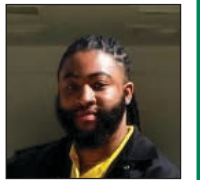




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Council Begins Reparations Commission Creation Plans

by Haley Kerby

The City of Greenbelt should establish a 21-member commission to review, discuss and make recommendations related to local reparations for African American and Native American residents of Greenbelt. This was the referendum posed to the public, where 63 percent of Greenbelters voted yes, and the focus of the Greenbelt City Council's worksession on Wednesday, March 9. Open to the public, it was held to discuss and answer questions about the creation of the Reparations Commission.

The meeting was more of a public hearing as opposed to a

traditional format, where councilmembers and the public were educated about reparation commissions in other cities as well as a discussion of how Greenbelt might create its own commission.

There was a continued reminder throughout the worksession to discuss logistical and timeline matters for the creation of a commission rather than what the commission will report on.

Mayor Emmett Jordan started the meeting by introducing and welcoming the councilmembers present: Councilmembers

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ERHS Outlasts Winston Churchill For Fourth State Title in 10 Years

by Patrick Gleason



Eleanor Roosevelt High School players, coaches and staff celebrate the state championship.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders continue their reign as state champions after successfully defending their 2019 state title – the last contested state championship due to Covid-19 – with a 54-49 double overtime vic-

tory over Montgomery County's Winston Churchill High School Bulldogs. Though this title looked in doubt for much of the second half and both overtimes, the Raiders found a way, and now bask in the program's fifth state

title since 2002.

After a 19-9 start, the 2022 state championship game looked much like the Raider titles in 2016 and 2019 – no contest.

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Local Businesses Receive Awards



PHOTO BY JAMES WISNIEWSKI

Greenbelt's Ace Hardware in Beltway Plaza gets a certificate from Comptroller of Maryland Peter Franchot.

Two Greenbelt businesses were presented proclamations on Wednesday, March 9 by Comptroller of Maryland Peter Franchot. The New Deal Café received an award for transforming from its humble beginning in

1995 to the premier music and art venue it is now. Alejandra Ramirez, owner of Beltway Plaza Hardware, received an award for her commitment to customers during the months of closure due to the pandemic.

Cooperatives Pledge Support For Ukraine Co-ops Fundraiser

by Dan Gillotte

As the Russian invasion of Ukraine rages on, Americans are looking for ways to help the Ukrainian people. Throughout the U.S., co-ops and their members are assisting the people of Ukraine through their national co-op association.

National Co-op Grocers (NCG), which Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy is a member of, has pledged a 100 percent match for all donations up to \$100,000 made by the U.S. retail food co-op system to help support the All-Ukrainian Central Union of Consumer Societies (COOP Ukraine) so that they can continue to provide goods and services to their communities. COOP Ukraine, which includes 15,000 enterprises, 3,000 restaurants, seven hotels, 300 manufac-

turing businesses and shops and 300 markets throughout Ukraine, is working to maintain operations so member-owners can continue to rely on co-op goods and services. "The sense of support and solidarity we feel from around the world gives us strength," said Illia Gorokhovskiy, board chair of COOP Ukraine, adding that the country's cooperatives are continuing to serve their members.

"Despite these circumstances, consumer cooperatives are making efforts to provide the population with the necessities of life, primarily food, and delivering them to where it is most needed." NCG is partnering with the Cooperative Development Foundation (CDF)

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Women's History

Names Not Frequently Mentioned

by Lois Rosado

Our history books seldom include information about the roles women performed during critical moments of American history or world history. To acknowledge some courageous women, especially during Women's History Month, here are some highlights of their contributions.

We all learned about the Minutemen who fought for U.S. independence. We never heard about the Minutewomen, led by Prudence Cummings Wright, who organized 30 to 40 women into a militia, dressed in men's clothing and protected the town of Pepperell, Mass., in 1775. They actually thwarted the British attempts to enter their city.

We also know about Paul Revere, but not about Sybil Ludington, a 16-year-old who rode through the night in upstate New York to warn independence fighters of a pending British attack.

The life of Harriet Tubman is well documented; however, we seldom learn about other women like Susan King Taylor, who escaped enslavement at 16. She

met Clara Barton, who encouraged her to become a nurse. She traveled with her husband's unit, the 33rd United States Colored Troops during the Civil War, and served as a nurse and launderer. After the war, she formed the Boston Branch of the Women's Relief Corps to assist newly freed

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What Goes On

Monday, March 21
8 p.m., Worksession: Goddard Space Flight Center
Wednesday, March 23
8 p.m., Worksession: Greenbelt Road Corridor Plan

Both meetings will be virtual. See the city ad on page 5 for information on how to view the meetings and the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for the agenda and information on public participation.

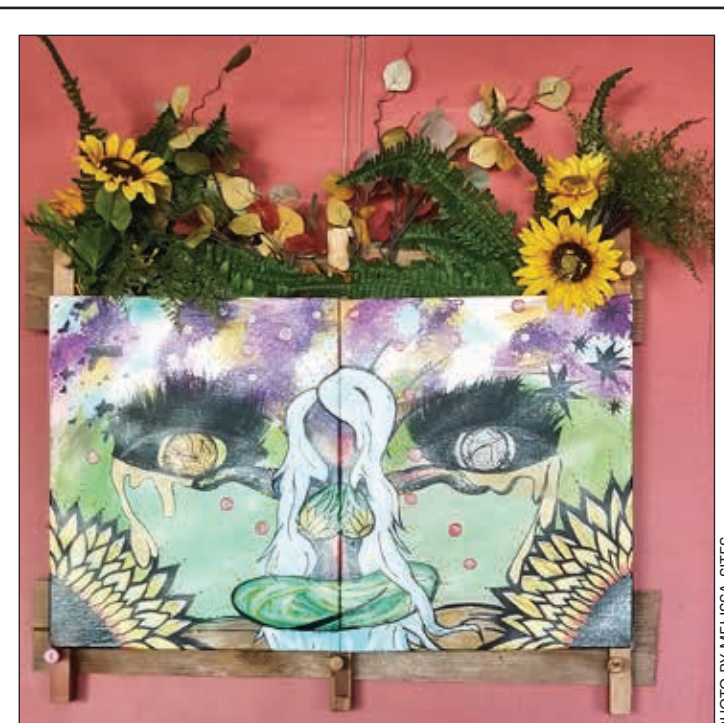


PHOTO BY MELISSA SITES

"Balance" by GabyNobody is part of the exhibit currently on display at the New Deal Café. See story, page 12.

Letters to the Editor

Website Accessibility

The City recently launched a website asking for input on how to spend the \$23 million fund that the city received under the American Rescue Plan Act. In good news, the city hired Bang the Table Pty Ltd. to build the website. Bang the Table has built the website with accessibility as a key focus and has set up a dedicated feedback line for receiving accessibility complaints.

This is, without a doubt, an unmitigated good. But, it also means that we as residents should stop accepting anything less from the city council than a full commitment to accessibility. If the council can build an accessible website in just a few months, why do they continue to allow Granicus to maintain the city's main website while displaying an absolute disregard for accessibility? Why do they continue to refuse to pay for quality captioning on the videos of work sessions and council meetings? Why have in-person meetings returned but without an interpreter present so that hearing-impaired residents can attend? Why do the city's social media posts often include information only in images, rendering the information inaccessible to residents who use screen readers?

The city council has the tools and ability to make our great city a leader in accessibility; they have demonstrated this clearly with the fantastic work that went into building engagegreenbelt.org.

Alexander Zajac

Thanks to Co-op

I just wanted to take a moment to thank the Greenbelt Co-op for supporting local authors.



PHOTO BY DAN YAGER

The Co-op features books by local authors.

We are new to the area, and recently became members of the Co-op. We were so happy to see a very nice collection of books by local authors between the office and the express lane. There is a wide assortment of books there, ranging from illustrated children's books, to memoirs and young adult fiction. I appreciate the effort that goes into these works, and I hope others in the community will help support these local artists by purchasing a book they might find of interest. I encourage everyone to check out the fine selection on your next visit to the Co-op.

Dan Yager

Normal Bus Loading?

On March 10 about 8:40 a.m., I witnessed an unusual incident at the intersection of Southway and Crescent. Some kids were waiting at the corner for the school bus. The school bus arrived on Crescent and stopped right in the middle of the intersection, opened the doors and let the kids in, while the traffic on all four ways waited. The bus was positioned in such a way that the children could not use the crosswalk. Is this kind of pickup normal? Couldn't the bus move a few yards and stop on the side so the children did not have to cross the road away from the crosswalk? To their credit, the children were very disciplined and orderly getting on the bus. I hope the authorities would take a note of this and prevent any recurrence. To me, this is clearly unsafe and sets a bad example on the children who should not be on the road except on a crosswalk or a sidewalk.

Rahul Mehta

Freedom of Speech

I respectfully disagree with the opinion of Rosanne Douglas, who commented on the use of the words, "Let's go Brandon" in the last issue of the News Review. Nowhere do the above words directly state nor imply the words, "F... you Biden." You yourself made that interpretation. Would you rather see the use of the exact words, "F... you" instead? The United States Constitution guarantees the right of freedom of speech. I think by your actions that you do not agree with the founding documents. What I think you really mean is that you don't like the fact that someone does not agree with your political beliefs. I have experienced in this town, it is OK to share your opinions with liberals as long as they agree with them. Otherwise, not so good things happen.

I am more concerned about our youth and younger Americans using the "F..." word more frequently. If I used those words in front of my parents growing up, my mouth would have been

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MON. 2:30 PM, 5:30 PM S2

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FRI. 3:00 PM S2
SAT. 5:30 PM, 8:30 PM S2
SUN. 2:30 PM, 5:30 PM S2
MON. 2:00 PM, 5:00 PM S1

On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Who We Are

Interweaving lecture, personal anecdotes, interviews and shocking revelations in Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America, criminal defense/civil rights lawyer Jeffery Robinson draws a stark timeline of anti-Black racism in the United States, from slavery to the modern myth of a post-racial America, while exploring the enduring legacy of white supremacy and our collective responsibility to overcome it.

Rated PG-13, running time 117 minutes

The Outfit

Leonard, a master English tailor played by Mark Rylance, used to craft suits on London's Savile Row. But after a personal tragedy, he's ended up in Chicago, operating a small tailor shop with his assistant where he makes beautiful clothes for the only people around who can afford them: a family of vicious gangsters. One night, two killers knock on his door in need of a favor, and Leonard is thrust onto the board in a deadly game of deception and murder. Directed by Graham Moore.

Rated R, running time 106 minutes



Even Goatman is Irish on St. Patrick's Day, but Cthulhu?
- Ian Blackwell Rogers

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Community Events

Greenbriar Residents Elect New Boards

Greenbriar Phase I had their annual meeting on March 1 and the results of the election are as follows: Lawrence Noda, president; LaVerne Smith, vice president; Missy Dodd, secretary; Evelyn Kenley, treasurer; Rhonda Furmanski, director.

Greenbriar Phase II had their annual meeting on March 8 and the results of the election are as follows: Linda Kulle, president; Doris Hamilton, vice president; Cheryl Taylor, secretary/treasurer; Claudia Harris, director; and Kevin Fisher, director.

CHEARS Seeks Garden Volunteers

The Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) is looking for volunteers to help in maintaining and developing the Three Sisters Garden in Schrom Hills Park, a community garden. For more information, contact Effie Levner, garden coordinator, at 443-415-1053.

Support Pollinators In No Mow Month

The Department of Public Works encourages residents to support pollinator habitat and participate in No Mow Month beginning April 1. Register at greenbeltd.gov/government/public-works/no-mow-month by March 21 to participate and receive a yard sign.

Gubernatorial Forum

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club is hosting an in-person Maryland gubernatorial forum on Sunday, April 3 at 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt American Legion. Space is limited. Contact Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369 with questions.

Plein Air Painting At Greenbelt Lake

Join artist Racquel Keller for a free plein air painting workshop at Greenbelt Lake on Saturday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring your own art supplies. Visit cpae.org for more information. This workshop is sponsored by College Park Arts Exchange.

Dems Celebrate Women's History

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club honors Women's History Month on Friday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom, featuring Patricia Walker Locke, the country's first Black woman to graduate from West Point. Locke, who served in the Army and retired as a major after suffering an injury, will be interviewed by Club Secretary James Williams with a Q&A segment to follow. Go to the Democratic Club's webpage, rooseveltclub.com, to receive the Zoom link.

The club is also producing a Maryland gubernatorial forum, which will be held in person on Sunday, April 3 at 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt American Legion. Dave Zahren will be the event's moderator. He also served as moderator for the city council candidates forum last October.

Seats for the forum must be reserved at rooseveltclub.com. Note that no more than 200 seats will be available to the public.

Contact Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369 with any questions.

Little League Registration Opens

Play Ball! Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League is excited to announce that registration is open for the Spring 2022 season for ages 5 to 14. Registration can be completed at gyblittleleague.org.

Those with questions about registration or who are interested in coaching/volunteering should contact greenbeltyouthbaseball@gmail.com.

Golden Age Club

On Wednesday, March 30, the Golden Agers will meet in person at Schrom Hills Park to celebrate National Take a Walk in the Park Day. All other meetings are still being held on Zoom each Wednesday at 11 a.m. To join the Golden Agers email list and obtain Zoom information for virtual meetings, contact Becky Sutfin at rsutfin@greenbeltd.gov.

March 23, virtual BINGO
March 30, walk at Schrom Hills Park; water and snack provided.

Order More Free Rapid Home Covid-19 Tests

Each residential household in the U.S. is eligible to order two sets of four rapid antigen tests. The brief order form, asking for only contact and shipping information, takes just a moment to fill out. The form and more information can be found at COVIDtests.gov. Orders will ship within 7 to 12 (or more) days, with delivery by the U.S. Postal Service.

The Bus

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Greenbelt PORCH Helping Neighbors

Greenbelt PORCH has rolled out P.A.L. – PORCH At Large for those Greenbelters who are interested in the PORCH program but don't have a coordinator in their neighborhood. To participate, simply contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com by noon on Sunday, March 20 with the address. Leave donations, marked RUAK or PORCH, by the front door and visible from the street. Ensure donated items have not expired.

The pickup schedule for the rest of the month follows: on March 20, between 2 and 4 p.m. for all of Boxwood Village and P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members; between 3 and 6 p.m. for Lakeside Drive; on Saturday, March 26 between 9 and 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill; on Sunday, March 27 by 4 p.m. for the 9 and 12 Courts Ridge Road.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are welcome. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Greenbelt PORCH, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.

At the Library

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System is teaming up with the Washington Wizards to present the Wizards Winter Reading Challenge through March 31. Prince Georgians can join the fun by participating in challenges for a chance to win prizes. Participants may complete and log activities including reading, watching Wizards games, attending virtual library programs, staying active and engaging with the Library and Wizards. Readers who complete the challenge will be entered into a raffle to win a variety of prizes. All ages are welcome. Register on Beanstack (website or mobile app).

Art Shares Meeting On Friday, March 18

The next Arts Shares meeting is on Friday, March 18 from 7 to 8 p.m. Meet up with fellow artists (teens and adults) for a constructive, informal discussion of everyone's work. Bring one to three pieces in any medium. All experience levels are welcome. Sign up online to receive event information.

1st Annual Food Truck Festival on March 26

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is hosting the 1st Annual Greenbelt Food Truck Festival to celebrate some of the tastiest local food cuisine on wheels. Check out the good food and family fun provided by Greenbelt Recreation at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday, March 26 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more details, visit greenbeltlaborday.com.

GIVES Quarterly Meeting via Zoom

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Services (GIVES) office at the Community Center is now open. The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 26 at 10 a.m. Members will receive Zoom information via email. Anyone wishing to attend can call the GIVES office at 301-507-6580 for the Zoom link details.

Babe Ruth Baseball Signups

Players 13 to 18 years old can sign up for Babe Ruth Baseball by contacting Ian at 240-305-7458. For more information, visit greenbeltbaberuth.com.

Greenbelt Seniors Softball League

The Greenbelt Softball League season is starting for men 60 and over and women 50 and over in good health. See ad on page 9 for more information.



The first hyacinth sprouts.

PHOTO BY MAIA SWISDAK



For some puppy owners in Greenbelt, Saturday mornings have become a time to gather for a "dog gone" good time for both the puppies and their humans. The weekly gatherings are held at an owner's home on a rotating basis. Puppies romp and their humans catch up with each other – fun times!

PHOTO BY JOHN CAMPANILE

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Obituaries



Gisèle Spiegelthal



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Gisèle Spiegelthal in her nursing uniform

Gisèle de la Bourlière dit Laplante Spiegelthal was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She died on February 28, 2022, at age 90.

She was born to Léon Laplante and Adrienne Paradis Laplante on September 20, 1931, in St. Pascal, Kamouraska, Quebec. After graduating from college with a nursing degree, she worked as a nurse in Canada, where she met her future husband, Edwin Spiegelthal. Gisèle and Edwin were married on October 9, 1955, in Ottawa. Shortly thereafter, the couple moved to Lynn, Mass., where their first child, Robert, was born. They had four more children: David, Lisa, Nicole and Anne. After a long illness, Edwin died on March 4, 1986.

Gisèle loved spending time with her children, and then her seven grandchildren: Michael and Tommy Esposito; Laurel, Margaux and Valerie Spiegelthal; and Amelia and Hannah Ack. When time and health allowed, she pursued her passions for tennis, painting, sewing, knitting, gardening, bike-riding, walking (especially around Greenbelt Lake, which she lived near for over

five decades) and listening to music, particularly opera and Edith Piaf, though surprisingly also the music of the 60s, which she first heard her children playing.

Gisèle loved her siblings and her parents, all of whom remained in Canada, and she brought her own children and husband to visit with them as time and finances allowed. She was the 4th of 10 children; the others were, from oldest to youngest, Madeleine, Yvon, Lili-anne, Guy, Yolande, Suzanne, Carmen, Noella and Claudette. She is predeceased by all but Carmen and Guy, who both live in Gisèle's hometown of St. Pascal.

A celebration of life is scheduled for June 8, 2022, at Greenbelt Lake.

Beatrice "Bea" McDay



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Bea McDay

On Thursday, February 24, 2022, longtime resident of Greenbelt Bea Freeman McDay died peacefully at age 102. Daughter of Bruce and Alice Freeman, she was the last surviving of nine children.

Born and raised in Garysburg, N.C., she graduated from North Carolina College for Negroes, now North Carolina Central Uni-

versity. Bea retired from elementary school teaching after over 30 years, more than 25 years spent in Prince George's County.

She is survived by her only child and son Dr. John Bruce McDay, daughter-in-law Jane, granddaughters Gwendolyn and Candice, and great-granddaughter Aerlin.

At her request, no memorial service is planned. Family and friends gathered at her 100th birthday celebration, which was the way she wished to be remembered.

Bea was cremated and her ashes will be returned to North Carolina.

William Goodall

William Howard Goodall, 71, of Greenbelt, died peacefully on January 25, 2022. He was known to his many friends and family members as "Bill" or "Bub."

Bill grew up in Greenbelt and spent his early years on Plateau Place and later on Laurel Hill where he and his brother, Scott, were neighbors for several years. In his youth, Bill played on Greenbelt Little League teams with many of his childhood friends. He held many fond memories of growing up and living in Greenbelt. He continued his love of baseball and was an avid Yankees fan. He was also a loyal fan to the Burgundy and Gold and cheered on the mighty Maryland Terps. Among his favorite pastimes was listening to every genre of music, from the classics of the 1950s and 1960s to classic country and good old rock and roll.

Bill married Marilyn, the love of his life, in 1987 and their love story spanned over 30 years until her death. Many of those years were spent enjoying gardening and entertaining family and friends at their beautiful Green-

belt home. He was a plumber by trade and retired from the University of Maryland after 30+ years of service and was an active member of the Sons of the American Legion. Bill loved his family, friends, cats and his home.

Bill leaves behind his mother, daughter, two sisters, brother-in-law, nieces, nephews, life-long friends and his neighborhood family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Gaebe Memorial Set to May 22

The December 23, 2021, obituary for Julie Gaebe stated that a memorial service was planned for June 11, 2022. The memorial is now planned for May 22. Those who would like to receive more information should email Abby Crowley at acrowley@comcast.net.



Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 17

An ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service is planned for 7 a.m. on Sunday, April 17 at Schrom Hills Park. All are welcome. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on. Rain location is Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt.

"Equality between men and women is conducive to the abolition of warfare for the reason that women will never be willing to sanction it." — 'Abdu'l-Bahá



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City Notes

Greenbelt earned Tree City USA status for the 22nd year. Special Details installed irrigation pipe for the Public Works greenhouse. Refuse/Recycling collected 26.68 tons of refuse and 10.96 tons of recyclables.

Sustainability/Environmental led a Girl Scout interpretive walk at Greenbelt Lake and Weed Warriors removed four cubic yards of weeds from Schrom Hills Park.

Animal Control impounded a cat and a dog. Two kittens were born and three cats were adopted. Eight cats, three kittens and two dogs are sheltered.

The Community Center hosted a blood drive and facilitated painting/floor refinishing in the ceramics studios. The March 6 Artful Afternoon celebrated Women's History Month. Park rangers facilitated a CHEARS poetry event.

County fire and emergency medical services staff trained at the Aquatic Center.

Therapeutic Recreation delivered meal packs to 23 seniors. Springhill Lake Recreation Center's after-school program now offers meals and CARES in-person tutoring. Greenbelt Assistance in Living distributed masks and Covid test kits at four locations for 382 participants.

Sen. Pinsky Offers 2022 Scholarship

Applications are being accepted for State Senator Paul Pinsky's 2022 Senatorial Scholarship. Those applying should be current high school seniors or full-time and part-time degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate students who live in the 22nd Legislative District.

The application is available online at senatorpinsky.org. Complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid in addition to the scholarship application.

Selection is based on academic achievement, financial need and commitment to higher education. Awards range from \$500 to \$2,000.

For anyone who received an award from Senator Pinsky during a previous academic year, the award will be renewed automatically as long as the awardee maintained satisfactory academic progress. For more information call 301-858-3155 or email paul.pinsky@senate.state.md.us. The application deadline is Sunday, April 3.

Alonzo Washington Offers Scholarship

State Delegate Alonzo T. Washington is now accepting applications for his 2022-2023 Scholarship Award Program. Applications, open to current high school seniors or those seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree, are available online at tinyurl.com/WashingtonScholarship2022.

To be eligible, applicants must attend a college or university in Maryland and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Undocumented residents are eligible for funds and are welcome to apply. Those who have received Delegate Washington's scholarship in the past must re-apply this year.

For more information, email Alonzo.Washington@house.state.md.us or call 301-858-3652. The application deadline is Friday, May 20.



City Information & Events

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

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR MARCH 21-25

Monday, March 21 at 8 pm, **WORK SESSION - NASA**, Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, March 22 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**, On the Agenda: Call to Order; Updates from Sustainability Framework: Energy, Food Systems, Green Building, Land Use, Transportation, Local Economics, Waste Management, Water; Events; Adjourn.

Wednesday, March 23 at 8 pm, **WORK SESSION - GREENBELT ROAD CORRIDOR PLAN**, Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996, and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Thursday, March 24 at 7 pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD**, On the Agenda: Opening round, Approve Agenda, Approve minutes, MAGLEV update, Old business, Trail Master Plan: Section 5 North Woods, Master Trail Plan Section 7 "Other tracts," Pumpkin wald train maintenance pilot: Phase 2, Greenbriar Tract: Update Stewardship Guidelines, Planning for Greenbriar walkthrough, April 10, notify schools?, Dr. Nordon: Snail Study, Next Meeting April 28, Closing round.

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 greenbeltmd.gov

Greenbelt Recreation will provide full and half-day Summer Camps from June 27 - August 19.

Camps are available for youth ages 3.5 - 17 years

Look for our Camp Guide online in early April!

For more information call 301-397-2200 or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation



NO MOW MONTH!

Register today to participate in No Mow Month! You MUST register to participate. Register by March 21, to receive a yard sign.

<https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/public-works/no-mow-month>

Do you enjoy serving your community? Are you available every third Thursday of the month from 10am to 3pm?

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To sign up, contact Flora Li at fli@greenbeltmd.gov or (301) 412-2480

GUIDED WALKING TOUR Sunday, April 10 | 1 pm

Greenbriar Park
Hanover Pkwy and Mandan Rd
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Join members of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board for a walking tour of the newly acquired, Greenbriar tract. Board members will be available to answer questions, address concerns, and to give insight into this unique parcel.

For more information, contact Environmental Coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll: kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov

Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook and Twitter @cityofgreenbelt! For City information and events visit www.greenbeltmd.gov

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Input Meetings

Come and share your thoughts on how the City of Greenbelt should invest its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

March 19 - 10 am	March 22 - 7 pm	March 29 - 7 pm
Greenbelt Community Center	Greenbriar Community Building	Springhill Lake Recreation Center
15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770	7600 Hanover Pkwy Greenbelt, MD 20770	6101 Cherrywood Ln Greenbelt, MD 20770

COVID-19 MANDATORY INDOOR MASK POLICY

The City of Greenbelt's practice has been to closely monitor and consider county and state COVID-19 policies and practices for implementation in the City. These county and state policies are based upon health guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Maryland Department of Health and the Prince George's Office for Health, Human and Education Services.

Given the most recent guidance, and taking into account our staff and residents desire for notice, effective Monday, March 7, 2022 we will lift the mandatory indoor mask mandate for all visitors entering the City facilities and for all vaccinated employees. Unvaccinated visitors and employees are strongly encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccination.

CITY WELCOME PACKETS

The City Welcome Packet is back!!! If your business, club, or organization would like to be included in the City of Greenbelt's Welcome Packet, please bring 300 copies of your promotional materials to the Greenbelt Municipal Building, located at 25 Crescent Road, by 3 pm on Friday, April 15, 2022. Packets will be distributed to all new residents of Greenbelt and are a great resource to help promote your business!

For more information, contact Chondria Andrews at candrews@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2026.

WEED WARRIORS: INVASIVE PLANT PULL March 26 | 10 am - 1 pm

Be a part of the community effort to remove invasive plant species from the environment around Greenbelt Lake in Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to remove invasive vines from native trees and to pull other invasive plant species.

Reminders:
Bring a reusable water bottle
Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
Students: bring community-service forms
Must register to participate; limited to 25 volunteers

To Register, email: kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov

FREE TUTORING PROGRAMS

Registration open for K-12

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For more information or special accommodation, contact:
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Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 2/28/22)

Rent and Utility Assistance
· 253 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$998,817.96

Mortgage and HOA Assistance
· 6 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$8,464.77

ARTISTS' 24-HR STUDIO SPACE

Greenbelt Community Center
Schedule a tour by March 25.

New residencies begin in July!

Information at:
www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts



INVITATION TO BID

Tennis Court Repair and Resurfacing
City of Greenbelt Bid No. 2022-01-B

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland invites the submission of bids from qualified companies for the repair and resurfacing of six tennis courts and one outdoor full basketball court, including the addition of pickleball playing lines to four of the tennis courts and the outdoor basketball court. The complete bid package can be accessed at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation (beginning Thursday, March 17) or requested by emailing aphelan@greenbeltmd.gov. Bids are due by 11:00am on Wednesday, April 6.

Please contact Andrew Phelan, Assistant Director - Recreation Facilities & Operations, at aphelan@greenbeltmd.gov or 301-397-2200 for additional information.



PHOTO BY KEVIN W. PARKER

Signs of Spring - and Snow

If you're going to be just like everyone else, what's the point in existing?



PHOTO BY STEVE BUCCA

Daffodils



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Star magnolia recovers from the snow.

Bravo Celebrates Premiere Here

Marc Bravo showcased the premiere of his new reality show, Creative House, at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Saturday, March 5. The show featured many musicians living in a house for a week and "creating the best content they could." Bravo is originally from Bowie. The show officially aired on YouTube on Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m.



Marc Bravo celebrates in front of the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

- Photos courtesy Marc Bravo

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enslaved people.

Histories and stories about indigenous women have also been omitted from our history books. Susan LaFlesche Picotte lived in the 19th and early 20th centuries. A member of the Omaha Tribe in Nebraska, she is the first of her nation to earn a medical degree. She campaigned for better care for residents living on reservations who were afflicted by tuberculosis and alcoholism, and opened a hospital on the reservation to help improve health services for the Native population.

Jovita Idár was a Mexican American journalist and suffragette born in Laredo, Texas. She fought against the discrimination against Mexican people by the local, state and federal governments through her journalism at El Progreso newspaper. Idár helped organize the first Mexican Congress in order to encourage political participation and to bring awareness to the substandard pay and living conditions of Mexican American communities in Texas.

The story of the Warsaw Ghetto has been read about and seen in documentaries. However, the stories of many courageous women like Vladk Meed are probably not known by the general public. Meed used a false identification card from 1940 to 1942 on the Aryan side of Warsaw to smuggle arms to Jewish fighters and also helped Jews to escape from the ghetto. (Holocaust Encyclopedia)

During World War II, two Chinese American women joined the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) program. Hazel Lee and Maggie Gee flew non-combatant missions such as transporting planes between bases, hauling gunnery targets to be shot at by male bomber pilot trainees and tested military aircraft. Roles that women played during WWII are still being revealed.

The 6888th Postal Battalion of the Women's Army Corps is



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The 6888th Postal Battalion of the Women's Army Corps in May, 1945

just being recognized this year with the Congressional Medal of Honor for their work under very harsh conditions during WWII. They were the only African American women sent overseas and they were given six months to sort and clear out 17 million pieces of American and Allied mail. It was achieved in three months working in shifts around the clock. Their motto: "No Mail, Low Morale."

Stella Young, from Australia, fought for the physically disabled by demonstrating through media,

journalism, articles and TED Talk presentations, that there are no limits to the abilities of any human being no matter the physical or mental limitations of their bodies.

For Women's History Month, I suggest that Greenbelt Recreation and the Greenbelt Museum select four women to highlight each year, whose unique stories, sacrifices and contributions helped to improve the human condition and/or served as inspirational models.

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Members of the Creative House reality show gather in Old Greenbelt to watch the premiere on the theater's big screen.



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Mowatt Methodist Church Open House Featured Handbell Choir

by Melissa Sites

Imagine performing a song with a group of people – but the twist is each individual can only produce one or two notes. This is the exhilarating challenge of playing in a handbell choir. Handbells can be played by anyone, from the experienced musician to someone with no ability to read music.

Four players with The Ecumenical Joy Ringers welcomed people intrigued by handbells to an open house at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church. Since 2017, the group has been led by Amy Murray-Kraft, also musical director at St. John Lutheran Church in Riverdale.

“You need to be able to count to four. Then you count to four again,” Mowatt lay leader and avid ringer Ellen Noll said, explaining how to read sheet music to a novice. “It’s a great instrument for newbies because you just have one bell.” Ringers can add a second bell or more as they learn new techniques. Color coding the sheet music can also cue a ringer to play bells marked with those colors – since most players play only two bells, even someone with no experience reading sheet music can follow the color cues to ring the bells they are holding at the right times.

Mother-daughter duo Kris and Amanda Wilhelm joined the handbell choir at Mowatt after the enforced isolation of the pandemic. “I was stuck at home and needed an outlet for creativity and this was perfect. I was so happy to be creative again, be with other people and make music,” Amanda said. The Tuesday night rehearsal provides camaraderie, fellowship and fun.

Handbells are specially tuned bells, with a hinged clapper that allows a player to produce notes in rhythm with precision. The set of bells used at Mowatt ranges three full octaves, from the C below middle C to two octaves



PHOTO BY IAN BLACKWELL ROGERS

From left, Kris Wilhelm, Ellen Noll, Amy Murray-Kraft and Amanda Wilhelm ring bells at the Ecumenical Joy Ringers open house.

above middle C. Ringers wear gloves to protect the bells’ shiny surface from skin oils and stand at tables cushioned with special foam mats that both protect the bells and damp them when they are set down.

In 2021, the Joy Ringers participated in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade and won Runner Up for People’s Choice. They rode on a trailer decorated by the Mowatt BSA Venture Crew and played My Country ‘Tis of Thee on chimes – a related instrument commonly used to introduce elementary school students to the idea of handbells – which are less likely to be damaged in a parade situation.

The handbell performances are video recorded so they can be shared with the various churches to which the Ecumenical Joy Ringers belong. Over the holidays, Greenbelt Access Television recorded In the Bleak Midwinter and Silent Night.

Handbell music can be expansive, involving more than 30 bells, including chimes, or with some bells played on the table with mallets, or pared down to arrangements for four people playing eight bells with piano accompaniment. The Joy Ringers welcome players at any level of experience to allow for greater choice in music selections and to provide flexibility when a player needs to miss a rehearsal.



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March Reel & Meal Film Considers D.C. Statehood

by Frank Gervasi

Who Cares About DC, the featured film on Monday, March 21 at the New Deal Café’s Reel and Meal, asserts that the filmmaker cares and so should we. It gives compelling reasons for why Washington, D.C., should, and could, be awarded statehood. D.C. has been fighting for this for many years.



SCREENSHOT BY FRANK GERVASI

A screenshot from the film Who Cares about DC?

Despite the city having a population greater than Wyoming or Vermont, and being almost as large as six other states, its residents have no real vote in Congress and with severely limited representation.

D.C. residents do not even have full say over local issues that affect only themselves. Representatives from other states can and do make laws affecting them and overrule their own decisions. Yet they pay some of the highest taxes in the nation. They protest this injustice on their license plates: “Taxation Without Representation.”

With more than 90 percent of voters registered Democrats, their voice could have a powerful effect on the nation’s direction. Especially in this era of renewed voter suppression, these votes are needed and Democrats everywhere should care about them.

Greenbelt originally screened this film at the 2021 Utopia Film Festival in November. The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and Utopia Film Festival are co-presenting this screening of the film and discussion. With so much recent coordinated gerrymandering, voter suppression laws and state election process manipulations coming from the Republicans, Democrats need to take some bold action to restore some kind of fairness in the nation’s politics.

The film program is free. The Co-op Supermarket sells an optional vegan meal for the Reel and Meal. This month’s offering will be samosa dumplings, chick-peas masala and cauliflower. Call 301-474-0522 to reserve a meal for pickup at the deli counter.

Filmmaker Stephen Kolb will be present for a Q&A discussion following the 7 p.m. screening, which will be a hybrid event. Come in person (with mask and vaccination proof) or watch and participate on Zoom. To attend via Zoom, register at tinyurl.com/ReelMealMar21.

Reel and Meal at the New Deal is a monthly film and discussion series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues, presented by the Utopia Film Festival and the Prince George’s County Peace and Justice Coalition. For more information, contact Frank Gervasi at 301-467-2418 or Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369.

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Controlled Burns Will Be Done on Refuge

Personnel from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are scheduled to conduct a series of controlled burns on Patuxent Research Refuge lands. Depending on weather conditions and available personnel, an early spring burn is planned for the refuge on or about Tuesday, March 15 through Friday, April 29.

Expert fire teams use fire to remove dead biomass for future vegetation and habitat management, to facilitate control of exotic plants and to restore important wildlife habitat. Another use of controlled burns is to reduce hazardous fuels – flammable vegetation that could pose hazards to visitors and local communities if they burned in an uncontrolled wildfire.

Residents and visitors to the Laurel/Bowie/Odenton area may see or smell smoke periodically during this time. The burns will occur on several units located on the Refuge’s North Tract, which is located off Md. Route 198 and the Baltimore/Washington Parkway, east of Laurel; and on the Refuge’s South Tract near the National Wildlife Visitor Center off Powder Mill Road.



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Apology to Dr. Seuss for the headline

Business

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



New Deal Board President Michael Hartman, left, and New Deal Board Member Katy Gaughan receive a certificate from Comptroller of Maryland Peter Franchot. See story, page 1.

PHOTO BY JAMES WISNIEWSKI

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Kristen Weaver, Judith Davis, Ric Gordon, Colin Byrd and Rodney Roberts. City Planner Molly Porter and Acting City Manager Timothy George were also present. Councilmember Silke Pope was not in attendance.

Porter began the council discussion by presenting research on four different cities, the reparations commissions they had in place and how they began. These cities included Evanston, Ill.; Asheville and Carrboro, N.C.; and Providence, R.I. The populations in these cities range from 21,295 to 190,934.

Byrd pointed out that there are other jurisdictions that have weighed in on the issue, for example Detroit. Both Detroit and Greenbelt, he said, recently passed referendums and have similar demographics.

Davis was also concerned about why the City of College Park was not included in the presentation, given its proximity and similarities to Greenbelt. "When staff was picking these, we focused mostly on reparations efforts that were citywide," responded Porter. "College Park is more specifically addressing the Lakeland neighborhood."

In addition to concern about population and demographic inconsistencies, the idea of a stipend or compensation for the commission's efforts was brought into the discussion. "We've never paid a board or a committee in the past," responded Roberts. He believes that once this issue comes out, the people who care about the community will take part willingly.

Budgetary concerns and timeline matters were discussed as well as whether or not the committee will be a short- or long-term project, and how much the city is willing to fit into the budget for this fiscal year as funding for the Reparations Commission.

Viewers offered opinions and asked questions during the meeting. Toward the middle of the

discussion, Weaver read the questions and comments, answering to the best of her ability while allowing considerations for those voiced opinions. Religious, budgetary and demographic considerations were all commented on by the public.

Councilmembers agreed that looking into the history of issues faced by African Americans and Native Americans in Greenbelt is the first step for the commission; however, since Congress sold Greenbelt in 1952, the question was posed for how far back the commission should research and whether inclusion of incidents before 1952 should be included.

Near the end of the work-session, Davis proposed, once the commission and selection of members is approved, that it begin work by July as it is the beginning of the fiscal year, when "the resources and marching orders will be there." Davis also proposed that selection be through a group interview for greater acceptance by all councilmembers.

Byrd also voiced his opinion on the selection process, saying, "If people serve on a board now, they should be allowed to serve on this if ... selected and appointed by the council."

Gordon concurred that both ideas from Davis and Byrd in the selecting process were good and that a merge between the two may be possible.

Jordan concluded the work-session by stating that the topic cannot be convened here and should be put on the agenda for a later session in order for the people hoping to join this commission to come together and come back to council to refine exactly what will be their focus.

"I don't think this is a situation where council should be making all the decisions, I think this should be an inclusive process where everybody has a voice," Jordan said.

Jordan and Davis also thanked

Porter for her exemplary efforts in researching and presenting the reparations information she gathered on a topic not easy to discuss.

A time for comments and questions was also given in the final minutes of the meeting as well as a brief overview of other informational items including the Covid state-of-emergency.



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washed out with soap. That word doesn't prove anything as we all know what it means.

Rudy Crenshaw

Appreciations

On behalf of the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, thank you to the Greenbelt Public Information Office and staff, especially Chondria Andrews; the Recreation Department, especially LaToya Fisher; Nicole DeWald for the wonderful Artful Afternoon program and art exhibits; the Greenbelt Museum; the Golden Age Club; Old Greenbelt Theatre; RUA for organizing the Negro League

Exhibit and Frank Gervasi for their video interview, which can be seen on GATe; Brian Butler and friends and the Earth Squad, for the children's performance with assistance from Carolyn Lambright-Davis; and Eleanor Roosevelt High School Jazz Band for sharing the concert video. We also thank the Greenbelt City Council for their continued support, as well as the citizens of Greenbelt.

All of the programs and sessions can still be viewed and enjoyed on the city's YouTube channel.

Lois Rosado and
Leann Irwin, Co-Chairs

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to support cooperatives in Ukraine through CDF's Disaster Recovery Fund. Donations can be made by sending a check to CDF at 1775 Eye Street NW, 8th floor, Washington, D.C. 20006, indicating Disaster

Recovery Fund in the memo line or online at interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E332248&id=111.

(Excerpt from Greenbelt Co-op newsletter & NCBACUSA.coop press release)



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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here are from March 7 to March 13. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Major Crimes

On March 7 at 3:16 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road eastbound: three suspects assaulted the vehicle owner and stole a silver 2017 Toyota RAV4, MD plate 4CV0187. The suspects are described as all being in their 20s – a black male wearing all black clothing, a black female wearing a gray sweater and black pants, and a black female wearing black joggers with white stripes down the legs, a silver jacket and red sneakers. The victim sustained minor injuries.

On March 10 at 5:01 a.m. near 5900 Springhill Drive. Victim was assaulted by an unknown group of people and lost consciousness. After regaining consciousness, the victim realized personal property had been taken.

Arrest: Illegal Firearm

On March 8 at 8:16 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road eastbound: adult male arrested after illegally carrying a loaded firearm.

Assault

On March 12 at 5:51 p.m. near 7500 Greenway Center Drive: disagreement between customers turned physical.

Auto Recovered

On March 7 at 12:09 a.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace: stolen vehicle located. Near Greenbelt Road eastbound / Southway: stolen vehicle located. On March 13 at 3:29 a.m. near Greenbelt Road eastbound / Kenilworth Ave northbound: stolen vehicle located.

Auto Stolen

On March 9 at 1:51 p.m. near 100 Lakeside Drive: 1998 Toyota Corolla stolen.

On March 12 at 6:49 p.m. near 7800 Hanover Parkway: gray Chevy Equinox stolen.

Auto Theft

On March 9 at 6:55 a.m. near 7800 Walker Drive: all four tires and rims of Honda Accord stolen.

Near 9100 Edmonston Road: Honda Civic lug nuts removed and wheels bent inward and damaged. Near 6000 Greenbelt Road westbound: personal property stolen from vehicle, no signs of forced entry.

On March 10 at 5:34 a.m. near 7500 Greenway Center

Drive: passenger window broken, nothing taken. Near 7400 Greenway Center Drive: Nissan Altima passenger window broken, all four tires stolen. Near 7800 Walker Drive: all four tires and rims of Toyota Corolla stolen. Near 7200 Hanover Drive: driver-side window broken, all four tires and rims of Honda Accord stolen. Near 7800 Walker Drive: front passenger-side window broken, personal property stolen.

On March 11 at 2:28 p.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane: rear tag stolen.

Auto Vandalism

On March 13 at 9:52 a.m. near 6200 Springhill Drive: vehicle's windshield shattered.

Disorderly Conduct

On March 11 at 8:08 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road westbound: disorderly individual taken to hospital.

DUI

On March 8 at 7:28 p.m. near Greenbelt Road eastbound / Lakecrest Drive: DUI arrest.

On March 10 at 8:57 p.m. near Greenbelt Road eastbound / Frankfort Drive: DUI arrest.

On March 13 at 3:59 a.m. near Greenbelt Road eastbound / Kenilworth Avenue northbound: DUI arrest.

Fight

On March 11 at 10:18 p.m. near 9100 Edmonston Court: road rage altercation turned physical.

Fraud

On March 10 at 2:18 p.m. near 46 Court Crescent Road: unemployment fraud.

On March 11 at 6:07 p.m. near 57 Court Ridge Road: check fraud.

Theft

On March 7 at 12:29 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road westbound: commercial theft.

On March 8 at 12:34 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road eastbound: commercial theft.

On March 11 at 12:45 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road: commercial theft. Near 7400 Greenbelt Road eastbound: commercial theft.

On March 13 at 11:49 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road westbound: commercial theft.

ZIP Code 20770 Has Covid-19 In the Rear-view Mirror Now

by Cathie Meetre

The only data easily available organized by ZIP code is that of daily new and cumulative cases. There are no obviously available statistics of deaths or hospitalizations using the same geographical boundaries so it is hard to say just how Greenbelt fared in all aspects of the pandemic. But there are some general statements that can be made and some inferences that can be drawn from county and state statistics.

The cumulative number of cases in 20770 through Thursday, March 10 was 4,381 out of the city's approximately 23,000 residents, meaning about 19 percent of the ZIP code's population tested positive for Covid over the two-year period since statistics began in March 2020.

Countywide, 169,218 cases were reported during the same two-year period and with the county's population of 909,000, the case rate is ~18.6 percent – slightly less overall than for 20770. State case rates were in the same ballpark though lower, with state cases overall at ~16 percent of population. It's fair to say that 20770 did a little worse than the Maryland average for cases.

Deaths, Hospitalizations

For the county, there were 1,852 deaths and 12,354 hospitalizations as of March 10. The state had over 1 million cases and 13,964 deaths. Given that 20770's case numbers are relatively close to those of the county and the state and assuming the similarity in outcomes remains to include hospitalizations and deaths, 20770's counts for the entire two years of Covid-19 would be approximately 50 deaths and 220 hospitalizations. *See note at end.

News Review Does Well

The newsroom in the Community Center closed for most activities in March 2020. Most

in-office activities did not resume until the fall of 2021 and the office may reopen to the public with the rest of the building later this month. It is pleasing to report that the News Review's members – who continued to put out a weekly newspaper despite the scourge – remained free of Covid despite some exposure implicit in carrying out that vow. All staff attending the office have been vaccinated and boosted, with some of our more vulnerable staff already having received an additional booster. Masks have been the order of the day to provide a second layer of protection.

News Review members are generally an older and more vulnerable population, yet only one

member is known to have been infected – and that happened over a week into a visit to another state and it is unlikely the virus was contracted in Greenbelt. Protected by her vaccination and booster combo from serious illness, the member is happily recovered and back at work.

* Note

Data for this report were taken from the Maryland State Covid website (coronavirus.maryland.gov), the Prince George's County Covid-status website (princegeorgescountymd.gov/3397/Coronavirus; click on COVID-19 Case Data, then on Dashboard and select the Current Status tab) and online population statistics.



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A morning romp in the field with the girls on March 11

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Sports

BASKETBALL continued from page 1

Then, the Bulldogs produced a 7-0 run capped by point guard Andrew Silver's three pointer with two seconds left, a sign of the closely contested second half to come.

Senior James Rice, Prince George's County player of the year, led the Raiders with 18 points, but after knocking down three triples in the first quarter, he and the Raiders went cold for much of the second half. The Bulldogs weren't much better; the teams combined for a total of 12 points in the third quarter before a flurry of scoring that led to an overtime that was only possible due to the free-throw shooting disparity. The Raiders ended the night 16-33 from the charity stripe, while Churchill sank 21 of 26. Still, Roosevelt found a way to weather a determined Bulldog squad. With the score tied and 15 seconds remaining, senior guard Carlos Kinard found his favorite spot on the floor and released a corner three that found nothing but net, igniting euphoria amid the black-clad Roosevelt student section. But for the second time that night, Silver sunk a three, sending the game to overtime at 40-40 with both teams mired in foul trouble.

There's not much that can be said about the first extra period. Both teams missed shots, both teams turned the ball over and both teams made exactly one free throw, leading to a second overtime. The score now 41-41.

Though Jaylin Payne, Roosevelt's inside force who grabbed 18 rebounds on the night, fouled out, junior Tobi Raji stepped up in the second overtime, corralling two significant rebounds and scoring four points when the Raiders needed them most, especially after Kinard and Rice joined Payne on the bench with their fifth fouls. The Bulldogs also ended the night with three starters fouled out as weary legs populated the floor. Luckily, Raider point guard Fani Lewis, the only other Raider to reach double digits in the scoring column, never seemed to tire. Lewis continued to attack the basket and despite only making two



Freshman Giovanni Sanford and senior Luca Pedone embrace as junior Tobi Raji exults after the Roosevelt title.

- Photos by Alexis Esparza Medina



Sam Atta-Safih and Dywane Connelly anticipate the imminent championship in Saturday's double overtime thriller.

field goals, he drew fouls and was the most consistent Raider at the free-throw line. Lewis went 8 for 12, including crucial free throws which allowed the Raiders to finally pull away from the Bulldog's persistence.

The night ended, perhaps fittingly, with Giovanni Sanford, the only freshman on the Roosevelt squad, sinking free throws of his own to seal the victory. And while that may be signs of future victories to come, right now the Raiders can bask in a remarkable pattern of championships under head coach Brendan O'Connell: 2013, 2016, 2019 and now 2022.



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The city will continue to promote senior services and appreciation throughout the year. Recognizing the city's diverse population, Greenbelt seeks to celebrate centenarians' experiences and wisdom, provide activities that meet their needs and encourage seniors to age in place here in Greenbelt.



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New One-woman Art Show Shimmers at New Deal Café

by Melissa Sites

Dark-skinned women speckled with stars like the universe, bright colors reminiscent of neon poster paint, jungle images of ivy and flowers, elephants and human figures in powerful, energetic poses enliven the walls at the New Deal Café. Work by artist GabyNobody currently hangs in both the front and back rooms.

A large mixed media piece called “Inner Being” faces the front door off Roosevelt Center. The piece features a woman sitting in lotus position, with great heaps of hair resembling trailing ivy, headphones and a large elephant’s face looking over her shoulder. Ivy literally emerges from another mixed media piece in the front room, entitled “Abundance”. These pieces vibrate with bright colors and emotional energy, “Abundance” especially so, because the green, hot pink and turquoise lines used to outline the figure of a woman look like those used in cartoons to show movement, and also like the optical effect produced by red and blue 3D glasses. Vines of artificial ivy trail down the front of the painting. A pyramid around the figure heightens the energy of the piece, along with the confrontational size of the artist’s stylized signature.

The painted backgrounds of these pieces seem to quiver with energy. They shimmer, vibrate

with tension, glowing, but jittery with contrasting colors. Bold brush strokes crackle and fizz.

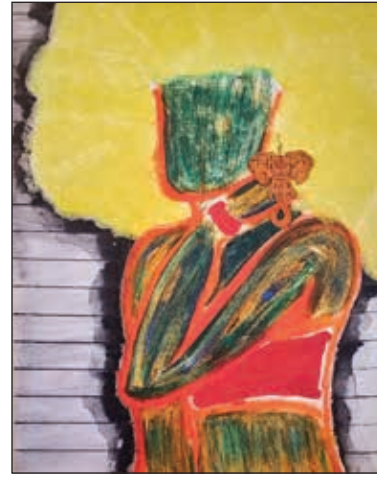
Several large pieces in the back room feel monumental. “Balance” features a garden of silk ferns and sunflowers over a cabinet painted with Earth Mother imagery. “Within” juxtaposes solid color fields of turquoise, black, red, green and pale yellow, upon which suns, plants, clouds, moons and human figures float. A starry woman wears a multicolored turban, while she and her plant sprite companion hold moons, with suns behind their heads like the halos of saints. “Balance: V2” reimagines the woman and elephant, this time in a three panel field, with giant black onion blossoms, cherry blossoms and other grayscale flowers scattered across the surface. This time two elephants accompany the universe woman, and the moon has come within her sphere of influence.

Another three-panel piece entitled “Release” features wild vegetative energy, with a nude woman striding boldly across the scene with long brightly colored hair flowing behind her. This piece features a garden of silk ferns hanging down from the bottom.

“Stop Dehumanizing Us” features stick figures set against an abstract neon-colored backdrop of bright turquoise and pink en-

ergy. The stick figures represent protesters holding up giant signs that say, Stop Dehumanizing Us. In “Together, Unidos”, the people’s faces look like thumbprints. Bright pink suns float above the people, who are wearing solid-color dresses of green, yellow and shades of blue. The central figure holds a basket of hearts, which may connect with the artist’s statement: “GabyNobody is here for survivors of abuse, and to help as a guide back to Self-Love, transparency and growth. She has started by providing art therapy through local community programs, and will leave pieces of a new worldwide village that will expand through Art, Love and Light.”

More about “elevated thoughts activist” GabyNobody can be found at BeYouForYou.net, “a platform to Create, Connect and Evolve” for seven artists including herself. In addition to her original artworks, full-size and fun-size prints and bookmarks may be purchased by contacting the artist or through virtual payment apps. The artist herself will be available at the Café on April 15, where she will celebrate her 30th birthday.



“She Shines Sunshine”



“Exhale”



“Abundance”



“There's a Fight in Her”

- Photos by Melissa Sites

MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD!



The City of Greenbelt has been designated as the recipient of just under \$23 million in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its impacts. As part of the process for determining how to invest these funds, the City has engaged in an extensive community outreach and engagement effort in order to understand how the pandemic has impacted the community and to solicit ideas for investing the funds.

The survey will close April 15, 2022.

The City of Greenbelt wants to hear your thoughts on how we can utilize these one-time funds to help Greenbelt emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic stronger than ever. Your response to this survey will help inform the City of Greenbelt on community needs and how to prioritize funding that will provide long-lasting benefits to residents and businesses. If you would like to learn about ARPA and how funds can be spent before taking the survey, please visit <https://www.engagegreenbelt.org/> to participate in the survey.

This survey is anonymous and its sole purpose is to help prioritize community needs.



What is your connection to the City of Greenbelt? (check all that apply)

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__City Facility Improvements: The City of Greenbelt maintains city-owned and occupied buildings and recreational buildings/facilities. As our facilities age, replacement of roofs, air conditioners and general maintenance requires consistent funding be set aside to cover anticipated expenses as part of the facilities replacement plan.

__Business Recovery & Workforce: The growth and retention of our Greenbelt businesses increase the quality of life and economic prosperity within the City limits. This funding would focus on areas to assist businesses to include: business programs to promote retention, resiliency, redevelopment and workforce development.

__Support the COVID-19 Public Health Response: Address the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the public health as well as the economic harms to households through social service programs to assist residents with re-employment, job training, job placement assistance, social/mental health services, substance abuse assistance, childcare, etc.

__Mental Health Resources and Healthcare (CARES/GAIL): The mental health and wellness of all City employees and residents is crucial to ensure a healthy workforce and community. We have operated with a single person responsible for overall health and wellness throughout the pandemic and have shown the need to maintain it.

__Housing Assistance (mortgage/rent/utility assistance, etc.): This program provides mortgage, rent and utility assistance to eligible Greenbelt residents who have experienced loss of income, reduction in hours, or unemployment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Assistance will be paid for past due fees directly to the lender/landlord/service provider, with a maximum award of \$10,000/household as funds are available.

__Digital Equity Initiatives (Broadband Infrastructure/expansion): Many essential activities for education, social interaction, and employment require reliable broadband internet connection. This initiative would provide free access to WIFI broadband at City facilities (including parks), helping to bridge the digital divide in our community.

__Arts and Culture Assistance: Art and culture bring people together to appreciate positive engagement, the City will apply funding towards projects that will bring arts and culture to our residents.

__City Security Enhancements: The safety and security of our residents and employees is paramount. This funding will enable the implementation of the comprehensive security plan to include camera systems, physical improvements, and other ancillary betterments that address identified vulnerabilities.

__Park Enhancements: Following the March 2020 pandemic shutdown, parks throughout the City experienced a significant increase in the use of park facilities. The need for outdoor spaces highlighted the importance of parks to a community. Parks provide spaces for physical fitness, mental and emotional wellness and spaces for socialization. The enhancement of park facilities and park infrastructure is vital to the needs of a community. Upgrading existing park facilities and the development of new recreation and leisure facilities will enhance the quality of life for the residents and visitors to the City of Greenbelt.

__Green/Solar Initiatives Citywide: Funding towards green/solar initiatives will pursue knowledge, practices, and equipment that can lead to more environmentally friendly and ecologically responsible decisions, which can help protect the environment and sustain its natural resources.

__Citywide Aesthetics: This is an ongoing effort to not only maintain, but to improve the aesthetics of right-of-way areas within the City of Greenbelt. Improvements will come from a variety of programs including litter pickup, pressure washing, sidewalk replacement, irrigation maintenance and landscape maintenance. City staff will focus on efforts in the areas of most need to ensure a uniform and clean community.

__Essential Workers/Public Safety Public Health Response: The COVID-19 pandemic placed a tremendous physical and mental demand on police, fire, 911 dispatchers and other essential employees. Keeping our first responders safe remains our priority. Keeping our workforce protected will minimize the exposure risk and provide a better outcome for our residents and businesses.