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Fire Chiefs and Council Talk Workload, Staffing, Funding

by Matthew Arbach

Soon-to-be-retired Prince George's County Fire Chief Benjamin Barksdale, along with members of his staff and leadership of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD), were present at a worksession of the Greenbelt City Council on August 26 to give an update on both departments. Also present were members of the Labor Day Festival Committee, who shared issues encountered in this year's effort.

Barksdale began the meeting by remarking that "it has been a pleasure to work in this unique community, adding that "it is a great place to live." Mayor Emmett Jordan praised him for an outstanding job and a distinguished career.

Barksdale will be succeeded by Chief Deputy Tiffany Green, who was also present. The first woman to lead the department, she will take charge on November 1. A Prince George's County native, Green began her career as a volunteer in 1999 and has risen through the ranks. Jordan extolled her, commenting how great it is to have an experienced person in this position.

Barksdale said that 60 firefighters have been added to an authorized career staff totaling 1,014. There are 45 county stations with round-the-clock career staffing and eight are staffed by volunteers. New stations are soon

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Greenbelt Labor Day Parade Draws Diverse Participants

by Ivan Torres



PHOTO BY JESS TUSSING

Greenbelt Police Department Honor Guard is poised to kick off the 2019 Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 2. Officially presenting the colors, they also lead the way for a colorful cast of characters from all facets of civic life: Grand Marshalls Lore Rosenthal and Michael Hartman, Master of Ceremonies Dave Zahren, the pipe and drum corps, marching bands, schools, sports teams, fire and police departments, youth clubs and more.

Cheerleaders, educators, cadets, drum lines and firefighters took over the streets of Greenbelt on Monday for the 65th annual Labor Day Parade. The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival was started in 1955 as a way of raising funds to build a Youth Center. It has been held every year since by the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee.

With such a diverse lineup of participants, the parade had something every spectator could enjoy. A recurring theme of each year's parade is political activism. Even though only the Greenbelt City Council is up for election this fall, candidates for federal, state and county political offices marched chanting their campaign slogans, challenging Greenbelt

citizens to be more politically active. Mothers from the local Boy Scout Council explained that their favorite part of the parade is how it caters to both the adults and children. The adults get to be politically involved in the community while the children indulge in carnival activities.

Among the organizations that turned out to march for a cause, the Greenbelt Sensational Inspirational Talented Youth (S.I.T.Y.) Stars jumped rope through the parade to stress the importance of children being active. Head Coach Kim Bradshaw stated, "Our mission is to build disciplined, team-oriented children that love being active."

The Greenbelt Elementary See PARADE, page 8

Environmental, Peace Activists Are 2019 Outstanding Citizens

by Fatemeh Paryavi

Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web www.greenbeltnewsreview.com.

The crowd cheered with affirmation as the Labor Day Festival began with the chair of the Outstanding Citizen Selection Committee, Robert Zugby, presenting the Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen award of 2019 to Lore Rosenthal and Michael Hartman.

Before calling Rosenthal and Hartman to the stage, Zugby encouraged the audience to nominate citizens for next year's Outstanding Citizen and fashioned a question and answer style pronouncement to show how and why the committee chose this year's winners.

"Has our Outstanding Citizen volunteered to assist nonprofit enterprises in serving the public?" posed Zugby.

"Has our Outstanding Citizen joined the fight against global warming by helping the community to move away from fossil fuels and toward sustainable



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Greeting the crowds along the Labor Day parade route, the 2019 Outstanding Citizens Lore Rosenthal and Michael Hartman are roundly applauded for their many long-standing efforts to put the green in Greenbelt through their advocacy of sustainable living practices like zero waste, community composting and solar power.

energy sources like solar power?"

Zugby concluded that the answer to all the questions he had posed was yes and that this year's Outstanding Citizen was "actually a team of two persons working together on all of these undertakings, thus proving, at last, that one can indeed equal two."

The team of two was thanked and encouraged by all the local politicians and city councilmembers for their hard work, initiatives and encouragement in pushing for a greener and zero-waste community.

"I've known Michael and Lore for quite some time, probably for 11 years, and they do incredible things," said Mayor Emmett Jordan after the speech. "They're a phenomenal couple."

The program was sponsored

by Fieldstone Properties, owners of Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station, with resident Carolyn Davis present at the ceremony. The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union was represented by Joe Timer and the Greenbelt Rotary represented by Steve Kemp.

After Kemp, Davis and Timer presented the certificates to Rosenthal and Hartman, and in conclusion to the ceremony, Rosenthal thanked the audience and said that when she and Hartman had first moved to Greenbelt she "never would've imagined the number of things that you can get involved in here in Greenbelt."

"Really, anything's possible in this town. You dream it and it can happen," she said.

"We are very lucky to be a

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What Goes On

- Saturday, September 7**
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pooch Plunge, Aquatic & Fitness Center Outdoor Pool
- Monday, September 9**
8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
- Wednesday, September 11**
7:30 p.m. Council Worksession, Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, Capital Office Park, Community Center

Back to School



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Students and teachers at Greenbelt Middle start the school year on Tuesday, September 3.

Letters to the Editor

A Movable Festival?

Thanks to the city and everyone who participates and coordinates our traditional Labor Day weekend festivities. I wonder what it could look like if other neighborhoods in Greenbelt were to host space for the Festival? Perhaps there is space over in Greenbelt West or Greenbelt East that could be a site for future festivals? Maybe each neighborhood could take turns hosting?

Li'l Dan Celdran

Post-festival Ear Woes

If your child has ear pain or strange sounds within the ears after listening to loud bands at the Labor Day Festival, that child should be seeing a (probably holistic) doctor right away.

A hearing test, say a week from now, may well turn out normal. But few know that the ensuing months will determine whether there will be any significant permanent hearing loss, as the body, depending upon how well it is treated, will either heal or not heal.

Researchers have found that magnesium is a critical nutrient for enabling the body to heal itself after an excessive sound exposure.

Online article: Magnesium and hearing Loss, by Sandowsky, Holy, Raffin et al.

Bill Norwood

Sarah's Creek

I appreciate it that the News Review made room for a photo to accompany the article that you printed on page 6 this week about the unnamed stream in Greenbelt's North Woods. The photo shows children exploring this wild place in Greenbelt's woods. This article was written by the Forest Preserve Advisory Board. The board's mission is both to protect this forest's ecology and to encourage children and adults to explore the natural world. I hope that the photo you printed this week plants the seed in some readers' minds to visit the Forest Preserve.

I also want to commend the News Review's layout staff for going the extra mile to obtain a photo for this article even when

they were tight against the deadline for this week's issue. Amanda Larsen attempted repeatedly to contact me yesterday morning and, not reaching me immediately, she went trekking into the Forest Preserve to find and photograph the unnamed stream. Eventually, she did reach me and under her encouragement I remembered that I had the winter ice-walking explorer-kid photo of the unnamed stream. My photo ended up being printed rather than hers.

The News Review does many things to provide our town with quality journalism, and I appreciate that the layout staff, not just the reporters and editorial staff, works hard to make a difference.

Owen A. Kelley

Maglev Runs On Helium

I saw Ruth Haynes' letter in the News Review and something surfaced from my subconscious where I put it sometime in May.

Do we know what the engineering studies cover?

Do they cover availability of helium? The superconductivity needed by maglev does not work without helium, according to a website specifically about maglev.

In May it was pointed out in the news, including a spot on WTOP, that helium is in short supply. The Texas reserve is being depleted. Helium is needed for NMR/MRI medical diagnostics and for rocket launches. That includes but is not limited to the space station, other SpaceX launches, Jeff Bezos' new rocket initiative, moon shots, Mars shots and the Space Force. Party City stores are closing because they can't get helium for balloons and still show a profit.

What happens if the reserve is too depleted for maglev to acquire helium by the time – now projected to be some time in 2030 if I remember correctly – the trains can run?

I have used the maglev and MDOT website to raise this issue to the authorities, but I think it's important for the general public to realize that Maryland could be left with a useless decaying hole

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Fri. 3:00, 5:30 PM
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Sun. 5:30 PM
Mon. 8:00 PM
Tues. 5:30 PM
Wed. 3:00 PM
Thurs. 5:30 PM

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Unselfish Acts of Kindness
(RUAK)
Wed. 8:00 PM - FREE!



Jugglers Mike Funt and Charlie Fahey represent the Community Center Circus Arts program in the parade.

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On Screen

Where'd You Go, Bernadette

Based on the runaway bestseller, *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* is an inspiring comedy about Bernadette Fox (played by Academy Award winner Cate Blanchett). Former architect Bernadette seems to have it all – a beautiful home in Seattle, a successful and loving husband, and a brilliant teenage daughter who's about to attend boarding school. But her creative passions have languished after years of sacrificing herself for her family. When Bernadette suddenly disappears without a trace, her concerned family sets off on an exciting adventure to solve the mystery of where she might have gone.

Rated R, running time: 104 minutes

Honeyland

Nestled in an isolated mountain region deep within the Balkans, Hatidze Muratova is the last in a long line of Macedonian wild beekeepers, eking out a living farming honey in small batches to be sold in the closest city – a mere four hours' walk away. Her peaceful existence is thrown into upheaval by the arrival of a poor itinerant family who develop an interest selling their own honey, but by cutting corners. The ensuing conflict exposes the fundamental tension between nature and humanity, harmony and discord, exploitation and sustainability. A Sundance Award-winning documentary.

No rating, running time: 85 minutes

- Sandy Rodgers

Community Events

RUAK Hosts Film Screening on 9/11

Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) is again sponsoring a free community showing of the film *Man in Red Bandana*. The movie tells the story of Welles Remy Crowther who saved 18 lives from the Twin Towers after the attacks in New York City on September 11, 2001. The movie will play on Wednesday, September 11 at the Old Greenbelt Theatre Pop-Up at 8 p.m., with free admission. Seating capacity is limited to 40, so arrive early.

For further information about RUAK, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755 or spreadruak@gmail.com.

Thoughtful Discussion Back Under Cover

"I'll remember this moment for the rest of my life." Why? What makes some moments so memorable? And beside creating lifelong memories, do such special moments have any other effect on a person's life?

The MakerSpace thoughtful discussion group will be meeting once again in a room at the Community Center on Tuesday, September 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. Check the whiteboard for the room number, listed as MakerSpace. This could be a special moment for someone new to the discussion; all are welcome. And the moment a topic is selected for the following week is always special.

At the Library

Greenbelt Library hours: Monday and Tuesday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Storytime on Screen

Monday, September 9: 10:30 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Bring a baby, toddler, or preschooler to the Community Center, Room 200 to listen to a story read from the big screen, see a short film and complete a craft. Popcorn will be provided. No registration required. This walk-in event is presented biweekly on the 2nd & 4th Monday mornings of each month.

Teen Advisory Board

Monday, September 9: 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Earn service hours while making the library a great place for teens. Enjoy snacks, meet new people, become a leader. Registration required.

English Conversation Club

Tuesday, September 10: 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds.

Weekly Storytimes

Tuesday, September 10: ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 30 people. Wednesday, September 11: ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people. Thursday, September 12: ages newborn to 2, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s).

French Conversation Club

Thursday, September 12, 5 p.m.

Celebrate GAC's 40th Season on September 8

The Greenbelt Arts Center will hold a reception on Sunday, September 8 at 4:30 p.m. to celebrate the start of their 40th anniversary season. The reception will take place after the Sunday matinee performance of *The Wild Party*, directed by Jeffery Lesniak. Attendees will also be able to view a display of photos by the NASA Goddard Photo Club. The reception is free and open to the public.

The new season will include comedies, dramas, musicals and concerts. It will feature the musical horror-drama *Jekyll and Hyde*, the comedy *Motherhood Out Loud*, the children's fantasy *The Phantom Tollbooth*, Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*, two Shakespeare plays and more. For the full schedule visit greenbeltartscenter.org.

Register for Workshops

Time to register for the following workshops is running out. All of these events are held at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, second floor.

Tuesday, September 10, 2 to 4 p.m. Once an Adult Twice a Child, instructor Karin Lakin, M.Ed., nationally certified dementia trainer. The journey through Alzheimer's disease lasts long, and includes many unexpected twists and turns. This presentation reviews each stage of the disease and offers guidance to caregivers on the important things to plan and prepare as the illness progresses.

Tuesday, September 24, 1 to 3 p.m. Be Aware and Beware: The ABCD of Medicare and Long-term Care Insurance, instructor Mark Gottlieb. Learn the ins and outs of Medicare and long-term care insurance and have specific questions answered.

Tuesday, October 8, 1 to 3 p.m. Advocacy in a Health Crisis, instructor Mark Asch, Right at Home. Do you know how to advocate for yourself or your loved ones when hospitalized? Learn the hospital system and how and when to advocate. Know your legal rights. What happens when you are discharged? Learn about resources available upon discharge.

To register for each event, call Katherine Farzin, 240-542-2019.

Filmmaker Speaks At Special Screening

This Friday, September 6, at 7:30 p.m., filmmaker Nooshin Agahi speaks in Greenbelt about her documentary, *The Struggle for Justice*.

Over the past 200 years humanity's struggle for equality and justice has continued with advances and setbacks. How can we become constructive catalysts and build model communities that reflect our ideals of unity, equality and justice? *Struggle For Justice* is a short film that reflects on this question and presents some thoughts in search for answers.

The filmmaker will facilitate a conversation on this theme in Greenbelt on Friday night. Contact Jim at 301-793-1015 for details.

The documentary is available for viewing at persianbahaimedia.org/?p=27497

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of September 9 are as follows:

Monday, September 9: hamburger, baked beans, hot spiced apples, carrifruit salad, whole-wheat bun, cranberry juice

Tuesday, September 10: stuffed salmon with dill sauce, corn, green beans, whole-wheat bread, mandarin oranges and pineapple, apple juice

Wednesday, September 11: creamy paprika chicken, rice pilaf, ratatouille, Italian bread, fresh fruit, apple juice

Thursday, September 12: Salisbury steak with gravy, whipped potatoes, curried okra and tomatoes, dinner roll, pineapple tidbits, cranberry juice

Friday, September 13: pork roast with onion gravy, scalloped potatoes, spinach, dinner roll, fresh fruit, orange juice.

GAC Has Auditions September 9 & 10

Greenbelt Arts Center will hold auditions for *The Phantom Tollbooth* on Monday, September 9 and Tuesday, September 10 at 7 p.m. Callbacks, if necessary, will be Thursday, September 12. *The Phantom Tollbooth* is a play by Susan Natus based on the book by Norton Juster. In the play, Milo and the faithful watchdog Tock travel to the Lands Beyond on a fantastic adventure. Auditions will consist of readings from the script. Adults, teens and children are invited to audition.

For more information about the roles to be cast and for registration forms, visit greenbeltartscenter.org. Those interested in auditioning are asked to fill out the audition form, conflict form and costume form online in advance, no later than Sunday, September 8.

Stagecraft Volunteers Sewing Class Offered

Greenbelt Recreation Arts is offering Beginning Sewing to help train new stagecraft volunteers to help with Community Center theatrical productions.

The class will be taught this fall by Mary Gawlik, artist in residence and experienced seamstress. It will meet on Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., September 10 to December 3. More information is available in the Greenbelt Recreation activity guide. Students must be 12 or older. No experience necessary.

Locals who already have sewing skills are also invited to volunteer to help out with sewing needs for Greenbelt Recreation's various productions. Volunteers can email ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov. Costume production for *The New Deal Nut: A Greenbelt Nutcracker* will be ongoing throughout the fall session.



Pooch Plunge

Dog owners are invited to the annual swim and splash party on Saturday, September 7, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center outdoor pool. A nominal fee is charged. Dog owners must be at least 18 years old.

Beyond Coal Talk At GCAN Meeting

On Wednesday, September 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Matt Dernoga will lead a conversation about Maryland's six remaining coal-fired power plants. Discuss the impact on public health and the climate, and how to lead the way in Maryland with a just transition to clean energy.

Dernoga is the Maryland Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Representative.

The last portion of the evening is designed for announcements and updates on local and national issues of interest.

For more info, contact Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, lore@simplicity-matters.org, 301-345-2234.

GREENBELT ARTS CENTER PRESENTS



THE WILD PARTY
by Andrew Lipka
Directed by Jeffery Lesniak
Music directed by Elizabeth Alford
Choreographed by Rikki Lacewell

Sept 6, 7, 13, 14 at 8PM
**Sunday matinees:
Sept 8, & 15 at 2PM**

Ticket prices:
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Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center
AUDITIONS - September 9-10: Phantom Tollbooth
September 27 - October 13: Jekyll & Hyde

GIVES Quarterly Meeting Sept. 14

What is GIVES? The name stands for Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service and the goal is to help one another. GIVES provides opportunities for those who would like to have a way to be helpful to others by giving a ride, helping with yard work or assisting with a sewing project, to name a few requested needs.

Come to the GIVES quarterly meeting on Saturday, September 14 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center. Learn how to receive assistance when needed and give assistance to others who need it. Meet with people who have found this organization a rewarding part of living in Greenbelt.

Join Invasive Plant Team at Greenbelt Park

On Saturday, September 7, join the invasive plant team as they monitor and repel the growing threat of invasive plants and insects in Greenbelt Park. Learn valuable information that not only helps the park, but can help protect vulnerable species in this region. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 11 a.m. The event lasts until 2 p.m.



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7 am	Greenbelt News Reel
8 am	Democracy Now!
9 am	Classic Film: Buck Benny Rides Again (1940) Jack Benny
11 am	Strata (Archaeology)
11:30	Greenbelt Discussion
12 pm	Greenbelt News Reel
1 pm	Strata (Archaeology)
2 pm	Greenbelt News Reel
3 pm	Classic Film: Buck Benny Rides Again (1940) Jack Benny
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11:30	Greenbelt Discussion
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Back to School Nights

Magnolia Elementary
Thursday, September 12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Springhill Lake Elementary
Tuesday, September 10, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Greenbelt Elementary
Thursday, September 12, 6-8:30 p.m.
Greenbelt Middle
Grade 6: Wednesday, September 18, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Grades 7 and 8: Thursday, September 19, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Dora Kennedy French Immersion
Grades K to 5: Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Grades 6 to 8: Wednesday, September 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Eleanor Roosevelt High School
Tuesday, September 24, 7 to 9 p.m.

Homeschoolers Meet Monday, September 9

Greenbelt homeschoolers will hold their first meeting of the school year on Monday, September 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the food court of IKEA in College Park. Note that this is both a time and location change from what was previously announced. All are welcome to help plan the year, both children and their adults. Greenbelt homeschoolers is also a group on Facebook at Facebook/greenbelt homeschoolers.

Hospice Meeting September 17

Community Hospices will be offering a gathering for discussion on various grief and loss topics on the third Tuesday evening of every month in the Community Center. The topic for September is Rituals for Grief and Loss held on Tuesday, September 17 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Check the events whiteboard for the room number. Join in for informative, supportive and inspirational discussions. Refreshments and supportive printed materials will be provided. For questions, contact Margaret Capurso, Bereavement Coordinator at 301-560-6002.



Jie Fang Goh Guest Pianist at Mowatt

On Sunday, September 8 at 10 a.m. join the Mowatt Methodist Church in welcoming guest pianist, Jie Fang Goh. Goh received a master of music degree in musicology and piano performance from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, in 2018 on a full tuition scholarship and graduate assistantship in collaborative piano. His master's thesis was Billy Joel's Turn and Return to Classical Music: Fantasies and Delusions. He has played in numerous venues including the Baylor Opera, the Waco Civic Theater and concerts in Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong and Malaysia. He is in Maryland to obtain a second master's in collaborative piano at the University of Maryland.

Goh plans to perform Summer by Joe Hisaishi, the Second Movement of the Sonata Pathétique by Beethoven and Yours is the Kingdom by Cindy Berry. Luncheon will follow. All are welcome. Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church is located at 40 Ridge Road.

Letters continued

in the ground, after all the disruptions from digging it.

Patricia Heil

Proposed Bike Route For Hanover Parkway

At the recent GreenACES meeting a presentation was made regarding a proposed bike facility for Hanover Parkway. The presenter proposed a two-way bike lane on the east side of Hanover Parkway that would run from Hanover and Mandan to Schrom Hills Park. Two versions were presented. They vary only with respect to the portion of Hanover Parkway that runs from the south side of Greenbelt Road to Schrom Hills Park. Option A would narrow the roadway by one lane so as to accommodate a protected bike lane. Option B is more in the nature of a trail and envisions paving and expanding the current 6-foot-wide sidewalk

so as to accommodate bicycles and pedestrian traffic.

I believe that option B is best. Pedestrian traffic along Hanover Parkway is very light and the bicycle traffic even lighter. I regularly travel this path on the sidewalk by bike with no difficulty. On the other hand, Hanover Parkway gets heavy vehicular traffic, particularly in the area around Greenway Center. Fortunately, Hanover Parkway is well engineered and handles the traffic well. Taking away a lane of traffic for a protected bike lane will result in greater congestion particularly if the county council succeeds in rewriting the zoning map to allow for residential housing in Greenbelt East's commercial centers. Option B has the added advantage of being in the nature of a recreational path.

With respect to the protected bike lane on the north side of Greenbelt Road, I suggest that this terminate at the point of the Spellman Overpass so as to allow cars to pass that are not intent on dropping off students at ERHS. Residents with an opinion on this issue should email their city councilmembers @ greenbelt-md.gov (ejordan, jdavis, spope, rroberts, eputens, colinabyrd, Imach).

Bill Manico



Congratulations to the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, led by their ever-faithful President Linda Ivy, for bringing us another fabulous hometown celebration. The Washington Post said, "To visit the 65-year-old Greenbelt Labor Day Festival is to take a trip back in time." But to create this wholesome, nostalgic experience takes modern technology, communications and logistics as well as a ton of old-fashioned team spirit, generosity, long hours and love of our hometown. Thank you all for a wonderful festival.

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



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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.

Springhill Lake Family Activities

Every Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. from September 15 to December 15 there are group games and drop-in gym time for families at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.



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City Information & Events

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building, Monday, September 9, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy, Prince George's County
- Emergency Preparedness Month
- Public Lands Day Proclamation
- Cooperative Month Proclamation

Petitions and Requests

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

Minutes of Council Meeting

Administrative Reports

* Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase for Captioning of Council Meetings
- A resolution to Authorize the Negotiate Purchase of Legal Services with Alexander & Clever PA

OTHER BUSINESS

- Reclassifications
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board Proposed City Code Changes
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- *State and County NAACP Letter
- *Board of Appeals Resolution for Variance #19-0006-V

SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE ABSENTEE

NO MORE EXCUSES!

This is the fourth municipal election in which any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by absentee ballot in municipal elections. There is no longer any need to present an excuse for why you wish to be absent from your polling place on Election Day.

The purpose of the change is to give an additional option to voters and make it easier to vote in City elections. If you prefer to come to your polling place on Election Day, meet up with your neighbors, talk with the candidates, and use a voting machine, you may still do so, just as before. But if you prefer to vote early, or if you like the idea of voting by mail or using a paper ballot instead of a voting machine, you now have more choices. Just be sure to vote. No more excuses!

First, request a ballot in one of two ways. Each individual requesting a ballot must submit a separate, signed application form or letter.

- Fill out an application form that you may 1) pick up in the City Clerk's office, 2) request from the City Clerk by phone at 301-474-8000 or by e-mail at banderson@greenbeltmd.gov, or 3) print from the City's Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>; or
- Write a letter of application to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, including your full name, domicile address in Greenbelt, signature, and telephone number.

Military service members, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request an absentee ballot for City election.

Applications to receive absentee ballots will be received from Wednesday, October 16, until noon on Monday, November 4, 2019. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 5, 2019. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 16.

Return your executed absentee ballot by 1) sending it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by November 4, 2) hand-delivering it to the City Clerk's office, or 3) placing it in the locked drop-box at the east door of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road. Questions? Call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000, or send email to banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

Once an Adult Twice a Child

Karin Lakin, M/ Ed., Nationally Certified Dementia Trainer
Tuesday, September 10th, 2:00-4:00pm
Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

The journey through Alzheimer's disease last long, and includes many unexpected twists and turns. This presentation reviews each stage of this disease, and offers guidance to caregivers on the important things to plan and prepare as the illness progresses.

Tickets are available at www.eventbrite.com – search Once an Adult, Twice a Child or contact Katherine Farzin (240) 542-2019 or kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov.

MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 9-13

Monday, September 9 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Youth Center, 99 Centerway. *On the Agenda: Voter Registration Campaign, Meet & Greet dates – Ice Cream Social dates + Awareness Campaign Confirm 9/13 @ SHL, 9/14 @ YC*

Monday, September 9 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Comcast 71 and 996, Verizon 21 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv*

Wednesday, September 11 at 7:30pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Preliminary Plan of Subdivision – NRP Multi-family Development Proposal (Capital Office Park)**, at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv*

Thursday, September 12 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD** at Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. *On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Community Feedback, Report on Petition regarding Police Use of Military Equipment, Referral on Firefly Sanctuary, Reports from CRAB Members and other matters as time permits. This agenda is subject to change.*

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

POOCH PLUNGE 2019

**Saturday, September 7
11a.m. - 3p.m.**
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LABOR DAY RECREATION WINNERS

Softball Tournament:



**A Flight Winners – Four Horsemen (pictured)
B Flight Winners – KCA Royals from PA**

Table Tennis: Singles Winner: Roger Foltz, Singles Runner Up: Zhang Yang, Doubles Winner: Roger Foltz/Ruying Chang
Doubles Runner Up: Drew Stephens/Darnell Elliott

Basketball: Hot Shot Hoopz Winner: Makai Clarke
Hot Shot Hoops Runner Up: James Baines
2Ball Winners: Kelvin/Gio, 2Ball Runners Up: Cuban/Mas

Scavenger Hunt: Winners: Alexandra Nickel, Julia May, Hannah Collins, Olivia Nickel, Runners Up: Kai Waters, Mauve Waters, Maya Dunkley

FALL HOURS AT RECREATION CENTERS

Greenbelt Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center have changed back to school year schedule.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Monday-Friday, 2:00-10:00pm
Saturdays, 9:00am-10:00pm and Sundays 1:00-10:00pm

Greenbelt Youth Center

Monday-Friday, 3:00-10:00pm
Saturdays, 9:00am-10:00pm and Sundays, 1:00-10:00pm

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Youth Advisory Committee
For more information: 301-474-8000

FALL GED COURSE

SEPTEMBER 16, 2019-
DECEMBER 4, 2019

Greenbelt CARES will provide 1 location for the GED program FALL class registration will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at the SPRINGHILL LAKE Recreation Center Clubhouse, 6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770, at 10:00 a.m.

Students are required to purchase a copy of the GED textbook, calculator and test-taking materials for \$45 (purchased from Greenbelt CARES). There is no registration fee for GREENBELT RESIDENTS. Non-Greenbelt residents are required to pay a \$ 175 registration fee.

Questions should be directed to Judy Hering, Vocational/Educational Counselor, GED course instructor, 301-345-6660, ext. 2016, or email: jhering@greenbeltmd.gov.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED

The City of Greenbelt Board of Elections is seeking several residents who would be willing to serve as election officials on November 5, 2019, from 6 a.m. until about 9 p.m. Clerks must also attend a training session on November 4 from 7:00 p.m. until about 9 p.m.

This is a rewarding experience for anyone who is interested in the political process and would like to play an active role in the local election. There is a stipend of \$175, plus a training fee of \$25.

There may also be a need for additional clerks to assist in the counting of absentee and early voting ballots. This job would entail working for three to four hours in the late afternoon/early evening of November 5. No preliminary training is necessary. The pay for absentee and early voting ballot clerks is \$50.

Application forms are available at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, and on the City website www.greenbeltmd.gov. For further information, call or e-mail Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

Greenbelt Lake Dam Improvements to Begin Soon

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Doctors Community Practices at Temple Hills

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A Review

GAC's Musical, The Wild Party, Hits the Right Notes

by Sandy Rodgers

The Wild Party is a tour de force performance of acting, singing, dancing and orchestral music, that brings the decadent 1920s to life with exuberance, pathos and heart. A steamy prohibition tale, based on Joseph Moncure March's 1928 narrative poem of the same name, the musical debuted off-Broadway in 2000. The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) production is presented through a special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

As the story begins, bored lovers Queenie and Burrs decide to throw a blowout party in their Manhattan apartment, with anticipated bathtub gin, drugs and sex. The apartment fills with their colorful friends, a coterie of eccentrics living life on the edge, and multiple song and dance numbers advance the various subplots of the main storyline. As the evening progresses Queenie's wandering eye falls on Black, a striking new guy who's also attracted to her. It's obvious that trouble is coming. Drunkenness and debauchery reach their apex when Burrs turns on Queenie and her new paramour with jealousy and violence.

The actors playing the major characters get the most musical numbers, which highlight the wonderful voices and dancing abilities of Lindsey Litka (Queenie), Luis "Matty" Montes (Burrs), Brian Daughlax (Black) and Melanie Kurstin (Kate). There are standout performances by them and the rest of the cast, including Judah Canizares, Mat-



PHOTO BY KRISTOFER NORTHRUP

Matty Montes (Burrs), Lindsey Litka (Queenie) and Brian Daughlax (Black) perform in The Wild Party at Greenbelt Arts Center.

thew Cibak, Daniel Dausman, Jessie Duggan, Kit Flaherty, Lauren-Nicole Gabel, Becca Glatt, Katrina Jackson, Dash Samari and David Yarmchuk.

Director Jeffery Lesniak, music director Elizabeth Alford and choreographer Rikki Lacewell have inspired terrific performances from the cast members, whose chemistry is obvious on stage, and from the musicians. This engaging production leaves the audience laughing, tapping their feet and listening in appreciation to soaring voices (solo and in harmony) backed by the fantastic orchestra. The musicians are David Booth, Phil Cannon and Stan Potter on reeds, Earl Smith on trumpet, Tyler Golsen on guitar, Chip Racster on bass and Larissa Hannon on drums. The score was especially powerful when the music veered into jazz, vaudeville

and gospel melodies.

Also notable is the costume design by Rikki Lacewell and Shemika Berry. From the vintage underwear in the burlesque-like scenes to the outfits worn by the flappers and their beaus in other scenes, the attention to detail helps create an authentic 1920s atmosphere.

For a thoroughly enjoyable two hours of music, drama and mayhem, don't miss this production, which will be performed at the GAC Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. on September 6, 7, 13 and 14 and matinees at 2 p.m. on Sundays, September 8 and 15. Note that The Wild Party contains adult situations and language, and is inappropriate for children. For tickets and to find out about other productions coming soon, visit greenbeltartscenter.org.

Democratic Club Hosts Hoyer At its September 20 Meeting

by Konrad Herling

Congressman Steny Hoyer will speak at the next meeting of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club on Friday, September 20, 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building.

Hoyer, who has represented the Fifth Congressional District since 1981, is, again, House Majority Leader. Recently he has shepherded legislation on gun control, prescription drug prices and preexisting medical conditions, and he is uniquely qualified to explain the progress (or lack

thereof) of these and other legislative priorities such as health care, infrastructure and education. After his talk, Hoyer will answer questions. Since a large audience is expected, questions will be limited to one per person.

The Greenbriar Community Building is located at 7600 Hanover Parkway. Admission is free, though all are encouraged to bring a snack or a dessert to share. For more information, contact Roosevelt Club President Nicole Williams at 202-321-4207 or visit rooseveltclub.com.



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Congressman Steny Hoyer participates in the Festival Parade on Monday, September 2.



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Greenbelt Arts Center performers and supporters portray characters from their upcoming shows in the Labor Day Festival parade.

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Table Tennis Tournament Crowns 2019 Champion

by Kayla Kozak



PHOTO BY KAYLA KOZAK

John Anderson, participates in the annual Labor Day Table Tennis Tournament on Friday, August 30.

For the 37th year in a row, local ping pong hopefuls met in the Youth Center's Multipurpose Room from 5 to 7 p.m. on August 30 to compete for the coveted title of table tennis champion. The annual Table Tennis Tournament, a Labor Day weekend staple since 1982, consisted of 19 competitors of various ages and levels of experience, including a small doubles bracket.

For some, the tournament was a unique way to spend a Friday night. "I'm just here for fun," said Asa Dawson, 18. This year marked Dawson's first time competing in the adult bracket, but other participants are far from new to the game of ping pong.

"I started (playing) when I was about 12. It's a lifetime game and sport," said Frank White, 64. White helps to organize the Greenbelt Table Tennis Club, a community of players that meets every Thursday in the

Youth Center from 7 to 9:45 p.m. Like the tournament, the club is open to anyone, and boasts both new and long-time participants. One such player is John Anderson, who has had his fair share of tournament victories. "Been playing here 15 years. Every year," said Anderson, 61.

Competitor Roger Foltz ultimately came out on top, earning both the title and a trophy for his table tennis talents. Despite losing, routine participants like Anderson have a non-competitive reason to return next Labor Day. "(Because of) these guys here," Anderson said as he gestured to the room full of players. "They're all my friends."

Kayla Kozak is a University of Maryland journalism student reporting for the News Review.

PARADE from page 1

School Parent Teacher Association sought to inspire the community with signs saying Read More Books and Build Schools Not Walls.

Greenbelt animal shelter volunteers walked with dogs that are up for adoption and Greenbelt citizens emphasized environmental conservation with a line of electric cars.

From circus jugglers to dog trainers, the Labor Day Parade is a place where residents can promote their organizations while celebrating the Greenbelt community. "This parade has been a staple of Greenbelt and its surrounding areas for as long as I have been in politics," said Maryland District 22 Senator Paul Pinsky. "It's an amazing tradition."

Ivan Torres is a graduate student in journalism at the University of Maryland reporting for the News Review.

CITIZEN from page 1

part of this community," said Hartman after the program, "and the diversity in the community is very special to us."

"When you live in Greenbelt, if you have an idea you can make it happen," added Rosenthal, "if it's not there already you just make it happen."

Fatemeh Paryavi is a University of Maryland journalism student interning with the News Review.



Greenbelt Labor Day Parade Winners 2019

- Best in Parade: \$400 Check & Trophy – Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars
- Best in Parade, Fire-Emergency: \$100 Check and Trophy – Hyattsville Police Dept.
- 1st Runner Up, Fire-Emergency: \$50 Check – Berwyn Heights ladder truck #14
- Best in Parade, Car: \$100 Check and Trophy – Green Transportation, Tesla Model 10
- 1st Runner Up, Car: \$50 Check – Beltway Plaza, Good Humor Truck
- Most Humorous: \$100 Check & Trophy – Greenbelt Recreation Center Lifeguards
- 1st Runner Up, Most Humorous: \$50 Check – Patti Stange, poooper scooper for park police horse unit
- Best Pet Unit: \$200 Check & Trophy – Greenbelt Dog Training
- 1st Runner Up, Pet Unit: \$100 Check – Greenbelt Animal Shelter
- Best Performing Group: \$300 Check & Trophy – Seabrook Seahawks Pathfinder Club
- 1st Runner Up, Performing Group: \$200 Check – Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, Raider Cheerleaders
- Best Novelty: \$100 Check & Trophy – Greenbelt Arts Center
- 1st Runner Up, Best Novelty: \$50 Check – CERT
- Best Theme: \$200 Check & Trophy – Greenbelt Elementary School PTA
- 1st Runner Up, Theme: \$100 Check – College Park Civil Air Patrol
- People's Choice: \$100 Check & Trophy – Girl Scouts Of Northern PG County
- 1st Runner Up, People's Choice: \$50 Check – Cub Scout Pack 202
- Best Community: \$200 Check & Trophy – Greenbelt Nursery School
- 1st Runner Up, Community: \$100 Check – Scouts BSA Troop 214G
- Most Entertaining: \$100 Check & Trophy – Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team
- 1st Runner Up, Entertaining: \$50 Check – ERHS Cheerleaders

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GHI Notes

Thursday, September 5, 10 a.m., Storm Water Management Task Force Meeting, Board Room
7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Friday, September 6, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011

Tuesday, September 10, 7 p.m., Legislative and Government Affairs Committee Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, September 11, 7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday September 12, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room.



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1. The biggest issue facing us is ...
2. Other issues include ...
3. A great opportunity is ...
4. What do you think about the services the city provides?
5. Are there any you feel are unnecessary?
6. Any that are missing?
7. Other thoughts/comments ...

Your opinion matters; I'd like to hear from you. Thank you for taking the time to send me your thoughts.

- Email your comments to leta.council@verizon.net
- Or mail your comments to Leta Mach at 104 Periwinkle Court, Greenbelt, MD 20770.
- I also have this survey available on my Facebook page – Leta Mach for Greenbelt City Council – if you would like to fill it out online

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Mikayla (age 1) on the left and Zanelle (age 2) Williams dance to the Beach Boys Band at the Festival.

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.

Multiple Charges

August 27, 100 block Centerway. A 50-year-old resident was arrested and charged with threat of arson, second degree assault, public intoxication and other charges after officers responded to a report of a man allegedly making threats to burn down Maria's Beauty Salon. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft

August 28, 6:50 p.m., 46 Court Ridge Road. A black bicycle with orange wheel spokes was taken from the front yard of a residence.

Trespass

August 24, 1:11 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A 33-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass. He was found on the grounds of Franklin Park Apartments after having been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Burglary

August 22, 2:59 a.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. A glass door was broken out and money was taken from Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen.

August 22, 11:22 a.m., 17 Court Ridge Road. Power tools were removed from a locked garage.

August 24, 5:45 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. Money, credit cards and keys were removed from a locker at LA Fitness.

Vehicle Crime

A 31-year-old nonresident was

arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft, unauthorized use, rogue and vagabond, and theft after officers responded to a report that a man occupying a vehicle in the 7900 block Vanity Fair Drive was acting suspiciously. He left when the officers arrived. The vehicle, a Land Rover, was found to have been reported stolen to Bladensburg police. The man returned, was positively identified, arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

A gray 4-door 2018 Nissan Altima with Maryland tags 7DB199 was taken from the 6100 block Breezewood Court on August 26. A black 2008 Honda CBR 600 RR motorcycle with Maryland tag 68521Y was taken on August 25 in the 400 block Ridge Road.

A 2006 Cadillac DTS stolen from Mandan Road near Mathew Street on August 22 was recovered the next day by Prince George's County police in the 4000 block Silver Hill Road, Suitland. A 2001 Ford F-250 Super Cab pickup truck reported stolen to Harford County Sheriff's Office police was located August 22 in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A 2000 Toyota Echo reported stolen July 12 from the 7300 block Hanover Drive was recovered August 28 in the 7400 block Greenbelt Road.

Thefts from vehicles include four tires and rims removed from each of two vehicles, one in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway and the other in the 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A trailer hitch was taken in the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive.

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to be built in Shady Glen, Oxon Hill and Beechtree.

The physical and mental wellness of fire fighters was a major topic discussed, as rates of suicide have surpassed rates of death in the line of duty in recent years. Barksdale outlined a robust program to address suicide, including employee assistance, chaplaincy and peer support.

Barksdale responded to questions from council concerning the allocation of GVFD staff and equipment to neighboring areas, stating the shared utility of all county stations. Response is primarily dictated by need, through the use of a satellite system that selects the closest station or apparatus for any particular emergency. Regarding GVFD, only 35 percent of all calls pertain solely to Greenbelt, with the majority responding to outside communities.

County Deputy Fire Chief Brian Frankel spoke on the issue of declining revenues from Emergency Medical Service (EMS) billing, a trend that is nationwide. In the case of Greenbelt, in Fiscal Year 2018, revenues were \$42,000, whereas in FY 2019, they had dropped to \$30,000. The county has commissioned their billing vendor to make a study of this situation. EMS calls account for 80 percent of all calls per year.

Prince George's County adheres to a statute that does not allow aggressive billing of individuals. The county's mission is to always provide service regard-

less of an individual's ability to reimburse. The current collection rate has fallen to 43 percent, down from 46 percent two years ago. The county is responsible for money not collected.

A recent program called Mobile Integrated Health Plan has helped address this issue by providing home care to individuals who have made use of EMS five or six times during a year. In 2018, the program reduced calls by 48 percent among people enrolled in the program.

Barksdale said that the county is the 16th busiest department in the country, with some units fielding 4,000 calls a year.

Greenbelt Chief Thomas Ray and Assistant Chief Greg Gigliotti emphasized the struggle of finding volunteers who have the time to devote to this work. They reiterated Greenbelt's role in supplying staff and equipment to neighboring stations, such as

College Park, Berwyn Heights, Branchville and Laurel.

The meeting concluded with a report from Labor Day Festival organizers Linda Ivy and Davina Johnson. They related their recurring struggle in fulfilling fire and safety codes, particularly in the case of food vendors underneath tents, and wooden benches – a situation that seems to change every year and with every inspector. The county promised to assist them by providing materials information, such as the proper fire retardant tent, as well as being present on the August 30 inspection. In all its 65 years, the Festival has never experienced a fire.

They also spoke of the challenge of getting the needed permits. In earlier years this had been an easy procedure.

Incoming County Chief Green closed the meeting by stating that she was "looking forward to working" with the city council.



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The antique fire truck takes a test drive before the parade.

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Sports

The Four Horsemen Win Festival Slow-Pitch Tourney

by David Blumberg

Young and old alike united to compete Saturday in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament. Cheers rang out from the fans in attendance as the sounds of the Festival lingered in the background.

The tournament featured teams such as The Four Horsemen, No Mercy Softball and the C-Ballers. Some teams had sponsors such as Jimmy's Seafood and Sylvester's Saloon. All games were hosted at Braden Field or Schrom Hills Park.

The tournament began with two four-team pools with the top two teams in each pool advancing to the overall semifinals at Schrom Hills Park. The bottom four teams competed in their own semifinals at Braden Field.

"They absolutely love playing here because of the format. They get a four-game guarantee and we're done in one day," said Al Doong, tournament director.

The fans were treated to displays of power-hitting all day long.

"Hitting, yeah. My favorite thing," said Charles Smith III following his grand slam in a morning pool play game for the C-Ballers.

Many of the players had been playing slow-pitch softball since they were young. Smith added that he'd been playing "since I was about 7 A guy in the neighborhood started all the kids playing softball."



A C-Ballers runner prepares to attempt a steal of second.

PHOTO BY DAVID BLUMBERG

Jesey Ellinger of The Four Horsemen said he'd been playing since he was 16. Ellinger, now 24, was the winning pitcher for The Four Horsemen in both the semifinals and finals.

Many, like Ellinger, got involved because of family members who played.

"My dad, he started playing. I played with him. He was pitching. I started doing the same thing as him," Ellinger said.

The Four Horsemen defeated No Mercy Softball to take home the Labor Day Trophy later in the evening. A jubilant Four Horsemen team cheered and high-fived each other before taking their picture with the trophy.

Ellinger pitched all day for The Four Horsemen to allow them to win the tournament.

"Throw it across when you need to. You got 3-1, you throw it right across the plate. If you can do that, you can throw a strike when you need to, you got it," added a winded Ellinger.

David Blumberg is a graduate student in journalism at the University of Maryland reporting for the News Review.



"The Sizzler" in action at the carnival

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Kids and adults ride the Sea-Ray.



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Girl Scouts reach the judging booth at the parade.



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The Mahone family enjoy snacks and fun.



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Lincoln Lewandowski, 3, carried by his dad Jeff, plays a washboard instrument while marching with the Greenbelt Nursery School.



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Members of Greenbelt Nursery School walk in the parade.



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Amanda Bechtel and son Asher ride the carousel.



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