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Dr. Fauci Addresses Prince George's Vaccine Concerns

by Brittany N. Gaddy

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On Monday, February 8, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, joined County Executive Angela Alsobrooks in a webinar discussing concerns surrounding Covid-19 vaccines.

"The light at the end of the tunnel is vaccines," Fauci said. "The way you end this terrible scourge that we've experienced over the last greater than one year is to get everyone protected."

According to the Prince George's County Health Department, nearly 70,000 county residents have contracted the novel coronavirus. Greenbelt has over 1,600 confirmed cases.

The genomic sequence of



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Dr. Anthony Fauci discusses concerns about Covid-19 vaccines on Monday, February 8.

the coronavirus was realized in January of 2020, Fauci said. In December, Pfizer and Moderna vaccines were given emergency use authorization by the Food and Drug Administration.

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Fire and Police Turn Out To Honor GVFD's Bregman

by Amy Hansen



PHOTO BY GEORGE MATHEWS

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department joins Greenbelt Police Department, Branchville VFD, Glenn Dale VFD, Berwyn Heights VFD and Silver Hill VFD to honor Brian Bregman on Monday, February 8.

On Monday, February 8, the officers and members of Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) were joined by members of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Greenbelt Police Department, Glenn Dale Volunteer Fire Department (Company 18), the Metropolitan Police Department, Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department Truck 1 and Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department Truck 14 to provide a funeral escort for FF/EMT/MPD Reserve Officer Brian Bregman. Bregman was found dead on February 3 in his apartment in Laurel after police responded to a burglary alarm, according to the Laurel Police Department.

GVFD said that Bregman joined the fire service in 1998 at Company 30 in Landover Hills. He was also a member at Company 48 West Lanham Hills Vol-

unteer Fire Department prior to joining GVFD in 2006. During his tenure with the fire service, Bregman held numerous officer positions, including the emergency medical services liaison position (Car 6099) and served as legal counsel for the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association. In addition to his fire service involvement, Bregman was a reserve officer with the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C.

"We also want to sincerely thank all of the companies and personnel that staged apparatus along the route to honor Brian. We said our final goodbyes to Brian, who was a brother, son, friend and colleague to many – you may be gone, but your spirit of service will live on," GVFD said in their post on Monday.

County Vaccinations

As of February 9, Prince George's County had vaccinated just over 4 percent of its population. It remains in last place at approximately half the percentages of suburban/rural Montgomery County and urban Baltimore City. Baltimore County has reached about 10.5 percent, while the rural enclaves of Talbot, Kent and Worcester counties are at almost 15 percent of population vaccinated. The state claims about 650,000 first shots overall (~10 percent of its population). As of Tuesday, February 9 and despite their presence on the list of vaccine sites, Safeway and Giant pharmacies do not yet seem to have had any availability and the Six Flags vaccination site is listed as full until February 15 and offers no appointments after that date.

Black History Reel & Meal Screens CodeSwitching

On Monday, February 15, Reel and Meal will screen CodeSwitching, a 2019 film about a voluntary school desegregation program that bused Boston youth to better-resourced suburban schools starting in the 1970s. Greenbelt Recreation Department sponsors the film as one of its Black History Month educational offerings. The film begins at 7 p.m. via Zoom; entry starts at 6:45 p.m. Registration is required at tinyurl.com/ReelAndMealFeb.

Five Black alumni of a Boston school integration effort talk about the upsides and drawbacks of being bused for a better education. Most achieve enviable academic success. It wasn't easy, however, for them to navigate between their urban neighborhood and their predominantly affluent white schools. "Code switching" means flipping between dialects in conversation. One girl in the film says, for instance, that she needed to not talk "too Black," when in a white community. But code switching means more than language use. Shuttling between highly segregated worlds, the students feel ill at ease having to

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What Goes On

Monday, February 15
Presidents Day Holiday, City Offices Closed

Wednesday, February 17
8 p.m. City Council Worksession: Public Session on Collective Bargaining Agreement

Thursday, February 18
1 to 3 p.m. Free Produce Distribution, Community Center
All council meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

I'm Honored to Have Been Part Of Greenbelt Reporting Its News

by Gary Childs

In a democracy, a free society where citizens work to forge a better life for themselves and their families, it is both a privilege and responsibility for citizens to report their news. The First Amendment guarantee of freedom of the press (along with the entire rule of law) is ours to safeguard, ours to make real. Citizens are both responsible for, and beneficiaries of, searching out and reporting their community's news. In large cities, we the people have set up a system of training journalists who work for news outlets which we support. But in Greenbelt, we have a front-row seat, and are even sometimes on the stage, as we enact, week after week, a free press.

Journalism is about us and what we do. Our news describes and illustrates how we Americans are trying to form that sometimes elusive more perfect union. It's



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Gary Childs

about how we try to keep elected officials in tune with the community that put them in office as they spend tax dollars on schools and roads and law enforcement and more. It's about how we seek new laws that will help us better realize liberty and justice for all. And our news is about our common life: what our teachers and students, our artists and scientists, our faith communities and other

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Congress Requests GSA Plan For New Larger FBI HQ

by James Giese

According to recent press accounts, the proposal to relocate the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) headquarters to a new site, halted in 2017 by the Trump Administration, is back on track. The recently enacted omnibus spending bill requires the General Services Administration (GSA) to come up with a plan for a new headquarters, located in the Washington Metropolitan Area, within 90 days.

With a new administration still in the process of being established, it is unclear how the GSA will proceed. However, the short time limit makes it more likely that GSA will revive its previous site selection process, which had included the Greenbelt Metro Station as a possible location of the

new headquarters. The GSA was supposed to make a decision in 2013, but never did.

Background

In October 2015 the plan to construct the new FBI headquarters facility was reported to be "stuck in bureaucratic purgatory" and the search for a site to replace the obsolete building was "falling way behind schedule." But just how far remained unknown.

Numerous problems with the existing J. Edgar Hoover Building were detailed, including chunks of concrete falling from it and a layout that primarily served for storage of fingerprint files that are now digitized.

The relocation study was

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Aerial view of proposed FBI Headquarters at the Greenbelt Metro Station, as envisioned in July 2014

Letters to the Editor

Greenbelt Proud

Walking down Southway the other day I noticed a banner full of masked faces beaming down at me to show the public the importance of wearing masks both inside and outside. As a strong proponent of wearing masks for good health, my heart burst with pride to see that the City of Greenbelt cared enough to display this fine banner. How lucky we are to have such thoughtful public servants. Now all I have to do is get my vaccine, and I'll be fit as a fiddle!

Trudy Croyeur



The Six Triple Eight

While reading an article in the February American Legion Magazine I became aware of a significant piece of black history. This piece had been described in the 2018 documentary titled, The Six Triple Eight.

Since I have been a regular attendee of black history events in Greenbelt, I wondered why I had never heard about this.

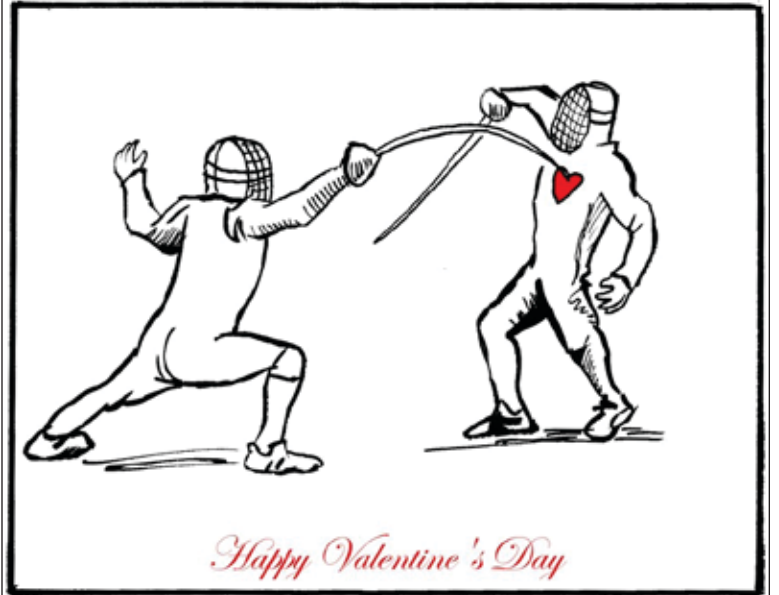
I hope that the persons responsible for this year's Black History Month will ensure that your readers become informed.

Bill Norwood

Editor's Note: The Six Triple Eight was shown at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on March 9, 2020. An article on the film, written by Lois Rosado, was published in the March 12, 2020 issue of the News Review (see greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20200312.pdf, page 7).

Correction

Our Editor's Note in the Letters of last week's paper described the provisions of the 2020 bill called Anton's Law that was not passed by the Maryland General Assembly. The 2021 bill, Public Information Act – Personnel Records – Investigations of Law Enforcement Officers (Anton's Law), HB120/SB178 does not include any use-of-force wording. As introduced, it would reform the Maryland Public Information Act by removing the records of law-enforcement-officer-misconduct investigations from the current classification as confidential personnel records. This change would allow but not require a record custodian to release records, allowing custodians to deny inspection of such records.



Pete Reppert

- News Review, February 2, 2018

Greenbelt Postal Customers Dismayed by Service Levels

by Cathie Meetre

Mail in Greenbelt has been seriously delayed over at least the holiday season. This is true both for items originating elsewhere and items mailed from here – even mail dropped at the Greenbelt Post Office to be sent to addresses in Greenbelt.

On December 17, the News Review mailed out a holiday greetings package to its members and staff as first-class letters. Many letters didn't arrive until January 9 or thereabouts. Fortunately, they were not time sensitive. But another newspaper member recounted that she had received threats to cut off services because her payments had not been received in time; in fact she received an invoice for a payment after the payment was already due – postmarked weeks before.

Undoubtedly, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) has been affected by the pandemic, with many of its staff off with the illness or in quarantine. The mail is not something that adapts to working from home. In contrast, delivery services like Amazon or UPS – which run an essentially similar service that involves sorting and distributing physical items – have continued to successfully deliver within one or two days of receiving an order.

Widespread Effects

An email request for information to the Greenbelt post office did not receive a response. It seems, from news reports, that this disruption is not a local phenomenon and is a result of a severe shortage of personnel (with thousands quarantined), cost-cutting measures that had already bitten into surge capacity and an exceptional uptick in the volume of mail over the holiday season that pushed an already overburdened mail system past its limits.

National Public Radio (NPR.org) reports that, during the holiday season, some bulk mailers were “embargoed,” while USPS worked to clear the bottleneck of letters and packages. In addition, delivery trucks reportedly waited hours or even days before they

could drop off mail at facilities in areas hit hard and early by Covid-19. From the News Review's perspective as a small local newspaper, it was sad to hear NPR report that many small-town newspapers that deliver via USPS were hard hit – unable to get their issues out in time for shoppers to see grocery store ads with time-sensitive offerings.

Is it Improving?

On the other hand, and perhaps heralding an improvement, an Amazon order placed on February 5, which spent much of its routing in the hands of USPS, arrived a day early on February 7.

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associations are doing to make this place even better. This is what the Greenbelt News Review seeks to report on each week, as it has done weekly since 1937.

It has been my privilege to be a part of this endeavor these past three years, reaching out to neighborhoods in the community, trying to include a wider cross-section of Greenbelt in the process. Time and time again I have been humbled by the commitment to community, the commitment to justice, the commitment to do the work (to put in the hours) it takes to help neighbors, to help neighborhoods, to work for an even better Greenbelt. I am awed by the commitment of citizens, from councilmembers to teachers, from law enforcement officers to members of various boards and committees, and to the many, many others working for this community. I will never forget the example you set.

It's funny I became known as the sports section guy. My family got a chuckle out of it, knowing that from childhood I've been an orchestra geek, not an athlete. Why have a sports section? Because in a community like Greenbelt, sports news is ultimately about our young people, how they are learning to be a member of a team, learning sportsmanship, learning how to lose, all

The News Review would be interested to hear from residents how first-class mail posted in the month of February has fared. Have residents' incoming and outgoing mail been showing up in a reasonable time frame within and beyond the city? If readers have any February experiences, good or bad, please share them with us at editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com. Put “USPS Story” in the subject line.



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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 6 - 8 p.m.

Office is currently closed to the public. Please phone or email.

GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center's east door near the municipal building.

Community Events

Democratic Club Hosts Black History Event

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club's Black History Month event will take place Sunday, February 28 at 3 p.m. The Zoom link will be included in next week's issue of the News Review. The Club will hold a black history quiz, a history lesson of Black Women and a discussion of the 2015 film "Drive While Black" starring Dominique Purdy, Sheila Tejada, and John Mead. (The film is available on YouTube.) The Club recommends readers view the film over the next couple of weeks so as to contribute more readily and listen more meaningfully to the main points expressed by others.

The Club feels that this would be a great way for Greenbelters to conclude what has been an impressive range of Black history lessons provided by the City's Recreation Department, Greenbelt Access Television, the Prince George's County Memorial Library System, the Greenbelt Museum and the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee.

For more information, including checking on your membership status or how to become a member, access rooseveltclub.com or call club President Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369.

Where to Get IRS Tax Forms, Publications

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Comptroller of Maryland plan to start processing individual tax returns for Tax Year 2020 on Friday, February 12. The deadline for filing tax returns or extension requests with both agencies is Thursday, April 15.

The Greenbelt Library has a limited number of the Form 1040/1040-SR (including Schedules 1-3) booklets and associated instruction booklets in either English or Spanish. Customers may obtain two copies of each booklet per curbside service visit. IRS Publication 17 will only be available online this year. Contact the PGCMLS Ask A Librarian service at 240-455-5451 or pgcmls.info/656 for assistance.

Customers are encouraged to visit the IRS website (irs.gov) to view/download/print or submit a request for mailing of Federal tax forms and information. Or call 800-829-3676 to request Federal tax forms and publications.

Customers may also obtain two copies of the Maryland 2020 resident tax booklet per curbside service visit. For most Maryland state tax forms and information, visit marylandtaxes.gov. For forms only, call 410-260-7951. Comptroller of Maryland Taxpayer Service Offices will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday by appointment only. In order to make an appointment at one of their branch offices, customers should access the appointment scheduler at marylandtaxes.gov/locations.php. The local Greenbelt office is located at 6401 Golden Triangle Drive, Suite 100 (301-486-7540).

Greenbelt Time Bank Valentine's Meeting

Join members of the Greenbelt Time Bank for an online Valentine's Day Get-Together on Sunday, February 14 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

During the first part of this event, participants are asked to join in a sock hop to show off a favorite pair of fun socks. They can place them on their hands or on their feet but should choose the most fun or outrageous pair.

Attendees will be invited to share a cherished picture, video, painting, object, writing, book, poem, craft demonstration or other item and explain its special meaning or how it represents particular values.

The sharing will be followed by a short craft lesson using common household items to create a special Valentine's Day memory of the get-together.

Mark the calendars, search the sock drawer, pull out that cherished item and be ready to join in a very different Valentine's Day treat. Invite friends using facebook.com/events/251926916449110.



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present themselves differently in the suburbs than in their urban environment, feeling estranged from their friends at home while being isolated at school and perhaps marked for arrest or harassment based on the color of their skin. The film raises questions about how schools can better support middle school and high school teens in such situations.

Jonathan Hutto, coordinator of the Prince George's People's Coalition, will lead the discussion following the film. Hutto co-authored an influential paper on the history of police accountability in Prince George's County in the Journal of Urban Health in 2016 (ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4824689).

Greenbelt's Co-op Grocery will once again offer a vegan meal for purchase: macro veg-

Racial Equity In Greenbelt

The Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance invites white Greenbelters to participate in a free, interactive, three-part workshop on Saturdays, February 20, March 6 and March 20 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. that covers how racism and white supremacy function, their foundation in the U.S. and the role of white people in building racial justice and supporting liberation movements led by Black, Indigenous and other Peoples of Color (BIPOC). As a way of understanding how racism operates, discussion will focus on Greenbelt's history of housing discrimination and the ways it impacts our community today. For more information, contact greenbeltraciaequity@gmail.com and see greenbeltraciaequity.org/training-workshops.



Maglev Comments

The Maglev Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available for comments, which are due by April 22. Information can be found at bwmaglev.info/index.php/project-documents/deis.

Comments may be made online or by email following the instructions on the website and also in writing by mailing them to the attention of SCMAGLEV Project/Lauren Molesworth, Maryland Transit Administration, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Connecting Across Greenbelt Meeting

Those who would like to see Greenbelt better connected and forge paths to equity can join a conversation and creatively deepen their support with community connections. Connecting Across Greenbelt (CAG) is a group of residents who gather virtually to build relationships across neighborhoods and to understand current challenges for all Greenbelters. The group's next meeting is Monday, February 22, and the topic will be yoga nidra and mindfulness. For more information, email communityconnections@gmail.com.

February Mindfulness

The next Unplugged Mindfulness Zoom session will be on Sunday, February 14, 1:30 to 3 p.m. In honor of Valentine's Day the group will be exploring the Buddhist practice "Metta" or Loving Kindness meditation. There will not be a teacher, but participants will sit together virtually, listening to a recorded guided meditation, and then talk about it afterwards. Experienced Buddhists as well as non-Buddhists and everyone in between are welcome to join. Admission is free. To get the Zoom link, send an email to events@greenbeltunplugged.org.

Beltway Plaza Open For Indoor Dining

As of 5 p.m. Friday, January 29, indoor dining resumed at the restaurants in Beltway Plaza, at 25 percent capacity. Social distancing will be maintained in the dining areas. Diners and shoppers must wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth at all times within the shopping center to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. Those without a mask can get one at the Mall's Security Office.

Mishkan Torah Chefs

This February the synagogue will be celebrating Purim. Based on the story in the Biblical book of Esther, this joyous holiday arises from a threatened annihilation of the Jews in ancient Persia that was averted by the bravery of the heroine and the faith and wisdom of her uncle. The nefarious plot of the evil vizier Haman is revealed and he gets his comeuppance. Wearing masks (how appropriate!) is a subtheme of the holiday. Participants read the scroll of Esther and celebrate with food and drink, frivolity, gift-giving and charity.

On Sunday, February 14 at 3:30 p.m., Chef Phyllis Oresky will demonstrate how to make hamantaschen – delicious triangular shaped pastries. The pastries can be filled with anything from poppy seeds to apricot jam, to Nutella or chocolate. This will be the fifth program in the Mishkan Torah Chefs series. Tune in for baking tips, stories and cooking treats.

Oresky is well known at Mishkan Torah for her baking ability. She is also no stranger to Greenbelt. She and her husband Rabbi Saul's first home was in University Square Apartments a few decades ago. They happily moved back to Greenbelt when Rabbi Saul became Mishkan Torah's Rabbi.

To RSVP for this Zoom event, email WaysAndMeans2@MishkanTorah.org (by Sunday at noon) or phone 301-474-4223 (by Friday at noon). Registrants will receive the Zoom link and the recipe. Classes are open to the entire community, and there is no charge. Donations are always welcome.



The Rude Mechanicals in residence at Greenbelt Arts Center present:

The Tamer Tamed

by John Fletcher, directed by Liana Olear

Did you ever wonder what happened after The Taming of the Shrew?

Online: Saturdays at 8pm, February 13 & 20. Suggested donation: \$10

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Coming Soon: Solomon and Marion, February 27 to March 7

Greenbelt Arts Center seeks General Manager

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See website or contact president@greenbeltartscenter.org for more information.

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11 am Greenbelt Newsreel	• or Selections From the GATE Archive
12 pm Democracy Now!	• Today's Syndicated Program
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Obituaries

Melvyn Scites



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Melvyn Lester Scites

Melvyn Lester Scites, 73, died on January 1, 2021. He was born in Man, W.Va., the oldest of the six children of Russell and Lillian Scites, with five brothers, Sherman, Bob, Vernon and Mike Scites, and one sister, Lisa Scites Bannon.

Melvyn spent 20 years working with the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club as a football and basketball coach, as well as serving as treasurer and registrar. He was well known by everyone in the Greenbelt community. Every

child knew, loved and looked up to him. To some he was Coach Melvyn, to some a friend and for others who were without a father figure, he became one. He spoke truth with a firm tone yet a soft heart. He encouraged everyone with his words and helped them to see their worth. He was a man of good character, an asset to the community and, in every way, the man behind so many success stories. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, being outdoors and spending time with his family.

He was an amazing father and grandfather. He is survived by his two sons, Charles Edward Scites (Tina Marie) of Greenbelt and Russell Bryan Scites of Pasadena, Md. He also leaves behind three grandchildren, Charles Edward Scites, Jr. ("CJ"), Kaci Marie Scardapane, Emily Nicole Scites ("Nikki") and three great-grandchildren, Jayden and Dominic Haines and Logan Scardapane.

Because of Covid restrictions, there will be a celebration of life at a later date. Announcements regarding the celebration will be made once it is finalized.



Shrove Tuesday At Mowatt Church

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were "shriven" (absolved from their sins). The association between pancakes and Shrove Tuesday may have arisen as it helps use up foods that are discouraged from being eaten during the Lenten season, such as butter, eggs and fat. The specific custom of Christians eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday dates to the 16th century.

Sharing pancakes and sausage has been an annual event at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church for many years. All are welcome to join in on February 16, Shrove Tuesday. Preorder pancakes and sausage by Friday, February 12 and pick up the order in front of Fellowship Hall. While there is no fee, donations are always welcome. Mowatt MUMC is located at 40 Ridge Road in Old Greenbelt. Call the office at 301-474-9410 to place an order. Specify how many you would like, and if you would like ashes for Wednesday to be included.

In Memoriam

Tooley Crater Commemorates A Powerhouse Greenbelter

by Cathie Meetre

Greenbelter Craig Tooley now joins such luminaries as Einstein, Galileo and Copernicus in having a feature of the Earth's moon named in his honor. Tooley, a resident of Lakeside Drive, died September 29, 2017, after a fiercely waged struggle with cancer. He was Goddard Space Flight Center's project manager for a number of high-profile missions and participated in the preparations and training for the fourth Hubble Servicing Mission in 2002.

Crater Tooley is a 7-kilometer circular region in a permanently shadowed area of Shoemaker crater near the lunar south pole. It is a crater within a crater – special in the lunar business for being partially illuminated, despite being in the colder and permanently shadowed region of the moon, by sunlight from the encompassing walls of the larger and higher Shoemaker crater in which it is embedded.

NASA's website notes, "Naming the crater after Tooley pays homage to the numerous accomplishments and indelible contributions (he) made to NASA's exploration community during his 34 years of service."

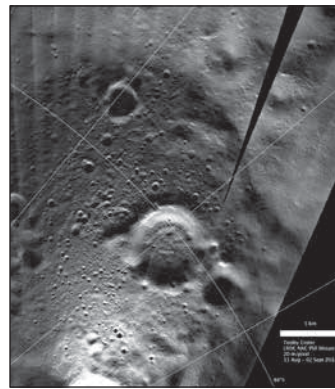
Peer Appreciation

Members of NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter team wanted to memorialize Tooley, who had been the project manager for the mission, by having a lunar crater named after him. They petitioned the International Astronomical Union Working



Craig Tooley gives a talk on the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Mission.

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Tooley crater stands out from the shadowed background near the moon's south pole.

PHOTO COURTESY NASA

Group for Planetary System Nomenclature, which approved their request.

Dream Come True
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Our condolences to the family and many friends of Melvyn Scites, particularly all those who benefitted from his leadership, coaching and friendship through the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club.

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



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Obituaries

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

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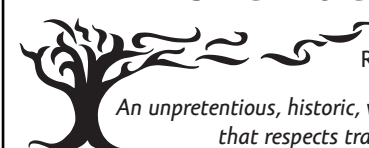
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City Notes

Families enjoyed snow-covered hills and geese enjoyed cakes and bread left at Buddy Attick Park, creating unsanitary conditions which park rangers aim to discourage. The Animal Shelter received a new cat and now houses six animals.

The Museum offered virtual tours to University of Maryland students. Daily Black History Month (BHM) posts describe Rossville Rural Development and Langston Terrace.

Public Works salted and plowed streets. Street Maintenance/Special Details installed BHM banners and Horticulture/Parks tended Turner Cemetery. Refuse/Recycling collected 21.17 tons of refuse and 10.66 tons of recyclables.

The Spring Recreation Guide features BHM events including Regina's Black Artifacts Pop-up Museum and an Artful Afternoon of quilts and puppetry. Both Recreation Centers premiered an in-person program: Fit Family Hour. The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center interviewed aquatic coordinator candidates. Therapeutic Recreation assisted Golden Agers with Zoom and created activity kits to accompany meal delivery for 38 seniors.

CARES' Darren Stephenson's series "Grand Love - Grandparents Raising Grandkids," attracted 12 grandparents.

At the Library

Curbside service is available Tuesdays through Fridays, 1 to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 1 to 5 p.m. Customers may place new hold requests via the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) catalog (catalog.pgcmlls.info/polaris) or Ask a Librarian Telephone Reference service at 240-455-5451. Call 301-699-3500 and ask for Public Services or use the link at pgcmlls.info/contact-us for assistance.

The library is not accepting book donations for the foreseeable future. Customers can place donations in the third-party book donation bin; do not place donations outside the bin if it is full.

All Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students have access to the library's online resources with their LINK card number. Adults may register for a free virtual library card or renew an existing card at pgcmlls.info.

Biblio Consulta: The Library's Spanish language call center is available at 240-455-5451 (option 2) Tuesdays through Fridays, 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 5 p.m.

Black History Month

PGCMLS has scheduled a spectrum of virtual events for Black History Month. Learn about Black voter engagement from Pulitzer-winner and county resident Leonard Pitts, Jr. (Thursday, February 11 at 7 p.m.) and about leaders and strategies of the Civil Rights Movement with author Anna Malaika Tubbs (Wednesday, February 17 at 7 p.m., *The Three Women*). A full schedule of upcoming programs can be accessed at pgcmlls.info/events.



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City Information & Events

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VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 16-19

Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** *On the Agenda: Police Reform put forth by the Mayor*

Wednesday, February 17 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** *On the Agenda: National Capital Planning Commission Concept Review Referral on the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and 7010 Greenbelt Road Proposed Development-Requests for City Support on Legislation*

Wednesday, February 17 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Public Hearing on the Collective Bargaining Agreement** *Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv*

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

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.

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Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- SCMaglev Opposition Task Force
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301- 474-8000

GREENBELT CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

African Drummers Master Class

Saturday, February 13; 3:00pm-4:00pm

Virtual Instructor: Michael Kweku

Register for this event at <https://bit.ly/35H2uw5>

Michael Kweku is an artist and craftsman from Accra, Ghana who has spent the last 10 years of his life studying traditional West African drumming, building traditional drums, and working with impoverished children in the Arts Center.

Poetry Slam - Prince George's County Public School Students

Sunday, February 14; 2:00-3:00pm; Virtual

Register for this event at <https://bit.ly/38JSzYv>

Tune-in to local Prince Georges County artists ages 13 through 19 as practitioners of the spoken word arts.

Enslaved Life and Labor on Maryland Plantations

Saturday, February 20; 2:00pm-3:00pm

Virtual Presenter: Dr. Leigh Ryan

Register for this event at <https://bit.ly/3oMHT06>

What was life like for those enslaved on a Maryland plantation?

Female RE-Enactors of Distinction (FREED)

Sunday, February 21; 2:00pm-3:00pm; Virtual

Register for this event at <https://bit.ly/38JRX5a>

Please join us in promoting the accomplishments of the African American Civil War Soldiers and the women who supported their fight for freedom.

Desegregating Greenbelt: Family Histories of the Community's First Black Residents

Thursday, February 25; 7:00pm

Register for this event at <https://bit.ly/3ilzxec>

Did you know that Greenbelt began as a segregated community? Join the Greenbelt Museum to learn about the community's first residents of color.

Belly Dancers of Color Collective Class

Saturday, February 27; 3:00pm-4:00pm

Virtual Instructors: Leila Nelson and Adina Gittens-Smith

Register for this event at <https://bit.ly/3ilzxec>

Belly Dancers of Color Collective was formed in 2015. This class will blend the traditional belly dance form with African, Caribbean dance styles.

Musical Performance from ERHS Gospel Choir

Sunday, February 28; 2:00pm

<https://youtu.be/LYVPOz1Asks>

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PRESIDENTS' DAY OF SERVICE

Monday, February 15, 2021

Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road
10 AM - 1 PM

Be a part of the community effort to protect trees from beaver herbivory at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to place wire caging around the trunks of native trees to protect them from beaver herbivory and remove invasive vines.

Reminders:

- Bring a reusable water bottle
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
- Students: bring community-service forms
- Limit to 25 volunteers

To Register: Contact Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 15, in observance of Presidents' Day.
The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of February 15

- Monday Route - Collected Tuesday
- Tuesday Route - Collected Wednesday
- Wednesday Route - Collected Thursday
- Thursday Route - Collected Friday

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, February 19



Need help with diapers?

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, TheGreenbelt Nursery Project is supporting needy Prince George's county families by distributing diapers on Thursday, February 18th, 2021.

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).

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Find out more at www.greenbeltmd.gov/donations.

You can also mail a money order or check to: City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Please note which fund in the notes section of the check. You may also use the drop box on flag side of the building.

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From the Archives

1963 Greenbelt Fair Housing Group Seeks a Fair Change

by Jeannette Connors

A September 26, 1963 Greenbelt News Review paid advertisement by the newly formed Greenbelt Citizens for Fair Housing (GCFH) stated that “the most valuable asset to our community is the people who live here – either for a short time or for the major portions of their lives ... yet it is here that we fall short of our own democratic and religious ideals,” because the community “without exception” excludes Black Americans. Although Greenbelt was built by both white and Black American workers, only white families could apply for residency due to deep segregation in Prince George’s County in the 1930s.

Against this segregated backdrop, the GCFH sought “to promote community acceptance of minority group families” and “assist Greenbelt in taking its place with other communities which have adopted open housing policies successfully.”

Letters to the News Review flew “thick and furiously” in reaction to the formation of such a group, and the integration of Greenbelt in general. One resident felt the group was “a most silly and senseless organization” and that “there has never been any question in this community about fair housing and there will not be unless the matter is stirred up.” She felt it shouldn’t be necessary to ‘educate’ the people of Greenbelt and hoped the organization would “die a quiet death before things really get out of hand.”

Another letter stated that “because we live in row houses, very close together, GHI should be one of the last areas to integrate. If we are the last to integrate, a person running away

from integration has no place to run to – everywhere else is integrated.” The following week a 15-year-old sent a letter in reply. She was puzzled by the writer’s attitude and was sure that “if everyone had this ‘here you do it first, then I will have an easy job of it’ philosophy that we would progress rapidly into nothingness.” She felt it would be a fine idea to have Black Americans in the community and had many Black friends at school. The teen thought this would “be a wonderful opportunity for some of us to broaden our minds. Don’t you?” she said, addressing the writer by name.

Yet another letter said the group should “proceed toward integration by education” and “pledge themselves not to sponsor or instigate attempts at forced integration.” Other citizens took a wait and see approach and wanted to “be shown by both word and deed” the GCFH’s true motives.

Due to deep concern about the group’s motives, the GCFH made a statement to address fears of a “substantial exodus of present residents, lowering of property values, a downward trend in property maintenance, and even the formation of ghettos and slums.” The group said that “none of these things will happen in Greenbelt, provided that there is an organized effort made by concerned citizens and leaders of our community to see that they do not happen.” The group believed integration would inevitably come to the community and were wholly committed to see that it was accomplished smoothly and fairly.

The 1963 GCFH ad stated that the “citizens of Greenbelt are a

diversified people with varied backgrounds: ethnic, religious, and social.” The ad continues to make the point that, with the help of this group and the continuing efforts of Greenbelters past and present, racial diversity will be included among the attributes that attract people to this unique community, where “we find friends, bring up our children, work together, play together; in short, engage in most of the things that makes our lives meaningful.”

Information used in this article was drawn from issues of the Greenbelt News Review published during 1962 through 1970. Digital versions are available on the News Review Archives website (greenbeltnewsreview.com/archives/). Higher quality versions of News Reviews from 1962 and 1963 (and many other years) are currently available at archive.org/details/greenbelt-news-review, and will be posted on the News Review Archives site this spring.



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A red-shouldered hawk is seen in Greenbelt East.



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Council Discusses Housing Security and Covid-19 Relief

by Matt Arbach

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As the ending of moratoria on evictions and foreclosures looms in the near future, the Greenbelt City Council convened a work-session on February 1 to discuss housing security and the related topic of Covid-19 relief. The consensus of council was that a comprehensive plan needs to be created sooner rather than later that would stem what Councilmember Judith Davis called a tsunami and what resident Bob Rand characterized as a possible humanitarian crisis. Councilmember Emmett Jordan pointed out that while the rental and utility assistance that has been provided by entities like the county and Greenbelt CARES has been indispensable, it provides only a temporary solution, a “delay of what’s going to happen.”

The meeting began with discussion of a Covid-19 relief package proposed by Mayor Colin Byrd. It would earmark \$1.3 million toward community assistance in the areas of housing, food, utilities, transportation, business grants and health care. Council generally agreed that while relief is necessary, it would be prudent to wait until the budget has coalesced, with plenty of financial unknowns to come.

City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon clarified that this amount, which is now closer to \$1.1 million, is not a “surplus” fund, explaining that it was set aside for abatements. Yet, as the city is into its sixth month of Fiscal Year 2021, with only \$6,000 now spent, it was unlikely that the full amount would be used. Still, she advised frugality, as abatements are only revealed when they are processed, and not when they are in consideration. Byrd stated that even if this amount is not approved, it is important to “focus on what we can do and not what we can’t.”

Dr. Liz Park, director of Greenbelt CARES, laid out the existing city aid programs and their status. At present, \$400,000 in federal funds has been spent on housing and utility assistance. Federal funds are primarily for rentals, with mortgage assistance possible if the applicant has been denied forbearance from their bank. Greenbelt Interfaith Leaders Association (GILA), through their Emergency Assistance Fund, had been providing households up to \$1,000 in rental assistance. Now depleted and awaiting further donations, 23 households were aided with 10 on a waiting list. The Good Samaritan Fund, increased by \$10,000 from the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF), has been issuing \$250 per household, with 40 households as their goal. The St. Hugh’s Food Pantry, which has been serving 40 to 60 families a week, got a \$2,500 grant from GCF. Monthly food distribution through the Capitol Area Food Bank continues, and another Grab and Go Meal, sponsored by County Councilmember Todd Turner, will be scheduled.

Park said that the county would be restarting its rental assistance program and that she would advise the city as soon as

applications are available.

Davis brought up the issue of those without computer access, mostly seniors, in a time when services are initiated primarily online. Park said that CARES Community Resource Advocate Christal Batey has been reaching out by phone to register residents for services, including tax assistance.

CARES also has begun to expand its mental health services, having hired a new full-time counselor and another being sought, for help with the police department and online group counseling.

Park said that at present, the majority of calls to CARES are related to unemployment concerns, leading to anxiety over back rent or mortgages. She said that local landlords have been good at providing assistance information to their tenants.

Park informed on the county’s Homeless Hotline, a “one-stop shop” for all levels of service. She said that currently shelters are often full and, due mainly to the pandemic, unsafe. Funding for short term hotel stays is available. The county has adopted a Housing First approach, with rapid re-housing the initial goal, and other services like addiction treatment, secondary.

Council was in agreement that it was essential that local property owners meet with them in order to have substantive discussions on the economic situation soon to come. Councilmember Edward Putens pointed out that these owners surely have a working list of potential evictions and that it would be advantageous to share it with council so that the process of assistance

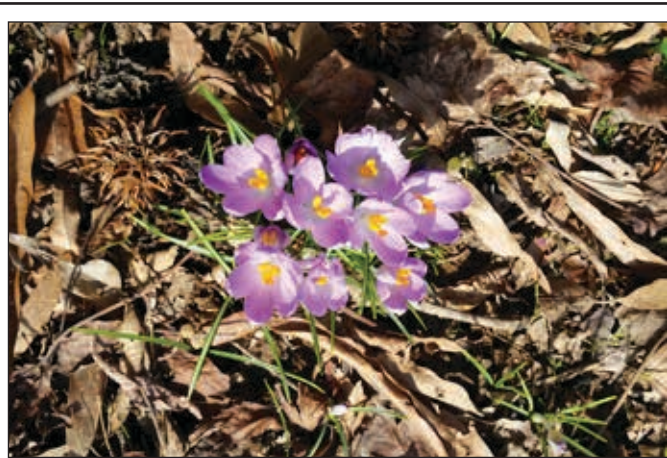
can begin and prevent an imminent predicament of numerous homeless, something that Davis remarked could be overwhelming to the city. An assertive request to property owners was generally recommended, with Jordan, Davis and Councilmember Silke Pope advising a more rational, constructive and fair discussion as the optimum way to success, as both renters and owners have legitimate pressures. Jordan indicated that it would be in the best interest of the property owners to keep their units filled.

Rand advised implementing legal counsel to renters, via pro bono legal clinics, as it has been shown to be effective elsewhere. He also suggested a possible task force of staff and citizens to address the problem.

The city has issued ordinances mandating a stay on evictions and raising of rents. Yet, Davis expressed frustration that they appear to be not complied with at times due to claims of ignorance of the statutes. Staff reassured council that the ordinances had been re-issued to all property owners.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts advised re-voting on another stay on evictions as a stopgap. He was concerned that the city’s hotels and motels would not have adequate rooms to handle a large-scale occurrence of homelessness.

Overall, an approach of a common effort to a solution was advanced by all, with a need for existing information to be shared – a “quantitative and qualitative” strategy, said Byrd. Said resident Ric Gordon to council, “you guys are our last defense. Greenbelters are counting on you. A lot of lives are at stake.”



Crocuses are blooming on Northway. Spring is coming!

PHOTO BY ANNE GARDNER

Love doesn't have a price tag on it...but all its accessories has.

Happy Valentine's Day

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According to Fauci, the speed at which the vaccines were developed does not mean that corners were cut.

“It was a reflection of the extraordinary advances that were made in the science of vaccine platform technology,” he said. “And as a matter of fact, that work had been going on for about a decade before the virus was actually recognized.”

Fauci also addressed hesitations minorities may have about receiving the vaccines due to mistrust of the medical system.

“The concern on the part of brown and black people about engaging in a medical program that is run by the federal government is understandable,” he said. “I think the first thing we need to do is to respect the concern

of people of color who have hesitancy.”

According to Fauci, the ethical safeguards today would make the Tuskegee study and the Henrietta Lacks incident impossible. Clinical trials cannot be done unless they pass very strict ethical reviews, he said.

Fauci discredited the claim that it is possible to contract Covid-19 from the vaccine. When a person gets the vaccination, he said, messenger RNA that codes for a single protein is injected. It is not like a live attenuated virus, where the virus is injected into the person.

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A male cardinal searches for seed dropped from a bird feeder at 1 Court Gardenway.

PHOTO BY GLENN HARRIS



PRELIMINARY AGENDA GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, February 18, 2021

- A. **GHI Special Open Session – starts at 7:00 p.m. (open to members and visitors)**
 - Approve Motion to Hold Executive Session Meeting on February 18, 2021
- B. **GHI Executive Session – starts after the GHI Special Open Session meeting adjourns (closed to members and visitors)**
 - Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting held on January 21, 2021
 - Contract for Repairs to a Unit Assigned to GHI by a Member
 - Contract for Repairs to a Unit Assigned to GHI by a
 - Proposed One-Year Contract with Current IT Services Provider
 - Proposal from SES Inc. to Amend Solar PVES Contract to a Pre-paid Power Purchase Agreement
 - Member Complaint Matters
 - Member Financial Matters
- C. **GHI Regular Open Session Meeting – starts at 7:45 p.m. (open to members and visitors)**
 - Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on February 4, 2021
 - Announcement of an Informal Hearing Held in a Closed meeting on February 8, 2021
 - Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on February 18, 2021
 - Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting Held on January 21, 2021
 - Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting Held on January 21, 2021
 - Review Charter for the Website Task Force
 - Review Proposed Reasonable Accommodations Policy
 - Consider Scope of a Yard and Exterior Inspection Program
 - Consider Measures to Prevent Hacking of Zoom Meetings
 - Impact of Maryland House Bill 825
 - Establish Date for General Manager’s 2020 Evaluation

Contact information for attending the GHI Special Open session and Regular Open Session meetings is as follows:

Topic: GHI Board of Directors Meeting
Time: Feb 18, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
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based on the idea of abandoning that prime building site on Pennsylvania Avenue and making it available for purchase. The proceeds from that sale were to pay for a significant portion of the cost of a new facility at another location. However, there were indications that the property could not be sold for as much as had been anticipated. Among other things, the site was considered a prime location for a major hotel that would have become competition to the Trump Hotel, across the street in the Old Post Office Building.

A tear down and replace option was considered, but the general belief was that that site was not large enough to accommodate all the designated headquarters personnel, who now are scattered in locations all around the metropolitan area.

The proposals for a new facility sought by the GSA were to be combinations of building the headquarters at a new site and repurposing the old site, although multiple developers could be involved in a package deal. While it was hoped that the purchase of the Hoover Building would pay most of the cost of the new facility, reports at that time were that the sale proceeds would be around \$500,000 and that a new facility would cost over \$1.4 billion.

When it halted the site selection process, the GSA announced it was due to failure of Congress to appropriate funds. Since then, there have been reports of then-President Trump's personal involvement in cancelling the project.

Congressional restrictions requiring a new facility to be close to the Capital Beltway and public transportation favored suburban Virginia and Maryland for the relocation. The GSA had narrowed the number of possible site locations to three – one in Springfield, Va., and two in Prince George's County.

Sites

While less is known about the Springfield site, it would not be at a Metro station, but within walking distance. There are existing buildings on the site, some reportedly used by the government, that would have to be cleared and the workers relocated. It has been rumored that there are some super-secret government intelligence facilities there.

The former Landover Mall shopping center site, now cleared of all structures and located on the Capital Beltway at the intersection with Landover Road, was one Prince George's county location. While suitable in most respects, the site is not within walking distance of a Metro station and shuttle bus service would be needed. It also lacks any kind of buffering from public access or view.

The second Prince George's site was in Greenbelt at the Greenbelt Metro Station. It is also adjacent to the Beltway and would be buffered by woodland in the Indian Creek stream valley on two sides. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has entered into agreement with Renard Development Company, LLC, to negotiate with GSA to build the FBI headquarters facility on the Greenbelt Station property owned by WMATA but leased for the development of the Greenbelt

Station multi-use project.

Rendering

A rendering of the concept proposed for the new facility at Greenbelt that was submitted to GSA at the time shows the eastern portion of the existing Metro parking lot devoted to the FBI facility. An employee parking garage at the north end would shield the building from anyone trying to target the offices from the Beltway. Similarly, there would be a restricted buffer zone to the east and south where there is the wooded Indian Creek floodplain. Between the secured western boundary and the Metro Station there would be a mixed-commercial facility of offices, hotels, shops and restaurants. A lower-level walkway going under the north-south connector road would enable FBI employees using Metro to have protected direct access to the new headquarters.

Relocating the FBI to Greenbelt is considered by many as an economic game changer that would give a much-needed boost to the current sluggish commercial market in the city.

Other Factors

There has been no indication

as to site preference by FBI leadership. Whatever may have been expressed in 2013 may be modified by the changed leadership in that organization. In March 2013, then House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, whose congressional district includes Greenbelt, stated that 43 percent of FBI headquarters employees lived in Maryland, 33 percent in Virginia and 17 percent in the District. If true, that, plus Greenbelt's close proximity to the new cross-counties Purple Line, might be factors the FBI and GSA would consider.

Another question is whether the site selection can be subject to political influence. That Hoyer is the second most powerful leader in the House as Majority Leader and Greenbelt is in his district is a positive factor. However, Virginia's senators and congressmen also have political influence.

Other factors may be Northern Virginia's economic boom resulting from locating the second Amazon headquarters facility in Arlington. Prince George's County's sluggish economy and surplus office space, and its greater minority population, may be other considerations.



PHOTO BY JAMAL AUSTIN

On Saturday, February 6, Steve Kemp, Louis Pope and Alex Molodin of the Greenbelt Rotary Club set up a table in Beltway Plaza to collect sweatshirts, sweaters and coats for people who need them. The collection will continue in the same place on Saturdays, February 13 and 27.

Local Author Seeks Young Illustrators

The Children's Rhymes Project and Greenbelt author Laura Kafka-Price have launched an international illustration contest for children in grades 2 through 8 (ages 7 to 14). They are seeking original children's artwork in two-dimensional media to illustrate Kafka-Price's book about the Polish composer Karol Szymanowski. The book features 19 poems from Rymy dziecięce (Children's Rhymes) written by the Polish poet Kazimiera Hłakowiczówna, that Szymanowski set to music.

Visit childrensrhymesproject.com to learn more. Deadline for entry is March 31.

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brother, reminisced, "Craig grew up watching Apollo missions, reading science fiction and launching model rockets. So, for Craig, working at NASA was like a dream come true. Even though he worked very hard and when needed took things very seriously, working at NASA for him was always fun. He believed in NASA's mission and liked being a part of it."

Tooley's wife, Terri Rutledge, remarked, "He didn't care much about the physical markers or awards, though he certainly got a lot of them. This is different – it's very meaningful, and he would have loved it. He probably would have said something about how none of the achievements would have been possible without the great teams he worked with and that this was just the culmination of many different people's

work. But also, he would have been so touched."

Tooley's daughters, Ursula and Maia, remember their father as loving hiking, camping and being outdoors. They recount how, "Growing up, we heard stories of our parents' backpacking adventures and the acquisition of a 1971 VW camper bus after we were born brought even more fun. He also inculcated a love for reading, particularly science fiction, in us, which was surely intertwined with his passion for space; we grew up reading Isaac Asimov, Robert Heinlein and other classics."

Astronomer Jerry Bonnell provided additional insights into the special nature of the Tooley crater. Other material is drawn from the NASA webpage, nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2021/the-naming-of-tooley-crater.



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Police Blotter

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 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Carjacking

January 30, 20 Court Southway. A person with an unknown type of long gun approached a man putting air in his tires at the BP Service Station and demanded his car keys. The person then fled in the man's 2016 Dodge Charger, which was recovered later the same evening by U.S. Park Police near Minnesota and Pennsylvania Avenues, S.E., in Washington, D.C. One adult was arrested.

Burglary

January 30, 9:01 p.m., 6152 Springhill Terrace. Money and a video game player were taken from a residence after the front door was forced open and the lock assembly was damaged.

Vandalism

February 2, 4:59 p.m., 7525 Greenway Center Drive. A single gunshot was fired into an unoccupied office suite, damaging an exterior window and a wall.

February 3, 6:31 p.m., 5827 Cherrywood Terrace. A rock was used to break the kitchen window of a residence.

Vehicle Crime

While a man was working on a friend's vehicle at 6220 Springhill Drive, someone entered the helper's nearby vehicle and drove it away. It is described as

a red 2009 Chrysler Town and Country van with Texas tags 90525X8.

Two vehicles were taken after each had been left unlocked and with the engine running. One was a dark green 4-door 2001 Toyota Corolla with Maryland tags 1EK9060, which was taken from 6023 Springhill Drive, and the other a green 2002 Lexus with D.C. tags GB8348, taken from 5925 Cherrywood Terrace.

A 2021 Jeep Wrangler reported stolen to the Yeager Airport Police Department in Charleston, W.Va., was recovered at 7801 Mandan Road.

Four tires and rims were taken from 8150 Lakecrest Drive.

Two instances of vehicle crime occurred in the Greenbelt Post Office parking lot. The paint on one vehicle was scratched and on the other, a window was broken and a purse taken. A purse was also taken in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road, from a possibly unlocked vehicle.

An attempted theft occurred at 5809 Cherrywood Terrace after an unlocked vehicle was rummaged through but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Windows were broken at 7513 Mandan Road and at Mandan Road near Mandan Court.

Tunnels and Viaducts: More Maglev Details and Impacts

by Deanna Dawson

If the Superconducting Maglev project is built, trains would run in a tunnel below residential areas and parkland in Greenbelt East. Two different alignments are being considered for the train route: alignment J, on the east side of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (BWP), and alignment J1, on the west side of the BWP. But these descriptors apply only to the middle section of the route, starting just to the north of Greenbelt where the maglev would emerge from the tunnel to travel in an elevated guideway (viaduct) above public lands bordering the BWP.

According to maps included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS, Appendix B.1) for the project, both alignments start in a tunnel running from the Washington, D.C., station (Mt. Vernon Square East) along New York Ave., then continuing northeastward at Montana Ave. and tunneling under the Anacostia River near Bladensburg Waterfront Park. The tunnel paths for the two alignments then begin to diverge but both cross under the BWP between Route 450 and Riverdale Road and under the Capital Beltway to Greenbelt East at Greenbelt Lake Village Condominiums. The tunnels continue beneath Schrom Hills Park, the Greenbrook neighborhood and Greenbelt Road to the north (alignment J1) and south (alignment J) of Frankfort Drive. The J tunnel then runs south of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) arriving at the east side of the BWP at the NASA Goddard exit/entrance ramps and continuing northward, transitioning from tunnel to viaduct a short distance south of Beaverdam Road. The J1 tunnel runs under the north side of ERHS, crossing beneath the BWP between Spellman Overpass and the Goddard ramps and transitioning to a viaduct that emerges north of the City Observatory and Northway Fields.

North of Greenbelt

Spur viaducts almost immediately take off from both the J and

J1 viaducts to a trainset maintenance facility (TMF), if one of the TMF sites on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center is selected. The BARC West site lies in the largely forested area between Powder Mill Road and Odell Road. The BARC Airstrip site is located on the old airstrip between Springfield Road and the Patuxent Research Refuge. The main J or J1 viaducts closely parallel the BWP, with spurs heading to the Route 198 TMF site, which is located on the north side of Route 198, east of the BWP, if that TMF site is chosen. Only one of the three TMF sites is needed. The J1 viaduct goes back into a tunnel under Maryland City and crosses under the BWP again north of Route 32, near where the J alignment transitions from viaduct to tunnel. From Route 175 to the BWI Marshall Station and onward there is only one tunnel alignment, with the guideway again emerging above ground if Cherry Hill is chosen as the location of the Baltimore station, or staying underground if Camden Yards is selected as the station site.

Tunnel and Viaduct

Viaducts would carry two guideways for north- and south-bound trains at a height above

ground of at least 18 feet. Tunnel sections also would contain two guideways and would be constructed at an average depth of 80 to 170 feet, using a tunnel boring machine. Spoils from the Greenbelt East tunnel section would be removed near the Goddard BWP ramps and hauled to the Brown Station landfill or other landfills for use as daily cover or to the former Suburban Airport site in Maryland City, where spoils would be stockpiled for use as fill for construction projects in the region.

Noise and Vibration

The potential noise and vibration impacts from construction and operation of the Maglev project are evaluated in Section 4.17 of the DEIS. For trains traveling above ground at maximum speed (311 mph) the primary noise source is reported to result from air turbulence effects caused by air wash over the body of the train, and noise impacts are predicted up to 2,100 feet from the guideway. No noise impacts are predicted at speeds below 150 mph. In tunnel sections, noise impacts are predicted up to 250 feet from the guideway and vibration impacts up to 225 feet from

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A funeral escort on February 8 honors Brian Bregman, who died February 3. He was a firefighter, EMT and metropolitan police reserve officer.

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GAC Presents Shakespeare Sequel, The Tamer Tamed

by Anne Gardner

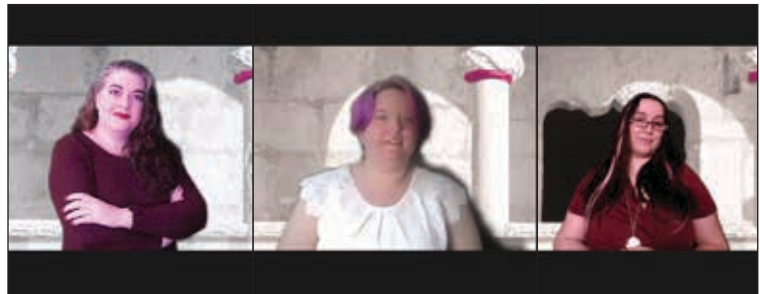
For Valentine's weekend, the Rude Mechanicals in residence at Greenbelt Arts Center present a light-hearted romantic comedy, *The Tamer Tamed*. Written in the 1600s as fan fiction, the play by John Fletcher is a sequel to Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*, and portrays a hilarious battle of the sexes.

In this story, Petruchio's second wife, Maria, and her sister, Livia, encouraged by mastermind Biancha, borrow tricks from the classics and from Petruchio's own playbook to wage war on the men in their lives in order to find happiness.

Director Liana Olear explains, "As we all miss gathering in person, multitudes of Zoom-based plays have used remotely staged, screen-based theater to explore the themes of isolation and non-

communication, but I have always felt that virtual interactions bring me closer to my friends, the medium providing opportunities to connect despite obstacles. [In this play] skirmishes are playfully whimsical, and each surrender of territory brings the couple closer. And, just as importantly, the characters are surrounded and supported by their community, and we hope our audiences join us in celebrating the ways theater and technology bring us together."

The *Tamer Tamed* can be streamed live online via YouTube on Saturdays, February 13 and 20, starting at 8 p.m. at youtube.com/c/TheRudeMechanicals. For more information see the ad on page 3, or visit greenbeltartscenter.org.



The women in *The Tamer Tamed* wage a whimsical battle of the sexes. From left, Pamela Northrup as Biancha, Melissa Schick as Maria and Linda "Spencer" Dye as Livia

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the guideway at maximum train speeds with no predicted impacts at slower speeds. The DEIS predicts no noise or vibration impacts from tunnel construction because it would occur deep underground.

Other Impacts

Construction of the Maglev system between Washington and Baltimore is expected to take about seven years and would cause considerable disruption all along the route as forests are cleared, some road and powerline segments re-routed and the tunnel and viaducts built. Potential impacts on the Greenbelt Forest Preserve were detailed in the January 21 issue of this paper (see greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20210121.pdf).

What's Next?

The maglev project DEIS is available online at bwmaglev.info. It evaluates a No Build alternative as well as various Build alternatives, and contains considerable detail on various

aspects of the project. Comments from the public will be accepted through April 22 and can be submitted through a comment form at the above website, sent by email at info@bwmaglev.info or by U.S. Mail to SCMAGLEV Project c/o Lauren Molesworth, Maryland Transit Administration, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. One or more public hearings, likely virtual, will be held this spring.

After public comments have been received and considered, the Federal Railroad Administration will identify a Preferred Alternative. Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail, the project developer, favors alignment J, the BARC West TMF and Cherry Hill as the Baltimore station (Build Alternative J-03), which they believe has the least impact and lowest cost to construct, operate and maintain. However, no funds have yet been appropriated for construction of the project.

Greenbelters Teach CPAE Creative Classes

College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE), a local arts nonprofit, is providing a variety of free online classes. Draw Like, taught by Racquel Keller, encourages participants to copy great paintings using the art materials they have on hand. Explore Creative Writing with Melissa Sites, a Greenbelt resident and News Review reporter, encourages writing as self-expression during this trying time. Dance classes, including Soul Line Dancing with Karen Stewart, Introduction to Tap with Elizabeth Gardner and Goddess Dancing with Samantha Fitschen (there is a small fee for this class), allow dancers of all ages and ability levels to move their bodies and have fun from the comfort of home. Book Club features different non-fiction books by women writers every month. In addition to these regular classes, is Felting with Ingrid Hass on Saturday, February 20 at 1 p.m. by Zoom (with a suggested donation to cover supplies). See the online calendar at cpae.org for more details, email info@cpae.org or follow CPAE on Facebook and Twitter.



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The Bean.

This is a love note to our daughters:
L, S and J. We love you like crazy.
And all our grandchildren are close to our hearts.
Always, no matter what. We'll never forget.
We think of you and talk about you far more than you know.
Mombie and Grampa.

Happy Valentine's Day to all our Greenbelt neighbors and friends!
With love from, Shobha and Bill

To Robert,
Sixty- two years – how they have flown.
Looking back I remember the joys we have known.
I don't have an inkling what the future may bring,
But having you in my life makes my heart sing.
So we take off our masks, and snuggle up tight,
And know that together we will be alright.
Love and Respect, Sylvia

To the City
I'd like to send hearts in this ditty
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To Ralph and June
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In '21 let's do it anew!

To my family with all my love for this wonderful year, this challenging year.
To Joe – the love of my life and perfect companion.
To Lien and Maya, who bring me laughter, joy, pride, long hours, hope for our future, comfort, stress, new experiences, and love – in other words, parenting.

JR
Love is Laughter,
Now until hereafter.
You are my Valentine!
LR

Stacey, it's a New Year, my dear 2020 has been left in the rear!
We're still together going & growing strong
A dynamic duo, you and me
Working things out and getting along
Hand in Hand we will always be!
Another Valentines to celebrate
A love so strong, it's really great.
I'll never find a love like you,
Will you be my forever Boo?

Grandma, you treat me so good,
Lots of loving and really great food.
Your cooking and recipes are all that I will eat them and grow up
But I'll still be your little Pat!
You are so sweet and funny,
Will you be my Valentine honey?

Our team is still great
Even though we can't congregate!
We've used Jabbar, Slack and WebEx meeting
The life of these new systems seems so fleeting!
Whatever the change we always adjust
Being flexible is an absolute must!
So I'm telling the truth, this isn't a fable
There's no better group than Team Abel!

My dear Shobha, oh what a year!
2021 should be better, I hear.
Travels on hold, yes and it's cold,
But love still sustains us,
I am happy to be us,
Cooped up together,
In love forever.
Living is fine if you will be mine,
This is my card of Valentine
P-Rex

RAWR! ...
Love Your best friend.
Nate-a-Saurus

Dear Pop-Pop
Now that I'm almost four,
I just Love you more and more.
Nathan

Your playground needs attention,
Hughpa, in the SE corner.

Well, what a year, my dear Valentine,
Bill
My love for you is stronger, still.
Though our travels are interrupted,
Our joys have not been disrupted.
As we quarantine together,
No matter the weather,
As long as I'm with you,
Good times will ensue.
Love you always, Shobha

Whatever would I do without you
Corita?
You bring joy to my life in more ways than I can say.

Happy Valentine's Day to my dear husband Bob,
With love, Dea

Happy Valentine's Day to our beloved daughter, Kristina.
With love, Mom & Dad

Happy Valentine's Day to our 3 precious grandchildren Kadin, Meme & Layla with love from Sitti & Grandpa

Marlene,
Roses are red, violets are blue
Time was no barrier for me to find you.
Love you - oh, and Riley too.
- Robert

Rosie – you're my partner in crime,
my lifelong tech support, baker of amazing treats and cooker of delicious foods. So supportive of all my endeavors and right there with me creating endeavors of our own! Jet loves you best, we all know but not as much as I love you. May you always have too much chocolate and know how much you are loved.
Yours most truly, Dan E. Pants

Jojo - BIG HUG, little hug,
BIIIIIGGG HUUUUUGGGG!
I love you even when you're a pain or I'm a pain.

Jenni from Co-op –
Thanks for being genuine and a real sweet!

To Valentina & Ada, from Josh/Daddy:
"I love you through and through – yesterday, today, and tomorrow, too."

Dearest Raluca, how lucky we are to be in a pandemic lockdown with you :-). Happy Valentine's Day to the most awwesome mommy & wife in the universe!
Love, Dora & Eric

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away (and also on Earth every day), I love you, Dora! May the Cupcakes be with you always! Love, Daddy

Happy Valentine's Day to my amazing kids: Kaden, Carleigh and Cole!
Love you three with all my heart!
Today, tomorrow and forever – Mom

For my best friend,
You are strong, brave and beautiful
And you will do amazing things!
Always remember, wherever you are,
I'll be there too.
LYLAS, Lizzy

To Brighid – the love of my life
through thick and thin. Happy Valentine's day!

Thanks to my co-workers for the teamwork! Wish you a happy February 14th. Sylvia – let me tell you what to do for once. Have a Happy Valentine's Day!

Happy Valentine's Day from Maggie to her friends Dora, Dmitri, Madison and Thessaly and all their families. I love you!

Dear Sylvia
Your heart
Warms me,
Your life
Inspires me,
And I rejoice because
You are my dear wife,
I love you.
Always, Robert



To Gary: Goodbye, Good Luck!

Gary. I never thought anyone would want to take on the arduous duties of News Review Editor that Mary Lou Williamson had been doing for such a long time. But you did and brought new life and perspective to the paper. Thank you so much. Now I fear no one will want to take on the arduous duties of News Review Editor that you performed so well. Best wishes. Jim Giese

Taking over the reins you had a steep climb
But you kept on going to the reach the sublime
Though not a native you managed to track
All the Greenbelt activities from present to back
Sports, business and photos flourished under your spell
You did a great job and we wish you well. Lola

Gary, Gary, never contrary
How does your newspaper go?
Lots more pix, more reports,
Wider story range, even sports.
Gary, Gary, we'll all miss you.
Gary, Best in all you do!
MLW

Gary, I admire the grace and artistry you've brought to the composition and content of the News Review. Best of luck in your future endeavors. Pat

Good grief, Gary.
Going to leave us now.
Great working with you.
Great getting to know you.
Go on to your next goal.
Gratefully and goodbye.
Sue

To Gary
Goodbyes are sad, there's no denying,
But now is not the time for crying.
Let's fondly remember pre-pandemic days
Gathering together, mulling over a phrase,
Checking the letters, the inane, and the smart,
Making the right choice became quite an art.
How many pages? Will ads pay for just 8?
City Council meeting will just have to wait.
As we say adios, farewell, toodle-oo
Please know that we treasure those years spent with you.
Sylvia

Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
We had jolly good papers
When the editor was you
-- Anna Lemma Mercator

Sports and Bizness got a lift
Pix of nature were a gift
Wherever else your pathway goes
We're sure you'll keep it on its toes.
-- Agatha Elderberry

There once was a diplomat from State
Who landed at GNR by fate
He edited, persuaded
Designed, cut, paraded
And combined art with process. It's great.

Roses are red, violets are blue,
Your chair may have been old,
But your ideas were new.
May they continue to serve you well,
Gary
EK

Gary, we'll miss you!
The emails and texts, too,
Your Tuesday night missive
Was never dismissive;
Our Layout you'd determine
(We promise, no vermin!)
With humor you led,
'Till 'twas tucked up in bed.
- The Layout Team

Your interest in me —
My voice amplified beyond
That which I believed

Thank you Gary for all you did for the News Review. You were a great editor and I enjoyed working with you. Best wishes on your next adventure.
Warm regards, Julie Rapp

To Gary: I enjoyed working with you to put the paper together on Tuesday nights. But too much of it had to be done remotely! I think you should stay on another year to once again enjoy the camaraderie and humor of the newsroom. Best wishes for whatever you take on next. Stop by and see us sometime!
Deanna

Roses are red,
The paper is blue,
since we are losing you.
Gonna miss hearing "yeah we could do..."
Rather than flat out no.
Have enjoyed working with you,
Best wishes as you move on.
Kathryn Beard

Thank you, Gary, for working with us proofreaders. As you may recall, dogs are "adopted", not "ad-opted".
-- Jim Gray

It's been a pleasure working with you these past few years. Your common sense and sense of humor have carried us through some tense times. And thank you for making me the designated "slasher" with the job of converting lengthy, unwieldy drafts into viable articles. It always gave me a sense of accomplishment. Best of luck in your new adventures.
Stan Z.

Life is like a "A Cup of Tea." It's how you make it. A pleasure, spending time with you, on Wednesday afternoons.
Mary Ann Baker

I have enjoyed my time with you. I have learned from you and tried to absorb the grammatical skills I was lacking. Thank you for your dedication to our beloved newspaper and the Greenbelt community. All good wishes as you enter the next phase of your life.
Judy Bell

Gary, Thank you for weighing in on matters great and small.
Proofreader Ann

Gary, wish you a fun and happy Valentine's Day - good luck!
--Suzette Thompson

