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eas of safe pedestrian walkways

and green spaces that will include

new landscaping, parks and an

outdoor amphitheater. All road-

ways will be better defined to

keep cars, pedestrians and bicy-

clists in separate spaces and con-

form to the city's new roadway

standards, which are similar to

those used for Greenbelt Station.

The first new apartment building

will be constructed behind Tar-

get, closest to Greenbelt Middle School, which is designated the

Pedestrian access will be com-

pleted, roadways redesigned and

the parking garage at the back of

the property will be torn down

and replaced with a new five-

story structure for public park-

ing adjacent to the old Sports

Authority building, which will be

completely made over into a new

27,000-square-foot public recre-

ation center for Greenbelt West

to be dedicated to the City of

Greenbelt. Next, the 1B building

will be built in front of the new

garage and recreation center so

that it is fronting on Breezewood

Drive. Finally, the 1C building

will go in next to 1B, but with

a new access road between 1B

and 1C from Breezewood Drive

into a new plaza area and gather-

1A building on site plans.

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Summer Fun Camp Kids Learn About Fire, Police Routines

by Amy Hansen



Mike Anige and Lisa Hegwood assist a camper with a hose at Springhill Lake Recreation Center half-day camp. See more photos, page 12.

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

Being a firefighter involves a whole lot of running, campers at Springhill Lake Recreation Center's Summer Fun program learned on July 28. Greenbelt firefighters and police came to camp with demonstrations and challenges.

With the firefighters, campers tried running with the hose and putting out a demonstration fire, and enjoyed learning about the

Labor Day Festival

GES Plans Used Book Sales In Yards and at the Center

by Jill Connor

A book sale is not a new idea tary School (GES) is taking their even as early as 1948 when the town was still new, according to the archives of the Greenbelt Cooperator. The Greenbelt Elemen-

in Greenbelt. Annual book sales annual book sale into the new were happening around Greenbelt decade with their hybrid Labor Day Book Sale. During the 2021 Labor Day Festival, the GES

trucks. With the police they tried

exercises, sat in the front seat

of a squad car and tried on the

free camp, which is co-spon-

sored by Greenbelt Recreation

and Boys and Girls Club of

America. The 40 slots filled up

quickly, Greenbelt Recreation

reported. The campers, ages 6

to 12, are attending half-days

for eight weeks, starting on June

28. Lunch is provided by Prince

George's County Public Schools.

This is the first year for the

heavy equipment.

Greenbelt Plaza - Phase One: Details of the Proposed Plans

by Edith J. Beauchamp

The first phase of the Beltway ing space that leads directly to Plaza redevelopment will replace the AMC theaters and the main the under-utilized parking lots at entrance to Three Brothers restauthe back of Beltway Plaza along rant and sports bar and into the Breezewood Drive with large armiddle of the mall.

This new road will allow residents of Franklin Park to more easily access the mall instead of having to go all the way down to Cherrywood Lane. A tree-lined pedestrian walking trail and bikeway will also go in, leading from the recreation center along the

rear of the Target building and against the large hill to the front of the Target property to allow for easy walkability or biking from front to back separated from vehicle traffic. The hotel will be built as the last of Phase One at the corner of the new tree-lined inner roadway (parallel to Breezewood Drive) and Cherrywood Lane.

Marc "Kap" Kapastin, who has been director of government and community relations for Quantum Companies for 32 years, and other staff at Quantum

have coordinated venture partnerships with the same company that developed the Greenbelt Station rental apartments, the Verde development, with financial backing from a third venture capital partnership with Atapco Properties. Dolben Companies of Massachusetts, who built and own the Verde development in Greenbelt, enjoyed their work on

See PLAZA, page 9



The construction for the new Beltway Plaza development is expected to be similar to that at Greenbelt Station, shown here.

Good Neighbors Are Crucial For Increased Public Safety

by Lois Rosado and Robert Goldberg-Strassler

safety in Greenbelt? Nine Green- their neighborhood. Community stop signs was a concern, espebelt panelists from all parts of our community discussed public safety at a forum sponsored by Connecting Across Greenbelt (CAG) and Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance on July 22. Each panelist answered three questions: What makes you feel unsafe in your neighborhood? What makes you feel safe in your neighborhood? What is missing in relation to public safety? Every panelist felt that their friendly neighbors who look out for each other made them feel safe in their own neighborhoods - across every neighborhood. Knowing Greenbelt police officers personally, they said, can also make a difference. Relationships with neighbors and public safety officers were identified as key to feeling safe in the city. Panelists stated that they felt unsafe in their neighborhoods when they did not know the

How do you feel about public police officers that worked in through local streets and ignoring

See **BOOK SALE**, page 8



Greenbelt Elementary School students Sara and Alexander sort some of the donations of books for the PTA annual Labor Day **Book Sale.**

policing, where police officers are assigned to a particular area so that they get to know the residents, was mentioned by several panelists as a solution for making residents feel safer in Franklin Park and other Greenbelt neighborhoods. In addition, it was suggested that Greenbelt police officers take time to sit down and meet residents in all the neighborhoods in Greenbelt to learn about their needs and concerns. One panelist expressed his concern for the safety of his Black teenage sons because of the color of their skin. Panelists also responded that they feel unsafe when there is poor visibility on trails and pathways due to insufficient lighting or broken lights not being repaired in a timely manner. This is especially a problem at night in the Franklin Park complex.

Additionally, drivers speeding

cially in Central Greenbelt. It was noted that some public works and police vehicles are guilty of this poor driving behavior, as well. Citizens are concerned about the safety of young children

See SAFETY, page 9

What Goes On

Monday, August 9 8 p.m. City Council Meeting Wednesday, August 11 8 p.m. Council Worksession: Davenport Presentation on **Financial Policies**

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

Questions for Candidates: Seeking Community Input

Each election year, the News Review poses a series of questions to the candidates for city council and publishes their responses in the weeks before election day, which this year is Tuesday, November 2. The News Review invites community groups and individuals to suggest questions or topics of concern to Greenbelters on which they would like the candidates' views. Candidates' answers are limited to 250 words so the questions should be considerably shorter.

Email your suggestions to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com by Tuesday, September 7.

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Correction

In the article Capital Bikeshare: A Test Ride, in the July 29 issue, the quote "It's going to be great!" should have been attributed to Kyla Hanington.

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Mail Subscription Price Increase

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UMD Reporter

Melissa Signorini, a Maryland journalism major soon to graduate, is an intern writing for the News Review.



Service or Garden Side?



- B. Glee

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Letters to the Editor Rental Assistance

Resources

Thanks to the city for their weekly reminder of "Prince George's County Rent Help" in the City Section. Thank you also to Dr. Liz Park from CARES for arranging for the Rental Assistance Virtual Town Hall on Thursday, July 29 at 7 p.m.

For readers who do not have access to the internet, I want to remind them of the information provided by Ed Fallon in the June 17 issue of the News Review. Here are nonprofits (listed on the county website) you can call for legal assistance and help with filling out rental assistance applications.

If you have received an eviction notice, contact Kayla Williams, Esq., of Community Legal Services of Prince George's County (CLS) at 240-391-6370, 240-691-6532 or info@clspgc. org. You can complete the online intake form at the CLS website, clspgc.org.

For help applying for the county's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), see their website (princegeorgescountymd. gov/3703/Emergency-Rental-Assistance-Program) and/or contact one of the following agencies (all have Spanish-speaking bilingual staff; CASA has limited availability for French-speakers):

Si recibió un aviso de desalojo, comuníquese con Kayla Williams, Esq., Community Le-gal Services of Prince George's County (CLS) al 240-391-6370, 240-691-6532, o info@clspgc.org. Puede completar el formulario de admisión en línea en el sitio web de CLS, clspgc.org.

Para obtener ayuda para solicitar el Programa de emergencia para asistencia con el alquiler (ERAP) del condado, consulte su sitio web (princegeorgescountymd.

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15th Avenue, Langley Park, MD 20783; 240-491-5763, wearecasa. org • Centro De Apoyo Familiar (CAF), 6901 Kenilworth Avenue,

Suite 110, Riverdale, MD 20737; 301-328-3292 • Sowing Empowerment &

Economic Development, Inc. (SEED), 6201 Riverdale Road, Suite 200, Riverdale, MD 20737; 301-458-9808.

Lore Rosenthal

Hail to the Sanctuary!

Two weeks ago I promised myself a return to the Firefly Sanctuary after my first visit. I found mixed reviews on Face-Book last week about the continued presence of the fireflies. As I struck out at 9:45 p.m. on Sunday, July 25, walking there from 9 Court Ridge, flashes of heat lightning hung in the clear night sky, but nary a lightning bug. After crossing Ridge Road I received my first treat - an opossum! I wondered if that was my "consolation prize."

Shortly after, however, upon reaching the Sanctuary my eyes were blessed again with many flashes of fireflies! Certainly less than two weeks ago, but too many to count. I felt so blessed and grateful. On my walk back, I did spot four fireflies outside the sanctuary over a 17-minute walk, as well as beheld what looked like a fire moon - perhaps red gold from the fires out west.

I am so grateful for our Sanctuary and encourage your prompt visit for the last vestige of this delight, or before you know it you might behold this photo instead!

Sue Stern

cy-Rental-Assistance-Program) y / o comuníquese con una de las siguientes agencias (todas tienen personal bilingüe de habla hispana; CASA tiene disponibilidad limitada para francófonos):

· Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. (HIP), 6525 Belcrest Road, Suite 555, Hyattsville, MD 20782; evictions specialist (especialista en desalojos) Paola Villatoro at 667-260-7728, 301-699-0425 or



Visit the sanctuary soon or this could be the view.

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Community Events

At the Library

The Greenbelt Library is now open to the public, with hours Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sidewalk service for held books is available outside the upper-level entrance (pickup reservation required), or requested books can be picked up on the shelves inside the library, as before. Study rooms are open but meeting rooms remain closed.

Appointments for one hour of computer use can be made up to seven days in advance at pgcmls. info/reopening or 240-455-5451; some computers may be available with no appointments. Shelved books are open for browsing without restrictions, no appointments required. The library is not accepting book donations for the foreseeable future but has a thirdparty book donation bin outside the lower-level entrance.

Mobile Printing, Hotspots

The library offers mobile printing to the public. The first 10 black-and-white pages are free. More information is available at pgcmls.info/mobile-printing.

Families can borrow mobile hotspot devices for up to nine weeks at a time. Adults aged 18 and older with library cards in good standing may request a SmartSpot through the curbside booking form. One device per household may be borrowed.

Learning Resources

Brainfuse HelpNow offers an array of additional learning resources for Prince Georgians, including SkillSurfer, a library of lessons, videos, tests and more, available year-round. The library also helps students prepare for standardized tests and writing college admissions essays through the EBSCO LearningExpress online resource. Check pgcmls.info/ events regularly for related programming.

Summer Reading

The Washington Nationals and the Prince George's County Memorial Library System are partnering on Summer @ Your Library, a summer reading and library engagement program offered in English and Spanish for all ages. The program runs through Friday, August 20 and will be primarily offered online with select in-person events.



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Prince George's County Public Schools will continue to host free Covid-19 vaccine clinics for students ages 12 and over throughout August in partnership with the Maryland Department of Health and Giant Pharmacy.

The next clinic in Greenbelt is on Tuesday, August 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Drive.



A Bit More Peace

In a world where many of us often attempt to do more, do it better and do it more quickly, the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood has quietly offered summer guided meditation classes to Greenbelters for the past six years. Although the synagogue itself is a wonderful peaceful setting that is welcoming to all, meditation this year will be offered via Zoom and anyone can attend from the comfort of their own home.

Class sizes have ranged from eight to 19 people, from teenagers to senior citizens. All attendees have expressed a desire to quiet their bodies, minds and spirits and to deepen inner stillness while improving their ability to reconnect with themselves. Class participants have described feeling more peaceful, serene, relaxed and mindful, both during and between classes. Many individuals have experienced a greater ease falling asleep and more patience during challenging times.

A difference has been made in many people's lives when utilizing meditation practices that teach one to slow down, become quiet, go within and experience a bit more peace. Summer classes will continue from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. every other Monday through September 13. For more information email Katrina Boverman at Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com or call her at 301-641-1035.

Free Summer Meals

Prince George's County Public

Schools (PGCPS) is operating

its annual Summer Food Service

Program through Wednesday,

August 18. Grab and Go break-

fast and lunch meal packages

will be available on Mondays

and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to

1 p.m. at 62 schools, including

Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights

Elementary Schools. Students

attending in-school summer pro-

grams will receive breakfast and

a complete list of school and li-

brary meal sites or find a nearby

meal distribution site by visiting

MDsummerMeals.org.

Visit the PGCPS website for

lunch.

HUG WALK Returns

RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) is again organizing the annual HUG WALK (Help Unite Greenbelt With A Little Kindness) to be held on Sunday, October 10, rain or shine.

All Greenbelters are invited to participate in this event, joining the walk in any of the Greenbelt neighborhoods noted below and continuing through the city. RUAK requests that any and all groups and individuals from the community co-sponsor this nocost event. Spread the word and join your neighbors to celebrate Greenbelt as a special warm and welcoming place.

Walk Schedule

1 p.m., gather at the Indian Creek Trail bridge at Greenbelt Station; 1:30 p.m., walk step off; 2 p.m., walk continues from Springhill Lake Recreation Center; 2:30 p.m., join the walk at Buddy Attick Park; 3 p.m., join the walk at Roosevelt Center; 3:30 p.m., join the walk at Greenbriar Community Center: 4 p.m., join the walk at Windsor Green Community Center; 4:30 p.m., walk concludes at Schrom Hills Park.

Any group that wishes to join more than 40 civic, social and religious groups that are already co-sponsoring the event should contact RUAK at spreadruak@ gmail.com or Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755 by September 26.

Drumming For Wellness

On Saturday, August 7, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, all are invited to reconnect with the community and support their health with an in-person drum circle led by Katy Gaughan, Drumming for Wellness and sponsored by Heavenly Well.

Drumming regularly with a group of people boosts the immune system, reduces stress, increases endorphins and helps people bond with others. Best of all, it's fun, family friendly, and all ages are welcome. No experience is necessary. Each circle will include basic instruction, games, rhythms and jamming. Drummers are encouraged to bring their own drum but some drums will also be provided.

The drum circles will be held at an indoor-outdoor space that has shelter and plenty of open air for safe air circulation. All circles will be socially distanced. There

GCC Paper Drive For School Supplies

Greenbelt Community Church (GCC), United Church of Christ begins its Annual Paper Drive and Collection of School Supplies for local schools from August through mid-September. While nothing is certain, living in Covid-19 times has taught us to look for the needs in our local communities and then begin problem solving. Thankfully from past drives these skills are in abundance with several teachers/GCC members and friends.

Schools will open in some format and teachers and administrators will need paper, often an expense that is paid for by school staff out of their own pockets. The church is looking for copy paper, lined paper, notebooks, composition books, index cards and construction paper.

In addition, many students will need school supplies this new school year. The church is asking for colored pencils, glue (stick and bottles), pencils, pens, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissues, crayons, post-it notes, pocket folders, etc. Many of these items are on sale at local retailers in August and September and it is easy to add a few more items to a shopping cart or to online orders.

Donations can be dropped off at the church, 1 Hillside Road, on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (look for the office sign), or during Sunday services from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. To donate by check, make a check out to GCC and note "paper drive" on the envelope or check. Gift cards are also accepted.

GCC is grateful to the many people who have supported this drive in the past and will continue to give generously in the future.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Café Seeks Artists For Group Art Show

All artists, working in any medium, including photography, are invited to submit photos of their work for a group show entitled All That Jazz. The theme of the show is music. The show will be at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center in conjunction with music festivals held in September and October. Submit the photo to Shaymar Higgs ArtShows@FreeArtForAll.org for consideration as soon as possible.

The New Deal Café Art Show program is sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt.

Golden Age Club

August 11: In-person meeting with the Co-op manager at the New Deal Café

August 18: Celebration of August birthdays

August 25: Bingo

All meetings are at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays.

To get on the Golden Age email list, contact Becky Sutfin at rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov. She can provide Zoom or telephone information to participate in the club's virtual meetings.

Museum Offers Free Walking Tours

The Museum is celebrating its gradual reopening with a series of free, small, in-person walking tours. The next tour is Saturday, August 7.

Pre-registration is required via Eventbrite, space is limited to allow social distancing and masks are recommended. Regular fees will resume in the fall.

Poetry in the Garden

A poetry reading will be held once again at the Three Sisters Garden East in Schrom Hills Park on Sunday, August 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. A light refreshment will be provided. Contact Effie Levner, garden coordinator, for more information at effielevner@aol.com.





School Bus Driver Job Fair Offered

Prince George's County has a shortage of more than 270 school bus drivers for this fall and is holding a virtual Job Fair on Wednesday, August 11, to fill the positions. Those interested must pre-register for this event by filling out the information on a form linked to pgcps.org/drivewithus (scroll down and click the blue bar: Virtual Bus Drive Job Fair & Hiring Event). There are some requirements that must be met for the positions.

Information about school bus driving also can be found at the above website.

will be free parking and access to rest rooms. Located in Greenbelt, the address will be provided upon registration. Donations are County Schools Offer encouraged but no one will be turned away.

> For more information, contact katy@katygaughan.com.

County Has Rent Help

Prince George's County is offering rent relief because of Covid-19. The county's 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) will help eligible applicants with payment assistance for rent and utilities. Landlords may also apply on behalf of their tenants. Applications will be accepted until funds are out. To apply and for more information visit hcd.mypgc.us and click "Emergency Rental Assistance Program."

THIS WEEK on GATe • Your Community Access Station **Greenbelt Newsreel** Local Community Programming 7am **Democracy Now!** Yesterday's Syndicated Program 8am GATe Classic Film Fantasy/Romance • 1950 **Orpheus** • directed by Jean Cocteau 9ar Jean Marais **Greenbelt Newsreel** Local Community Programming 11am **Democracy Now!** Today's Syndicated Program Noor **PGCPS Science Bowl** Greenbelt v Whitehall 1pm Music at the New Deal The Fly Birds • Traditional Bluegrass w/Soul 2pm 3pn GATe Classic Film Orpheus • directed by Jean Cocteau Fantasy/Romance • 1950 Jean Marais **PGCPS Science Bowl Greenbelt v Whitehall** 5pn **Greenbelt Newsreel** Local Community Programming 6pn **Democracy Now!** Today's Syndicated Program 7pn GATe Classic Film Fantasy/Romance • 1950 Orpheus • directed by Jean Cocteau 8p Jean Marais The Fly Birds • Traditional Bluegrass w/Soul Music at the New Deal 10pn **Democracy Now!** Today's Syndicated Program 11pm **Greenbelt Newsreel** Local Community Programming MN Connect with GATe 🛟 🔼 🙆 www.greenbeltaccesstv.org

Film Shows Post-WWII Prejudice Common in U.S.

by Karen Knee

On Monday, August 2, at 1 p.m. the Old Greenbelt Theatre presented a screening of Gentleman's Agreement (1947) as part of its Monday Matinee series. The theater was packed to its current capacity of 75 patrons. Executive Director Caitlin Mc-Grath apologized for not being able to accommodate everyone who wanted to attend and expressed hope that it would soon be safe to increase the capacity.

Gentleman's Agreement, based on the novel of the same name by Laura Z. Hobson, tells the story of widowed journalist Phil Green, who moves to New York City with his young son. Asked by an editor to investigate anti-Semitism in the city and its Connecticut suburbs, Green decides to pose as a Jew. The bias he experiences is eye-opening and, unfortunately, still highly relevant today.

Greenbelt's Mishkan Torah Synagogue sponsored the event, and the congregation's Rabbi Saul Oresky introduced the film and led a lively discussion about it afterward. Viewers drew parallels between the anti-Semitism portrayed in the film – such as characters perceived as Jewish

being denied work, housing and recreational opportunities - and the injustices that Black Americans and other groups have encountered throughout American history and continue to experience today. Ironically, Gentleman's Agreement had only a single, very minor appearance by a Black character. Despite this shortfall, the audience agreed that the film made a strong point about the importance of actively combating bias as opposed to silently believing it is wrong.

Gentleman's Agreement was nominated for eight Oscars and won three: Best Picture, Best Supporting Actress (Celeste Holm) and Best Director (Elia Kazan). In 2017, it was recognized as "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant" by the Library of Congress.

Mishkan Torah hopes to sponsor more films showcasing Jewish themes in the future. Suggestions are invited for future films. To find out more about the activities and events Mishkan Torah has to offer, see the calendar on the website mishkantorah.org or email membership@mishkantorah. org.



Rachel Mertz poses with five of her great-grandchildren on her 99th birthday, Friday, July 23. Front row from left, Elizabeth Moore, Rachel Mertz, Persephone Douglas and Castor Douglas; back row from left, Mia Moore and Kira Moore



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.





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The Bible Says...

Walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh. Galatians 5:16





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Come meet our new pastor.

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community www.greenbeltbahais.org



Congratulations to Rachel Mertz on her 99th birthday.

Congratulations to Distinguished Toastmaster Lynne Rea Adams, the newly elected president of NTL Advanced Club. See story, p. 11.

Congratulations to fishmonger Fiona Lewis, who was featured in the Washington Post Weekend section feature My D.C. Dream Day. She and her partner, Ben Friedman, moved to Greenbelt so son Max and dog Rose would have a yard to play in. Lewis included going to a movie at the Old Greenbelt Theatre as part of her "dream day," noting, "It's a nonprofit, it's been there forever, and it's a real part of the community. We love being part of the Greenbelt community."

And congratulations to Garden Rant blogger Susan Harris whose blog garnered a 2021 Silver Media Award from GardenComm, an international association of garden writers.

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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Toll Lanes Now Added Back To I-495 Widening Analysis

by Matthew Arbach

On July 21, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board (TPB) voted to re-include the addition of High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes on I-270 and I-495 to the air quality analysis for TPB's Visualize 2045 longrange priority spending plan. This analysis is a federally required requisite to the progress of any regionally significant project. The toll lanes are part of Governor Hogan's proposed plan to widen the I-495 Beltway. The decision is a turnaround from the previous vote against HOT lanes at the June TPB meeting. The vote for re-inclusion of the toll lanes was 28 to 10.

TPB, according to Greenbelt Councilmember Emmett Jordan, is "the federally mandated body that sets the framework and priorities for federal transportation spending in the Greater Washington Metropolitan area." Jordan, Greenbelt's representative to TPB, voted against toll roads, a position shared by council.

Said Jordan, "In my opinion, replacing HOV lanes with toll lanes will not reduce traffic congestion or improve the many negative impacts associated with widening the Beltway." At the July 21 council meeting, Councilmember Rodney Roberts asserted that widening of the Beltway is a short-sighted approach to the area's transportation concerns, with the environmental effects dire from the increased use of cars.

Jordan stated that "there was a great deal of political pressure on some jurisdictions to change their votes," including representatives from the Prince George's County Council and the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation who voted in favor of the tolls. Jordan explained that the gov-

ernor's plan would be to use a private company to pay for the "up-front" costs of the American Legion Bridge repairs and rehabilitation, Beltway widening and toll lanes, as well as the latter's "construction, operation and maintenance." He stated that using private funds to defray some of the cost of the new toll lanes would "free up state funding for a number of other road projects."

Jordan said that such a private/public partnership can give the private company the right to set and collect fares and tolls over the life of the project, based on construction cost estimates, operating cost estimates and toll revenue projections.

A similar situation occurred with the construction of the Metro Purple Line, which ended in the private company pulling out and the state taking over construction responsibilities.

At the moment, the Beltway in the Greenbelt area is not part of the toll lane proposal. Yet, said Jordan, if "HOT lanes are approved in Montgomery County, I think there is a good chance that they will be approved for Prince George's County at some point in the future."

Said Jordan, "I think the main purpose of the governor's proposal is to generate additional income for other road projects."

Jordan stated that "going forward, there are other times where the project can still be altered or stopped, one of which will occur when the Board of Public Works has an opportunity to review and approve the project." Greenbelt ranks high among U.S. cities for its percentage of tree canopy, which covers 62 percent of the city (2,468 acres). Greenbelt owns over 423 acres of land, of which 354.5 are wooded, located in six forest preserves (North Woods, Hamilton Woods, Sunrise, Belle Point, Boxwood and Golden Triangle), two parks (Schrom Hills and Buddy Attick) and a cemetery.

These trees do a lot of work for the city. Trees increase property values and improve public health. By removing 240,000 pounds of air pollutants, 37 million gallons of runoff and 2.28 tons of carbon dioxide, Greenbelt trees provide services worth \$1.3 million annually, according to the Urban Forest Master Plan developed for the city by Davey Research Group in 2018. This plan, along with other tree management documents, is available on the Public Works page of the city website (greenbeltmd.gov).

"The city's current goal is to increase the canopy," according to Brian Townsend, assistant director of parks and a certified horticulturist and arborist. "When a tree comes down, the city replaces it, and we constantly look for areas where we can plant more trees."

Some of Greenbelt's individual trees have been the focus of a Significant Trees brochure, including two in Schrom Hills Park, the county champion deodar cedar and the state champion longleaf pine. Two county champions in the Greenbelt Town Center include a star magnolia near the Community Center, and a London plane near the Granite Building. Another beloved tree featured in the brochure is the beautiful white mulberry near Greenbelt Lake. A male tree, it produces no fruit. "There's a lot of people in Greenbelt who remember that tree," noted Townsend.

In the past 15 years, several studies of Greenbelt's tree population have been completed. In 2007, the canopy was initially surveyed from the air by lidar, a detection system similar to radar. A street tree inventory was begun in 2013, followed by a forest preserve assessment in 2016. Additionally, a Forest Stewardship Plan for Greenbelt was developed in 2013 by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Objectives were to protect and provide habitat for plants and wildlife, recreation opportunities including birdwatching, hiking and other outdoor activities, and to improve water quality and decrease runoff. Greenbelt forests are important as a riparian buffer, meaning the forest absorbs runoff before sediments and excess



Star magnolia tree in front of the Community Center

London plane tree near the Granite Building

- Photos by Lesley Kash



nutrients are carried into streams and wetlands, and then on into the Chesapeake Bay.

Trees in Greenbelt woods include an overstory of red oak, white oak and sweetgum. Additional trees include tulip poplar, red maple, willow oak, chestnut oak, black cherry, black gum, hickory, American beech, sassafras, persimmon, elm, Virginia pine and loblolly pine. The understory includes American holly, greenbriar, Virginia creeper, dogwood, mountain laurel, spice-

bush, along with the invasive English ivy, wisteria, bamboo and multiflora rose, which can choke out other vegetation.

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by Melissa Sites

Extensive Tree Canopy Makes Greenbelt An Urban Oasis

From across the fence, a photographer spots the perfect flower.

found that three quarters of the trees were Bradford pear (28 percent), maple (22 percent), oak (16 percent), crape myrtle (7 percent) and London plane tree (5 percent). Diversifying these trees is an important aspect of Greenbelt's urban forestry going forward. When a tree is

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removed, generally it is replaced by a different kind of tree.

An additional tree inventory involving numbered metal tags is a project managed by Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Greenbelt trees face challenges, including a lack of diversity in species and age. Other threats to the trees include pests, invasive species, development, right of way issues and limited resources dedicated to caring for the trees. A number of forest management strategies were adopted in the 2018 Urban Forest Master Plan, including an inventory of all trees, proactive tree management including keeping trees healthy and an assessment of risk from mature trees. Forward thinking aspects of the plan included strategic planting, strengthened protection for street and park trees, improved tree management around utilities and protection of the forest preserves. Outreach to private property owners, incorporating tree canopy

City Notes

Museum and Recreation staff prepared the Museum house for a film shoot.

Animal Shelter residents include 10 kittens, four adoptable.

Horticulture/Parks maintained landscaping at the Roosevelt Center, the Aquatic & Fitness Center and Schrom Hills Park. Refuse/ Recycling collected 27.95 tons of refuse and 11.43 tons of recyclables and hosted a recycling event.

The Food Scraps Program now serves 152 households with 317 people.

Sustainability/Environmental crews met with New Carrollton and Berwyn Heights, advocating Bee City USA certification.

Building Maintenance worked on the shop pit at Public Works. Fleet Maintenance serviced

seven Police vehicles. Governor's Office staff vis-

ited Springhill Lake Recreation Center, observing a Summer Fun event including fire extinguisher practice, an obstacle course and fun interaction with police and firefighters.

Summer Camp staff received kudos from Maryland Health Department inspectors.

Therapeutic Recreation facilitated Golden Agers' Zoom Bingo. Thirty-three seniors received frozen meals and one family received financial assistance.

Park rangers visited Kinder Camp and Camp Pine Tree.

into public space planning and better utilization of wood waste are some tactics that actually increase Greenbelt's existing tree canopy.

Townsend points out that Greenbelt already has started two food forests that include persimmons, pawpaws and blackberries. One food forest is maintained by CHEARS (Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society) at Springhill Lake, and one in Buddy Attick Park, located behind the playground.

"The city is looking for opportunities to work with private enterprise," Townsend commented. "At Beltway Plaza, they're going to install more trees and rain gardens, steps that help mitigate the problem of hot spots" resulting from paved areas. When shopping centers are redesigned, "that's an opportunity to add trees. In public areas and streets, the city has input."

Townsend notes that the Forest Preserve, currently threatened by the maglev train development plan, is the oldest, thickest part of the woods. "Blueberry Hill, the swamps and different types of flora and plant life [exist] because there's been less disturbance there." Townsend also notes that Greenbelt is "unique and amazing because we have these big forest preserves. We have a very good, diverse woods.'

Workers clear out the forebay near Lakecrest Drive.

The South forebay near Greenbelt Lake is being dredged as part of maintenance being done by the Clean Water Partnership. A routine inspection determined that the forebay near the intersection of Prince James Way and Lakecrest Drive is seeing excess sediment accumulation. As a result, dredging and removal of the sediment are currently underway, with the work scheduled to be completed in two to three weeks.

Greenbelt residents last heard of dredging of the forebays when they were completed in 2015. They were first created to catch the sediment from runoff and filter it out, leaving only the cleaner

water to reach the lake. While the forebays were expected to hold out for a decade before dredging would be done again, the Lakecrest Drive forebay is seeing accumulation four years earlier than was expected. The Clean Water Partnership's Jam Kendrick said that the recent stream restoration work in Greenbelt stabilized one of those outfalls and should reduce sediment loads going forward.

Kendrick added that there is no planned construction following the completion of this dredging work. The city and Clean Water Partnership will continue to inspect and maintain the area.





Brian Townsend, city horticultural supervisor, hugs the long-

leaf pine in Schrom Hills Park to demonstrate its girth in 2016.



Lake Forebay Dredging Will **Clear Accumulated Sediment** by Melissa Signorini



Greenbelt Elementary School PTA Labor Day Book Sale

Booth Sales: Friday, Saturday, and Monday at the Labor Day Festival Yard Sales: Saturday, September 4th 10-5pm more info on Pages 1 and 8 and at: https://sites.google.com/view/gespta/ Greenbeltespta@gmail.com



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Goals in a Changing ClimateBOOK SALE continued from page 1Parent and Teacher Associationthe honor system. A flyer we

by Matthew Arbach

According to Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Board President Stefan Brodd, GHI "has weathered the pandemic" and is doing well. On Wednesday, July 21, members of the GHI board met with the Greenbelt City Council to discuss a series of topics posed by GHI.

Brodd extolled members of GHI for raising and contributing roughly \$40,000 to fellow members to aid in their payment of monthly fees.

Six of the 1,600 GHI units are currently being rented, which GHI allows "in limited circumstances" and for "a specified time," mostly by members spending time out of town. Eight units are currently vacant with 29 units for sale. In 2020, GHI welcomed 93 new members and in 2021, 55 have been added; both figures are in the average range for the last seven to eight years.

Council, city staff and GHI are advocating for the simultaneous adoption of the Countywide Map Amendment (CMA) and the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone (NCOZ). Councilmember Rodney Roberts articulated the feelings of many GHI members concerned with the increased density that the CMA would allow, as its passage would eliminate the existing Residential Community Zone that helps protect Greenbelt's historic character.

On May 21, GHI submitted a letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation in reference to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the SCMaglev project, pressing for the nobuild option. City staff is working with Jill Grant and Associates to continue to monitor and advocate for this position.

GHI has had a long-standing issue with leaking underground water pipes (installed by WSSC between 1935 and 1937) that service its masonry buildings, manifesting as standing water days after a heavy rain and complicated by the potential for unsafe drinking water. In 1958, the city, GHI and WSSC signed an agreement, whereupon WSSC assumed ownership of the pipes up to the meter boxes at the units. GHI is seeking to have WSSC upgrade the pipes, as per the agreement. WSSC and GHI are in opposition concerning their respective ownership and maintenance responsibilities.

Council was strong in its com-

sentiment echoed by GHI board members.

A survey from GHI was submitted to the city on June 6, 2020, that indicated overall neighborhood support for the installation of lighting at the city park between 11 and 13 Courts of Ridge Road. Council and city staff are still exploring options.

Assistant Director of Public Works Brian Townsend said that the GHI playground at 44 Ridge Road is scheduled to be renovated in Fiscal Year 2024.

Greenbelt Police Chief Richard Bowers said that a perpetrator of a recent attempted carjacking at 10 Court Southway was arrested and hopes this "will go a long way" toward a return to a sense of safety in this vicinity.

There was much concern at GHI over a considerable loss of aging and diseased trees, especially red oaks. Climate change was cited as a major cause. The focus is now on treating both the trees and the soil and introducing species better suited to the existing climate.

GHI expressed preference for a period of comment prior to passage of city legislation affecting them.



Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) will be manning (inperson) their book-laden tables on Friday night, September 3; Saturday, September 4; and Monday, September 6. For those still not comfortable with crowds, those with mobility issues or those who just want to stop by their neighbors' yard for a good "new" book, there is a second option.

On Saturday, September 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., yards around Greenbelt will have tables where community members can look at what their neighbors have donated. This type of yard sale was the only sale held last year. Eric McKenzie remembers that he and his daughter "enjoyed taking a walk around the neighborhood, looking through all the stacks for Star Wars books." An exchange of books between McKenzie and fellow PTA member Ellie Twedt created a bond between the children who enjoyed the same book series. They have since exchanged gifts of new books in the series for their kids' birthdays. Twedt enjoyed that sharing aspect of the small sales, saying, "It's great! This is my beloved book and I get to give it to my beloved friend through the PTA." Jessica O'Roark said she had a similar experience hosting a sale. "Seeing people enjoying our books, I liked seeing who our books were going to," she said.

There will not be money exchanged at the yard sales but instead donations to the PTA can be made through PayPal on the honor system. A flyer with a map of all the locations, types of books available and a QR code will be available at the PTA's Labor Day Festival table, online and posted at the yard sales themselves. To pay online, one can take a photo of the QR code and it will open a donation web page to enter payment information. Alternatively, visit the donation page by clicking on paypal. com/paypalme/greenbeltespta or go through the PTA website at sites.google.com/view/gespta/ home. At the table at the Festival, the PTA plans to offer the option to purchase books with cash and credit cards.

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Book Sale is the largest fundraiser the PTA holds each year. It usually makes up a significant amount of the budget, if not more than half. That budget is used in a variety of ways. Frequently the PTA purchases gifts, food, experiences or even supplies for the teachers and other staff to make their difficult job a little easier. Most of the school field trips are subsidized by the PTA along with celebrations such as the 5th grade and kindergarten graduation ceremonies.

The big question for the bibliophiles of Greenbelt is: how can I donate books? (So that I can buy more.) There are a few ways. The most preferred would be to go to the PTA website and sign up to have a yard sale in your yard. The link is bit.ly/3lm4LVQ. Next, provide your address and the types of books you will be



donating. No personal information is linked to the participant's address. Copies of the flyer will be available at the PTA Labor Day booth on Saturday, September 4 before 10 a.m. Leftover books can be dropped off at the PTA booth on Monday, September 6 before 3 p.m. so that the book buyer can buy the leftovers. The PTA book sale booth is closed on Sunday. The yard sales will be smaller sales than the big multitable selection the community is familiar with. Brianne Boylan, who hosted a yard sale last year, said, "I did nothing more than put out the books with a sign on a stick and sold about 25 percent of what was out there."

For those wishing to donate books sold at the booth, contact the PTA at greenbeltespta@gmail. com. Because of the nature of the festival and the smaller sales, only books will be accepted – no magazines, encyclopedias or textbooks. Games and media may be for sale at the smaller yard sales.

In the time of Covid-19 and social distancing, the smaller-sale style has become more than a PTA fundraiser; it has become a community builder. Twedt commented on seeing families and friends she had not seen in months at her yard sale last year: "It was like a reunion in a way."



The Paris schoolgirl Madeline began life as a series of children's books. Most recently, she has become the star of sidewalk art at Ridge and Gardenway.





- Review Minutes of the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting
- Review Report re: Water Testing Results in a Sample of GHI Units
- Request for an Exception by a Member to Keen a Pit-bull Dog

mitment to this problem, which looks to only worsen in the face of climate change and increased precipitation. A combined effort from both GHI and the city was advocated for exerting effective pressure on WSSC to address this problem, including legal recourse. City staff is open to working with GHI, along with GHI's Peter May, a stormwater expert.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan, during the discussion on the proposed widening of the I-495 Beltway and Baltimore-Washington Parkway (both opposed by GHI), revealed recent developments in the governor's plan. See story, page 6.

City staff reported that service would resume on The Bus routes 11 and 15X, probably in the late summer or fall. Jordan emphasized that more frequent and dependable service would lead to a desirable rise in ridership, a





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- Approval of a Charter for the Permits Task Force
- Request by a Member on Ridge Rd to Utilize a Rental Garage as a Gym
- Review Report re: Strategic Planning Work Session Held on June 21 and June 27, 2021
- Proposed Revisions to Procedures re: How to Deal with Moisture/Mold Within the Home
- Review of the Work Session held with Brendan Keany, former General Manager
 of the Penn South Co-op
- Proposal to Approve Juneteenth as a GHI Holiday
- Establish Date for a Work session to Discuss GHI Committee Operations
- Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on September 2, 2021

To deter hacking, GHI requires persons who wish to attend the GHI Open session meeting on August 2, 2021, to register in advance by accessing the following

link: <u>https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkcOuqqzgrHNccSUcs-cbgAtOKdGGWzg7f</u>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <u>http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form</u>, contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

Regular Board meetings are open to Members For more information, visit our website: www.ghi.coop

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crossing our streets. Worry about the proliferation of guns in our society has people concerned about the possible negative impact on Greenbelt.

To improve safety, a panelist suggested that thinking more broadly might help by considering difficult predicaments that residents may find themselves in, such as trouble with finances, housing, food insecurity or poor health. "Families should have resources needed for success," said one panelist. Reducing childhood trauma will also hopefully reduce crime. Another panelist stated that there is a need for better communication among Greenbelt neighborhoods. The community needs to work harder to achieve "One Greenbelt" with equitable services and resources available to all, across all neighborhoods.

It was mentioned that the Franklin Park neighborhood has a need for more activities for all ages. Removing the stigma of living in Greenbelt West was also a major issue. A panelist was concerned about the Police Blotter in the Greenbelt News Review that identified Franklin Park and Greenbelt West as the source of much crime in Greenbelt and thereby enforced a negative perception of the area. It was suggested that more support was needed for Greenbelt CARES to help families and children. In addition, greater advertising of Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) services for seniors and community policing would improve safety in Greenbelt.

Connecting Across Greenbelt is grateful to the panelists and audience members for sharing their thoughts and ideas. CAG promotes conversations among Greenbelters such as this Forum on Public Safety. For more information contact CAG at communityconnectionsgb@gmail. com.

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it with the City of Greenbelt and were looking for new opportunities, according to Kapastin. They have regional Maryland offices in Odenton.

A drive through Greenbelt Station with specific attention to the new Verde apartments on the left as one enters, gives a good sense of what the new Beltway Plaza development may look like, although Kapastin says that, "Greenbelt Plaza will likely be more Art Deco."

Additional work will begin on sidewalks and re-landscaping the fronting of the Beltway Plaza property along Greenbelt Road to "finally get rid of the risks to pedestrians," said lead civil engineer and project manager, Alex Villegas of Rodgers Consulting. In the landscape design, Villegas placed an outdoor park and waiting area closest to the schools to help facilitate safe pickups and drop-offs as well as providing event space for new residents of the Plaza, and provided plenty of adjacent public parking in the new public garage.

According to Dave Sullivan, vice president of property development for the Quantum Company, they are putting into the new Greenbelt West recreation center multi-use flooring, improved bathrooms and classroom space. A satellite location of the



The right side of Target will have the roadway redesigned for pedestrians, where the parking spaces are now, (on the right side of the picture), with a garden pathway and trees to separate people from vehicle traffic.

Greenbelt Library is also being explored. The two-story facility, which has vaulted ceilings, is large enough for indoor soccer and other sports and recreation configurations. The three new residential apartment buildings, each with its own garage, pool and other amenities per building, will together contain 750 rental apartments. Electric charging stations and undercover bike racks are planned in the garages.

Kapastin stated that, "With all the recent challenges to retail spaces and malls, this transformation at Beltway Plaza will help our retail tenants to not only survive but to thrive." The Giant and Target stores as anchors for the mall show prominently in all the future designs, and Villegas specifically mentioned the current challenge for "people with their grocery carts who have to push them through the mall to enter the grocery store." Changing the access to the Giant grocery store to make it direct to the parking lots is also in the plans for the reworked traffic flows in the future.

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.

Carjacking

July 21, 11:23 a.m., 6204 Springhill Drive. Four people assaulted a pizza delivery driver and stole his vehicle, a blue 2018 Toyota Camry with D.C. tags GA4489.

Reckless Endangerment

July 23, 11:34 a.m., 400 Ridge Road. Shots were fired. No impacts were located.

Weapons Offense July 25, 8:21 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue at Crescent Road. Officers located a pistol in the vehicle of a person stopped for

DUI. He was arrested. **Theft** July 22, 1 p.m., 8 Parkway. A

package was stolen. July 23, 6:27 a.m., 6206 Breezewood Drive. A package from Amazon was taken.

Vehicle Crime A gray Acura MDX was taken

from 6113 Breezewood Court on July 23. Maryland front license plate

4EMO463, registered to a 2015

Chevy Malibu, was taken from 9109 Springhill Lane on July 24.

Two thefts occurred when vehicles were left unsecured at 7262 South Ora Court and 100 Rosewood Drive. Personal items were taken. An attempted theft occurred at 7100 Mathew Street, where an unsecured vehicle was rummaged through but nothing was taken.

Four thefts occurred when windows were broken to gain access. Money was taken at 5506 Cherrywood Lane and personal items were stolen from the 6000 block Greenbelt Road, 5809 Cherrywood Terrace and 9158 Springhill Court.

Acts of vandalism occurred when windows were broken at 5925 Cherrywood Terrace and 5915 Cherrywood Lane.

A passenger side door handle was damaged at 9011 Breezewood Terrace and paint was scratched at 9100 Springhill Lane.

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. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.



A black vulture visits a Greenbelt backyard.

Beltway Plaza Plans Online

For online information about Beltway Plaza development plans: • verdegreenbelt.com for information on Greenbelt Verde development

rodgers.com/projects/#project-260 for architectural information
On the City of Greenbelt Planning Department website (Development Proposals/Currently Under Review) 25 related links include

- presentations by Alex Villegas of Rodgers Consulting

- detailed site plans



Kim Kash

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RATES

CLASSIFIED: \$3.00 minimum for ten words. 15¢ for each additional word. Submit ad with payment to the News Review office by 6 p.m. Tuesday, or to the News Review drop box in the Co-op grocery store before 5 p.m. Tuesday, or mail to 15 Crescent Rd., Suite 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

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Middle School Principal Moves Adams Elected New President To New Post at PGCC Academy Of Greenbelt NTL Toastmasters

by Amy Hansen

Greenbelt Middle School Principal Dr. Daria Valentine will move to become the new principal of the Academy of Health Sciences at Prince George's Community College. She conveyed her news in a letter to her colleagues at Greenbelt Middle School and posted it on the school website. Valentine has worked at the school for four years. "I am thankful for all

of our experiences and lessons learned," she wrote. "The work that we have done at Greenbelt Middle School is transformative. I thank you for always trusting me to keep our scholars first."

A new principal will be appointed prior to the start of the school year, said Raven Hill, a spokesperson for the county schools.

Lynne Rea Adams, Distinguished Toastmaster, past Toastmaster district director and newly elected president of NTL Advanced Club, was installed virtually during the club's regular meeting on July 14. The club, whose membership is open to experienced speakers wanting to further improve their speaking and leadership skills, is in its 26th year in Greenbelt.

A native of Birmingham, England, Adams moved to Baltimore in 1990. Currently district team leader for 21 Goodyear tire stores, she has been a member of Toastmasters since 2003.

"NTL stands for Never Too Late and we believe it is never too late to grow as speakers and leaders," said Adams. "Because of the club's high standards and our focus on speech evaluations, we take pride in the large number of award-winning speaker members. We are looking forward to returning to in-person meetings but will probably continue to offer virtual ones on Zoom as well, which allows me to continue attending virtual meetings with a



Lynne Rea Adams, new president of the Greenbelt NTL **Toastmasters**

town club in my hometown of Birmingham."

Toastmasters started in Santa Ana, Calif., in 1938 and is now in 141 countries. For information on membership or the annual open-to-the-public four-week speech evaluation workshop coming in April 2022, visit ntladvanced.toastmastersclubs.org.



Daniel Hamlin shows a snake skin found in the bushes near the water at the Lake. He later put the skin by the path so others could enjoy it, too.

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Mary Murchison-Edwords enjoys the News Review and a view of Diamond Head in Honolulu from the balcony of the Park Shore Hotel on Friday, July 30.



Fred Edwords reads the News Review at the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco on Wednesday, **July 28.**



Travels with News Review

J Davis poses at her favorite peanut stand with her favorite newspaper. She's at the Good Earth Peanut Company on the way home from North Carolina.

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In Roosevelt Center

Springhill Lake Recreation Center Half-day Camp



Lt. Jermaine Gulledge shows a camper a police vest.



Greenbelt firefighters and police help out with the Springhill Lake Recreation Center half-day camp. This is the first year for the free camp, which is co-sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department and Boys and Girls Club of America. See story, page 1.



- Photos by Jennifer Sterling





Officer Ryan Aud (rear) and Lt. Jermaine Gulledge help with sit-ups.

