

## IAU Presents Debut Outreach Prize to Greenbelter Bonnell

by Cathie Meetre

The International Astronomical Union (IAU) last week announced its very first triannual prize for outreach and education. The News Review is proud to congratulate one of its own as the prize goes to the Astronomy Picture of the Day team at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. This NASA outreach website is curated jointly by Greenbelter Jerry Bonnell and Robert Nemiroff.



PHOTO BY NASA, ESA, CFHT, NOAO

This image of the Messier 101 spiral galaxy was featured as the November 27, 2021 Astronomy Picture of the Day (APOD).

Bonnell, a News Review member, is a resident of Lakeside Drive and a University of Maryland scientist at Goddard.

His longtime collaborator Nemiroff, a professor at Michigan Technological University, also has Greenbelt ties, having worked for several years at Goddard.

The prize recognizes the Astronomy Picture of the Day (APOD) which, seven days per week for over 25 years without fail, has published an astronomical image and its description to the web ([apod.nasa.gov](http://apod.nasa.gov)). Bonnell and Nemiroff will be traveling to South Korea this summer to accept the prize for their team. In Bonnell's words, "It feels

really great to receive this recognition by the IAU. We are proud that APOD has become so international in scope." The first-ever APOD was published on June 16, 1995, and featured a small picture of earth as though it were a neutron star, with the light bending around it so viewers could see what was behind it.

See **PRIZE**, page 12

### What Goes On

**Monday, June 20**  
Juneteenth – City offices closed, no city council meeting  
**Wednesday, June 22**  
7:30 p.m. Council Worksession: Reparations Commission, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 and the meetings calendar at [greenbeltd.gov](http://greenbeltd.gov) for more information.



PHOTO BY TODD TURNER

At County Councilmember Todd Turner's lunch with the seniors on June 10, he tells everyone to stand and clap - and then thanks them for the standing ovation. See story, page 12.

## City Council Gets Update On Buses, Bikes and Water

by Diane Oberg

Buses, bikes and stormwater were some of the main topics of discussion at the May 18 worksession of the Greenbelt City Council with representatives from Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation.

### TheBus

Efron Epanty, chief of Transit Planning and Innovations in the Office of Transportation, reported that the system is still working to resume full operations. Like many bus systems across the country, TheBus is experiencing a driver shortage, although not as severe as in the past. Ridership is also gradually increasing.

Route 11, which connects Greenbelt East, Greenbelt Center and the Greenbelt Metro station,

is operating on a full schedule. Ridership has increased slightly, Epanty said. Unfortunately, Route 15X, which connects the Greenbelt and New Carrollton Metro stations with service to both Goddard Space Flight Center and Greenbelt Station, is still not operating although Epanty hopes it will be reactivated this fall. Councilmember Kristen Weaver, who lives in Greenbelt Station, pointed out that the developer's shuttle to the Metro station will cease operations on June 30, leaving Greenbelt Station residents with no convenient access to Metro. In addition, she said that Goddard employees are no longer all working from home;

See **COUNCIL**, page 8

## Principal Reginald McNeill Now Retiring after 25 Years

by Amy Hansen

*For senior prank day, the class of 2022 taped 2,022 photos of McNeill all over the school.*

*He is affectionately and respectfully referred to as Reggie Mac. One faculty member wrote a tribute to this principal, but was too choked up with emotion to read it out loud.*



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Principal Reginald McNeill, who is retiring from Eleanor Roosevelt High School this year, speaks at the graduation ceremony on Friday, June 3.

After 25 years, Reginald McNeill is retiring as principal of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS).

"For 25 years, more than 18,000 students have come through Roosevelt," lead Assistant Principal Avery Taylor wrote in a speech read by AP Capstone coordinator Troy Bradbury at graduation. "And I can honestly say that Mr. McNeill has come to work every single day with each of those 18,000 students' best interests at heart."

Full disclosure: Both of this reporter's children attended ERHS, and I worked with McNeill while I was PTSA president.

I couldn't agree more with Taylor's statement.

The first time I went into ERHS as part of the PTSA, I watched McNeill work in the hallways. He spoke with seemingly random students, calling them by name. He asked about their camping trips, their sports teams and their artwork. He knew their interests beyond classwork and he made sure they knew those interests mattered. This wasn't a principal who stayed away from students. He got to know them and he showed them ERHS' school creed known as the Roosevelt Way: Respect,

See **PRINCIPAL**, page 7



PHOTO BY KRISTEN WEAVER

Despite a bit of drizzle, Greenbelt Station residents gather for food and camaraderie in their Central Park on Saturday, June 11, with a performance by the S.I.T.Y. Stars jump rope group (in yellow shirts). Other activities include a kids art activity sponsored by The SPACE and information tables by Greenbelt Recreation, Greenbelt Police, and Neighborhood Design Center, which is working to develop a comprehensive plan to better use the green space in the development.



# Letters to the Editor

## Ants Will Find A Way Home

This is a suggestion for those with pesky ants crawling on their even spotlessly clean kitchen counters. It works for us.

Gently brush the ant onto the floor. Ants can fall 100 feet without getting hurt. They are scouting for tiny food scraps and will find what they need in the nooks and crannies on the floor around your stove or baseboards.

Don't poison, kill or hurt them. You won't defeat them, only stall them. Like the Marines, their buddies will come and get them no matter what shape you leave them in. Even if it's just a tiny remnant, the ants will be back.

Ants will find what they need on your floor and establish new scent trails that will have easier access to their nests. They enter through some miniscule space under your windowsill. They will not have to go home over the counter but rather find a way under the cabinet or wherever. You will rarely if ever notice them again.

The cleaner the surfaces, the less they have to eat, and eventually they will move out to better pastures. You won't even see them depart.

Frank Gervasi

## Focus on Pool Issues

I am vocal, territorial, elderly and white. I very much object to [the pool complainer] using this description as a pejorative in her ad hominem attack on those that ask for space for their activities at the pool. She would have done better to have focused on the crowded practice sessions.

Mary Halford

## Roadkill Duck

On a rare occasion, Belle Point gets visits from a few ducks at Greenbelt Lake. Lately, one, two, or three have been strolling in areas near the Belle Point sign. Yesterday morning, apparently, one was run over by a vehicle.

This really makes my blood boil! No one drives so fast through this subdevelopment that the duck couldn't have been avoided. Also, more than one driver seems to have driven over the carcass as it was very flattened by the time I saw it in the early afternoon.

Please be alert for wildlife when driving and report injured ones and road kill to the appropriate authorities.

Germaine Timmermans



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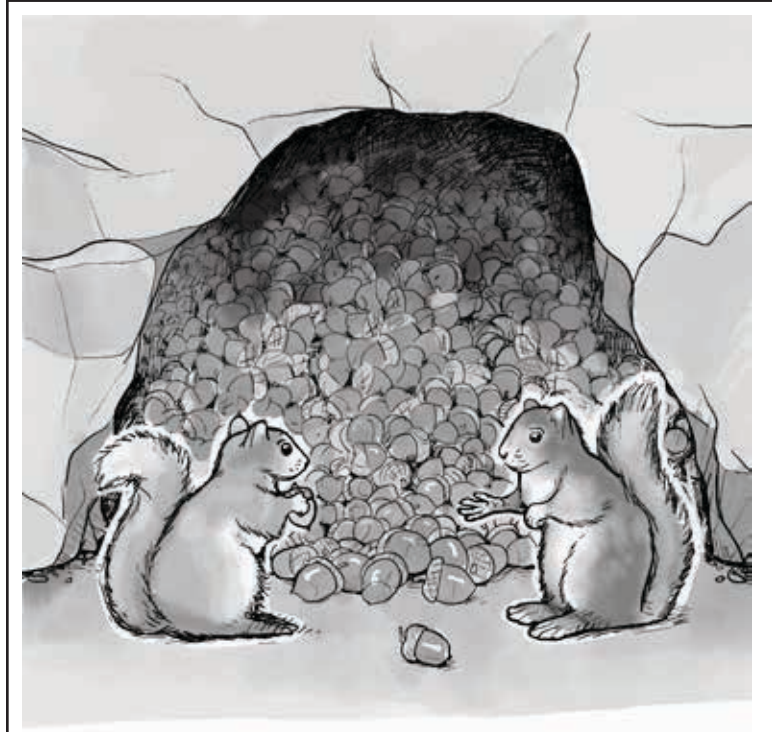
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(DVS) (2014) (139 MINS)**

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And this is my storage for the squirrel apocalypse.

- M. Kusie

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Electronically, that is.  
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## On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

### Jurassic World: Dominion

The sixth film in the Jurassic Park franchise revives characters from Steven Spielberg's 1993 original: Alan Grant (Sam Neill), Dr. Ellie Sattler (Laura Dern) and Dr. Ian Malcom (Jeff Goldblum). They work alongside Owen Grady (Chris Pratt) and Claire Dearing (Bryce Dallas Howard) four years after Isla Nublar was destroyed. Humans and dinosaurs try to coexist after the dinosaurs escaped the island and began inhabiting the world.  
Rated PG-13, running time 146 minutes

### Fiddler's Journey to the Big Screen

The fall of 2021 marked the 50th anniversary of Fiddler on the Roof, the film Pauline Kael (The New Yorker) called "the most powerful movie musical ever made." Narrated by Jeff Goldblum, the film captures the humor and drama of director Norman Jewison's quest to recreate the lost world of Jewish life in Tzarist Russia and re-envision the beloved stage hit as a wide-screen epic.  
Not rated, running time 88 minutes

### Da 5 Bloods

From Academy Award Winner Spike Lee comes this story of four African American vets – Paul (Delroy Lindo), Otis (Clarke Peters), Eddie (Norm Lewis) and Melvin (Isiah Whitlock, Jr.) – who return to Vietnam. Searching for the remains of their fallen squad leader (Chadwick Boseman) and the promise of buried treasure, the heroes, joined by Paul's concerned son (Jonathan Majors), battle the forces of Man and Nature while confronted by the lasting ravages of the immorality of the Vietnam War.  
Rated R, running time 154 minutes

### Get On Up

James Brown (Chadwick Boseman) was born in extreme poverty in 1933 South Carolina and survived abandonment, abuse and jail to become one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century. He joined a gospel group as a teenager, but the jazz and blues along the "chitlin' circuit" became his springboard to fame. Although his backup musicians came and went, Brown retained the ability to mesmerize audiences with his music, signature moves and sexual energy.  
Rated PG-13, running time 139 minutes



# Community Events

## Free Pride Movie 6/25

Join Greenbelt Pride for a gathering at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Saturday, June 25 at 1 p.m. Enjoy a free-to-the-public film screening and get to know some LGBTQIA+ neighbors. Following the film will be a Q&A discussion panel.

## Golden Age Club

Meetings are now being held in person on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Community Center, Room 201.

### Upcoming meetings:

June 22, guest Tanya Nordberg, Tea Fairy. Release your inner child and enjoy great stories, coloring pages and balloon animals.

June 29, bingo



## Chadwick Boseman Film Festival On Now

As part of Juneteenth celebrations, come to the Chadwick Boseman Film Festival at the Old Greenbelt Theatre (OGT) on June 16 (42), June 18 (Da 5 Bloods) and June 20 (Get On Up). The event is sponsored by the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, OGT and Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK), and is free of charge.

Also on Saturday, June 18, the committee, in collaboration with the Prince George's County Lynching Memorial Project, will sponsor an award ceremony for students who won the Equal Justice Initiative Essay and Art contests at 2:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Other activities for June 18 include a Freedom Poetry and Monologue workshop with Reneé Charlow, an art therapist and former assistant to the late American playwright and poet Ntozake Shange. The workshop is hosted by The SPACE: Free Art For All, and will be held at Beltway Plaza from noon to 3 p.m. Visit [blackhistoryandculturegb@gmail.com](mailto:blackhistoryandculturegb@gmail.com) for additional information.

## Additional Public Safety Forum Set

A fourth in-person public safety forum will be held on Thursday, June 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. in central Greenbelt, location TBD. The scheduled public safety forums – June 16 via Zoom, June 18 (teens and young adults) and June 30 in person – are being hosted by the city Public Safety Advisory Committee to gain residents' views and experiences on city policing as well as individual neighborhood public safety priorities.

Residents are also encouraged to complete a brief, online survey in lieu of, or in addition to, attending a forum. The link to the survey is [surveymonkey.com/r/7HTH9HG](https://surveymonkey.com/r/7HTH9HG).

Participants' views will be used as a foundation to understand what further work needs to be done to enhance public safety and improve trust and mutual respect between Greenbelt residents and law enforcement.

## Summer YLA Program Accepting Applications

The Prince George's County Office of Human Rights is accepting applications for its Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) on a rolling basis. The special eight-week virtual summer program will run on Tuesdays from July 12 to August 30 from 5 to 6 p.m. It will introduce youth to the four pillars of its work – fighting discrimination and human trafficking, and for language access and social justice. Applications from all interested youth in Prince George's County and the region are welcome. Learn more about the YLA at [princegeorgescountymd.gov/4072/Youth-Leadership-Academy-YLA](https://princegeorgescountymd.gov/4072/Youth-Leadership-Academy-YLA). YLA is thrilled about the great response received since its beginning and looks forward to providing youth the chance to explore all four areas of its work.

For questions about the YLA or any of its work, see the website above.

## At the Library

All county branch libraries will be closed on Sunday and Monday, June 19 and 20, to celebrate the Juneteenth federal holiday.

Greenbelt Library normal hours: Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

### Health and Safety

Face masks continue to be required at county libraries for everyone ages 2 and up. The Library appreciates customers' assistance with maintaining a safe environment for children who are not yet eligible for Covid-19 vaccines and for customers and staff who are at high risk.

In-person programs at Greenbelt Library have moved inside into the Auditorium on the lower level.

### Events

Register online to attend the following events.

Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Wednesdays, ages 3 to 5, 12:15 p.m.; Thursdays, ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m. Come for stories, songs, finger-plays and more.

Teen Action Group. Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Need to earn community service hours? Come make a difference in the community, gain friends from around the area and make your voice heard.

### VolunTEEN Program

Prince George's County teens in grades 6 to 12 can earn student service learning (SSL) hours through participation in the Library's VolunTEEN program. Teens may submit the appropriate information needed for each VolunTEEN prompt in Beanstack via the link on the Teens webpage at [pgemls.info/teens](https://pgemls.info/teens). All of the necessary information must be provided for a teen to earn their SSL hours through the VolunTEEN program, up to a maximum of 12 SSL hours.

## Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host an in-person (and Zoom) star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, June 18, beginning at 9:30 p.m. at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see galaxies and nebulae currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. All are welcome. Visitors are encouraged to set up their own telescopes on the hilltop. For those who might not be able to come in person, Zoom details may be found on the events calendar at [greenbeltastro.org](https://greenbeltastro.org).

Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. Per current county Covid guidance, masks are not required. The star party will run for two hours, and will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.



## Woodlands Walk

Meet Saturday, June 18 at 9 a.m. at the Canyon Creek Trailhead between 60 and 64 Ridge Road for a Woodlands Walk. This is a chance to enjoy and learn about trails in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Woodlands and the North Woods Tract of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve.

The walk will start with a loop of about one mile on the Holly Trail, returning via Laurel Hill Road and the Yoga Trail. Participants who want to continue on the second longer loop will go down Canyon Creek Trail, cross over to Blueberry Hill and return via trails connecting through Plateau Place.

The walk is sponsored by the GHI Woodlands Committee. Email [bryanbruns@yahoo.com](mailto:bryanbruns@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Red Cross Urgently Seeks Blood Donors

It's critically important the Red Cross maintain a stable blood supply for patients this summer. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). The next local drive is at the Greenbelt American Legion Post on Monday, July 11.

All who give blood in the month of June will be automatically entered for a chance to win a VIP trip to Graceland for two, including round-trip airfare to Memphis plus a three-night stay at The Guest House and Elvis Entourage VIP tour, courtesy of Graceland, a custom-wrapped Gibson Epiphone guitar and more. Those who come to donate in June also will receive a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of choice.

## Greenbelt Peace Camp

Peace Camp, a social emotional learning program for children ages 5 to 14, will be held July 18 to 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church. Little Friends for Peace uses art, games and presentations to teach children mindfulness, empathy, anger management, conflict resolution and self-empowerment. The price is \$275. Scholarships are available. For more information go to [lffp.org/peacecamp.html](https://lffp.org/peacecamp.html).

## PORCH Pickups Benefit Food Pantry

The JUNE schedule for Greenbelt PORCH collections is as follows:

Sunday, June 19: between 2 and 4 p.m. for all of Boxwood Village

Saturday, June 25: by 11 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill

Sunday, June 26: by 4 p.m. for P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members; by 4 p.m. for the 9 and 12 Courts Ridge Road; by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Donated items must not exceed the expiration date for use.

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**THIS WEEK AT THE NEW DEAL CAFE**  
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Thursday, The HalfSmokes, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Friday, The Rockits, 8 p.m. to 11p.m.  
Saturday, The Highballers, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
Sunday, The Fez Tones Hafla, 6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m.

Monday, [On Zoom] **Reel and Meal at the New Deal, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., "Unmanned: America's Drone Wars"**

Tuesday, New Deal Open Mic with Joey Campfire, 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Domenic Cicala and Thensome, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Thursday, Dana Cooper, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**For more information on these and other upcoming events:**  
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COMING SOON: Jazz Fest is June 25th, 12 - 8:30 p.m! A full day of traditional and modern Jazz outdoors in the Roosevelt Center!

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7am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	Classic Movies with Ron MacCloskey	The Duke is Tops • Lena Horne
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	Longfields v Perrywood Elementary
2pm	Music at the New Deal SEASON FIVE	Rock Creek Revival Acoustic Bluegrass
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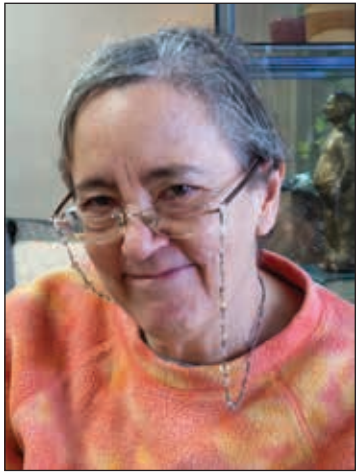
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# Shirley Middleton to Be Honored With Tree Dedication Sunday

by Mark Christal

Shirley Middleton, who died from complications of multiple sclerosis on October 15, 2021, will have her memorial tree plaque dedicated on Sunday, June 19 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Her plaque joins four others at the Peacemakers' Garden, which was dedicated in 2015 to honor Greenbelt citizens who fought for peace and a better world for all. The garden includes three benches and the Peace Pole that was given to the Greenbelt Peace Committee in May 1987 by a group called the Peace Pole Project, part of the Society of Prayer for World Peace. On four sides, inscribed in English, Spanish, Japanese and Russian are translations of "May peace prevail on earth." It is located on the footpath that is below the slope alongside the Greenbelt Library and Youth Center parking lots. In the event of rain, the meeting will convene in Room 114 of the Community Center.



Shirley at the New Deal Café



The plaque at Shirley's tree

- Photos by Mark Christal

Middleton moved to Greenbelt from Austin, Texas, with her husband, Mark Christal, in 2004 and dedicated herself full time to organizations and activities to promote her vision of a better world. She joined GreenBELT Pride to support the LBGTQ+ community and soon became involved in TRU-G, a citizen group that successfully advocated for increased bus service in town. She was a founding member of the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group and Greenbelt Disability Connection. Middleton also served on the Prince George's County Disability Commission. She was active in the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition, which is sponsoring Sunday's event. She volunteered weekly at the Greenbelt Library to organize book donations and stock the library's small used-book store. She participated in the Greenbelt Climate Action Network events that included climate-related protests in Annapolis, Washington, D.C., and New York City. She engaged in many other events and programs

that make Greenbelt unique as a cooperative community that grew out of the New Deal.

Greenbelt citizens may have noticed her getting around town on her yellow Segway, taking tickets at the monthly Reel and Meal at the New Deal or talking about issues at the Peace and Justice Coalition booth at the Green Man or Labor Day Festivals. She was known for her wit and smile.

Organizers of the dedication encourage people who knew Shirley to come and share their memories of her, sing songs of peace and enjoy part of a beautiful afternoon together.

# Obituaries

## Rhonda Kaltsukis



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Rhonda Jeanette Kaltsukis

Rhonda Jeanette Kaltsukis died on the morning of June 8, 2022, at the age of 64. She was surrounded by the people she loved. Rhonda was born to Spiros G. and Jeannette D. Kaltsukis (nee Von Haden) on March 16, 1958, in El Paso, Texas. She grew up in Greenbelt and returned in 2002 with her daughters before eventually moving to Myrtle Beach, S.C. She worked for the City of Greenbelt at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center during her time here.

Rhonda was a caring mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

She enjoyed spending time with family, making holidays and birthdays special for everyone, and caring for her faithful pets. Rhonda always had an open heart for animals in need and adored her many pets including Teddy, who stayed by her side through her battle with cancer, and her cats, Freda and Jenna. She was quick to make a corny Kaltsukis joke that always brought eye rolls and giggles from her children, who all inherited her quirky sense of humor and distinctive laugh.

Rhonda is survived by her three daughters, Jessica Burnett-Mills, Tiffany Ferguson and BreAnna Ferguson; three grandsons, Nathan Cook, Eli Mills and Cainan Mills; her brother, Curtis S. Kaltsukis; and her son-in-law, Donald "Trey" Mills, III. Rhonda was predeceased by her parents and brother, Craig L. Kaltsukis.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date.



Condolences to the friends and family of Rhonda Kaltsukis who died on June 8. She worked for the City of Greenbelt at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center during her time here.

Ginger, Brian and Elizabeth Archibald of Greenbelt are delighted to announce the birth of Margaret Wren, on June 8.

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### Reel & Meal Screens America's Drone Wars

On Monday, June 20 at 7 p.m., Reel and Meal will screen Unmanned: America's Drone. The film investigates the impact of U.S. drone strikes at home and abroad, observing their effect on the war on terrorism, the lives of individuals and U.S. foreign policy.

More than 70 interviews are featured, including school teacher Rafiq ur Rehman, whose mother was killed and children hospitalized due to a drone strike in 2012; a former American drone operator; drone strike victims' families; investigative journalists; and top military officials. With the intent of humanizing those who have been impacted by U.S. drone policy, Unmanned intersperses these interviews with never-before-seen footage from tribal regions in Pakistan.

Ed Kinane, founder of the Upstate Drone Action Coalition, will lead the discussion via Zoom following the 7 p.m. screening. This will be a hybrid event, with the option to participate either in person (with mask and vaccination proof) at the New Deal Café or via Zoom. To register for the Zoom event online, go to [tinyurl.com/ReelMealJun20](https://tinyurl.com/ReelMealJun20).

The Co-op Supermarket offers a vegan meal (for a fee) in support of Reel and Meal's mission. Phone a pre-order to the deli at 301-474-0522 by 1 p.m. on Monday and pick up between 4 and 7 p.m.

The 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, email the organizers at [reelandmeal@newdealcafe.com](mailto:reelandmeal@newdealcafe.com).

### Writers Group Meeting About Peace Month

Calling all writers: on Friday, June 17 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, the Greenbelt Writers Group will participate in the city's Peace Month by sharing writings about peace. Define it in any way, from international peace to inner peace. There will also be time to share previously written pieces on any theme, and an opportunity to share brief presentations, to allow for wide participation. Masks are recommended. For more information, contact Barbara Ford at 301-441-8241.

### Arboretum Hosts Ikebana Show

The National Arboretum will host the Ikebana International Exhibition from Friday, June 17 to Monday, June 27, exhibiting flower arrangements presented by the Washington, D.C., chapter of Ikebana International.

This exhibition, in the Exhibits Gallery of the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum, will show flower arrangements representing a variety of ikebana schools and styles. A change-out of the exhibits on June 17, 20 and 23 will reward multiple visits. Master teachers will give free ikebana demonstrations in the Admin Auditorium from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on June 18, 19 and 26.



# 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.

#### MEETINGS FOR JUNE 20-24

Monday, June 20 - **NO MEETING - JUNETEENTH**

Wednesday, June 22 - **WORK SESSION - REPARATIONS COMMISSION**

Thursday, June 23 at 7 pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD**, On the Agenda: *Sciend Fund, Stewardship Guidelines: Greenbriar Update, Master Trail Plan: Section 8 Use of Volunteers, Master Trail Plan: Section 6 Hamilton Tract, Pumpkin Walk, Next Meeting: July 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](mailto: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 meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](https://greenbeltmd.gov)*

#### COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (301) 474-8000

#### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, June 20, in observance of Juneteenth.

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

#### REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

##### Week of June 20

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

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, June 24

#### GREENBELT RECREATION IS HIRING!

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*\*THESE SEASONAL SUMMER POSITIONS OFFER EMPLOYMENT FROM MID-JUNE THROUGH LATE AUGUST. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON JOB OPENINGS AND APPLICATION DETAILS VISIT: [WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV/JOBS](http://WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV/JOBS)*

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#### GREENBELT RECREATION 2022 SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE

Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/) to view and register.

#### FREE COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM

The City of Greenbelt's Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) in partnership with Bowie State & Washington Adventist University Schools of Nursing are proud to resume offering this program to Greenbelt seniors age 60+ or disabled adults 50+ residing within incorporated City limits.

For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/3OBoe19>

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## JUNETEENTH Celebration

### Chadwick Boseman Film Festival

<b>June 16</b> 5:30 pm <b>42</b>	<b>June 18</b> 8 pm <b>Da 5 Bloods</b>	<b>June 20</b> 2:30 pm <b>Get On Up</b>
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The festival is FREE and is sponsored by the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, the Old Greenbelt Theater, RUAK, Conquest Solutions, the Law Offices of Johnnie Clark, Delegate Alonzo Washington, and Delegate Nicole Williams.

**"Freedom Poetry and Monologue"**  
with Renee Charlow

Saturday, June 18  
12-3 pm

Beltway Plaza Mall

**Awards Ceremony**  
Equal Justice Initiative Essay

Saturday, June 18  
2:30-3:30 pm

Greenbelt Community Center Gymnasium

#### ART EXHIBITION

Notation with Harmony: Paintings by Sally JK Davies

Greenbelt Community Center  
Art Gallery  
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M-F, 9 am - 9 pm  
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More information at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts)



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#### Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 6/6/22)

Rent and Utility Assistance  
· 273 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$1,138,402.09

Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance  
· 9 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$23,359.44



## Pollinator WEEK

June 20 - 26, 2022

In recognition of National Pollinator Week, the City of Greenbelt's Department of Public Works and Pollinator Circle will be hosting **USGS Bee Lab Director, Sam Droege**, for a pollinator talk on Tuesday, June 21 at 7 pm. To register go to <https://bit.ly/392e6yA>

Contact [kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov)

Scan the QR code to take the survey and share your opinion.



<https://www.SurveyMonkey.com/r/7HTH9HG>

## COMMUNITY DISCUSSION ON POLICING

The Public Safety Advisory Committee will be holding four community forums where we will have an open discussion on community policing in our city.



#### SOME OF THE QUESTIONS WE WILL BE ASKING:

- How safe do you feel in your home?
- What public safety concerns in your neighborhood need to be addressed?
- How would you rate your level of trust in the Greenbelt Police?

#### FORUMS WILL BE HELD ON:

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| JUNE 16 ONLINE Zoom Meeting               | @ 7 pm ZOOM, <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ydxumv4p">tinyurl.com/ydxumv4p</a> |
| JUNE 18 Springhill Lake Recreation Center | @ 5 pm TEEN/YOUNG ADULT In-person  |
| JUNE 30 Central Greenbelt, location TBD   | @ 7 pm In-Person   |

Supporting groups include the Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance and Connecting Across Greenbelt.



# June 11 Event at Parkdale HS Celebrates World Refugee Day

by Frank Gervasi

On Saturday, June 11, World Refugee Day was celebrated locally at Parkdale High School. The Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area (LSSNCA), located in Greenbelt, produced the event of live music, a soccer game, dancing, face painting, multiple chess matches and a variety of international foods enjoyed by the 100 or so participants.

According to the U.N. Refugee Agency, June 20 is celebrated as World Refugee Day, an international day designated to honor refugees around the globe.

A nationwide organization, LSSNCA has been sponsoring refugees since 1917. The latest group of refugees were mainly from Afghanistan – LSSNCA has brought the most Afghans of any of the nine or so primary agencies bringing refugees into the U.S.

Some, like 21-year-old Afghan Mohammad Elyas, have known war their entire lives. Here eight months now with his family, he is working and attending college classes. Like so many others, he



PHOTO BY FRANK GERVASI

The Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area celebrates World Refugee Day at Parkdale High School on Saturday, June 11.

is thankful to be safe here in the U.S.

The Greenbelt Refugee Aid committee is working with LSSNCA to host some of these very deserving people in Greenbelt. The committee hopes to

start soon and can use volunteers and donations.

It takes a village. Interviews with refugees and related documentaries can be viewed online on Greenbelt Access Television at [greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://greenbeltaccessstv.org).

# Democrats to Hold Candidate Forum on Sunday, June 26

by Konrad Herling

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and the County Council District 4 Candidate Forum Planning Committee are sponsoring two forums back-to-back at the Greenbriar Community Building on Sunday, June 26, 1 to 5 p.m.

The first forum, which begins at 1 p.m., run by the Democratic Club, will feature former U.S. Representative Donna Edwards and former State's Attorney for Prince George's County Glenn Ivey, the two leading candidates for the 4th Congressional District.

The second forum, run by the Prince George's County Council District 4 Organization, begins at 3 p.m. and features candidates Michael Estève, Ingrid Harrison, Patrice Murray and possibly Trance Washington running for the county's 4th District county council seat, held by Councilmember Todd Turner over the last eight years.

Both planning organizations are working with Greenbelt Access Television, the Greenbelt News Review and other news media to provide greater post-event coverage as well.

The event is free but does require registering at the



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Glenn Ivey



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Ingrid Harrison

rooseveltclub.com website as seating is limited to 70 people. For more information, call 301-345-9369.



# Juneteenth Festival Free at Watkins Park

Watkins Regional Park will host a Juneteenth 2022 festival on Saturday, June 18 from noon to 5 p.m. Live entertainment, visual art exhibition, art and history activities, food and merchandise vendors, and nonprofit exhibitors will be featured.

The festival events are free. To learn more, visit [pgparks.com/juneteenth](http://pgparks.com/juneteenth).

# Introducing Emily Hahn: News Review Summer Intern

I am originally from Gettysburg, Pa., but have lived and traveled all over the country. My parents are nomadic people who took us on road trips every summer to places like South Dakota, Massachusetts and back and forth to California a few times.

After living in Arizona, Florida and California, I am now settled in Maryland. I currently live with my partner and his two dogs, a Rottweiler and a Chihuahua. We all hike and exercise together as much as we can.

Now that I am wrapping up my undergraduate studies with this internship, I plan on getting back into some hobbies I had to put on hold for school. I am jumping back into pottery, paint-



PHOTO BY MARIANA ORELLANA

Emily Hahn

ing, gardening and learning new recipes. In the future, I plan to enroll in a graduate program for either archival studies or library and information sciences.



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An adult and two juvenile pileated woodpeckers perch in a tree in Buddy Attick Park, as seen from St. Hugh's westernmost parking lot.



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# Springhill Lake School at Risk Of Losing a Key Staff Member

by Erica Johns

Springhill Lake Elementary (SHL) may lose “the heart and soul of our school,” if its special education coordinator, whose position is ending this year, cannot transfer to an assistant principal (AP) position, said fifth-grade teacher Philip McQuarrie. The loss is due, in part, to a snafu in the application process.

SHL has 800 to 1,000 students, many with significant needs due to incomes, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and special education (about 120 students). Special education students needing the most support were in dedicated classrooms. Students who had attended in those classrooms are being moved into general classrooms, a process that started in 2017, according to the Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) special education websites. The special education coordinator positions are also ending.

Chris Wichtendahl is SHL’s special education coordinator. She’s a 30-plus-year veteran administrator with decades at SHL, filling roles in special education and acting as an AP.

“She is a fierce defender of the rights of special education students ... [she] may be needed even more in the coming years to help assure that special education students receive all of the services they need because ... teachers who have not had special education students before may need more support.... She is able to bridge this gap with ease, as opposed to a new administrator who will take a long time to understand how the students, staff and building work together,” McQuarrie wrote.

As acting assistant principal, Wichtendahl manages teachers, schedules and resources; handles behavior and logistics concerns; and directs staff and “solve[s]



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Springhill Lake Elementary School

problems from a wide-angle lens.” McQuarrie said she also facilitates home-school connections, works with local businesses and organizations for gift, clothing and food donations and organizes a weekly clothing and home goods swap among the SHL community.

“She knows the students well, and talks and deals with them individually and with care ... She ensures all populations are included in every discussion concerning our school, which truly conveys the “excellence in equity” part of our mission,” he said.

To retain Wichtendahl, SHL Principal Trena Wilson funded a second AP position. And while she is qualified, Wichtendahl had a problem when applying for the AP spot.

SHL staff indicate that PGCPS is “currently not flexible in [putting Wichtendahl’s] name in the AP pool to be put in this new position.” Her possible departure is causing other staff to consider departing themselves, McQuarrie said and added that at least 10 staff wrote to PGCPS Chief Executive Officer Dr. Monica Goldson requesting special con-

sideration to include Wichtendahl in the AP pool and move her to the position.

Special Education Aide Bill Yankow wrote that transferring Wichtendahl “to another school is unthinkable ... Chris helps more than the special ed students – she helps everyone. She is a source of information for new teachers and the go-to person for families who need any type of help. Her kindness, friendliness, compassion and humor show through in her interactions with students, parents and staff ... Chris Wichtendahl is extremely important to Springhill Lake Elementary School and the community in general. To lose her would be devastating.”

McQuarrie concluded, “In short, she is a pillar of this community, the administrator who has been here the longest, and is widely appreciated by the staff. Her leaving at an unplanned time will do a drastic disservice to everyone in the building, most of all, the students.”

As of production time, Prince George’s County Public School communications team had not responded to multiple requests for a statement.

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Responsibility, Integrity and Kindness.

Twenty-five years ago, more specifically on August 15, 1997, McNeill and Taylor started work at ERHS. Both men had a full head of hair, they said. And they both started as assistant principals. In 2007, McNeill was promoted to principal.

The school was big then. It is still big. With more than 2,100 students, ERHS consistently ranks as the best high school in the county and one of the best in the state. It is both the neighborhood school for Greenbelt (and a little bit of Lanham), and is home to a Science and Technology program that students test into.

Back at the beginning of McNeill’s tenure, ERHS not only had the Science and Tech program, but also several other career academies aimed at giving students the feeling of a smaller school, while getting the resources of a big one.

One such program was QUEST (Quality Education in Science and Technology). The goal, McNeill said, was to attract Black and Brown students to sciences and engineering. Students entered the program before ninth grade and dedicated summers to special classes. Their curriculum was mostly the same as the Science and Tech students, but they had additional QUEST classes as well. “I worked with a lot of parents, and a lot of students,” he said. He encouraged them. He nudged them. And when they got through ERHS, he celebrated.

McNeill’s son, Reginald McNeill II, went to ERHS, starting as a QUEST student. “I kept telling him he would be an engineer,” McNeill laughed. Apparently the young McNeill didn’t believe his father until he started robotics. Now Reginald McNeill II is a mechanical engineer at NASA Goddard.

And while McNeill is understandably proud of his own son, he said the pattern holds true for

many students.

“The best part of the job,” he said, “is to see the students come in, struggle, and find their way.”

While ERHS still has the Science and Tech program, it no longer has many of the academies because state testing takes up more time. However, McNeill pointed out the school has AP Capstone, dual enrollment with Prince George’s Community College and AP classes available for all students as well as programs in music, arts, dance, language, sports and many clubs.

“Roosevelt is not a simple school,” he deadpanned.

When asked about advice for his successor, he suggested the new principal start by building connections with staff and faculty and figuring out what is working before changing anything. He mentioned that the school has had many dedicated and brilliant faculty and staff members, including Taylor, Eric Dent, Cynthia Cox, Yvette Goslee and Joseph Cook.

But it’s not only about the school, McNeill added. The new principal should build connections with the community as well.

“This community supports the schools,” he said while sitting in Roosevelt Center. “I went to a lot of Greenbelt awards for teachers and students.” He also mentioned attending sports, concerts, dance shows, drama and art shows in the community, activities that tied the town and school together beyond the academics.

He said he enjoyed these events, even as he is looking forward to leaving them behind.

For his near future, McNeill said he plans to play with his grandchildren, fish and swing a few golf clubs. “I want to just chill out for a few days.”

Which is fair enough. He’s been building communities for 25 years and every engineer knows that building takes energy. It is time for Reggie Mac to recharge.

### Boxwood Village Scholarship Open

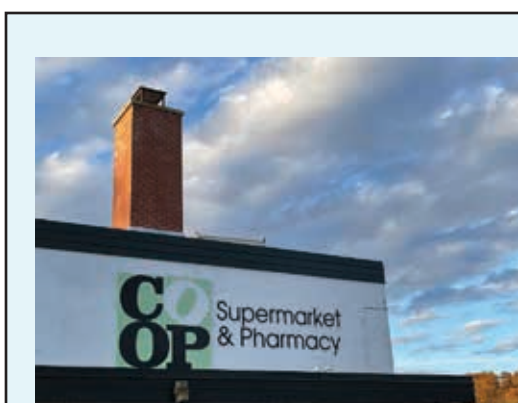
The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a current Boxwood Village resident. It is available to graduating high school seniors and full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship is partially funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, Annual Boxwood Yard Sale and other activities.

The application deadline is Thursday, June 30. For more information, email [pmcandrew@mzmlaw.net](mailto:pmcandrew@mzmlaw.net).

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they can return to the office “a few” days a week.

**Electric Buses?**

Epanty said that the department now has four electric buses, purchased using federal grants, and has hired a contractor to develop a plan for electrifying the fleet. He said they are currently testing the buses and putting in the charging infrastructure needed and training drivers and mechanics. He said he could not give any time schedule for a fully-electric fleet, noting that an electric bus costs nearly \$1 million.

**Bicycles**

Irv Beckert, chief of the Highway and Bridge Design Division, provided an update on the planned Capital Bikeshare stations at the Metro station along with Greenbelt Station and Eleanor Roosevelt High School, saying that all necessary planning and legal agreements are in place. The issue now is procurement. The bikes and stations are funded using a State Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant. This program also involves federal funding and significant red tape. The county is currently waiting for a ruling from the Federal Highway Administration concerning a “buy American” provision.

Beckert expects that the three new locations will be in place by the end of the calendar year. The department is also planning to add electric bikes to all its bikeshare locations although those will be funded using county funds and will take longer to put in place.

**Branchville Road**

Mayor Emmett Jordan asked about improvements to Branchville Road to encourage pedestrian and bicycle access to Lake Artemesia. Beckert said the department will look at adding a dedicated bike lane but pointed out that this is very expensive and not just a matter of restriping the road. The department typically adds bike lanes as part of a pavement rehabilitation project. Jordan noted that it could also be a pleasant walk.

**Stormwater**

The final topic of discussion was stormwater management. Jordan noted that the original infrastructure in Greenbelt, built in the 1930s and 1940s, is challenged in handling the current levels of rainfall and the resulting runoff. There are several problem areas, most notably some apartments

next to an underpass where some residents have been flooded out. Greenbelt’s Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby said that there are also problems in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Associate Director of the Office of Storm Drain Maintenance Charles Griffith said that the county does 100 to 200 small drainage projects per year in which they upsize pipes, among other actions. He offered to meet with city staff on-site to discuss.

Hruby said homeowners associations and residents may also want to look at the Maryland Department of the Environment’s (DoE) “very robust” website at [mde.maryland.gov](http://mde.maryland.gov) that offers guidance on what to do and who to contact for assistance. She cautioned that some areas are intended to be wet, such as swales in peoples’ yards, as stormwater runoff mechanisms. She said that Code Enforcement staff can help homeowners identify ways to resolve their stormwater issues without impacting their neighbors.

Griffith cautioned that the design standard for stormwater plans is a 10-year storm (a storm likely to occur just once in 10 years), so in a heavier storm, some overland flow is expected, ideally in safe overland flow areas.

He said that the DoE’s Clean Water Partnership program, which the city has used for projects such as forebay restoration, is still available. In addition, DoE has the Rain Check Rebate program to help homeowners install practices that will improve stormwater runoff quality, reduce pollution and improve local stream and river health. He said that changes are in the works that will increase the amount of money applicants can receive and pay the money upfront rather than making the homeowner pay upfront then apply for a rebate.

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**Luminis Health Names New Chief Compliance Officer**

Luminis Health, which owns Doctors Community Medical Center, has named Catherine “Cathy” Martin as the new chief corporate compliance officer. In this role, she has oversight for regulatory compliance, corporate compliance, internal audit, billing compliance, policies infrastructure and HIPAA privacy. With more than 23 years of experience in health care, Martin will ensure that legal, ethical and professional standards are met and communicated throughout the health system.

Martin has served as senior counsel for the Office of the Inspector General at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, and most recently was a senior technical advisor at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

“I am excited to transition from my time at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, where I focused on health care policy, to working at Luminis Health, a health system whose mission is to enhance the health of the people and communities it serves,” said Martin. “I look forward to working to ensure our team members can do so in accordance with clinical, ethical and legal principles.”

Martin has degrees from Loyola College and the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. In her free time, she is a member of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Anne Arundel County and volunteers helping children in the foster care system.



The roses are blooming.

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**Moral March Car Pool To Metro Station**

The Poor People’s Campaign (PPC) invites people to march on Washington, D.C., on Saturday, June 18 in protest of the millions of Americans who are on the edge of hunger and eviction, and without health care or living wages. The march begins at 10 a.m. Greenbelters who are willing to help others car pool to the Metro Station are invited to meet in the parking lot behind the New Deal Café at 8:30 a.m. on June 18.

Before the Covid-19 pandemic there were 140 million poor people in the U.S. The pandemic has exacerbated these social and economic disparities. The Poor People’s Campaign works to counteract poverty and systemic racism. It aims to bring people together across age, race, faith or gender.

The Prince George’s County contingent of the PPC will join the march at the office of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, 245 2nd Street N.E., which is about a 10- to 15-minute walk from Union Station. If you need a ride to the Metro, call Bill Orleans at 202-256-8678. For more information about the march, see [poorpeoplescampaign.org](http://poorpeoplescampaign.org).



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# Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred from June 6 through 12. 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](mailto:pd@greenbeltmd.gov). Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

### Arrest

On June 9 at 9:27 p.m., near Greenbelt Road and the Baltimore Washington Parkway, during a traffic stop, a driver was arrested on an open warrant for first degree assault. While searching the vehicle, officers found a rifle and a loaded 9mm Glock magazine. The rifle was a black Freedom Ordnance FX-9 9-mm rifle. The pistol magazine was loaded with nine 9-mm rounds. The driver was a fugitive from justice and is prohibited from possessing a firearm.

### Missing persons

Reginald Anthony Devaughn (born November 9, 1969), with black hair and a scar near the right eye, weighing around 200 pounds, was last seen on May 27 at 7200 Hanover Drive wearing a dark top, black scarf, and gray sweat pants. Devaughn is diagnosed with schizophrenia and not taking any medication.

On June 10 near 9100 Edmonston Terrace, a juvenile reported missing was located.

### Break Ins

On June 7 at 7:05 p.m. near 200 Lakeside Drive, a man posing as an Amazon delivery driver knocked on the victim's door. When the victim opened the door, two other men wearing dark clothing and ski masks appeared, one with a firearm. All three entered the apartment and searched for money but did not find any. The men left the apartment without taking anything of value, and the residents were unharmed.

On June 9 at 4:27 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a residence door was broken and would not lock, and personal property was taken.

### Suspicious Person

On June 6 at 4:19 p.m., a man exposed his genitalia to two women on the Greenbelt Lake trail. On June 11 at 1:28 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man exposed his genitalia to a victim.

On June 7 at 3:09 p.m. near 100 Centerway, an individual caused a disturbance inside the business and was banned from the property.

### Assault

On June 8 at 9:15 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, an unknown man placed a knife to the victim's back. The victim fled without being injured. On June 6 at 5:23 p.m. near 6900 Greenbelt Road, two people at a bus stop fought. On June 10 at 4:13 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, there was a fight between two people at a bus stop.

### Bicyclists: Take Note!

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On June 9 at 9:56 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, a dispute over a cell phone turned physical. On June 10 at 9:44 p.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive, a victim was assaulted by a man, who was arrested.

### Disorderly Conduct

On June 7 at 5:15 p.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive, there was a dispute between neighbors.

### Found

On June 9 at 12:52 a.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, a child was located and returned home.

### Fraud

Fraud this week included email fraud on June 6 near 5200 Stream Bank Lane; a deposit scam on June 9 near 6200 Breezewood Drive; and money wire fraud on June 11 near 7800 Emilys Way.

### Theft from Auto

Rear tags were stolen on June 6 near 6000 Greenbelt Road, and on June 9 near 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway.

On June 12 near 7200 Hanover Drive, all four wheels were stolen from a 2018 Honda Accord.

Personal property was stolen from an unlocked vehicle on June 7 near 6000 Greenbelt Road. On June 8 near 9300 Edmonston Road, personal property was stolen from a vehicle. On June 6 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a vehicle was damaged and personal property taken. On June 9 near 7900 Belle Point Drive, an unlocked vehicle was rummaged through, but nothing was taken. On June 10, near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, and near Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road, front passenger-side windows were broken and vehicles were rummaged through but nothing of value was taken. On June 10, near 9200 Edmonston Road, and near 7800 Walker Drive, and on June 11 near 7600 Greenbelt Road, car windows were broken and personal property stolen.

### Theft

A package was stolen June 6 near 9200 Edmonston Road. Property was taken from a commercial vehicle near 5800 Cherrywood Lane on June 6. Shoplifting was reported on June 8 at 3:50 p.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, and on June 10 at 3:36 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road. Commercial theft near 7500 Greenbelt Road was also reported on June 6, June 7 and June 11.

### Vandalism

On June 8 at 12:37 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Lane, a man punched the victim's vehicle, denting it, and threw rocks at the vehicle.

# Residents Give Views on Police In First of Community Forums

by Emily Hahn

Over a dozen Greenbelt residents voiced their gratitude and concerns with the Greenbelt Police Department during a public forum at the Greenbriar Community Building on Thursday, June 9.

The meeting was organized by Greenbelt's Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) and the Community Relations Advisory Board and facilitated by Kris Marsh, associate professor at University of Maryland and member of the Prince George's County Police Reform Task Force. Marsh kept the discussions structured around people first voicing their own experiences and perception of the Greenbelt police, then discussed possible solutions to issues raised. Names of participants were not used so speakers could comment freely about Greenbelt police.

The meeting was the first of four scheduled meetings sponsored by PSAC. The schedule and location of the meetings are listed in the city ad on page 5. PSAC also encourages residents to complete the 2022 Greenbelt Public Safety Survey, available at [surveymonkey.com/r/7HTH9HG](https://surveymonkey.com/r/7HTH9HG). "[It is] important for us to get a better understanding of what the community thinks of police," said Marsh.

Many of the residents present at the meeting said that they had not had a negative experience with Greenbelt police themselves but share concerns with those who have, especially considering the hostile climate around policing nationally. A few people stated that they felt reluctant or uncomfortable calling the police, fearing that excessive force may be used when unnecessary.

"I want to see 'Officer Friend-

ly' on the streets," said an older gentleman. The term Officer Friendly refers to a police officer who is non-threatening and calm in demeanor.

Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmembers Kristen Weaver and Judith Davis attended the community discussion. They provided clarity on police report changes, mental health resources for police and why details of the Plateau Place shooting on May 1 have yet to be updated.

"Crime reports have taken a nosedive" and police aren't giving as many details as they used to, a Greenbriar resident claimed. Weaver and Jordan confirmed that the removal of community names for crimes was to make sure there were no unjust labels attributed to certain areas of Greenbelt. They said it was to create a sort of balance for the city to not have areas be viewed as less safe than others.

A lack of transparency from the Police Department was a popular topic during the meeting as well. Residents want to see

better police reports and crime data through an easily accessible online dashboard.

To increase transparency, one suggestion was for psychiatric evaluations for police officers to be recurring instead of just once when they join the force. Residents agreed that knowing officers are being evaluated more often would ease some of their worries. Jordan confirmed that there are mental health services available for officers that undergo a traumatic event but is unsure if there are follow-up psychological evaluations for officers.

"The police want to do well here" but they are short staffed and "short funded," Davis said.

There will be a virtual forum held over Zoom on Thursday, June 16 at 7 p.m. The link to the meeting is given in the city ad (page 5).

The next in-person forum, for teens and young adults, is on Saturday, June 18 at 5 p.m. in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. More information about the forums can be found on page 3.



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A blue-gray gnatcatcher on her nest at the Lake

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**City Notes**

Park rangers and Recreation staff assisted a Pride event at Roosevelt Center, an outdoor movie at Greenbelt Park and a community event at Greenbelt Station. They also loaded out camp supplies for the transition of Greenbelt Nursery School to KinderCamp.

Supply chain issues and rain have delayed progress on the Buddy Attick Park parking lot project; adjustments will be made for July 4 access. Refuse/Recycling collected 26.27 tons of refuse and 10.08 tons of recyclables. Sustainability/Environmental held cleanup events at

Buddy Attick Park: fifteen Eagle Scouts removed four cubic yards of invasive species and planted six native shrubs, and five Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week park-cleanup volunteers removed 40 pounds of litter.

The Community Center gave space to the Concert Band, Public Safety Advisory Committee and Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association. Arts staff facilitated an Arts Advisory Board meeting.

Therapeutic Recreation delivered meals to 27 homebound seniors and hosted a Senior Meet and Greet.



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**Buddy Attick Park parking lot has some big changes; two middle lanes changed, and the front row of trees is gone.**



PHOTO BY CAMILLA LUCHSINGER

**Roguchi clematis shows its blue, bell-shaped flowers.**

**The News Review Needs Help To Cover City Council Stories**

A primary responsibility of the News Review from Day One has been to keep residents apprised of city council activities. The newspaper reports on all regular council meetings and most worksessions, but its ability to carry out this task successfully is currently challenged by not having enough reporters. Too few people are working too hard.

This is no 30-second sound bite. Occasionally, council meetings have lasted nearly five hours, though the current body has mostly restrained itself to between 2.5 and 3.5 hours. Including viewing the video (attendance in person optional), it takes about five to seven hours of work, depending on the reporter. Stories are generally between 900 and 1,200 words, with long or particularly complex meetings divided into two or more segments or stories.

There are generally two council meetings monthly on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. There are also worksessions most weeks, usually on Monday and/or Wednesday nights. With only our current three council reporters (two of whom also have other substantial responsibilities), even a few people each doing one story per month or two months would help immensely. The News Review welcomes new writers in all areas, but covering council is a priority close to its very heart.

To cover a meeting, it helps to be a comfortable and quick writer who can follow council's actions and the rationale behind them.

It's helpful (but not required) to have taken an interest in the city's governance over time, as issues like green space and development almost always have a back story. It is essential to be able to keep an objective viewpoint, even when one is personally affected by council's actions or aggravated by the process.

It takes patience, as there is always a certain amount of intense debate – sometimes with flailing of arms – in reaching decisions. Not to mention instances of councilmanic verbosity and disruptive public interjections add color. On the other hand, it is fascinating to see the democratic process – despite its flaws and hiccups – unfold in real time, right here, and often starring your neighbors.

Those interested are advised to watch a couple of recent meetings online (to see if they can do so without running screaming from the room). See [greenbeltmd.gov/government/city-council/minutes-and-agendas](http://greenbeltmd.gov/government/city-council/minutes-and-agendas).

If that acid test is passed, then contact the News Review right away. New reporters will likely co-author a couple of meetings with a regular reporter before going solo. To find out more, email [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com) or call 301-474-4131 during office hours (2 to 4 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays). Writing stories carries a token monetary dividend, which the member may elect to receive or not.



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## PRIZE continued from page 1

Bonnell and Nemiroff are the founders and continuing authors of APOD. On a daily basis one of them selects an image or video from hundreds sent in by amateur and professional photographers worldwide and writes an explanatory text. Their wide interpretation of astronomy has featured – apart from a wealth of directly astronomical images of star clusters and galaxies from major observatories and space telescopes – a quilt, a sonic boom, astronomical cats and teapots. Among the astro-cognoscenti, a photo credit on APOD is considered quite the coup.

APOD selections play no favorites and include material from universities, government labs and enthusiastic amateurs. Bonnell remarks that keen amateur astrophotographers frequently have equipment and capabilities that rival government and university observatories. Both Bonnell and Nemiroff are in demand as lecturers to amateur and professional astronomy organizations.

Selecting APODs is not merely picking eye-catching or dramatic content; it includes judging whether the photos are real or contrived. That is hard to do when most images are already intensively processed to bring out features that aren't normally visible to the human eye. It includes judging what people will find interesting at multiple levels to create a range that appeals to all audiences. It includes doing the background research to provide meaningful and comprehensible information and to create links to topics outside the pair's individual research interests. Each selected image may take many hours to ready for publication.

Both were working at Goddard Space Flight Center during the early 1990s as the web began to revolutionize how information was disseminated. After realizing that the web was ready for prime time, they had the APOD inspiration. Suppose that each day a picture and an annotated discussion of it could be put on the web for people to read and that links could take the viewer to other sites to pursue their interests in depth? Although some visionaries at this stage of the website game picked avenues that ultimately made them billionaires, the APOD pair settled on something that, though it hasn't made their fortune, has given them worldwide recognition for the benefit they brought to astronomy and arguably done more for the world than other sites one might name.

This simple premise has proven extraordinarily effective, with the site consistently being a top contender among NASA-supported websites – often second only to the hub that is the top-level NASA.gov site itself. After some initial experimentation, the two applied for NASA grants to support their fledgling site and have successfully competed for continued funding. Compared to most major NASA websites, they operate on a shoestring; the two of them work on it part time and it involves a Ph.D. astronomy student and part-time IT support provided by NASA. For web hits and reputation-stoking per dollar of cost, it's probably NASA's best return on investment.

Despite pressure to add the flash-bang-pop of many websites, the two have (some would say stubbornly) resisted embroidering



PHOTO BY LETTY BONNELL

### Jerry Bonnell, joint winner of the International Astronomical Union's first-ever Astronomy Outreach Prize

it and have kept their offering simple and effective – much like it was on Day One. Each day, a picture, and for each picture a description written to be comprehensible to laypersons but leading to ever-deeper discussions via links on the web. The archive of photos, descriptions and links has grown to a classic collection that is searchable, with more than 6,500 documented images accumulated over 25 years. They have also co-authored two illustrated books, *Astronomy: 365 Days* and *The Universe: 365 Days* (available on amazon.com).

Bonnell and Nemiroff are, as is not uncommon in their calling, quite tongue-in-cheek. They note, as did the very first page in 1995, that their homilies are written by a professional astronomer – an idea which, for whatever reason, continues to tickle their fancy.

The site does not only appeal to fans in English-speaking countries. A dedicated team of supporters worldwide translates

the material into multiple languages on dedicated websites in their own countries. At the present count, over 20 languages are represented – spanning the globe. One may accurately say that the sun never sets on APOD.

Its viewers range from other professional astronomers to people of all ages and all walks of life. One member of the APOD advisory board is a young woman who is now working on her doctorate in astronomy, having been captivated by APOD when, as a 12-year-old, she began translating the site. The awakening of young people like her, as well as individuals of every possible age and profession whose interest in and understanding of astronomy are deepened, is exactly why APOD was awarded the prize.

Meanwhile, the News Review is proud to say that Bonnell and his wife Letty are both News Review members. Not every small community newspaper has a professional astronomer helping it with image processing (a task shared by Jeff Jones, himself a Goddard alumnus and expert photographer). Letty Bonnell, Jerry's wife and high-school sweetheart, is a retired professor of art history from Loyola University in Baltimore and works on the News Review's Art Beat. She's a writer and photographer of art-related stories for the newspaper – so the News Review has both a professional astronomer and a professional art historian. The Bonnells' sons, James and Christopher, now all grown up, worked as youngsters at Generous Joe's in Roosevelt Center, played tennis and softball on Braden Field, skated at Wells Ice Rink and went to local schools. That's about as Greenbelt as it gets.



This Hubble Image of the Cat's Eye Nebula was featured in APOD on June 10, 2018.

- Photos by NASA, ESA, HEIC and the Hubble Heritage Team



The aptly-named Sombrero Galaxy was captured by Hubble as shown on APOD, May 15, 2011.



## Retiring Todd Turner Treats Greenbelt Seniors to Lunch

by Mary Moien



PHOTO COURTESY TODD TURNER

### John Henry Jones welcomes County Councilmember Todd Turner.

District 4 County Council Member Todd M. Turner revived his annual luncheon, hosting 50 Greenbelt seniors on Friday, June 10. Turner updated attendees on county actions and activities while treating them to a variety of specialty sandwiches, sides of fresh fruit and pasta salad and a brownie or cookie from La Prima Catering in College Park. Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmembers Judith Davis and Ric Gordon also attended.

During his presentation, Turner said that his office often receives complaints about trash and recycling services. He added that he did not know if any of the complaints were about Greenbelt service or with county services. Greenbelt Public Works staff members Brian Townsend and Luisa Robles were present to answer any questions about the city's services.

There were a few comments about trash cans and lids being thrown around. There was also a question about the quarterly collection of electronics and styrofoam containers, the issue being that many styrofoam containers are too large to be kept at home until a quarterly collection. Robles, who is the sustainability coordinator, addressed some of the recycling issues, indicating that she will be happy to attend a meeting of the Greenbelt Golden Agers later this summer

and provide more information on recycling and composting.

Turner also responded to questions on other issues. The Greenbelt City Council is concerned about the new construction at Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center. Although on the edge of Greenbelt, that property is in the 3rd District, while Greenbelt is in the county's 4th District. Turner asked councilmembers to forward their most recent memos of issues to his office to be sure that he has all of their concerns.

There was no specific news on the possible relocation to Greenbelt of FBI headquarters. In response to a question about the proposed maglev train, Turner indicated that there is no progress on the project at the moment. That pleased most of the attendees.

This is Turner's last year on the Prince George's County Council. In response to several questions, he indicated that he has no post-November plans at the moment. He said, "I am exploring my options." To end the luncheon and meeting, Turner said that all of the attendees needed to do a stretching exercise. He had everyone stand up and then clap their hands once, then twice, and then three times. "Thank you for that standing ovation!" he quipped.



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From left, Suze and Jim Marley, Tissa Rogers, Joan Baker and Mary and Barry Moien are across the table from (from right) Mary Hooper, Rosalie Thomas, Rita Sayer, Mame Ellis and Marti Galvin.

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