



Council Addresses Growth Issues At Greenbelt Station

by Matthew Arbach

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As Greenbelt Station (GS) has begun to reach fruition in terms of development and population, several issues have come into sharper relief. Some of these were discussed at a city council worksession on December 11 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Insufficient parking was the evening's major item for discussion. City Planner Terri Hruby gave an update on city staff's

feasibility study of making North and South Center Drive a one-way street, a change that would provide spaces on both sides of the street. This plan would create 34 more parking spaces. So far, parallel parking is the goal, but Hruby said that staff is still open to other options.

While a number of GS homes are equipped with garages, some are being used more for storage than parking. This means more use of street parking, which exacerbates the problem. As garages

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PHOTO BY JENNA JONES

Participants pose with their table of goodies at the Greenbelt cookie exchange on Tuesday, December 17 at the Community Center.

City Council Discusses Police Tech, Opioid Suit, BEP Issue

by Grace Kathleen Todd

Along with the main topic of Cherrywood Lane's proposed multifamily housing development, the city council discussed an array of topics at its December 9 meeting ranging from environmental preservation to police matters.

In late September, council held a worksession with the Forest Preserve Advisory Board about proposed changes to the Forest Preserve Article of the Greenbelt City Code and the Forest Preserve Stewardship Guidelines. The changes include additional language and definitions for more clarity, more examples and maps. Since then, an ordinance was drafted, and the

council held a public hearing at this meeting for comments on the draft. No members of the public elected to comment.

"That was the fastest public hearing we've ever had," said Councilmember Edward Putens.

Council agreed that the next step will be introducing the ordinance for the first reading at their next meeting. A first reading is when an ordinance is

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From the Archives

Flu Spread Means No Town Santa, Epidemic Cripples Staff

The following are excerpts from an article published in the December 17, 1943 Greenbelt Cooperator, the precursor paper to the News Review.

Greenbelt will not have a community Santa Claus this year, it was announced this week and the blame was laid on the flu epidemic. Acting on the advice of public health director, Dr. William Eisner, Consumers Services officials decided that Santa Claus would attract crowds of youngsters and thus add to the danger of spreading the flu germs.

Plenty of Christmas trees

will be available, Thomas Ricker, GCS (Greenbelt Consumer Services) general manager, announced.

Twenty-two GCS employees have been stricken with the flu or gripe and it has taken all hands to keep things moving. That's the score for last week.

The Christmas bonus plan for GCS employees, voted at the last membership meeting, is in the hands of the War Labor Board (WLB) waiting approval. The GCS board formally voted to

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PHOTO BY LESLEY KASH

At the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club meeting on December 12, former presidents Judith Davis and Emmett Jordan honor outgoing president, now Delegate Nicole Williams.

Cherrywood Housing Plan Under Review by the City

by Matthew Arbach

Representatives of the NRP Group LLC brought their detailed site plan (DSP) for their Greenbelt Metro housing development before the Greenbelt City Council at a worksession on December 2. Council reception to the proposal in 2018 was positive and included the retention of a retail component, though that turned out not to be economically feasible.

NRP employees Josh Wooldridge, Joseph Torg and Karl Alt represented the company. Attorney Matthew Tedesco also represented NRP through his Greenbelt-based law firm McNamee Hosea.

City planning staff Judith Howerton and Terri Hruby joined councilmembers at the meeting.

The DSP was analyzed by the council, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, GreenACES

and the Advisory Planning Board (APB).

The development would consist of two five-story apartment buildings, housing 354 residential units, along with an amenities facility. The location is planned for the Capital Office Park at the intersection of Cherrywood Lane and Ivy Lane, over a 15.89 total acre area. It would have a multi-family focus and provide studio and one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments. The amenity building would house a leasing and administrative office, a business/conference center, package concierge, wellness/fitness center, indoor social/entertainment spaces, pool with deck and locker rooms, outdoor grilling stations, fire pit and social areas. Other

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Advertising Rate Change

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The base rate (Tier A) will be \$10 per column inch, up from the current base rate of \$9.80.

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Discounts are available for those placing at least 45 column inches per 13-week period. We have modified the discount structure significantly.

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What Goes On

City offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, and Wednesday, January 1. There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 23 to 27.



PHOTO BY GARY CHILDS

From left, Zuleyma Segovia and Kenia Pena don reindeer antlers as they serve beverages at the annual Lions Club Pancake Breakfast.

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 Sunday, December 29 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

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Letters to the Editor

Lions Give Thanks

I want to thank all the folks who came out to enjoy the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast. I think everyone enjoyed our expanded menu, entertainment, prizes and toy giveaway.

I also wanted to thank the local businesses whose generous donations helped improve the event. The club received the following donations: 1) a gift certificate from Mission Barbecue, 2) toys from Beltway Plaza Mall, 3) tickets to a play from the Greenbelt Arts Center, 4) a one-year family membership from the Old Greenbelt Theatre and 5) a donation to cover the cost of the fresh New York bagels provided by the Greenbelt Rotary Club.

Every year the Greenbelt Lions Club sponsors the Holiday Pancake Breakfast as part of Greenbelt's Festival of Lights celebration. Greenbelt Lions provide services to the needy in our community as well as providing support to those in need regionally and around the globe. We are always looking for community-oriented folks to support our efforts. If you would like to learn more about how you can help the Lions Club please contact me at harvey.hauptman@comcast.net.

Harvey Hauptman
 President

Thrift Store Full Up

At this time, we are unable to accept any more donations. We have literally run out of storage space.

We will announce when we

are able to resume accepting donations. Thank you for your support and understanding.
 Holy Cross Thrift Store

Environmental Impact Of BEP Supply Trucks

A Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) production facility on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center will create severe negative environmental impacts from the BEP supply trucks. The impact will arise from exhaust pollution of the air and oil spillage into local water systems. The truck headlights, exhaust and noise will negatively disrupt local wildlife and plants.

Other significant environmental consequences of the BEP trucks impact the surrounding transportation system. What streets will the trucks use to get to I-95? Such traffic will damage roads not designed for heavy truck traffic. What is the maximum allowable length in feet of the tractor-trailers that BEP plans to use? Surrounding jurisdictions may have to ban BEP trucks from their streets to avoid bankruptcy due to road maintenance costs. Trucks are already banned from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Will BEP trucks carrying printed currency require a police escort and the temporary closure of the roads that these trucks travel on?

Existing roads cannot handle the BEP truck traffic. Does BEP plan to build new super highways

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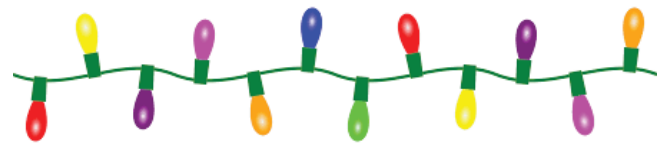
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Pete Reppert



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- News Review, December 21, 2017



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 8:30 PM
 Sun. 2:30, 5:30, 8:30 PM
 Mon. 5:30, 8:30 PM
 Tues. (Christmas Eve)
 2:30, 5:30 PM

LITTLE WOMEN (PG)(CC)
 (DVS)(2019)(135 mins)
 Wed. (Christmas Day) 2:30,
 5:30 PM
 Thurs. 5:30, 8:30 PM

Storytime on Screen
 Mon. 10:30 AM - FREE!

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A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD
 (PG)(CC)(DVS)(2019)
 (109 mins)
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Corrections

Due to an oversight the notice in the December 12 issue gave the wrong starting date for the new display ad rates. The new rates will take effect with the January 2, 2020, issue. We regret the error.

In our front-page story about the Tree Lighting in the December 12 issue, we neglected to mention that Councilmember Leta Mach was also there. We regret the omission.

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On Screen

Bombshell

December 20 to 24 (Auditorium)

December 25 to January 2 (Pop-up)

Based on the real scandal, Bombshell is a revealing look inside Fox News and the explosive story of the women who brought down the infamous man who created it. Says Kenneth Turan of the Los Angeles Times, "A ferociously entertaining dramatization of how an unlikely group of women exposed and deposed media titan Roger Ailes, it is as harrowing as it is triumphant in its depiction of the way it all came to pass." Starring Charlize Theron, Nicole Kidman, Margot Robbie and John Lithgow.

Rated R. Running time: 108 minutes

Little Women

December 25 to January 2 (Auditorium)

Director Greta Gerwig brings to the screen a new take on Louisa May Alcott's classic tale of four sisters - Amy, Jo, Beth and Meg - as they come of age in America in the aftermath of the Civil War. Though all very different from each other, the March sisters stand by each other through difficult and changing times. "Gerwig's Little Women demands its viewers reconsider these familiar characters and what we've always assumed they stood for," says Alison Willmore of New York Magazine. Starring Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson, Laura Dern, Timothée Chalamet and Meryl Streep.

Rated PG. Running time: 135 minutes

A Beautiful Day

Continues through December 24 (Pop-up).

- Sandy Rodgers

Community Events

Kwanzaa Celebration

If someone greets you with Habari Gani – What’s the good news? – your response is that day’s principle of Kwanzaa.

Kwanzaa is a seven-day celebration observed from December 26 through January 1. Founded in 1966 by Dr Maulana Karenga, it created a presence in the Americas of the lost traditions of African peoples. It is both a look backward and a look forward.

The principles celebrate family, community and culture. There are seven principles that are represented by seven candles, one lit each night: Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work & Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity) and Imani (Faith).

Rivers of Life AME Church is hosting a community-wide Kwanzaa event celebrating the first day of Kwanzaa, Umoja/Unity, on Thursday, December 26 and the fifth day of Kwanzaa, Nia/Purpose on Monday, December 30.

The celebrations will be hosted at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane, from 5 to 8 p.m. each evening.

For more information, go to RiversofLifeAme.org.

Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host its last star party of the year, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, December 21 at the City Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see deep sky objects (nebulae, star clusters and galaxies) currently high in the sky, viewed through our observatory telescope and astronomical camera. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 6 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

At Greenbelt Park

Wednesday, December 25. Happy Holidays from the staff of Greenbelt Park. Park Headquarters is closed but the trails remain open.

Sunday, December 29. Greenbelt Park Winter Walk. Join in for a 1.2-mile walk in the forest along the Perimeter Trail to discover the park in winter. Meet at Park Headquarters at 1 p.m.

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 December 23 are as follows:

Monday, December 23: cranberry Dijon chicken, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, ambrosia salad, apple pie, cranberry juice, eggnog

Tuesday, December 24: sliced roast beef with gravy, garlic whipped potatoes, glazed carrots, tropical fruit, fruit punch

Wednesday, December 25: Closed for holiday.

Thursday, December 26: beef chili with beans, brown rice, broccoli, spiced apples, orange juice

Friday, December 27: creamy paprika chicken, buttered bow-tie pasta, ratatouille, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

NOT at the Library

The Greenbelt library is temporarily closed until Tuesday, January 21, 2020, for installation of new shelving and carpeting. During this closure, the library hopes customers will visit nearby branches, such as those in New Carrollton and Beltsville, for their various library needs. The book drop, located in the brick wall to the right of the lower level (parking lot) entrance, is accessible for returning items as regular due dates still apply to all items borrowed by patrons. Items may also be returned to any operating branch in the county, which is standard library policy.

Storytime on Screen at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Monday, December 23, 10:30 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Bring a baby, toddler or pre-schooler to the Old Greenbelt Theatre 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.

All County library branches will be closed Tuesdays, December 24 and 31, and Wednesdays, December 25 and January 1, 2020, for the Christmas and New Year’s holidays. All regularly operating branches will reopen on Thursdays, December 26 and January 2, 2020, in accordance with established branch schedules.

Greenbelt Police Has 13th Shop With A Cop

The Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police announces that their annual Shop With A Cop will take place Saturday, December 21 at the Target Store in Beltway Plaza. This program partners needy children from the community with Greenbelt police officers allowing the children to purchase Christmas presents for themselves as well as family members. Each child is allotted a budget of \$200 and is accompanied by Greenbelt police officers and department volunteers to make their purchases. The children are then brought back to a present-wrapping party where they can enjoy lunch while they wrap their gifts. The children are selected to participate through nominations by their elementary school. This will be the 13th year of Shop With A Cop and to date the program has assisted over 240 children.

The program is funded through corporate sponsorship and community donations. Those who would like to contribute to the program can mail donations to Greenbelt FOP, PO Box 94, Greenbelt, MD 20768 or drop them off at the Police Station in an envelope marked Greenbelt FOP/Shop With A Cop. For further information, call Scott Kaiser at 301-474-7200 or email him at ctores@greenbeltmd.gov.

Mishkan Torah Hosts Blood Drive

Be the lifeline patients need: give blood. The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive in Greenbelt on Sunday, December 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The blood drive will be held at Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Road. Call 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.

The Chromatics Perform at GAC

The Chromatics return to Greenbelt Arts Center with Yuletide Sampler on Saturday, December 21 and Sunday, December 22. They will present an entertaining variety of a cappella songs, from covers spanning the past several decades to original songs, along with a selection of holiday tunes in all styles. For more information and tickets visit greenbeltartscenter.org.



PHOTO COURTESY RENE SEWELL-RAVISON

Seven candles represent the seven principles of Kwanzaa, which celebrate family, community and culture.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Quadrille Opens January 3 at GAC

Greenbelt Arts Center presents the East Coast premiere of Quadrille: A Romantic Play, by Melynda Kiring, opening Friday, January 3. Quadrille is a delicious tale featuring romance, secret plots, good food, more secret plots, bad food, heroic duels and plenty of perfectly prepared corn muffins. The play runs Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons through January 19. For more information and tickets visit greenbeltartscenter.org.

Yuletide Sampler
The Chromatics

Saturday, December 21st at 8:00pm
Sunday, December 22nd at 2:00pm

Buy Tickets at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

Tickets: \$20 adults, \$18 seniors/military, \$12 students/youth

Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center
January 3-19 - *Quadrille*
January 31-February 8 - *Love's Labour's Lost*


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7 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• Community Events • Weekly Updates
8 am	Democracy Now!	• Independent Global News
9 am	GATE Classic Film ★ <small>Romance/Musical • 1951</small>	• Royal Wedding • Fred Astaire • Jane Powell <small>Made Possible by a Grant from ★ Maria's Beauty Shop ★</small>
11 am	Greenbelt Discussions	• Local Topics & Guests
12 pm	Greenbelt Newsreel	• Community Events • Weekly Updates
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 At Holy Cross Lutheran Church
 Christmas Eve - Dec. 24th
 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols
 Christmas Day - Dec. 25th
 9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

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Celebrate the first night of Hanukkah
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
AT 6 PM
 DARK OF THE MOON: WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION AND YULE POTLUCK
 Our act of gathering to toast, sing and chant for the Winter Solstice. We pray for more light. We pray for more health. We pray for more peace and joy. 6 pm Worship Service, followed by Pot Luck and a fire bowl.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
AT 5 PM
 CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS AND CAROLS
 Join us as we retell the Christmas Story and light candles. This early service will be Family friendly.

AT 8 PM
 CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS AND CAROLS
 Join us as we retell the Christmas Story and light candles.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29
AT 10 AM
 KWANZAA: NOW MORE THAN EVER
 Kwanzaa is a celebration of Family, Community, and Culture. Paint Branch will host its 11th annual recognition of this seven-day holiday with a Multigenerational Service followed by a Potluck Feast.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt
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SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM

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December 22 10 a.m.
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Merry Christmas
 from MCF Community Church



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 10am-11:15am
 Greenbelt Elementary School

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Celebrate
CHRISTMAS

December 24
 five o'clock in the evening
 eleven o'clock at night
 preceded by
 Lessons & Carols at 10:30

December 25
 eight o'clock in the morning
 ten o'clock in the morning

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O come let us adore him!



Letters continued

to the proposed site? Such roads would likely require their own environmental impact study.

Henry Haslach

Helium? No Problem

This letter is in reference to Patricia Heil's September 5 letter (Maglev runs on helium) about a current shortage of helium in the U.S., which the proposed SCMaglev would need for cooling its superconducting magnets. She is generally correct that there has been a shortage of helium produced.

I attended the Prince George's County chapter of the NAACP meeting last Thursday, December 12, where representatives of Northeast Maglev presented updated information on the project. After the meeting I got clarification from one of the representatives on the helium issue. For years the U.S. maintained the world's largest stockpile of helium and provided roughly 75 percent of the world's supply. In 1996 Congress moved to privatize the supply, mandating it be sold off. They expected private industry to pick up production (a byproduct of natural gas production) and allow market forces to dictate the price and supply.

In terms of the SCMaglev and its use of helium, the recent shortage is not a concern. First, market forces (supply/demand) will level out. Second, helium used to cool the SCMaglev magnets is maintained within a closed system. It's recycled and reused with no loss into the atmosphere, so no recurring consumption. Third, Japan Central Rail - SC-

Maglev is modeled after their technology - has been continuing research on development of high temperature superconducting magnets for use on its high speed trains, which includes using liquid nitrogen and other cooling methods.

My impression is that a slight helium shortage is not a serious concern.

Robert Snyder

Stooges vs. Hitler Film

I want to publicly thank all who attended The Three Stooges vs Adolf Hitler film featuring You Nazty Spy last May and those who nominated the film to be added to the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress. Last week the Library of Congress announced the new additions, and You Nazty Spy was not added to the list.

I also want to thank the entire Greenbelt City Council for attending the show and voting in favor of nominating the film, especially Mayor Colin Byrd, Congressman Steny Hoyer and his staff for their support, John Kelly of The Washington Post, Chip Reid of CBS News, the Greenbelt News Review, Washington Jewish Week, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Greenbelt Co-op, Generous Joe's, Rabbi Saul Oresky and Mishkan Torah Synagogue, my friends and neighbors.

Special thanks to Caitlin McGrath, executive director of the Old Greenbelt Theatre, theater staff and Friends of Greenbelt Theatre for making the screening a reality.

J.W. Thompson

Our Neighbors

Our condolences to the family and friends of Ruby Magill, who died on December 7.

Congratulations to Amelia Avila, granddaughter of Leta and Darrell Mach, for her winning design in a statewide student art competition for new "I Voted" stickers. Her design, one of three winning entries out of 650, features the Baltimore oriole (the state bird), the black-eyed Susan (state flower), a blue crab and a racehorse.



Winning design by Amelia Avila, granddaughter of Leta and Darrell Mach

Congratulations to Travis and Shanel Lauchman on the birth of their son Owen William on December 12. Owen joins big sisters Fiona and Heidi. Travis is the grandson of Judy and Jon Bell of Greenbelt.

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



Obituaries

Ruby Magill

Florence Ruby Magill, 98, of Hagerstown, died peacefully on December 7, 2019.

Ruby was born on April 25, 1921. She and her family moved to Greenbelt in 1966, residing on Southway. In her retirement she moved into the Green Ridge House, then moved to Hagerstown to be close to her daughter and grandchildren.

Ruby was a stay-at-home mom while her children were young and then worked at the Red Cross. After retiring she enjoyed working as a childcare provider.

Many people asked Ruby for her secret to living such a long and fulfilling life. She would tell them she takes a walk every day and is on no prescription medicine. She also found great joy in giving. She volunteered her whole life and gave to many charities on her limited fixed income.

Ruby was a selfless person and always put others first. She was a woman of faith and never-ending love and support for her family.

Ruby was preceded in death



PHOTO BY SARAH SMITH MYERS

Florence Ruby Magill

by her husband Dwight, daughters Patricia "Bea" Magill and Linda Smith, and grandson Curtis Smith.

She is survived by her son Michael Magill (Patti), brother Ritchie Thompson, son-in-law Roger Smith, grandchildren Sarah Myers (Jeremy) and Grace Magill, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Harvest Life Ministries Church in Middletown, Md., on Saturday, December 21 at 11 a.m.

Don't celebrate Christmas, but looking for something fun to do on December 25?

Join the Mishkan Torah Membership Committee for an informal afternoon of Chinese food and good company. All ages welcome.

Email membership@mishkantorah.org to RSVP and coordinate.



City Information & Events



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The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**City Offices will be closed
Wednesday, December 25,
and Wednesday, January 1, in observance of the
Christmas and New Year's Holidays.**

**There are no meetings scheduled for the week of
December 23-27.**

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 23 and December 30
Monday Route - Collected Monday
Tuesday Route - Collected Tuesday
Wednesday Route - Collected Thursday
Thursday Route - Collected Friday
There will be no appliance, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, December 27, and Friday, January 3.

GREENBELT CONNECTION

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Wednesday, December 25; and Wednesday, January 1.

RECOGNITION GROUP APPLICATIONS

Greenbelt Fiscal Year 2021 Recognition Group Applications are available online at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Please read the Recognition Group Information Policy Guide before completing. Completed applications are due by January 24, 2020.

For more information please contact Cathy Pracht at cpracht@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2196.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee
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Consider making a Charitable Donation to City of Greenbelt's Agency Funds

Consider donating at this time of year to the Agency Funds, which helps our neighbors in need. Agency Funds are managed but not financed by the City. All donations to the funds are used for the listed charitable purposes. Donation areas include the following:

- The Recreation Department: funds used to support camp scholarships and special events.
 - The Good Samaritan Fund: funds provide for out-of-town persons stranded in Greenbelt and monies for groceries for low income families with whom CARES is working.
 - Emergency Assistance Fund: funds assist Greenbelt residents at-risk of eviction.
 - Advisory Committee on Education (ACE): funds initiatives such as ACE scholarships.
 - The Greenbelt Theater: funds help keep the theater open.
- Checks may be made payable to the City of Greenbelt. Donors may direct their donation toward one or more of the agency funds. Donations are tax deductible and upon request a letter acknowledging your gift will be issued.

Thank you to all residents who have contributed in years past. Happy Holidays!

Co-op Asks Patrons to Help Boost the Store's Bottom Line

The Co-op grocery store is rolling out a short-term donation campaign at its checkout lines, where shoppers can give an extra \$1, \$3 or \$5 to boost the store's bottom line.

As was previously reported, the store has suffered its worst financial year yet and is working to find ways to improve its finances. Several initiatives are already underway that are anticipated to make significant and lasting improvements to the store's profitability.

A new roof and solar array are being installed now. They are already fully funded by state grants, loans and generous donations from the community. The energy savings will create an immediate drop in operating expenses.

In addition, management is in the final stages of preparation to add curbside pickup service. This convenient option will allow shoppers to purchase their groceries online, then swing by and pick them up at the store's ramp entrance. This is a service offered by the big chain competitors and the Co-op believes it will do well here.

"Customers already comment on the friendly helpfulness of the ramp entrance employees," said

General Manager Bob Davis. "The curbside pickup service will allow us to extend that courtesy a little further."

Other initiatives are also underway to improve offerings and service, to scrutinize finances to find more savings and to increase community awareness of our store.

"We need to keep our reserve funds safe," said Co-op board president Bill Jones. He sees this fundraiser as one way to keep the store healthy through the next few months.

The store's board and management have been asked by many community members how they can help during this period of transition. The most important thing people can do for the store, they emphasize, is simply to shop there. If patrons are so moved to give a little more as they check out, that will mean an even bigger boost to the Co-op's bottom line.

Co-op shoppers can expect to see signs about the fundraising campaign at the store and will be offered the chance to donate as they go through the checkout line.

- Kim Kash on behalf of the Co-op board.



Work begins on the Co-op roof, on a windy December day.

- Photos by Kathryn Beard



Large white packages of roofing material await being opened and installed on the Co-op roof.



PHOTO BY CARL SEELY

Library Reno Tour: YouTube Hardhat Librarian Greenbelt

by Lesley Kash

The Greenbelt Library is closed until late January for an enhancement project that will add beauty and convenience to the library, including new carpeting, shelving and furniture. Michael the Hardhat Librarian shows off coming attractions in a new YouTube video. See samples of the new striped carpeting and end caps of new comfort-height shelves, compared to the last-

century carpet and fake wood end caps that don't even match. The old shelves were too high for comfort and accessibility and felt like tunnels. The new shelf height will help the library feel light and spacious.

The children's section, themed Discovery Tropics, will feature end panels with an exotic leafy design and new furniture configured for young readers.

In the background of the video you'll hear a lot of activity with workers taking down the old shelves. Michael's hardhat tour also uncovers some fun facts, such as the library's mismatched birthdate. The historic plaque says the library was built in 1968, but in reality that was just the groundbreaking; the library didn't open until 1970. So the 50th anniversary of the library will be in 2020, and the library's new makeover will be right on time.

When the library was built, a fallout shelter was included. The United States and the Soviet Union were in a cold war and people were afraid an atomic bomb could drop on them. So deep in the library basement there is a scary yellow and black sign which marks the spot.

The corner study room in the basement used to house the switchboard. What is a switchboard? Google it.

The Greenbelt Library is scheduled to reopen in late January. Meanwhile materials can be returned to the book drop on the outside of the building's lower level. To see the Michael's YouTube show-and-tell about the work in progress, just search Hardhat Librarian Greenbelt.



PGCPS Weather Reminders, School Closings and Delays

The decision to delay or close schools is not taken lightly. Information about the weather is gathered from many sources, including the National Weather Service, county agencies and neighboring school districts. Prince George's County Public School (PGCPS) transportation supervisors survey roads, school driveways and sidewalks throughout the county. Changes to the school schedule greatly impact families and the goal is to inform the public of delays and closures with as much advance notice as possible.

Official notifications from PGCPS are issued through its website, email, text, phone bulletin board, local media and social media (including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram). While all official PGCPS communications channels are created equal,

some may be faster than others. A social media post with critical information might be available sooner than a website update or email and text message. But due to volume, PGCPS cannot respond to weather-related direct messages on social media.

It is long-standing practice for schools to remain open as long as roads are safe, open and passable, and predicted to remain so. In the event of inclement weather, the decision to open or close schools will be made before 5:30 a.m. on the day in question and communicated as soon as possible to the media, parents and staff.

New this year: Weather notifications will be released by way of CEO Dr. Monica Goldson's Twitter account. Follow @MonicaCEO.



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Colorful Temporary Classrooms Brighten the Roosevelt Campus

by Jamie Voytsekhovska and Liam Heneghan

A startling change has taken place among the temporary classrooms behind Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). These buildings (also called temps) have undergone a facelift in the form of colorful paint, totally changing the atmosphere. Students have remarked that it is a marked improvement over the boring beige they had become accustomed to over the years.

Teacher Patrick Gleason took charge of the project over the summer, organizing efforts to paint the temps bright colors to bring a little life to the place. Gleason credits alumna Jasmine Sesay with the idea for the project, recalling how she told him: "I think we should paint the houses different colors; having different colored houses would make people happier."

"We did the Raider Nation mural by the field, the summer of 2018," said Gleason. "We did all the straight color temps this past summer, starting in August, over three or four weekends, one or two weekends in September and one in October. We've done the four class colors, and three in blue."

A generous donation by the Michael D. Maxwell, Jr. Foundation made the project possible. This charitable organization was named after an ERHS graduate who took his own life in 2016. "I knew Michael. He was my



ERHS students walk by a bright yellow temporary classroom.

PHOTO BY LIAM HENEGHAN

friend," said Gleason. "His mom and family started a foundation for mental health awareness. They reached out to me once we started Bring Change to Roosevelt and wanted to know how they could support us. So, they donated funds that we used in the Safe Space Room that the school has built and we also used funds for this project."

Gleason and the students who worked on the project were very positive about the experience. "A lot of the same people have helped each time and we kind of have our own little temp painting community," said Gleason.

Senior Maeriel Batugo said of the project, "It was a great experience. I would recommend it to other students."

In the end, all of the hard work that went toward this push for improved mental health has really paid off. Not only have people told Gleason that they liked the changes, but when he asked his class if it made a difference they said, "Yeah, when are you painting more?"

The writers are students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and reporters for the ERHS newspaper, the Raider Review, in which this article was also published.



City Notes

Animal Control found a stray kitten and transported it to the vet; the kitten is now being fostered by a volunteer. One abandoned bunny was transferred to "Friends of Rabbits." The WAGS (nonprofit for the Well Wishers for the Animals of Greenbelt Shelter) fundraiser brought in about \$500 to benefit the shelter. One cat and three kittens were adopted into new homes. Public Works picked up a stray dog who was returned to its owner.

Refuse/Recycling collected 22.06 tons of refuse and 12.80 tons of recyclable material.

Building Maintenance checked Pepco street lights after hours throughout the city, and assisted with preventative maintenance of the generators at the Community Center and the Police Station.

Mom's Morning Out students learned about seasonal traditions, followed by a two-week winter break.

All performances of The New Deal Nut, the dance program recital, were sold out.

Community Center staff provided logistical support for the city's holiday party and the New Deal Nut performances.

Therapeutic Recreation sponsored a senior shopping trip to Columbia Mall. Two families received financial assistance. Senior Nutrition served 66 hot meals the week ending December 13.



Great blue heron at Ora Glen pond in Greenbelt East

PHOTO BY CHARLES JACKMAN

Greenbelt Elementary School Gets Gifted, Talented Award

Greenbelt Elementary School was among the eight Prince George's County schools selected to receive 2019 Maryland Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) awards.

"These schools go above and beyond to provide a model academic program for students," said Dr. Monica Goldson, chief executive officer of Prince George's County Public Schools. "Having access to quality gifted and talented programs is key to ensuring advanced learners meet their full potential."

This year's EGATE recipients will receive a school banner and citations from the governor and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to display in their schools. They will be recognized during an awards ceremony in February, participate in the 2020 EGATE Showcase and

Network event and host a celebratory visit from MSDE representatives and the State Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education.

The EGATE Award recognizes public schools that offer superior and equitable gifted and talented education. The rigorous application process requires school teams to document how their school's gifted and talented education program aligns with the Maryland Criteria for Excellence: Gifted and Talented Education Program Guidelines. The guidelines establish optimal practices in a number of program components: identification of students, curriculum and instruction, professionally qualified teachers and professional development, and program management and evaluation.

Community Living Room Hours at the New Deal Café

by Katy Gaughan

Starting January 2, the New Deal Café will provide Community Living Room hours in the front room on Thursdays and Fridays from 1 to 5 p.m. This is in response to feedback from the community to the café being closed on weekdays during the day. These time periods will be BYO hours, or Bring-Your-Own hours, where people are welcome to bring their own food and non-alcoholic drinks. The café is a unique community resource, and the New Deal Café Cooperative wants to make the space available even when the café is not open for business. The front room will provide water and Wi-Fi and will be staffed by volunteers. The public is welcome to use the tables in the community living room to get work done, meet with friends or host a group. Just

remember to BYO coffee and snacks.

The café is purposely starting small with these Community Living Room hours to gauge community support for this idea. To make this venture successful, they need volunteers for two-hour shifts on Thursday and Friday. To volunteer, contact John Campanile at jbelltower@yahoo.com.



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Glimpses of Greenbelt Holidays Past



From the Archives

Our Belief and Our Fear At Christmas Time

The following text is from an ad that the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative ran in the December 21, 1945 Greenbelt Cooperator, the precursor paper to the News Review.

We sincerely believe that people are able to so arrange the affairs of the world so that there will sometime be everlasting Peace on Earth and Good Will Towards Men.

We believe in mankind. We believe that the Common Man's desire for Democracy and universal brotherhood can bring about everlasting Peace on Earth.

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by atomic energy.

Cooperatives, represented in all parts of the world by millions of members and a rapidly increasing number of employees, are steadily but surely removing one of the causes of war, namely profits through scarcity. They are doing this by creating a non-profit system of industry so that abundance may be submitted for scarcity, and the gain of one will not be the loss of another.

A cooperative world is the only practical kind of world - the only kind of a world safe from war and possible catastrophe.

Now as never before: Without vision the people (may actually) perish.

From the Archives

Fifteen More Cops Guard Evergreens

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Chief of Police Panagoulis issued a warning this week that anyone cutting down a Christmas tree within the boundaries of Greenbelt territory will be fined

\$28.50. Fifteen special policemen are being detailed in addition to the regular force to prevent this misdemeanor. Chief Panagoulis also asks parents to put names and identification marks on their children's sleds since many sleds have already been lost, stolen or taken by mistake.

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approve the bonus before submitting the detailed plan. The WLB authorities indicated that speedy action is quite certain to be taken

in order to have the decision before Christmas. There is a special office in WLB devoted to Christmas bonuses.

Watkins Park Has Winter Festival

The 32nd Annual Winter Festival of Lights will be held daily through Wednesday, January 1 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. at Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive in Upper Marlboro. Admission fees are based on vehicle type.

For more information and a full listing of admission fees and features, visit the Department of Parks and Recreation at pparcs.com.

MDOT Is Storm-Ready

Maryland's State Highway Administration is fully stocked with supplies and state-of-the-art technology to monitor road conditions and deploy resources.

During storms, current, real-time travel information will be available at md511.maryland.gov or roads.maryland.gov or via Facebook or Twitter @MDSHA.



Gift Cards at the CO-OP

Paid advertisement.

A Joyous Yuletide
 To all our wonderful friends and neighbors. May 2020 bring you health and happiness. (A little wealth might be welcome too.)



From Robert and Sylvia Lewis

GREENBELT COOPERATOR
 AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER
 Published Every Friday By The Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, Inc., 8 Parkway, Greenbelt, Maryland
 Volume 16, Number 17 Greenbelt, Maryland, Friday, December 21, 1945 Five Cents

Greenbelt at the Crossroads
 The food collection, recently sponsored by the Greenbelt Catholic Church will be continued at the main food store under the auspices of workers for the American Friends Service Committee. It was announced last Tuesday. Donations will still attract to the collection bin, where canned and dehydrated foods to be sent to hungry Greenbelters are to be collected. Service Committee workers are also continuously engaged in the collection of clothing for Europe. Cloak clothing in any condition is welcome and may be left at the home of Mrs. Dolores Mason, 500 Greenway, Mrs. Walter Hill, 7 Woodland Way, and Mrs. Dee Pines, 1-A Westway. The clothing is repaired and cleaned. Donations made by a group of women who meet weekly at Mrs. Hill's home. Any person interested in helping with this work is invited to contact Mrs. Hill.

Friends Continue Food Collection
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Co-op and Town Officials To Launch Bus Service At Ceremony Tomorrow
 Greenbelt's cooperatively-owned bus will be formally inducted into service at a community ceremony at the Center on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. General Manager Sam Ashelman announced this week. Following the ceremony and two maiden voyages around town, the bus will begin regular half-hour service to Greenbelters. The week-day service will begin at 6:30 a. m. from the Center to connect with the T. a. M. Capital Transit bus, and will end with a trip from the Center at 8:00 p. m. daily except Friday, when there will be a special bus for evening shoppers.

Eshbaugh, Hull To Represent GCS As FM Directors
 GCS's Board of Directors voted at last Friday night's meeting to accept the appointment of the proposed new FM station in this town. The new corporation will be purchased mainly by interested individuals. This security is necessary to comply with the Federal Communications Commission's requirements. The stock drive for the new FM station will be handled in the next future.

Drop Inn Holds Birthday Party
 On December 21, the Drop Inn will celebrate its first anniversary with a party for all members of the Drop Inn. Activities will begin at 8 p. m. and a special program is being arranged to commemorate the opening of the business last year for the teen-agers of the town.

Notice
 THE COOPERATOR OFFICE WILL NOT BE OPEN NEXT WEEK
 The issue of December 28 will be prepared this week-end, and no announcements of any sort will be received after Sunday. All organizations and clubs must have their announcements in before Sunday noon to appear in next week's issue. . . . Cooperator news box in tobacco store, or in office door slot, basement of 8 Parkway.

84 Students Make H.S. Honor Roll
 The first high school honor roll, dated November 16, lists Bobby Porter of the sophomore class as the single candidate for "A" honors.

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Brownies' Party
 The Brownies of Troop No. 26, under the leadership of Mrs. Helen Lewis, are giving a mother-daughter party at the Center School tonight. Guests of honor will be Mrs. Lloyd Nelson, chairman of the District Organization; Raymond Lewis and Hilbert G. Keith, both recently released from overseas.

Children Conduct Christmas Sale
 The teachers and students at the center school put in a strenuous but gratifying Tuesday, when the girls sold their Christmas sale. The sale was held in the gymnasium of the Community Church. The Christmas decorations from the Center room were left up over the weekend. In the evening, the hall ground for the music and dramatics created by the children. Articles were on sale from 1:30 to 5:00.

Patronage Refund Time Is Coming
 Within a few days every Greenbelt resident will receive instructions explaining how to assemble and return his patronage refund slip. Method of assembly is expected to be the same as that of last year, with no slip desired before January 1, and sent accepted after January 15. Non-members as well as members are urged to return in their slips, since they will have a year from the date of the return to the Co-op to receive a refund in which to become GCS members and collect their dividends.

Bus Schedule

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7:30	9:30
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The last full moon of 2019, known as the Cold Moon, rises over Greenbelt on Wednesday, December 11.

A Christmas display lights up the season on Lastner Lane.

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are private property, it is impossible to determine the full extent of this situation.

GS has a combination of four city-managed streets, inner streets and alleyways, which are supervised by the GS Homeowner's Association (HOA). Response to illegal parking is divided between the city and HOA. The possibility of implementing a parking permit system was made by both council and residents. Hrubby remarked on the high cost and resources required for such an approach by the city. She said that greater use of reverse angle parking is favored as a means of increasing spaces throughout GS.

Council broached the idea of offering GS residents the chance of renting parking spaces at the Verde Apartments garage, as the garage now is under-utilized. Hrubby responded that their HOA was "not interested in exploring" this possibility at this time.

Mayor Colin Byrd was encouraged that there was not a huge concern about public safety from the GS residents. Greenbelt Police Captain Mark Sagan was on hand to answer questions. The major problems discussed included more effective enforcement of dog waste management and leash laws and thefts, especially of packages, cars and equipment from construction sites. Council made suggestions about safer package delivery options to places like Safeway and FedEx. Byrd said these were practical ideas, but no substitute for actually solving the problems.

He reminded the audience that council had recently passed a MOU concerning the residents' ability to provide police with safety camera footage in order to better solve crimes.

Byrd said that council is now working with the office of U.S. Senator Ben Cardin to address the hurdles hindering effective postal deliveries throughout the city.

Acting Recreation Director Greg Varda laid out the newest developments in recreation. A survey was sent out to all GS residents to ascertain their primary goals. The results included a community building, an exercise amenity and a continuation of the outdoor events presented last fall, like the movie and concerts. Varda is focused on providing better outreach and service to GS and has been working closely with GS HOA Activities Committee member Kristen Weaver. He indicated that the Recreation Department's resources would be available for acceptable programs that GS would like to pursue. Although GS has access to all Greenbelt amenities, residents were keen on having programs and facilities of their own.

Hrubby ended the meeting with an update on the trail that would connect GS with the Greenbelt Metro station, a key feature in the development of GS. Hrubby said there has been "six months of behind-the-scenes planning and permitting." She expects ground breaking to begin in winter 2020 and last 18 months.

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amenities are proposed, including a dog park/spa, community gardens, tot lot play area, bike racks and a future Capital Bikeshare station.

NRP is based in Cleveland, Ohio, and has accomplished more than 300 projects over 25 years. It handles all aspects internally including property development, construction and management. Currently, it has three on-going projects at Prince George's County Metro stations, one of which is now under construction. According to Wooldridge, the goal of Greenbelt Metro is to "deliver the first transit-oriented development," as well as the "highest quality urban design" residential units to Capital Office Park.

The DSP makes several proposals concerning vehicles and parking. Regarding parking, it stipulates: 454 spaces behind the multifamily buildings, including 36 individual garage units, and 80 interior and 36 exterior bicycle spaces. Six electric vehicle charging stations are planned, as well as charging capacity in the garages. With the bike amenities, including bike lanes and repair, as well as a new bus shelter, NRP anticipates a 78 percent reduction in auto trips.

The architecture of the development would feature curated corner elements and building facades using sustainable material like brick masonry, metal, glass and fiber cement siding and panels. Also, the streetscape would be improved with landscaping and a sidewalk, especially along Cherrywood Lane, in accordance with the city's Complete and Green Streets policy.

Regarding sustainability, 36

percent of the area, which is wetlands, would be preserved, along with the existing floodplain elevation. An additional pond is planned to handle a 100-year storm event. Thirty Environment Site Design rain gardens are also proposed to reduce storm water runoff to Indian Creek.

City staff shared the findings of a report by consultant Greenman-Pederson, Inc. (GPI), enlisted as part of city staff's on-going right-of-way permit review. It recommended three turning lane extensions on Cherrywood and a traffic circle. Although Hrubby and Tedesco felt a circle was not warranted based on a Prince George's County traffic impact study, Councilmembers Judith Davis and Edward Putens remarked that traffic circles often save lives. Tedesco asserted that NRP would respond point by point to GPI.

Howerton said that GreenACES was generally positive about the project, but stressed more environmental stewardship. Davis expressed concern over what she saw as the expensive rental range of the units, emphasizing the need for affordable housing in the area. Wooldridge responded that the multifamily aspect of Greenbelt Metro would allow each bedroom to be financially assessed on an individual basis, thus mitigating the total income requirement for each unit.

Resident Bill Orleans said that the development is a bad plan and should be rejected by the council, as it violates Greenbelt's original mandate to be a planned community. Councilmember Rodney Roberts remarked on the high cost of providing services for

these future residents and said recreational use of the land would be preferable.

NRP met earlier with APB on December 4 to discuss parking, vehicular circulation and space usage by residents. APB advised council that it would support the DSP with the following recommendations: removal of eight parking spaces on the Ivy Lane extension entrance to allow for a more welcoming plaza; more reverse angle parking on the Ivy Lane extension; and a pedestrian connection between the two main building entrances.

The DSP will go before the Prince George's County Planning Board in January along with recommendations from the city.

Botanic Garden Offers Seasonal Jazz

The U.S. Botanic Garden presents a concert by Dial 251 on Thursday, December 26 from 6 to 8 p.m.

According to the Washington Post, "Dial 251 is a crisp, cohesive unit with gifted soloists and a great deal to say." The sextet returns to the Botanic Garden to present an evening of contemporary jazz with a seasonal twist.

Note that limited seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The location is the Conservatory Garden Court. This concert is free; no pre-registration is required.



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Alex, Kyle and Evan Krieger with some friendly kangaroos during a Thanksgiving holiday to Melbourne, Australia

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Season's Greetings
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Festival of Lights: A Few More Sights



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The Old Greenbelt Theatre was full for the screening of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, which was shown after the tree lighting.

A local family poses with Santa, above, and Lillian performs with the Hometowne USA Chorus, right, at the Breakfast with Santa event at the American Legion.



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The Museum's collection of vintage holiday cards is spread out on a bed, above, and vintage 30s and 40s holiday memorabilia are displayed on the vintage couch, below, in the Historic House for the Deco the Halls event on December 8.



PHOTO BY JENNA JONES

Participants at the Greenbelt cookie exchange help bag up the cookies on Tuesday at the Community Center.



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Santa makes a grand entrance at the College Park Aviation Museum on Saturday, December 7, thanks to the Prince George's County Police Helicopter Division.



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To All My Greenbelt Friends and Neighbors

Wishing you all a Joyous Holiday Season and a New Year filled with Peace and Happiness!

- Judith "J" Davis

New City Treasurer Laura Allen Brings Impressive Credentials

Laura S. Allen has been appointed treasurer for the City of Greenbelt. She brings over 25 years of financial and local government management to Greenbelt. Allen worked in city and town management positions in both California and Maryland. She brings experience in budget preparation and analysis, financial analysis and planning, risk management, collective bargaining and strategic planning.

The city treasurer serves as the director of finance and is responsible for the administration of the financial affairs of the city. This includes business and financial planning such as budget development, debt management, accounting revenue collection, vendor payments and payroll.

Allen started her career as a senior management analyst for the City of Berkeley, Calif. There, she worked in both the city manager's office as well as planning and community development. She developed and administered the planning department's \$10 million budget and oversaw department activities. On behalf of the city manager, Allen monitored five departmental budgets totaling \$30 million, negotiated a state-of-the-art cable television franchise and managed the citywide project management and performance measurement systems.

Allen most recently served for six years as the town administrator for Berlin, Md. There she oversaw 70 employees and a \$19.4 million budget and was recognized as an International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Credentialed Manager. Under her direction, the Town of Berlin completed and implemented its first Strategic Plan and increased tourism and sales by 25 to 30 percent as the result of obtaining America's Coolest Small Town Designation. She also led the process to acquire a 60-acre blighted industrial plot and redevelop it into a multi-use public space.

This follows Allen's work as town manager and assistant town manager of Colma, Calif., where her duties included representing the town in labor negotiations with employee bargaining groups. Allen's budget and financial planning efforts included establishing 10-year financial plans with long-term strategies for service delivery and aligning the Capital Improvement Plan with long-range forecasting. In addition, she also established a water conservation incentive program which supported water conservation and yielded cost savings.

City Manager Nicole Ard stated, "As a Certified Public Financial Officer, a board member of the international Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and an ICMA Creden-



New City Treasurer Laura Allen

- Photos by Beverly Palau



Outgoing Treasurer, Jeff Williams

tial Manager, Laura brings a fresh perspective to financial planning. With her risk management, collective bargaining and franchise negotiations experience, as well as her passionate environmental advocacy, Laura is a great fit for our organization."

Allen holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Nevada, Reno. In addition to GFOA and ICMA, she is a member of Kiwanis, the Maryland GFOA and serves as treasurer of the Maryland City/County Management Association. "I'm looking forward to working with City Manager Nicole Ard and her team to address the city council's priorities and serve the Greenbelt community," said Allen.

Allen replaces city treasurer, Jeff Williams, who will retire following a distinguished 30-year career as accountant (1989), deputy city treasurer (1991) and city treasurer (1996 to present). "I thank Jeff Williams for his service," said Ard. "Jeff helped lead the city through extreme financial challenges. Along with my predecessor, Mike McLaughlin, Jeff has worked to navigate those challenges without impacting city services. His work has earned decades of annual awards for financial and budget reporting."

Allen starts work the week of December 16, ensuring a smooth transition before Williams' January retirement.

Business

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

Arthritis and Pain Associates Host Holiday Block Party

by Emmett Jordan

The Arthritis and Pain Associates of Prince George's County organized the Patient Appreciation Block Party at their offices on Hanover Parkway in Greenbelt on December 6. The festivities included a food truck rally, a DJ, holiday caroling, line dancing and a visitor from the North Pole. There were several hundred patients and community members at this afternoon event.

Barbara Taylor organized this activity with Jonathan M. Adelson, M.D. They are strong supporters of the Arthritis Foundation. Adelson has also served as the volunteer chair for the Arthritis Foundation Walk-a-thon held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School each year.



Barbara Taylor and Dr. Jonathan M. Adelson, organizers of the Patient Appreciation Block Party

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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.

Theft

December 5, 7 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A television was taken from an apartment under renovation.

December 5, 3 p.m., 8200 block Greenbelt Station Parkway. A passport was taken from a mailbox.

Drugs

December 10, 4:33 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A 16-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for possession of phencyclidine and possession of paraphernalia after officers investigated a report of a person loitering in a hallway and acting suspiciously. He was released to a guardian pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Burglary

December 11, 10:30 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. Three video game players, video games and two pairs of sneakers were taken after a residence was entered by way of an unsecured sliding glass door.

Vehicle Crime

A silver 4-door 2007 Toyota Camry with Maryland tags 7BB5940 was taken from the 6100 block Breezewood Court. A green 4-door 1998 Toyota Corolla with Maryland tags 3DL8527 was taken in the area of Kenilworth Avenue and Ivy Lane.

Four tires and rims were taken from one vehicle each in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, 7400 block Greenway Center Drive and the 8100 block Lakecrest Drive. A catalytic converter was taken in the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive.

The breaking of windows to gain access occurred in several locations. In the 6000 block Greenbelt Road a carry bag was removed and a credit card in it was later used to make an unauthorized purchase, and in another instance nothing appeared to have been taken. A phone charger was taken in the 9100 block Springhill Lane after three windows were broken out.

In the 7400 block Greenbelt Road a jacket, back pack and laptop computer were taken.

A purse was taken from a possibly unlocked vehicle in the 9100 block Edmonston Road and paint was scratched on a vehicle in the 9100 block Edmonston Road.

Greenbelt Police Seek Critical Missing Person

The Greenbelt Police Department is seeking assistance in locating critical missing person Indalyn Socoraha McCaskill (pictured below), age 15, who was last seen at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive. She is described as being black, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighing 150 pounds. She was wearing a black shirt and blue pants when last seen. The only critical factor is age. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200.

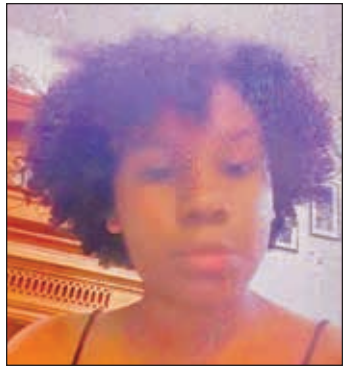


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Socoraha McCaskill

Gun Reported on GMS Bus, BB Gun Found

A BB gun was found during a search of Greenbelt Middle School students on Thursday, December 12, according to ABC 7 news. After a student called his mother saying that someone on his bus had a gun, the parent then called 911 to report the incident. According to a Prince George's County Public Schools spokesperson, Prince George's County Police were dispatched to pull the bus over but a search of all on board produced no weapon. The students were moved to another bus, and on arrival at school were assembled in a media center for an additional search. A BB gun was found and the school spokesperson said that disciplinary action will be taken.

Parents and other writers expressed concern on Facebook's Greenbelters page about the legality of searching the children and the time lapse before a notification was issued, and also praise for the fast action of authorities to investigate and resolve the possible threat.

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introduced, but not voted on.

Law Enforcement

A Police Department representative was also present and recommended to the council that they extend an existing contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., which provides body cameras, digital evidence management and Taser weapons. The recommended extension would be five more years. The contract will upgrade technology, provide training, increase the number of body cameras and provide a training system for de-escalation and advanced mental health scenarios.

"The combination of the latest technology weapons and training will best prepare our officers to resolve difficult and high-stress situations in the safest manner possible." The total five-year cost of the contract will be \$390,647, which is an increase from current spending.

Council approved the recommendation unanimously, but not without discussion of the potential dangers of cameras and the lack of dashboard cameras in the contract.

The Police Department also recommended that council approve a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Ring, Inc., an application that allows people to share crime and security information and interact with others in their community. City staff recommended that council approve the MOU.

"This could greatly assist our detectives in solving open cases," the police department said.

"I am really happy that you're doing this," said Councilmember Judith Davis, noting that the MOU would maintain users' privacy.

"They have to go through the company, and then the company will ask if the person wants to help," Davis said. "The police will not know where the devices are located, the police will not know the names of the neighbors that have a device. I think that's great... it's going to be kept very private."

Greenbelt resident Bill Orleans expressed he still had privacy concerns about the MOU, and noted that the American Civil Liberties Union has expressed concerns over the devices.

"Maybe we'll someday have a chief of police and a hierarchy in the police department that is not as friendly to civil liberties as we have currently," Orleans said. "And who is to say that there might not be the opportunity to take advantage of that which Ring records, whether or not the owner of the device on the door gives his or her consent."

Still, the motion passed unanimously, though Councilmember Silke Pope and Putens were not

present for the vote.

Opioid Lawsuit

Mayor Colin Byrd requested that a motion for the city to participate in an opioid-related lawsuit be included on the evening's agenda. The motion would include gaining legal counsel to represent the city "in opioid-related litigation." The city would join nearby municipalities including Laurel, Upper Marlboro, Cottage City, Forest Heights and North Brentwood in doing so.

Pope raised concerns over the financial risk of the lawsuit, but Davis countered those concerns.

"Basically, if the lawsuit loses, there is no cost because that's part of the deal," Davis said. "If we win, then all of the expenses would be taken out of whatever recovery money there is."

She added that she wasn't concerned over whether they didn't gain any money from it, but more so about making a statement toward the companies being sued in the lawsuit.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts, however, said it was important they got money from the lawsuit, so they could use it to combat problems that the opioid crisis has created.

The motion passed unanimously.

"Thank you, colleagues, thank you everybody," Byrd said.

BEP Proposal

Council also discussed the public meeting held by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) earlier this month as part of its steps in preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for its proposal to move one of its production facilities from D.C. to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Director of Planning & Community Development Terri Hruby brought up a discussion on why there are only two options – build or no build – being considered in the EIS, as well as why earlier sites that were under consideration for the facility no longer are.

The EIS is expected to be published in fall 2020, followed by a 45-day public comment period and hearing.

"I appreciate the two comments that you suggested," Davis said. "But I think we could also have comments that were brought to us by folks when we had this on an earlier agenda."

Those comments include concerns about traffic, wildlife, wastewater treatment and its impact on a nearby creek, always-on security lights, among others.

Roberts urged council to oppose the development and brought up a further concern.

"I'm concerned about what happened at the (public meeting)," said Roberts, noting that

comments were not taken at the session in the auditorium, and that comments taken beforehand in display rooms were met with conflicting answers.

"No one was allowed to speak, no one was allowed to get answers to their questions," Roberts said, suggesting that council send a letter to urge the BEP to extend the public comment period, which expired on Sunday, December 15.

Council approved Roberts' motion to add that suggestion to the letter, as well as the motion to send that letter with concerns.

Also announced at the meeting was that council held a closed meeting on Wednesday, October 30 about the employment of appointees, employees and officials over which council has jurisdiction and to discuss pending legal matters with legal counsel. All members voted to keep the meeting closed, except for Pope, who was not present, and Roberts, who voted for the meeting to be open.

Council meetings are generally open to the public. For more information about the timing of these meetings go to greenbeltmd.gov.

MLK Jr. Tribute In College Park

College Park is holding its 29th Annual City Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, January 11, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at The Clarice located on the University of Maryland campus. This inspirational and educational event is free and for all ages.

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The Vanilla Gorilla Makes Victorious Return to the Ring

Cruiserweight sensation Sam "The Vanilla Gorilla" Crossed of Greenbelt was triumphant on December 14, in Tysons Corner, Va., in his first fight after a year-long layoff. Crossed sailed to a four-round shutout with a unanimous decision over 37-fight veteran heavy-weight Michael Davis of Cincinnati, Ohio. The unbeaten Crossed improves his record to 9-0, with five knockouts to his credit.

Crossed, who had multiple fights that did not pan out over the last 12 months, was ecstatic to be able to once again ply his trade in the squared circle. "It was nice to finally get some rounds after the year I've had," he explained. "The game plan was to step it up every round, said. "I wanted to take my time and break him down, but in a



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four rounder that can be tough sometimes."

Crossed doesn't plan to stay on the shelf very long until the next fight. He looks to return to the Baltimore-Washington region in the first quarter of 2020. "We are just waiting on the contract for my next fight," the Maryland native expounded. "I can't wait to announce my next opponent and the venue."

"It's going to be my first 10-round fight and big step-up in the caliber of the opposition. A win like that would do wonders for my career." Crossed and his team hope to be able to make an announcement in the next week or two with regard to his next fight.

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