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Camp Encore's Shakespeare, A Zooming Success Story

by Elizabeth Gardner

Greenbelt Recreation's Summer Connect camp programs are up and running, including Camp Encore, which is typically a fourweek camp where teens aged 12 to 17 put on a Shakespeare production. This year, while many things have had to change in the transition to an online format, the camp is still a great success, with the first session complete and the second session in progress, both with full enrollment. It has been affectionately renamed Camp Zoomcore, as the entire camp day takes place through Zoom. Each session is three weeks long, capped at 15 campers, and consists of three full days and two half days each

week, led by staff members Kate Magill Robinson, Mark Robinson, Aeryn Goldstein and Elizabeth Gardner.



Session 2 warmups. Top row from left: Coyla Cantwell, Sabina Ramirez-Skolnik, Mark Robinson; second row from left: Susannah Krage, Ani Arzoumanian, Creedence Jackson; third row from left: Zoe Larsen, Alexina Costen, Nic Adams; bottom row from left: Snowdenn Jackson, Beatrice McNabb, Jacob Royle.

Every day begins with warmups and improv games with the full group of campers. One advantage of the online format is

the Zoom chat feature, so while a few campers are performing a scene, everyone else can partici-

See CAMP, page 6

Arts Advisory Board: Let There Be Light for Roosevelt Center

by Kathleen Gallagher

It isn't often these days to find everyone agreeing on something, but at its June 22 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council took up an item that had immediately received support from everyone involved in reviewing it.

In a report titled Recommended Enhancements to Lighting in Roosevelt Center, the city's Arts Advisory Board (AAB) presented an idea suggested by member Effie Levner to build on the success of last winter's extended holiday lighting by continuing it See LIGHTS, page 6

at various times year-round in targeted areas throughout the Center.

Doing so, they suggested, would "make the space feel more inviting, safe and festive for citizens and visitors." Some of the proposed additions include the following:

· Lighting to highlight the Mother and Child statue, echoing the night lights on the Lenore Thomas reliefs at the Community Center. AAB Chair Kristen Stenson said that, while the reliefs are



The Roosevelt Center is lit at night in January, 2019.

Community Center Window Restoration Project Underway

by Matt Arbach

Restoration and cleaning efforts have begun on city facilities in the core of Greenbelt. The work includes the repainting and re-glazing of the gymnasium windows at the Community Center, cleaning of the building's bas reliefs and marble garden statue, and cleaning and repair of the Mother and Child statue at Roosevelt Center. All of this is to be funded by a Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) grant of \$29,500.

The window work has already been started since it must be completed before the other projects can begin.

Following a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued in February and closed in April, staff received five responses concerning the restoration efforts. Staff are now reviewing these proposals and, depending on the availability of funds, the full extent of the statuary and relief work will be finalized.

In addition to painting and re-glazing the Community Center windows, the window panes will be replaced. Inspectors detected asbestos in the existing glazing, which had to be corrected. This work will require additional funding, which Public Works staff is

now pursuing.

The entire project is a joint effort of City Planning and Public Works. The latter oversees the project and is in charge of selecting the contractor under the leadership of Public Works Assistant Director Brian Kim. Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald aided the Planning Department in writ-

ing the grant proposal. Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby said, "The project has been scheduled for a long time. It's a competitive grant process" adding that the city has received funding from MHAA for past projects.

GAFC's Outdoor Pool Begins Limited Reopening on Monday

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

After diligent safety preparations and extensive staff training, Greenbelt Recreation will ease into the reopening of the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center (GAFC) Outdoor Pool on Monday, August 3 at 7 a.m. This first phase of reopening will require reservations for use. All participants must be over 14 years of age, and either Greenbelt residents or GAFC members. The only activities allowed during this first phase will be lap swimming and water walking. It will not be open for recreational swimming and playing.

What Goes On

Monday, August 3 8 p.m. City Council Worksession: Civic Associations Wednesday, August 5 8 p.m. Worksession: Roosevelt Center Merchants Association All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

The strictly limited use of the outdoor pool at this time is due to COVID-19-related precautions and social distancing requirements as set forth by the State of Maryland, Prince George's County and GAFC. A list of rules, fees, reservation policies, and entrance and exit policies is posted on the GAFC website at greenbeltmd.gov/gafc. It is important to review this information prior to making a reservation and visiting the outdoor pool. As Prince George's County Health Department guidance changes over time, the Recreation department will look toward minimizing these restrictions at GAFC.

GAFC Supervisor Stephen Parks said, "The preparations and safety measures that were put in place prior to this first phase of reopening were extensive. We are all dealing with an unprecedented situation and we are not willing to take chances with the safety of our staff and patrons."

Reservation information will be available on the Virtual Recreation Center in the "Recreation Facilities" section at greenbeltmd. gov/recreation.

For more information on this first phase of reopening, visit the websites listed above or contact GAFC at 301-397-2204.



Both the Community Center windows and the bas reliefs are boarded over to protect them as part of the ongoing window restoration project.

Letters to the Editor

Spreading the Word

(This letter relates to an article in the July 23 issue about access to Social Security information for Greenbelters during the pandemic.)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for publication of the information I sent to you earlier this week.

In addition, I would like to let you know that our Greenbelt office has seen an increase of calls from Greenbelt residents that need our services. I truly appreciate your assistance.

Please stay safe and well. Diana Varela Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration

Homeschoolers

Since Prince George's County Schools will be virtual (distance learning) this fall 2020, we'd like our neighbors to know that Greenbelt Homeschoolers is an active community-recognized group. The group is on Facebook and can be found through searching for Greenbelt Homeschoolers. Just answer the questions for approval to join.

Li'l Dan Celdran, Parent volunteer

Farmers Market Concerns

Greenbelt Farmers Market Manager Frances Ippoliti has been faced with an increasing number of unpleasant confrontations from people at the market who are irritated by COVID-19 constraints. From about one incident per two weeks initially, a single market day, July 19, had three such encounters.

There are only four simple market rules - and we request those unwilling to follow them not to attend. For the safety of the public, volunteers and vendors, Prince George's County requires that, in addition to social distancing, we:

1. Use hand sanitizer on hands or on gloves the person brings (gloves worn elsewhere may be already contaminated) or wear new sterile gloves that we provide free.

- 2. Wear a mask secured over the nose and mouth. Masks are available free.
- 3. Not handle items for sale
- 4. Comply with the one-way rule for circulation.

With over 20,000 identified COVID-19 cases in Prince George's County plus many who are contagious without knowing it, these are life-saving precautions. Over 800 people visit the market weekly with approximately 80 in it at any one moment. The chances of a contagious person at the market are higher today than back in May, so this is no time to relax constraints.

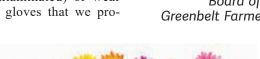
Market Master Frances is always friendly and polite with everyone she encounters at the market even when requesting compliance. Greenbelt Farmers Market is lucky to have her enthusiasm and commitment, especially in the face of CO-VID-19. She opened the market in the midst of a pandemic, and puts her own personal health and safety on the line weekly. We thank our volunteers who tolerate 90-degree heat to keep the market safe for everyone.

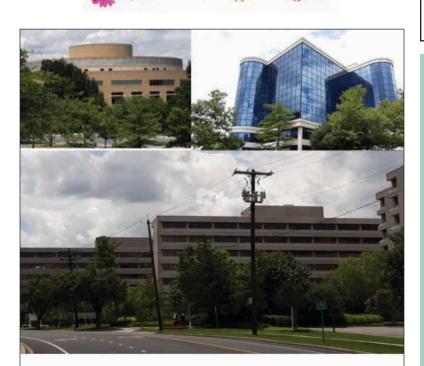
All who serve the market deserve courtesy and respect when they request compliance with rules designed for the protection of all. All of us, including volunteers, inadvertently get too close to others or forget and go the wrong way because a lifetime of habit makes it hard not to but we try to stay aware and to remind visitors to stay aware too.

Shoppers who enter the market only to pick up orders must also abide by the entry rules and Ippoliti and her staff will gladly assist shoppers who are unable to comply for some reason.

We understand and share the frustrations COVID-19 brings and fortunately the vast majority of our visitors comply cheerfully and express their thanks even when we must remind them of the rules, but Frances and her volunteer staff deserve respect and compliance from everybody.

Board of Directors Greenbelt Farmers Market





Buildings referenced in this week's cartoon can be seen on lvy Lane.

Correction

In last week's letter to the editor entitled In Praise of Mayor Byrd, the letter's writer included the title Mayor in each reference to Mayor Byrd. In accordance with the News Review stylebook, we edited out the honorific after the first reference. The letter writer, however, had specifically repeated Byrd's title to emphasize his respect for the person and the office.

City Notes

The Museum obtained a \$100,000 Maryland grant for their Education/Visitor Center. Museum staff researched Rossville Rural Development, an early, unfulfilled plan to house people of color near Greenbelt.

Animal Control released a raccoon stuck in a trash can. Two dogs, four cats and four kittens are sheltered.

Horticulture/Parks removed storm-damaged tree limbs and sanitized playgrounds.

Refuse/Recycling collected 28.67 tons of refuse and 13.54 tons of recyclables. Their Food Scraps Drop-Off Program serves 34 households.

SHL Recreation staff facilitated a young artist's recreation-themed collage. Outdoor Movies begin Friday, August 7. GAFC will use RecTrac, allowing online pool-use

Arts obtained a Maryland grant of \$41,186 for FY21 program-

Recreation, GAIL, Golden Age Club, Senior Citizen Advisory and citizen leadership discussed seniors' isolation during the pan-

Therapeutic Recreation provided meals to 39 home-bound

CARES's new UMD intern assists students in Greenbelt's Vocational/Educational program. The recent Emergency Diaper Supply served 50 children.

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See our website. greenbeltnewsreview.com, for articles in Spanish.

New Submission Deadlines

The Greenbelt News Review has revised its deadlines in view of the impact of CO-VID-19 on our operations. The new deadlines are:

Display ads: Copy that is not camera-ready - 2 p.m.

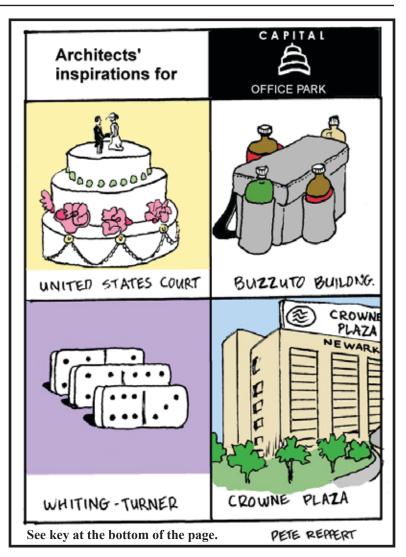
Display ads: Camera-ready copy – 6 p.m. Tuesday Classified ads: 6 p.m.

Letters to the editor (which should be fewer than 300 words): 2 p.m. Tuesday

Stories under 700 words: 2 p.m. Tuesday

Stories over 700 words: 2 p.m. Monday

Photos: 2 p.m. Tuesday Community events: 2 p.m. Tuesday



Letters Policy

The News Review reserves the right not to publish any letter submitted. Letters are considered accepted when published.

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider withholding the name upon request.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, privacy, taste, copyright and clarity.

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> Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd. OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 6 -10 p.m.

Community Events

Family Fun Outdoor **Event at Mowatt**

On Saturday, August 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., families in Greenbelt are invited to join a physically distanced time of spiritual renewal and family fun at Mowatt Methodist Church on Ridge Road.

This will take place outside; families will rotate to different stations. Masks required for kids older than 2; other safety measures in place. Email Amy Caruso to reserve a half-hour slot at amybcaruso@gmail.com. Community is not cancelled!

Arts Advisory Board Will Meet via Zoom

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, over Zoom. Discussion topics will include review of Recognition Group grant applications from the Greenbelt Arts Center and Friends of New Deal Café Arts. Members of the public who wish to attend are asked to email ndewald@ greenbeltmd.gov to request meeting access information, or call 301-474-8000, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Win Prizes with Library **Summer Reading**

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGC-MLS) starts curbside pickup for its Summer @ Your Library (S@ YL) prizes on Tuesday, August 4. The prizes, awarded to S@ YL participants of all ages earning 20 points or higher, include an Imagine Your Story tote bag, a T-shirt, a free smoothie coupon from Smoothie King, a free taco coupon (Taco Bell), S@YL bookmarks, Fairy Tale Times kids activity pages (with youth-sized T-shirts), and a Washington Nationals poster. The first 250 teens to pick up a prize pack will also be eligible to receive a free copy of Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix, the national bestselling book by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds.

Customers can schedule a prize pickup at pgcmls.info/ curbside. One prize pack per eligible participant. Prizes for multiple household members may be retrieved during a single curbside appointment. Indicate the quantity and applicable T-shirt sizes when scheduling a curbside service appointment. Customers with questions are invited to call PGCMLS Ask a Librarian at 240-455-5451 or askalibrarian@pgcmls.info with questions. Library staff are available by phone Tuesdays 1 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays to Fridays 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 1 to 5 p.m.

S@YL customers completing the challenge with a minimum of 20 points are also eligible to win several grand prizes. The grand prize drawings are a special reward courtesy of the Washington Nationals (the presenting sponsor of S@YL 2020) and PGCMLS. Grand prizes include a \$529 college fund, gift cards, a new Weber Q1200 Grill (for adult participants) and more. Grand prize winners will receive more information via email in late August.



At the Library

Greenbelt Library curbside service hours: Tuesday, 1 to 8 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, 1 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. (by appointment only).

The archival video of Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's interview with Dr. Charlene M. Dukes on How to Be an Antiracist is available for on-demand viewing at pgcmls.info/anti-racism until August 20. Kendi is a leading voice in combating systemic racism in the U.S. and around the world.

Phase 1 of the library reopening plan began on Tuesday, July 21. During this phase, buildings will remain closed to the public. However, curbside service will be provided for the pickup of up to 25 held items per vehicle/visit by scheduled appointment only. Existing holds placed prior to the library's closure will be filled first, with new hold requests now being accepted via the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) catalog (catalog.pgcmls.info/polaris) or the new telephone reference service at 240-455-5451. Individual branch phone numbers will not be available during this phase. Upon notification of item(s) availability, customers may book appointments for pickup through the PGCMLS website (pgcmls. info) or the telephone reference

The Greenbelt Library has six curbside pickup spaces for use in the parking lot by the lower level entrance. To ensure the health and safety of everyone, items will be placed in vehicle trunks (or back seats) in as much of a contact-free manner as possible. Pickup by those arriving on foot or by bicycle is allowed, if indicated when scheduling a pickup

Books must be returned to the book drop located to the right of the lower entrance door. Customers must place all returns directly in the book drop. Returned items will be checked-in after a 72-hour quarantine period. Any items checked out prior to the closure currently have an extended due date of September 1. To avoid potential contamination of materials, staff may not accept returns by hand.

Further information is available on the PGCMLS website at pgcmls.info/reopening.

The library is now fine-free: all existing overdue fines have been waived. This policy is to ensure that all Prince Georgians have equal access to the library's resources and services and remove the barrier of overdue fines. Over 200 library systems across North America have eliminated fines.



How Are You Coping?

Send us your stories and photos, showing what you are doing during forced time at home. We will publish a selection of these submissions during the coming weeks. Email editor@ greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Zoom on COVID-19 Effects on Seniors

Hyattsville Aging in Place (HAP) and Helping Hands University Park (HHUP) are co-hosting a discussion of COVID-19 and how it affects seniors on Saturday, August 8. Dr. Stephanie Trifoglio, a geriatrician who has practiced in the Greenbelt area for decades, will look at the risks of COVID-19 for seniors and provide the latest information on the virus. There will be time for questions and answers during the meeting. This is a Zoom conference that can be accessed by telephone or online. The session will open at 1:30 p.m. for chatting or help, with the program starting at 2 p.m.

Preregister for the session by Friday, August 7 at 5 p.m. To register, call 301-887-3101 (HAP office) or 301-892-6636 (HHUP office), or visit us02web.zoom.us/ meeting/register/0tceirrzwjH9LOJ KFkdSzyMWhE1 J3W4lN.

Toastmasters Meet Online Wednesdays

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club has gone virtual. Those interested in improving communication or leadership skills are invited to join online or by phone every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Find details for joining remotely at greenbelt. toastmastersclubs.org.

Draw, Paint, Stitch **And Zoom for Peace**

On August 4, 1985, the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, more than 25,000 fabric panels, held by about 15,000 people, were tied together forming The Ribbon around the Pentagon, White House and Capitol. The theme was: What I cannot bear to think of as lost forever in a nuclear war. Panels arrived from all 50 states and many countries. Greenbelt Community Church collected and displayed panels from Minnesota, hosted a dinner and recruited lodgings for Minnesotans participating in the event

Free rides were offered from Greenbelt Suburban Bank to the Capitol on the morning of the celebration. (See archive.org/ details/GNR1985080101/page/n1.)

This year, on the 75th anniversary of the first, and ever more fearfully, possibly not the last nuclear bombings, another Ribbon Celebration is planned. Due to the pandemic it will be more localized and online, but artists and needleworkers are again creating 18" x 36" panels to be displayed in August. For more information see facebook.com/ribbonwashingtondc, peaceactionmd.org/issues/ nuclear-disarmament or youtube. com/watch?v=c5FiK79mvYk.

Virtual Recreation

Greenbelt Recreation's summer programs are online via the Virtual Recreation Center. Go to greenbeltmd.gov/recreation to access a wide range of online activities, including classes, summer camps, video tutorials, sing-alongs and more. Art activities can be accessed in the Visual Arts section of the Virtual Recreation Center.

A Night at the Drive-in, or Rather Make That the Walk-in

Moonlit Movies are back! Outdoor movies have been a tradition in Greenbelt since 2014, and this year they will be a safe, fun way to get back to the movies. Starting Friday, August 7 with Jurassic Park, Moonlit Movies: Flashback Fridays will feature four weeks of nostalgic favorites on Braden Field, behind the Youth Center. This is a partnership of the City of Greenbelt and Old Greenbelt Theatre (OGT), generously sponsored by Beltway Plaza and Town Center Realty.

Audience size is capped at 100, so moviegoers must reserve their spots in advance at bit.ly/MoonlitMovies, starting Monday, August 3. Each spot will be a 10-foot circle with a maximum of five people per circle. All circles will be 10 feet apart. Registration per circle is \$25 – that's just \$5 per person. To pre-order snacks from the movie theater, follow the same link. Purchase of a circle and concessions in the same order is encouraged. Contactless pickup at the movie theater will be available before each showing.

Recreation and OGT staff will be at the entrance, behind home plate, to direct moviegoers to a circle. Masks are required until people are in their circle, then they can remove their masks to enjoy their snacks. Chairs are allowed, the lower the better; circles will be spaced to give everyone the best view possible. Select lights in the outfield will remain on so that guests can safely navigate. Bathroom access will be provided.

The showtimes are timed with sunset, so they will shift throughout the month of August. The first, on August 7, will start at 8:45 p.m., then on August 14 and 21 start times will be at 8:30 p.m., and on August 28 the movie will start at 8:15 p.m. Movies for future dates will be announced soon.

In the event of Friday rain, movies will run on Saturday evenings instead.

Overeaters Meet

Overeaters Anonymous is continuing to hold its newcomer introductory meeting by Zoom at 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month (August 3 and 17) and their regular Greenbelt meeting by Zoom or phone at 7:30 p.m. every Monday. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program modelled after Alcoholics Anonymous that provides help and recovery for those troubled by overeating, undereating or other food-related behaviors. For more information, call 240-305-3433 or visit their D.C. region website at oa-dcmetro.org.

Meals on Wheels Launches GoFundMe

Meals on Wheels of College Park provides those in need in Prince George's County, including Greenbelt, with a food delivery service. Since the pandemic began, they have nearly doubled their client base, straining their resources. The organization is now seeking community support in order to expand.

On Sunday, Meals on Wheels of College Park launched a GoFundMe campaign to raise \$500,000 to support the purchase of new kitchen appliances and supplies to feed those affected by COVID-19. Learn more or contribute at charity.gofundme.com/o/ en/campaign/fund-us-to-feed-them.







STREAMING LIVE at www.greenbeltaccesstv.org/channel-live-stream

Obituaries

Larry Crabill



Larry and Doris Crabill

Larry Stephen Crabill, a resident of Georgetown, Del., and former longtime resident of Greenbelt, died on July 25, 2020, at a hospital in Philadelphia, after health complications from a stroke and COVID-19.

Mr. Crabill was born on August 3, 1945, in Washington, D.C., and was the second child of the late Gloria Ruth and Joseph Daniel Crabill. He was married to Joan Crabill for 36 years, living in Greenbelt and raising their two sons, until her death in 2004. He was employed by the federal government with the National Transportation Safety Board for over 30 years.

Mr. Crabill retired to Ocean Pines, Md., following his wife's death. He later relocated to Georgetown, Del., and was married to Cyndie LaPrad for nine years until her death. In 2016 he married Doris Dormill.

Mr. Crabill is survived by his wife Doris Crabill; two children, Cory Albert and Brian Christopher Crabill; daughter-in-law, Kristel Jeanne Crabill; three grandchildren, Kailyn Grace, Emily Hope and Luke David Crabill; and uncle and aunt, John (Jack) and Sally Dunn. He is also survived by a great many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors from throughout his lifetime. He was preceded in death by his brother, D. Randall Crabill; his sister, Merie Clark; and his cousin and close friend Francis Campbell.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will not be any public viewing, visitation or burial service. The family hopes to have a remembrance of life for Larry at a future time. He will be laid to rest with his first wife, Joan, at the Greenbelt Cemetery on Ivv Lane. The Crabill family is thankful to all who befriended Larry over the course of his life.

Barbara Osborne



Barbara Marie Osborne

Barbara Marie (Murphy) Osborne, 91, of Greenbelt died peacefully in Delaware on July 23, 2020. She was born on April 14, 1929 to Raphael and Barbara (Naughton) Murphy and grew up amidst the Great Depression with her seven siblings.

During her school years, Barbara enjoyed working summers at the boathouse in Norumbega Park and at the Totem Pole in Auburndale, Mass., where she also pursued her lifelong passions for big band music, horseback riding and canoeing. After graduating in 1947 from Newton High School in Newtonville, Mass., where she wrote for the school newspaper, she completed Carney Hospital Training School for Nurses at Labouré College, sponsored by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul, in South Boston in 1950 and went on to Boston College, class of 1952.

Her career took her to Washington, D.C., as a registered nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital where she cared for her many patients with great compassion and empathy. Through her experiences and the encouragement of colleagues, she achieved her nursing certification in forensic psychiatry.

She soon met the love of her life, William F. "Sonny" Osborne, and they married on June 25,

1955. They lived in Washington, D.C., moved to Berwyn Heights and settled in Greenbelt in 1965 as original residents of Boxwood Village.

The Osbornes raised their growing family in the parish of St. Hugh's and delighted in many activities including serving lunches for the school, working Bingo, chaperoning teen club dances and trips, and attending dances themselves in Grenoble Hall. Barbara was a member of both the Ladies of Charity and Sodality of Our Lady.

If there was a carpool, Barbara was driving it and she loved every minute behind the wheel. She enjoyed her years serving as Den Mother with the Cub Scouts, on the board for the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, Rainbow Bus Trips and Greenbelt Golden Age Club. Her indomitable sense of adventure led her to ride a zipline on her 85th birthday.

"Mrs. Oz" could frequently be seen in the bleachers on Braden Field, the benches at the Youth Center or the hill at the swimming pool and beyond cheering on her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an avid fan of both youth sports and professional football and worked for many years as a nurse at RFK Stadium directly for the legacy Washington Football Team.

She was an amazing mother to Bill (Eileen), Ed, Bridget, Beth, Michael, Patty Ann Osborne, and Cindy (Jeff) Donn; grandma to Nicole, Jenny, Tessa, Christy, Vincent (Star), Erin, Lisa and Kyle; "GiGi" to Wesley, Tony, Bianca, Jay, Jaden, Riley, Madison, Andres, Alex, Isaac, Isrealla, Destiny and (great-great to) Selena; and Aunt Barbara to her many nieces and nephews.

Any weather meant a beautiful day and somehow a nice breeze would always find her.

Arrangements are through Gasch's Funeral Home (Gaschs. com) providing a "walk-through" viewing (short term seating for visitors in need is available) on Sunday, August 2 from 2 to 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on Monday, August 3 at 10 a.m. followed by interment with "Sonny" at Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Crownsville. Public health recommendations including face covers and distance will be observed as well as outdoor areas for parking and waiting. Volunteers and staff will provide direction. The Osborne Family is looking forward to welcoming friends and family again to rejoice and remember Barbara at a future event to be determined.

Those wishing to make a memorial contribution are asked to consider the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, Boystown.org or donating blood in her honor.



Our Neighbors

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Barbara Osborne, who died July 23.

Our condolences also to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelt resident Larry Crabill, who died on July 25.

Congratulations to Greenbelt residents and graduating seniors from College Park Academy, Gabriel Winebrenner, Saygee Suku and Ghabriel Davis. They will attend Towson University, Morgan State and Lincoln Tech, respectively, in the fall.

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

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.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors Find us on f facebook.com/mowattumc 301-474-9410



Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

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Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

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City Information & Events

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.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 3-7

Monday, August 3 Virtual Meeting of City Council: 7:30pm, SPECIAL MEETING-Refinancing City of Greenbelt, Maryland, Refunding Bond of 2011 and Taxable **General Obligation Pension Refunding Bond of 2013** 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Civic Associations Virtual meetings will be shown live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, August 4 at 7:00pm, PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Virtual) On the Agenda: review of the Council work session with the Advisory Board Chairs and Planning for the remainder of 2020

Tuesday, August 4 at 7:00pm, ARTS ADVISORY BOARD (Virtual) On the Agenda: FONDCA and GAC's update of the FY21 Recognition Group funding request (add utilities to rent and staffing as proposed uses of city funding); VOTE on funding recommendation.

Wednesday, August 5 at 8pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/ Roosevelt Center Owner Virtual meeting will be shown live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL-SPECIAL MEETING

Virtual

August 3, 2020 - 7:30 p.m. Special Meeting Agenda

I. ORGANIZATION

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3 Approval of Agenda

II. LEGISLATION

4. Refinancing City of Greenbelt, Maryland, Refunding Bond of 2011 and Taxable General Obligation Pension Refunding Bond of 2013 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, FROM TIME TO TIME, TO BORROW NOT MORE THAN FOUR MILLION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,125,000) FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF REFUNDING THE OUTSTANDING PRIN-CIPAL AMOUNT OF THE CITY'S REFUNDING BOND OF 2011 AND THE CITY'S TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION PENSION REFUNDING BOND OF 2013 AND TO EFFECT SUCH BORROW-ING BY THE ISSUANCE AND SALE, UPON ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT, OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGA-TION BONDS IN LIKE PAR AMOUNT PURSUANT TO THE AU-THORITY OF SECTION 19-207 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 55 OF THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION AND DISPOSAL OF THE PROCEEDS OF SALE OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT FOR THE PROMPT PAYMENT OF THE MATURING PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND PAY-MENT OF THE BONDS.

1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules

2nd Reading, Adoption

AN ORDINANCE TO AWARD THE ISSUE OF UP TO \$4,125,000 CITY OF GREENBELT REFUNDING BONDS OF 2020 IN ONE OR MORE SERIES; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, MATURI-TY, INTEREST RATE AND PROVISIONS FOR PAYMENT AND RE-DEMPTION OF SAID BONDS; CONFIRMING THE COVENANTS OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT FOR THE PROMPT PAYMENT OF THE MATURING PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS; FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY, AND ALL OTHER DETAILS WITH RESPECT TO THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS.

1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules

2nd Reading, Adoption

Note: Per Council's Standing Rules, six (6) votes in the affirmative are needed to suspend the rules for adoption at this meeting. To consider on August 10th Council agenda, it is recommended the ordinance be introduced for first reading.

5. Adjournment

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

- Arts Advisory Board
- **Board of Elections**
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301-474-8000

CENSUS TAKERS TO START **FOLLOW UP IN** PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

The Census Bureau announced that it will begin following up with households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census on July 30, 2020.

Health and Safety: Census takers are trained to wear a mask while conducting their work and will follow CDC and local public health guidelines

Households can identify the census takers by their:

- ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date
- A Census Bureau-issued phone

Self Respond: Households can still self-respond online, by phone or by mail!

To respond online: https://my2020census.gov

To respond by phone: 844-330-2020











Emergency Diaper Pick-Up

Need help with diapers? In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, The Greenbelt Nursery Project is supporting needy Prince George's county families by distributing diapers on Monday, August 10th, 2020.

Parents are required to bring state-issued photo ID, each child's birth certificate, proof of Prince George's residency (mail from a federal, state, or local government agency which display their name and Prince George's county residential address).

No walk-ups accepted. Please register online at https://forms.gle/sV89mpkbFGscQAHS9. Registration required. Time and location given upon submitted registration.



Bilingual Community Outreach Coordinator Greenbelt Assistance in Living program
City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Office: (240) 542-2019

REGISTER NOW AND CONNECT WITH YOUR CAMP FRIENDS!

Summer fun plans for youth ages 3 through 17 years.

www.greenbeltmd.gov/summerconnect

GREENBELT RECREATION

Summer Fun Activity Kits



Join us on Tuesday, August 4 10am-12noon (or until they are gone) Springhill Lake **Elementary School** 6060 Springhill Drive

Summer Fun Activity Kits will be provided free of charge to Greenbelt residents. Kits are designed for youth ages 3+ and are filled with art supplies, sports equipment and more!

Please bring proof of Greenbelt Residency.

CONSIDER **MAKING A DONATION TO ONE** OF THE CITY'S CHARITABLE FUNDS

The City of Greenbelt receives no portion of these funds nor does it charge an administrative fee for processing the donations

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND TO ASSIST ST. HUGH'S FOOD PANTRY: This fund is overseen by the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA). The St. Hugh Food Pantry will also take food donations that are dropped outside of the church office at 135 Crescent Road. Thank you so much for your help!

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND: Established to accept and disburse donations re-

ceived to assist Greenbelt residents to pay rent to avoid possible eviction. Approximately a dozen individuals receive assistance from these funds each fiscal year.

Donate online at greenbeltmd.gov/donations

BRADEN FIELD TENNIS COURT TOKENS AVAILABLE!

To purchase tokens to be used for the lights at the Braden Field Tennis Courts please call Cathy Pracht at 240-542-2196 or e-mail cpracht@greenbeltmd.gov to make an appointment.

GREENBELT RECREATION **CELEBRATES PARKS & RECREATION MONTH**



During the pandemic, Recreation and Parks agencies across Maryland

and the country have stepped up to fill gaps and provide essential services including food distribution to children, seniors and families, staffing community centers re-purposed as shelters for people who are housing-insecure and offering emergency child-care to essential person-

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Camp Encore campers do warmups in session 1. Top row from left, Olivia Nickel, Alexandra Nickel, Susannah Krage, Hannah Collins; second row from left, Rebecca Schmit, Zachary Cheng, Felicity Garcia, Mark Robinson; third row from left, Sara Nelson, Julia Delehant, Julia May, Madeleine McComb; bottom row from left, Mecca Lartigue, Coyla Cantwell, Ani Arzoumanian.

pate by typing jokes and encouraging words into the chat, adding a whole new dimension to the improv experience. The campers are then split into groups and attend music, movement, stage combat and acting classes led by the various staff. These classes teach artistic skills through fun activities, allowing the campers to try new things in innovative ways online. For example, in Goldstein's music classes, campers are introduced to songwriting as they create electronic beats, use various household items to make music and work on writing song lyrics.

The afternoons are then primarily spent in rehearsals, culminating in recording Fun, Fearless and Fierce: Shakespeare's Females and the Fellas They

Fascinate, an hour-long show that consists of scenes from various Shakespeare plays, including some songs and dances. Every camper gets the opportunity to portray an iconic Shakespeare character in scenes from As You Like It, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Macbeth and more. While they do not get to perform on stage as usual, they still have a final performance video as a record and memento of their work this summer.

Though this camp summer is certainly different from the norm, both campers and staff are making the best of it and having a great time. Director Kate Magill Robinson found that socializing with other campers was essential to the camp experience and designed the online camp structure

with that in mind. "For many of them, Camp Encore has been a family of sorts - a safe space for them to be themselves and, for teenagers that's critical at this point in their lives," Magill Robinson said. "In many ways giving them (safely social distanced) social opportunities was as important (if not more so) than the artistic value of the show itself. It's not the same, but I think we did our best and I'm really proud of the relationships they've created and how they have brought the new campers into the family as well." The open-mindedness of the campers, parents and staff has ensured that while it is different, the Summer Connect camp programs are still a huge success.

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visible day and night, the Mother and Child statue, which is also a city landmark, can scarcely be

- Season-specific lighting throughout the Center to create an inviting and festive atmosphere.
- Ground-level lighting to increase pedestrian safety and define the Center, for example, in the area of the staircase leading down to the Greenbelt Arts Center and the pathway between the New Deal Café and WMCRP Architects.
- Repairing the dysfunctional lighting on the second level of two of the original buildings in the Center.

In addition to the descriptions of the suggested changes, the AAB had prepared slides with "before" and "after" images of how specific areas in the Center might look.

Representatives of the AAB met in February with members of the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association to get their reaction to the proposal and found them to be very receptive. Benefits cited included improving safety for both merchants and residents visiting the Center, making the Center more appealing and giving the Center "life."

Councilmember Judith Davis moved to encourage further planning on the project, with the understanding that due to this year's fiscal uncertainties it would likely have to be pursued in phases. She noted that Public Works Director Jim Sterling had suggested that some components, including some of the lighting itself, might be accomplished through that department's budget. Another promising source of help was the Roosevelt Center property manager, who volunteered expertise in developing a lighting plan.

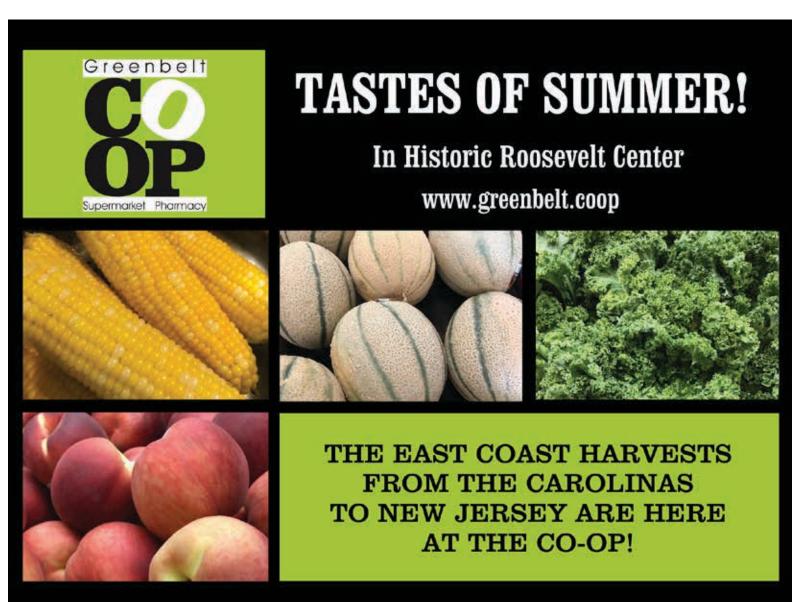
Councilmember Rodney Roberts supported the idea, with the caveat that he did not approve of putting lights on trees and that he would like to see the planning go in the direction of restoring the original concept of the Center. He also pointed out that some of the buildings where lighting would need to be restored are not owned by the city and would require the owner's permission.

Councilmember Silke Pope seconded Davis's motion. When the vote was taken, council unanimously encouraged the AAB and the Public Works Department to further develop the plan and provide information to council on what can be done in phases with the funding available.



A dragonfly takes a brief rest at the Lake.





The Real Estate Market is Opening Up—at a Safe Social Distance!

If you are thinking of selling and feel safe doing so, this is a great time. Right now we have more buyers than sellers. We are working with several fully qualified buyers, and there is a serious shortage of inventory!

- Buyers, let's talk by about goal-setting and connecting with the right lender for preapproval. This is your first step.
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My Perspective

Moving Forward Together: Personal vs Systemic Oppression

by Susan Taylor

Thank you to the amazing team at the News Review that selflessly toils to make the inner and outer workings of our fair city accessible to all who live here. I read it cover to cover every week.

I was disheartened when I saw the recent half page ad declaring support for individuals who are paid to serve the people of Greenbelt through the police department. This ad concerned me, right away – not for the increased revenue for the News Review, but for what it stands for in our community conversation. What this ad confuses is analyzing and decrying systemic oppression with impugning the virtue of individuals.

The Latin roots of the word community speak about things held in common – our intentions, our values, our resources, our needs, the risks we take together.

I believe in our cooperative struggle to be good neighbors, to live under common values, and to work, intentionally, to be together. This is why I choose to live in Greenbelt. I know that living in Greenbelt in 2020 means working together to challenge the myths and reality around her present and her founding, and to consciously uncover any institutionalized harm that hides in the shadows of those myths.

In our city and our nation, our collective past and present are filled with oppression, injustice, deep inequity and pain. Therefore, it is dangerous to believe that the status quo is healthy for any of us, or for all of us. How do we move forward together?

In our Greenbelt, challenging the status quo means looking clearly and, perhaps uncomfortably, at how reality contradicts the myths of our community and nation. The American Dream that Greenbelt represented when planned and built was a one slice-of-the-pie myth of safety and prosperity. That this Dream, and the dreaming that goes with it, was built on the lives and labor of enslaved humans, and on genocide, is historically clear. Our past fills us all with shame. How do we move forward together?

It is only by moving closer toward each other in acknowledging and feeling the shame of privilege and trauma that we can uncover our feelings of concern for our neighbors and, ultimately, lead ourselves into ethical neighborly action and choices.

Discussions analyzing how our tax dollars are spent (to truly envision dollar signs demonstrating our values lived in community) happen on multiple levels. Right now we are looking at both the reality of contracting people to work for our city and at the larger systemic concerns of abuses of power. Moving forward together requires us to live both in the moment, and to pause to be certain that our values and our money are being used to uphold all of our residents (and, at the very least, not to hurt anyone). These discussions can lead down the rabbit hole of confusing the actions and intentions of individuals with the actions and intentions of encompassing sociocultural systems.

There is no issue that ever has

two simple, delineated sides. I am not taking sides in the city's negotiations with her employees or even commenting on that. I am writing about how we can move forward together.

I am speaking here on the ways we, as neighbors, engage with one another. The ways in which we, as a community, raise smokescreens in public discourse by discussing individual behavior rather than systemic oppression. The ways in which we, as a city, hide from acknowledging that the status quo of power and control is maintained by all of us. And, that the status quo will stand until we act to surrender whatever gain we receive by enforcing the rights of property over the rights of people. The ways in which each one of us has internalized the cultural power structure into our individual thinking (a process called interpellation) - internalized this so deeply that we believe the values of the system of power are our own. The ways in which we fail to hear how the coded language of racism uses the phrase "law and order" to justify violent power over societal structures that dehumanize all of us. The ways in which we, as individuals, as a community, as a city, can say, "well, we've always done it this way" to use a myth of efficiency to disguise our knowledge that harm is being perpetuated in our name, and with our money.

Certainly, we can point to despicable individual acts of horrible hatred. We can point to individual acts that devolve into a banality of evil. But even these tragedies pale in comparison to our co-construction and maintenance of institutional oppression, and the institutions of oppression that reach into every single aspect of our society and every single one of our selves.

And, certainly, we can also point to dedicated individual acts of selfless service to one another. And, we do need to hear these tales to soothe our battered hearts. Yet, by framing the focus of our conversations with each other on the acts of individuals rather than systems, we are upholding the fairy tales of nationalistic exceptionalism, equality and freedom.

How do we move forward

I don't think anyone is arguing over the contracts with other city employees at this moment. There is a reason, and not just a temporal cycle of contracts, that we are talking, together, about how we will use our human and material resources to uphold our values as a community in the police department.

The notion of a police force has its origin in protecting property and capital. Policing was not a default use of a community's resources, human and material, throughout human history. We need to be able to look at how our community uses its precious resources of good people for the good of all of us. Challenging the use of our city's resources is not the same as challenging individuals who serve in that context.

I keep asking myself, what is

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Archive Project Maintains Momentum, Despite COVID

The scanner has remained unused since mid-March, but work on the News Review's digital archive project (the Greenbelt Archive Project, or GAP) has moved steadily forward. GAP seamlessly shifted its focus to tasks that could be done remotely by digital technician Cecilia Franck, a student in the University of Maryland's Master of Library and Information Science program. First up were News Review issues from 2002 and forward, which originally were produced in digital format and do not need to be scanned. Franck visually checked each digital issue page-by-page for blank spaces (where an ad or photo was missing) or other errors, noting issues that would need extra attention, and re-ran the inherent optical character recognition (OCR) on the others so that all text is digitally recognized and searchable.

Franck then began work on issues published prior to 1964. These issues had been digitized by a contractor, Creekside Digital (creeksidedigital.com), paid by a grant GAP's collaborator University of Maryland Libraries received from the National Endowment for the Humanities for participation in the National Digital Newspaper Program.

As part of this grant, Greenbelt newspapers from 1937 through 1963 are being posted on the Library of Congress (LOC) Chronicling America website (chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/ sn89061521/). LOC requires that newspapers be submitted with a TIFF file for each page. Franck compiled the multiple page-files for each issue into a single PDF file for each issue, ran OCR on all the issue files and has been uploading them to the News Review collection on the Internet Archive (archive.org/details/ greenbelt-news-review), where all issues of the paper will eventually be posted. There are now more than 1800 issues of the News Review on this site, including the first issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator (the paper's original name - it was changed to the Greenbelt News Review in September 1954), with more being posted there almost daily.

The scanning will resume -News Reviews from April 1994 into January 2002 still need to be done – when the University of Maryland enters Phase 3 of its reopening plan. Franck, though paid by GAP, is a University of Maryland employee and thus subject to their restrictions and requirements during the health emergency which will require that Franck work in the digitization lab at Hornbake Library rather than off-site in GAP's workroom in the Community Center. The project, originally targeted for completion in September 2020, is now expected to be finished in early 2021. The City of Greenbelt has generously acceded to a request by GAP to extend its tenure in the Community Center accordingly.

Readers are encouraged to visit the News Review page on the Internet Archive to read about Greenbelt's history or search for particular topics of interest. To access the newspapers so



Digital technician Cecilia Franck works on a News Review submission to the Internet Archive.

that the thumbnail images are ordered by publication date, go to archive.org/details/greenbeltnews-review?&sort=date (note that the thumbnail is not always the front page of the issue). This visual overview reveals the transformation through the years in the paper's name, appearance and how it was produced, from the original typed-mimeographed-stapled issues of 1937 and 1938 to a newsprint paper professionally typeset and printed for decades

by Allen Printing and on to the digitally produced (born-digital) papers of recent years. See greenbeltarchive.org/about-thepaper for more information.

Questions or comments on the project, or requests for tips on searching the papers, can be sent to newsreview.archive@gmail.

News Review staffer Deanna Dawson is coordinator of the Greenbelt Archive Proj-

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Business

Beltway Barbers Reopens With New COVID Protocols

by René Sewell-Raysor

The statistics are staggering. Thousands unemployed. Hundreds of small businesses closed, many permanently. When Governor Larry Hogan closed all nonessential businesses to staunch the spread of the coronavirus on March 30, it turned Beltway Plaza into a cordoned-off ghost town. Many businesses hunkered down and waited for the stay-athome order to be lifted. Rather than feel defeated, entrepreneur Jermaine Jackson, owner of Beltway Barbers, decided to upgrade his barbershop, where he has been the proprietor since 2009.

The newly reopened Beltway Barbers has the requisite plastic dividers between barbers, new lighting and flooring, and new sanitizing protocols. "We steam clean after each customer," said Jackson, who has also made arrangements for his barbers to be tested for COVID-19 at the nearby CVS.

You know immediately that this is not your father's barbershop. "We are not like the barbershop from the old neighborhoods where men hung out and good naturedly argued politics and sports. We are womanfriendly, family-friendly and community-friendly," Jackson stated. "Men and women come in and come back because we provide good service."

The road to entrepreneurship was not easy. Jackson laughs as he remembers flipping the light switch and being relieved that the electricity was still on. He took the lumps and bumps of ownership and learned from his mistakes. There was no mentor he could turn to, which is why he has a graduated informal mentoring relationship with young barbers.

"I look for high-quality barbers, but it also is a chance for a new barber to be mentored in how to build a clientele and provide top quality service. I give young barbers a chance."

An important relationship that Beltway Barbers has built is with the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. They provide free backto-school haircuts. They also provide gift certificates as door prizes when the recreation center hosts benefit games.

Things are not quite back to normal though. Older customers haven't returned in the same numbers as before COVID-19. "We hope that as our safety protocols demonstrate our commitment to keeping them safe they will return." Jackson welcomes old and new customers. "We are back and we are here to serve the entire community."





Beltway Barbers' Ernest Tripplett sanitizes a chair between customers.

- Photos by René Sewell-Raysor



Barber Johnny Ortiz focuses on his work.

Doctors Community Hospital Recognized for Excellence

U.S. News and World Report has again ranked Doctors Community Hospital, now part of Luminis Health, among the top hospitals in the region for select procedures and conditions. Doctors Community Hospital was rated as high performing in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and heart failure.

"Our physicians and staff are among the best in the state of Maryland and deserve this recognition for all of their hard work to provide the best care to our patients, especially those with COPD and heart failure," said Paul Grenaldo, president of Doctors Community Hospital. "We are proud to be consistently recognized by U.S. News and World Report for our care areas."

U.S. News and World Report evaluated more than 4,500 hospitals across the U.S. The methodology used to rate Doctors Community Hospital as high performing in heart failure included the review of risk-adjusted survival, discharges to home, blood clot prevention, noninvasive breathing aids and other care-related indicators. The methodology used to rate high performance for COPD included nurse staffing, patient experience and patient survival.

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the fear? What is scary about examining what we're doing, looking at how we've done it before, asking and double-checking to be sure everyone is safe, everyone is respected, everyone is included, and making clear decisions that move us forward, together, based on equity?

What is upsetting about analyzing the costs and benefits of any city program to all of our neighbors? Upholding our stated values requires constant personal and collective evolution, and the courage to look for our blind spots, together.

Working to re-craft how our collective money is spent to serve and lift up all of our residents, to create a meaningful and safe life for each and all Greenbelters is not about calling out or naming individual city employees, or even groups of people, but about having the courage to look at the functioning of the whole. How do we work to see that not everyone has the same experience? How do we listen and stay in the hard places with each other? How do

we move forward together?

To move forward together we must be willing to change, and to consider how all development is change. The intention of redesigning systems of community engagement, and asking all of our public employees to rededicate themselves to a re-thought-out system of jointly-held community values is not to threaten the jobs of individual persons. It's not about violence, power or coercion. It's about working together to create a vital city for all who live here. Intentionally. In community. In cooperation.

We, collectively, are colluding with oppressive power to maintain the status quo in small everyday ways, not just in grand or horrifying deeds. We, collectively, can move forward - can change. Imagine with me, please, what kind of a society could flourish if our foundational document was rewritten and retitled the Declaration of Interdependence.

How do we move forward together? What are we really

Send Us Your High Resolution Photos!

The News Review encourages readers to send in photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture.

If you are sending photos from your phone, please choose the option to send "actual size", or upload the photos to your computer first and then email the photos at full size. Send photos to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, August 6, 2020

GHI Special Open Session - starts at 7:00 p.m. (open to members and visitors) Approve Motion to Hold an Executive Session Meeting on August 6, 2020

- GHI Executive Session starts after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting adjourns (closed to Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting Held on July 9, 2020
 - Member Financial Matters
 - Request to Attend Settlement of a Unit Resale Remotely
 - - Purchase of an Electronic Key Management System for the Maintenance Department
 - Buy-out and Replacement of the Copier Machine in the Management Office 1st
- GHI Open Session (open to members and visitors) starts at 7:45 p.m.
 - Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on August 6, 2020
 - Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting Held on July 9, 2020 Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting Held on July 9, 2020
 - Member Proposal to Establish a COVID-19 Fee Deferral Relief Fund for GHI Members
 - GHI Long Range Planning Committee's Report re: Initial Research and Data Analysis Nomination & Elections Committee Proposal for Electing Board and Audit Committee Members
 - Member's Request that Audio-visual Recordings of Board Meetings be Made Available to Members Member's Proposal to Install a One-Access Doorway at the Bottom of the Stairways to Connect Two

 - Proposed Revisions to Section VII: Fences of the Member handbook Succession Planning Task Force's Report re: A Succession Policy and Emergency Back-up Plan for
 - the General Manager's Position
 - Proposed Board Meeting Schedule for the Remainder of 2020

ontact information for attending the GHI Special Session, and Regular Open Session Meetings which will be held via a Zoom ectronic platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is as follows:

Fime: Aug 6, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) oin Zoom Meeting

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Mailbox in Roosevelt Center Is an Open-and-Shut Case

Over the weekend of July 25, Rev. Dr. Robin Hawley Gorsline noticed that the mailbox near Cedars of Lebanon was partially taped up but it still permitted him to deposit his mail. By late Monday, with the tape still there, he assumed it was a prank and peeled the tape back. But when he looked again on Tuesday and the tape remained in place, he decided to check further with the Greenbelt Post Office.

The post office told him that, in fact, the door used for emptying the mailbox was somehow jammed shut and they couldn't open it. So Gorsline put a handmade sign on the box because, though mail could still go in, none of it was coming out and heading to its destination.

The U.S. Postal Service employee on the phone assured Gorsline that they are going to try again to open it and, if that fails, they will have the box removed and find a way to retrieve any mail inside it.

Gorsline says he doesn't understand why there was not an



The mailbox located in the parking lot at Roosevelt Center is closed.

official sign saying it was closed. He suspects that, "there are a few people like me who have mail in there that will not move until they succeed in getting the box open."

In an email sent at 4:35 p.m. Tuesday, Gorsline reported: "Walking by now, I see the mailbox has been removed."



A Common Branded Skipper butterfly, which has a wingspan of only about an inch, drinks nectar from a coneflower in the pollinator garden at Buddy Attick Park.



Hibiscus blossom

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.

Abduction

July 21, 5:20 p.m., 6101 block Breezewood Court. The victim advised that she left her car unlocked and running with her 6-year-old daughter inside the vehicle. The suspect, described as a Black male, no further description available, got in the vehicle and drove away with the child still in the backseat. The child and the abandoned vehicle were located a short time later near the 6001 building of Springhill Drive. The child appeared to be in good health and was reunited with her mother.

Theft

July 20, Green Ridge House. Prescription medicine was taken from a purse.

July 20, 11 a.m., Beltway Plaza. The victim advised that unknown person(s) entered the back office of the Beltway Plaza Hardware Store and removed credit cards from her purse and later attempted to use her credit cards to make unauthorized purchases.

July 21, 56 Court Crescent Road. Two bicycles were reported removed from the backyard of a residence. Both bikes are described as Walmart brand; one is white and brown and the other is white.

July 22, 1 Court Gardenway. A bright blue Specialized Hardrock brand bicycle was reported taken from an unsecured garage.

July 22, 8 Court Southway. Two figurines were taken from a residence.

Fraud

July 16, 7:22 p.m., Edmonston Terrace. A victim reported fraud. The victim advised that he attempted to activate a cash app card but was instead defrauded when the person he talked to on the phone convinced him to purchase gift cards and give the

caller the information on the gift card.

Threats

July 16, 8:37 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A victim advised that he was walking down the street when a subject in a vehicle pulled up alongside him and threatened him and called him names. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 18 years of age.

Vandalism

July 16, 6:30 p.m., 9145 Springhill Lane. A witness advised that he observed three juvenile males break out a window at a vacant apartment and flee the scene.

Arrests

July 16, 3:15 p.m., 7515 Greenbelt Road. Dabreon Shavone Bryan, 24, of District Heights, was arrested and charged with fraud and theft by officers responding to a report of someone attempting to pass a fraudulent check at the Capital One Bank. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

July 19. Greenbelt Road and Edmonston Road. A stolen vehicle was recovered. Ervin Harris, 59, of no fixed address, was arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft and theft after being stopped for a traffic violation. The vehicle, a 2010 Chevrolet van, was reported stolen to the Metropolitan Police Department. The tags on the vehicle had also been reported stolen to the Metropolitan Police Department. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

July 20, 2 p.m., 9013 Breezewood Terrace. Delanta Hall, 24, of Silver Spring, was arrested and charged with assault and malicious destruction by officers responding to a report of a man with a gun. Further investigation revealed that the weapon was a paintball gun. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

July 20, 11:42 p.m., 6103 Breezewood Court. Richard Carter, 46, of Washington, D.C., was arrested and charged with robbery and first-degree assault by officers responding to a report of a cutting. The victim advised that the suspect attempted to steal his back pack. A struggle ensued and the suspect produced a pocketknife and cut the victim. The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Vehicle Crime

July 16, 6002 Springhill Drive. A black 2007 Nissan Maxima 4-door, Maryland tags 9EB4146, was reported stolen.

July 19, Hanover Drive. Someone broke out the driver's door of a vehicle.

July 20, 7810 Walker Drive. Someone used an unknown object to strike a vehicle, denting the vehicle and breaking the glass.

July 20, 6100 block of Breezewood Drive. Maryland tag 2BF0312, was taken from a vehicle.

Vehicles Recovered

July 16, 6320 Golden Triangle Drive. A 2020 Dodge pickup, stolen in Woodbridge, Va., was recovered prior to it having been reported stolen. No arrests.

July 20, 7400 block of Morrison Drive. A 2020 Jeep Cherokee, reported stolen by a car rental company was recovered. No arrests.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

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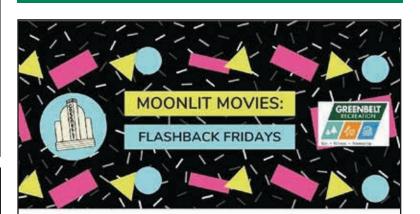
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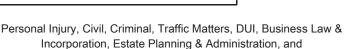
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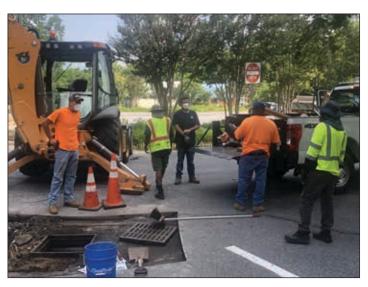
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Public Works Crews at Work

Neither pandemic nor summer heat can deter the stalwart staff of Greenbelt Public Works from their appointed duties. Below, Public Works staff repair the Roosevelt Center parking lot. At bottom, a picture taken in April shows landscaping work continuing under the City's COVID-19 protocols.









- Photos courtesy City of Greenbelt



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Leah Cohen Explores Global Stitchery in Zoom Classes

by Letty Wilson Bonnell

Many have dusted off their sewing machines as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic, whether to attempt one of the many mask patterns available online or to catch up on those sewing repair projects that have been piling up on the shelf above the washing machine. Through Greenbelt Recreation's Summer Arts Classes, however, Greenbelt artist Leah Cohen is using her interest in textile arts, practiced in such far-flung locales as Nepal, Panama and Japan, to instruct both children and adults in unleashing their creative energies.

Her current course offerings include Felt Mandalas, using embroidery to recreate meditative Nepalese mandala patterns on circular felt pieces that can be used in a variety of sewing projects; Molas: Folk Art of Panama, where students replicate the colorful reverse appliqué panels made by the Guna people of Panama; and two classes based on the traditional Japanese needlework techniques of sashiko mending stitches and boro patchwork mending.

Cohen's interest in these various artistic perspectives can be traced back to the many arts and crafts projects she pursued with her family while growing up. As a college undergraduate, she discovered she also liked teaching, finishing with a double degree in visual arts and early childhood education. She went on to earn a master's degree in art history, where she explored the art of many different cultures and time periods, emphasizing that, "There is nothing that is not interesting to learn!"

Cohen then put this knowledge into practice as a teacher in the Head Start program in the D.C. public school system. When her daughter Dinah reached school age, her focus shifted to homeschooling and she began researching and preparing lesson plans for her daughter. Creating these lesson plans led her to the realization that the brightness and color of folk art and clothing could be an effective starting point for teaching art to young children. This, in turn, affected her own art, which shifted from painting to quilting and then to knitting. Over time, as mother and daughter worked together on devising topics for homeschooling, Cohen began to use these lesson plans as components of the art courses for homeschoolers she taught at the Community Center through Greenbelt Recreation. These included such themes as geometric patterning and botanical illustration, which incorporated slide presentations to introduce art terms, techniques and artist biographies. Since the closing of the Community Center due to COVID-19 in March, some of these classes are now available online.

In May, for instance, Cohen offered "Spring Botany Lessons with Leah Cohen" in Greenbelt Recreation's Celebration of Spring activities, using five slide presentations to guide students through a brief history of botanical illustration and, from there, ways to document nature through photography and drawing in order to create original works



Embroidery on felt mandalas by Leah Cohen

- Photos by Leah Cohen



Japanese boro stitching and patchwork (detail) by Leah Cohen

of art. Go to greenbeltmd.gov/recreation, click on Visual Arts and scroll down to find Leah Cohen's Spring Botany Lessons. As she observes, "Sometimes the most important thing is in your own back yard."

Watch for Cohen's online courses in Greenbelt Recreation's Fall guide to classes – and be on the lookout for the knitted and embroidered works of art by mother and daughter at Greenbelt's Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair in December.



An Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly lands on a flower in a Coneflower Garden at Schrom Hills Park.