign a joint letter to inform NAACP of their concerns about impacts on many local communities.

Byrd, however, was surprised that council would correspond

with an organization that had no governmental role and was merely a private third party. He expressed concern that perhaps individuals of color would think the city is picking on NAACP out of all the private parties that might take a position on the topic. Davis replied that she would not normally respond to a thirdparty group, but the NAACP's view carries so much weight she thinks it's a viable exception. She expressed surprise at NAACP's stance given that the communities most negatively affected are communities of color.

Byrd cautioned that the stated NAACP view did not necessarily accurately reflect the view of Prince George's County members since it included multiple other chapters on whom the impact was different – specifically Baltimore. Byrd's motion to get buy-in from other municipalities was accepted with the provision of a two-week period to recruit other local cities to participate in a joint letter after which, if no combined letter emerged, Greenbelt would respond individually.

#### Memorializing Individuals

Jordan remarked that the issue of memorializing individuals by naming city facilities after them has arisen recently and that he'd suggested developing a policy. Davis countered that this had been discussed long ago - all the planning boards had discussed it - and a policy was established by council in 1992. At that time the decision was to create a Roll of Honor or Tree of Life memorial that was extensible, allowing recognitions to grow over time. She saw no reason to change the decision.

She made the point that if the city began naming buildings after worthy citizens, the city would rapidly run out of buildings because so many Greenbelters would qualify. Councilmember Rodney Roberts echoed the sentiment.

Jordan noted that he'd like to make it easier for individuals or corporations to purchase things for the benefit of the city, things the city needed, understanding that their name would be displayed on the item, and that he'd like a formal policy for that. He was not, however, in favor of naming buildings after individuals. He mentioned bike racks and park benches as examples.

Byrd noted that the decision to which Davis referred to was made 27 years ago when some councilmembers weren't around and perhaps things might change in that time. He noted the irony of Schrom Hills and Buddy Attick Parks as well as Roosevelt Center and observed that he doesn't hear any outrage about that. He was clear that he didn't mean letting big corporations 'buy' their name on a building. After a spirited discussion, Jordan directed staff to review the existing policies and to consider how to get a memorial wall done. Assistant City Manager David Moran, who has been working on such a wall for some time, noted, with some degree of frustration, that a Tree of Life plaque would be easy and quick to do - but what kind of wall to put it on had been a stumbling block.

#### Municipal League

From a variety of proposed issues, council was tasked with selecting three to go forward to the Municipal League, which presents to the state a legislative priorities consensus from municipalities. After some strategizing and a touch of horse trading, they agreed on the following: first is a ban on single use plastics; second is incorporating additional sources of municipal revenues, specifically a share in online sales taxes, but without any references to gambling revenues; the third choice was state-level investment in electric vehicle infrastructure. A Municipal League choice relating to mobile billboards was deferred because there is currently an effort underway to accommodate that issue with a local ordinance.

#### TEA Time 4th Friday At the New Deal

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, in partnership with the Café. Enjoy constructive dialogue while dining together and supporting one another and the Café.

and abilities."

The term "green streets" is defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as referring to streets that "achieve multiple benefits, such as improved water quality and more livable communities, through the integration of stormwater treatment techniques which use natural processes and landscaping."

Although planning staff will evaluate all new road construction and reconstruction projects in light of the goals of complete and green streets, they recognize that only some of the criteria will apply to most projects and that the concept will not be applicable to many city roadways. It may also be the case that at times the costs of completely embracing the criteria may not be feasible. At the worksession in June, Jordan described the policy as a framework for the city to use as it





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purpose of the Static Watch Committee—which is the form this neighborhood watch effort has taken over the last six years, wherein residents observe rather than patrol—and thanked the 66 volunteers on the committee that watch over 24 courts in the community.

Next, White introduced his officers and announced that Officer Irelisse Fernandez had been recently promoted to the rank of detective. White also praised the service of Corporal Michael Eppard and Master Police Officers Charles Wooten and Carlos Torres for their years of service and dedication.

Later in the evening, police Public Information Liaison George Mathews provided Static Watch training to a group of new volunteers. Mathews informed the group that, "Your job is to be concerned. The Greenbelt police's job is to be nosy." Mathews went on to say that volunteers are to actively observe their surroundings for any suspicious or criminal behavior and report to the police immediately. Mathews has given this advice to other Greenbelt neighborhood watch groups for the past 20 years and has seen volunteers successfully guard their communities against crime.

After the meeting, Rodriguez and his co-coordinator, Fred Edwords, began disseminating the feedback given during the meet-



On Thursday, June 20, over 20 Windsor Green residents, along with Greenbelt Police Lieutenant Timothy White and four of his officers, discuss how to ensure their community remains safe.

ing. Several important topics were raised, such as the need for better communications among volunteers. In addition, some residents wanted more information on how they could perform their volunteer responsibilities more effectively.

Based on this community feedback, the two coordinators began mobilizing Static Watch court captains to represent each of the 24 Windsor Green courts. Although there were some captains who had volunteered in years past, there had been limited collaboration among them. Because of this, the Static Watch Committee began creating a communications plan to provide greater communication and cooperation among court captains.

In addition, the Static Watch Committee will share several online crime reports to their volunteers, such as the City of Greenbelt Crime Reports (greenbeltmd. gov/government/departmentscon-t/police/crime-reports), CrimeReports.com, NextDoor. com, Greenbelt Crime Rates (neighborhoodscout.com/md/ greenbelt/crime), SpotCrime.com (spotcrime.com/md/greenbelt), and Twitter (twitter.com/greenbeltpolice). Through careful communication and collaboration between community volunteers and the Greenbelt Police Department, Greenbelt is a safer place to live.

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when GATe is asked to work on specific government events, the rent is decreased in accordance with the costs involved. It is primarily volunteer run with a paid staff.

GATe can be viewed on Verizon Channel 19 and Comcast Channel 77. It is also available through online streaming at greenbeltaccesstv.org.

GATe receives 90 percent of its funding from Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) fees that are part of all cable subscriptions. Gervasi has seen a decline in revenues from these fees in the past few years. Beverly Palau, Greenbelt public information and communications coordinator, remarked that "there is a chance that PEG funding will be eliminated in the next few years." Gervasi acknowledged the probable need for grants in the near future.

The upgraded playout system is named Telvue. Its server, where all technical support is directed, is outside Philadelphia. It is a much smaller system and will allow for "very modern and real

technical abilities," said Gervasi. The hardware cost was \$5,000 and GATe has a lease and 24/7 service agreement costing \$9,000 per year.

GATe has recently created several boot camps, short classes dealing with subjects like editing and camera use. There is a nominal fee. For those volunteers who would be dealing with equipment, such classes are required.

Gervasi praised the children's animation program led by Kochell. He added that GATe may be unique in the industry in its airing of an animation program made by children. In addition, Gervasi noted that GATe may be the only such organization that has its own film festival, the Utopia Film Festival. It begins in November and this is its 15th year.

GATe members stated that their format of short, distilled programs of two to 10 minutes will likely continue, remarking on the daunting effort required to produce a 30-minute or hour-long program. They've found that a brief running time is often more effective. Yet, they are always open to anyone with an idea, even if it means a greater length.

GATe expressed the desire for more space in addition to their office, classroom, meeting space and studio. A special computer lab for animation would be ideal. Keeping their location at the Community Center was preferred, and GATe proposed taking over the current Greenbelt Arts Center storage space below the Senior Center.

An idea that would expand viewership would be to place monitors at several locations around the city that would broadcast GATe.

According to their 2019 report to the city council, GATe laid out its mission which includes educating the public in video production, access to screen local productions and screening meaningful and relevant content, with a more focused aim to educate all

# **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

June 29, 1:15 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. Four men wearing masks approached a man who was entering an apartment building and assaulted, punched and kicked him. They took his money and fled.

#### Assault

June 30, 9:25 a.m., 6100 block Cherrywood Lane. Several people dressed in black approached a woman who was walking on the footpath from the 6100 block Cherrywood Lane to the 9300 block Edmonston Road. They assaulted, punched and kicked her several times before they fled. She was transported to Holy Cross Hospital for treatment.

#### Theft

June 25, 8:30 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. A cell phone, wallet and personal documents were removed from a locker at LA Fitness after the lock had been removed.

#### Fraud

June 29, 1:01 p.m., 100 block Lastner Lane. A woman received a phone call from a man who stated he was selling internet security products and told her that her computer had been compromised. She paid the caller online to fix her computer but no one showed up to do it.

#### Vandalism

June 30, 3:31 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A rock was used to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

July 1, 12 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A window at a residence was broken.

Vehicle Crime A black 4-door 2010 Cadillac DTS with Maryland tags 1DP8039 was taken from Ridge Road near Laurel Hill Road on July 3.

A 2015 Hyundai Sonata reported stolen to Prince George's County police was recovered in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace on July 1.

Four tires and rims were taken from a vehicle in the 9100 block Edmonston Court on July 3 and one of its front passenger windows was broken out.

A passenger window was broken out and a backpack removed on June 27 in the 7500 block Hanover Parkway.

A dash camera and vehicle registration card were taken from a possibly unlocked vehicle in the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive on July 2.

#### Police Issue Advisory For ATM Skimmers

Police have recently been receiving reports of automatic teller machines (ATMs) at banks in the area being compromised by the use of skimmer machines. Skimmers steal bank card information, including PIN numbers, which can then be used to access bank accounts.

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viewers about all things Greenbelt is and has to offer. Said Gervasi, "Just turn us on sometime. You'll be pleased with what you see."

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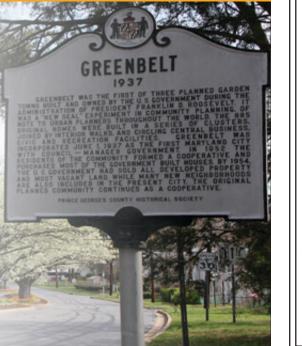
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# **Sports**

## Both Greenbelt Teams Vie For Babe Ruth Championship

by Ian Gleason



Greenbelt Green and Black are all smiles after their all-Greenbelt affair resulted in Co-champions for the Prince George's County Junior Babe Ruth League. From left, bottom row, Anthony Robles, Kalen Corujo, Bryce Jones, Atreece Gray, Tommy Hill, Mikey Rodriguez. Middle row, Coach Ian Gleason, AJ Rizzo, Antoine Franklin, Jr., Joseph Klein, TaeJohn Hawkins, Nick Butler (behind), Diego Velasquez, Logan Beasley (behind), Andrew Jones, Tysin Singleton, Coach Patrick Gleason, Coach Robert Goldberg-Strassler. Back row, Fernando Gomez, Jaden Osbourne, Christopher Czado, Jackson Maul, Nikos Cooper, RJ Thornburg, Justin Adames

The rain on July 2 postponed the semifinals of the Prince George's County Babe Ruth League's Junior Division playoffs, forcing the semifinals and finals to take place the following evening. Simultaneous 6:15 p.m. start times pitted Greenbelt Green vs Cheverly at Riverdale Recreation and Greenbelt Black vs St. Jerome at Braden Field.

St. Jerome jumped out to a five-run lead after two innings as Greenbelt Black struggled to settle in defensively and left several runners stranded on base. As the game wore on Greenbelt began to chip away at the lead before exploding in the fifth inning, which was highlighted by a triple from Logan Beasley scoring TaeJohn Hawkins. Greenbelt then entered the final inning with a 9-6 lead that Tommy Hill closed out on the mound for a complete game victory. Likewise, Greenbelt Green fell behind early to Cheverly 4-0. However, starting pitcher Kalen Corujo settled in, complemented with a gutsy performance behind the plate from Antoine Franklin, Jr. Greenbelt responded offensively with aggressive base running that forced Cheverly errors, along with Christopher Czado's two base hits, leading Greenbelt to an 8-6 victory. After the win against Cheverly, Greenbelt Green players, parents and fans rushed to Braden Field for the championship game. The first several innings had the quick pace of a pitcher's duel. Green's Joseph Klein and Black's Jackson Maul controlled the opposing lineups the first time through. Multiple errors by Green in the third inning gave Black a 6-0 lead; a triple off the bat of Mikey Rodriguez added a tack-on run later so Greenbelt Green entered

what was likely to be the last inning, due to the time limit, trailing 7-0. Then they began to chip away. Black struggled to throw consistent strikes in this pressure situation, precipitating two pitching changes mid-inning, as the lead shrunk. Franklin, Jr. scored the tying run with only one out and the bases loaded as Green's Fernando Gomez came to the plate to face Black's Logan Beasley. Gomez attempted to score Corujo from third but popped up a bunt which was caught by catcher Nikos Cooper. Two outs brought Bryce Jones to the plate. After a lengthy at bat with multiple pitches fouled off, Jones hit a pop-up to Mikey Rodriguez at short who made the catch while falling to the ground. After deliberation with the umpires the game was called for surpassing the time limit. The two Greenbelt teams that practice together and are one except, for the color of their jerseys, came together to ensure the 2019 Prince George's County Babe Ruth Junior Division Champions would be Greenbelt no matter what.

Upcoming Games at Braden Field: 13U and 15U Md. State Babe Ruth Tournaments, Friday July 12 at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday July 13 at 9 a.m. and noon (4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. if necessary).

## Greenbelt Girls Soccer



On Saturday, June 29, eight girls from Greenbelt Soccer attended the Washington Spirit game and played a mini scrimmage on the field during half time. The Spirit lost 2-1, but the girls learned a lot watching professional women play. From left, Elsa Mazursky, Eleanor Skolnik, Hannah King, Kira Moore, Mia Moore, Ava Goodman, Ella King and Jade McCallum



Scrimmage on the field during half time

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## Camp YOGO Offers Travel Fun for Middle Schoolers

#### by Matthew Arbach

Youth on the Go (YOGO) campers are visiting King's Dominion, a Washington Mystics game and the Chesapeake Beach Water Park. This is a typical week for those participating in this long-standing and popular summer program provided by Greenbelt Recreation. Camp YOGO is "focused on travel to area attractions," said Anne Oudemans, recreation program supervisor. "Kids love travel."

On days when the weather is bad, participants enjoy art projects, group games and community service, as well as trips within walking distance like to the pool or Buddy Attick Park. Activities encourage campers to be independent and exceed what is normally offered in a day camp setting, said Oudemans.

The camp is available to children in the 12 to 14 age range and regular sessions last 10 days over a two-week period. The cost is \$376 for Greenbelt residents and \$432 for non-residents.

This cost includes all fees to the various locations except for food, which campers must arrange for themselves.

Two paid counselors are responsible for the maximum limit of 30 campers each session. In addition, an inclusion counselor may be added to assist with campers who have special emotional, physical or language needs. A volunteer intern in the 15 to 17 age range is present as well.

Oudemans praised the ability and commitment of her staff. The counselors are teachers during the school year. "They are incredible," she said. She particularly praised Andrew Phelan, recreation coordinator, for his day-to-day management of the camp.

The camp is currently filled to capacity for the summer. Due to its popularity, Oudemans recommended early registration. She asserted that the goal is to keep

campers active and happy.





Camp YOGO visits Six Flags America.

- Photos by Taylor Keobler



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of colorful umbrellas as early as four hours before the show.

Although the Concert Band decided to forego a show, the annual drum circle led by Greenbelt resident Katy Gaughan continued as planned to entertain those early birds who were around. Speaking of birds, a few military helicopters and large planes from the President's show also made rounds high above the lake at around 6:30 p.m.

The basketball courts bubbled with young players, children ran circles around the playground and adults fired up grills. The air smelled of barbecue smoke, and music playing from various speakers filled the park with sound.

As the sun descended behind a thick layer of clouds into dusk, the lawn crowded with families who were spaced out just enough for children to sprint through without tripping. A couple waited patiently in an opening of the tree canopy under an umbrella. The rain slowed down and eventually ended as the barges entered the water.

Glow sticks lit the field as darkness descended and the barges sat stationary in the water. By 9 p.m., questions began to arise as to what time the show was supposed to start as the sky was already deepening into darker and darker shades of gray.

The funnel cake line grew as residents continued to move into the decreasing space of open spots. The chatter filled the air with ongoing conversations in multiple languages as people awaited the start to the fireworks show.

Finally, with a literal boom, the show began, and the crowd went silent. The barge closest to the opposite shore ignited with red, white and blue fire to illuminate a pyrotechnician's rendition of the American flag, which burned for two minutes.

After a short pause, bright fireworks were sent skyward above the trees, and the community lit up in the colors of green, red, blue, yellow and white. While some residents remained inside, taking shelter from the earlier rains, hundreds of others sat out under the now dry, but still cloudy sky as they pointed cellphones to the sky and audibly shared their enjoyment of the show, which carried on for half an hour, lighting up the darkness.



IOTO BY WILLIAM CORNET

Marc Siegel watches fireworks from his kayak on Greenbelt Lake on July 4.



Ooohs and aaahs fill the air as fireworks light the night.



Camp YOGO takes a trip to the Wheaton Ice Arena.

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