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Children's Little Free Library Reopens in Roosevelt Center

by Calista Ausema



From left, two of Troop 27's members, Seren Lerusse and Iris Gaycken, present the troop's handiwork.

The Little Free Library outside the Old Greenbelt Theatre's new Screening Room had been removed due to an unstable support structure. Girl Scout Troop 27 decided they wanted to help. For their Silver Award project, they worked together to create a new Little Free Library to replace the old one.

At first, the plan was to renovate an old cabinet from a second-hand shop like Community Forklift, but the troop was not successful in locating anything appropriate. That did not stop them from moving forward with this project. They got to work

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Greenbelt Park: A History

by Matthew Arbach

Greenbelt Park provides an urban oasis, a 1,100-acre green space that local residents, along with visitors and guests from the nation's 50 states and many foreign countries have enjoyed. Situated 13 miles from Washington, D.C., and bisected by the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, the park offers a campground and nine miles of trails, where guests can enjoy both the flora and indigenous wildlife of the region, all protected by the National Park Service.

President Harry Truman authorized the park's creation "for recreational purposes" with the signing of House Resolution 5990/ Public Law 643 in 1950. The park has evolved in its infrastructure and amenities over the years, with many planned projects left unfinished.

Prior to the 1950 legislation, a forested, park-like area existed. One of the early amenities was Camp Conestoga, a

Greenbelt Park is Now OPEN!

60-acre Girl Scout camp that was in use from 1938 to 1980; in 2000 the abandoned cabins were removed to their stone foundations. In 1949, an 18-hole golf course and driving range were proposed in the area under the aegis of the Public Housing Administration but was never built.

In the original 1950 plan, the park was to have picnic grounds, campgrounds, wildlife areas and trails. Its development was intended to progress along with the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, which was constructed in 1954.

The Mission '66 initiative emerged in 1956, aimed at modernizing and refurbishing the park into a "recreational oasis." Only \$224,000 of the promised

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Camping opens in 1966 at the new Greenbelt Park.

Variety of Electric Vehicles Sparked First EVent Here

by John Lippert and Jane Young with Melissa Sites

Electric vehicles produced by nine different automakers were showcased at Greenbelt's first EV EVent, hosted by Greenbelt's Green Team and the City of Greenbelt at Schrom Hills Park on September 17. Thirteen EVs were all-battery electrics (BEVs) and four were plug-in hybrids, including the only plug-in minivan on the market. Owners Barrett vehicles wanted to know more and Anna Bedford-Dillow charge the minivan using their own roof-

top solar system. Around three dozen visitors showed up to talk to EV owners, sit in their cars, ask about available incentives and how to charge EVs. Senator Paul Pinsky brought his new Hyundai Ioniq5 and said he has had no problems getting his car charged to go where he needs to go.

Several folks with aging g about getting an EV when their current car gives up the ghost. The Green Team provided handouts on makes, prices and ranges. For those who wondered about traveling long distances in an EV, such as to visit family, Green Team chair and primary EVent organizer John Lippert explained about EV charging networks, apps available to identify charging station locations and typical charging times. EV owner Marc

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Most of the EV owners and a couple of early visitors pose for a group photo at the EVent on September 17 at Schrom Hills Park.

Council Looks at ARPA Funds, Signatures, Pumpkins, SPACE

by Cathie Meetre

On Tuesday, September 27, Greenbelt City Council presented a proclamation to representatives of five of the city's seven cooperatives, reaffirming council's support at the start of Cooperative Month, and also recognized Hispanic Heritage Month and the city and library activities taking place to celebrate them. A major item concerning results of a space study are described in a separate

article, on page 7. **Administrative Reports**

Interim City Manager Tim George announced the city has hired a grants coordinator and has a new intern for economic development. The economic de-

What Goes On

Tuesday, October 11 7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building Wednesday, October 12 7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: TBD, Municipal Build-

See the meetings calendar on page 5 or visit greenbeltmd. gov for more information.

velopment office is sponsoring a business coffee and has met with occupants of Roosevelt Center to look at opportunities there. A second Job Fair at Beltway Plaza is scheduled for Saturday, October 8.

Resolution Signature

George addressed the signing of the resolution addressing police general orders (found by the Police Safety Action Committee (PSAC) as not being the document voted on in council). He characterized it as a clerical error which involved using an earlier version and denied that there was any impropriety. He stated that they have now improved their version control system to have version numbering and have tightened up procedures for signatures.

During Covid, council had been authorizing signatures remotely and not physically signing the documents in person. Mayor Emmett Jordan stated that council should consider signing resolutions in person going forward and thanked PSAC for surfacing the issue. Councilmember Judith Davis suggested that George write to the News Review with an explanation. (Editor's note: An

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Purple Lights Event Supports Domestic Violence Awareness

Greenbelt Police Department held a ribbon-tying event followed by a drive-through lightbulb giveaway, in aid of domestic violence awareness. They invited residents to collect a purple lightbulb and illuminate their porches in purple to show their support for survivors during October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness

The Police Department partners with Greenbelt CARES and Community Advocates for Family

On Monday, October 3, the and Youth (CAFY) throughout the year, leaving information for both organizations with victims when they respond to domestic violence calls. The department's new Crisis Intervention Team social worker also assists with connecting victims with services.

Those in need of support related to domestic violence can call the confidential 24-hour national hotline at 800-799-7233.

The number for Greenbelt CARES is 301-345-6660. CAFY can be reached at 301-390-4092.





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FRI. 5:00 PM, 8:15 PM

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SUN. 2:00 PM (OC), 5:15 PM SCREEN 1

MON. 2:00 PM, 5:15 PM SCREEN 1

BROS (R) (CC) (DVS) (2022) (115 MINS)

FRI. 5:15 PM, 8:00 PM SCREEN 2

SAT. 5:15 PM, 8:00 PM SCREEN 2

SUN. 2:15 PM, 5:00 PM SCREEN 2

MON. 2:15 PM (OC), 5:00 PM

Crazy Quilt Music Festival

On Saturday, October 8, the Crazy Quilt Music Festival bursts into Roosevelt Center with music, vendors, family activities and original quilts for the viewing. This lineup, like a crazy quilt of different patterns, shapes and colors, reflects the diverse music that the New Deal Café offers. All events are free and open to the public beginning at 11 a.m. and ending at 11 p.m., rain or shine.

In case of inclement weather, the festival will move inside the Café. For more information, visit newdealcafe.com and facebook. com/CrazyQuiltMusicFestival.



words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number.

Only the name will be published; the News

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from the editor if deemed necessary.

Letters Policy

be withheld.

The cooperative spirit: He wanted to play bingo, she wanted to dance.





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SCREEN 2

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Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300

Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and

space constraints. The News Review may add a comment

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Mayor Emmett Jordan (right) and Councilmember Kristen Weaver (left) helped Police Chief Richard Bowers decorate the Police Sta-

tion in purple at a ribbon-tying event to raise awareness of domestic

violence and show support for survivors.

Someone got creative with yard waste, creating art just north of Northway.

On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Amsterdam

Based on the Business Plot, a 1933 political conspiracy in the U.S., the film follows three friends – a doctor, a nurse and a lawyer - who are caught in the mysterious murder of a U.S. senator. The period mystery comedy thriller was directed, written and produced by acclaimed David O. Russell. It stars an ensemble cast, led by Christian Bale, Margot Robbie and John David Washington, and features Chris Rock, Anya Taylor-Joy, Zoe Saldaña, Mike Myers, Michael Shannon, Timothy Olyphant, Andrea Riseborough, Taylor Swift, Matthias Schoenaerts, Alessandro Nivola, Rami Malek and Robert De Niro. Said Brian Truitt of USA Today, "Amsterdam is pretty much an all-star game where everybody excels at their roles and no one's showboating."

Bros

From the ferocious comic mind of Billy Eichner (Billy on the Street, 2019's The Lion King, Difficult People, Impeachment: American Crime Story) and the hit-making brilliance of filmmakers Nicholas Stoller (the Neighbors films, Forgetting Sarah Marshall) and Judd Apatow (The King of Staten Island, Trainwreck, The Big Sick), comes Bros, a smart, swoony and heartfelt comedy about finding sex, love and romance amidst the madness. "Bros leans into the giddy little revolution of its own existence, inviting the audience into a good, gay time that hasn't exactly happened, in this way, before," said Richard Lawson of Vanity Fair.

Community Events

Md. Emancipation Day

The Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee will commemorate Maryland Emancipation Day with presentations by Dr. Frank Smith, executive director of the African American Civil War Museum, and FREED – Female Re-Enactors of Distinction - on Saturday, November 5 at 2 p.m. at the Community Center. For additional information contact blackhistoryandculturegb@gmail.com.

Credit Union Shredding Day

Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will host Community Shred Day on Saturday, October 15 from 9 a.m. to noon or until the truck is full. The credit union will shred personal documents, up to five banker-box-sized containers per person.

No trash, batteries, plastic, unattended or contaminated paper. This event is co-sponsored by the City of Greenbelt.

The shredding event will take place in the parking lot behind the Credit Union at 112 Centerway. Those with questions can call 301-474-5900.



Tool Lending Library Grand Opening Oct. 9

Greenbelt Makerspace Tool Lending Library will host a grand opening party on Sunday, October 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The new space is in the basement of The Granite Building, 115 Centerway, and is accessible via the stairs off Roosevelt Center's upper parking lot (where the Farmers Market sets up on Sundays).

See the tools in the library and visit tools.greenbeltmakers.org to join the Greenbelt Makerspace Cooperative.

Regular hours are planned for Fridays, 5:30 to 7 p.m., and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., depending on volunteer availability. The library will accept donations of tools and other items suitable for lending during those times. Volunteers are also needed.

Bike Behavioral Study

The Prince George's County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) will host a virtual meeting for the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Behavioral Study on Wednesday, October 19 at 6 p.m. During the listening session, planners will highlight how the presence, design and location of county transportation facilities affect pedestrian and bicyclist behaviors. Residents will be able to share their thoughts on walking and biking in Prince George's

Meeting participants will learn the overall purpose of the study, timeline of the project and how the design of facilities can accommodate future active transportation users. With a focus on equity, infrastructure and safety, the findings of the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Behavioral Study will help inform the Planning Department in their recommendations of area master plans, evaluating submitted development applications and ensuring conformance with the adopted subdivision and zoning regulations.

For more information on the study visit mncppc.org/5309/Pedestrian-Bicyclist-Behavioral-Study. To register for the Listening Session visit pbbs.eventbrite.



Greenbelt Chess Club

The Chess Club meets twice a month. Dates for this month are Monday, October 10, and Monday, October 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the New Deal Café. The group welcomes all levels and ages. Chess instruction will be provided as needed. Participants are welcome to bring their own chess set.

For more information, call organizer Effie Levner at 443-415-1053.

Candidates Needed For Co-op Board

Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative is seeking candidates willing to run for election to its board of directors. The Co-op will conduct the election at its annual meeting on Saturday, November 12 at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Center gym. Two board members will be elected to serve three-year terms. Incumbents Amy Drew and Kim Kash are running for re-election. Members interested in serving as directors can pick up nomination forms at the Coop's customer service office. To be considered, a member must: (1) have a minimum of \$100 in their member capital account and (2) submit both a brief biography and complete the nomination form which includes five signatures from other voting-eligible members by Sunday, October 23. Return the completed form with bio to the customer service office or email them to board@ greenbelt.coop. The Co-op does not accept nominations at the annual meeting.

Dems Picnic

If tasty and healthy foods are of interest, join the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club at its annual picnic, Saturday, October 8, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Schrom Hills Park.

The club's board members are bringing salads, burgers, chicken wings, tasty desserts and drinks. It's also a chance to catch up with old friends and to meet new ones. And, given that it's only a few weeks before the election, learn how to help with contacting voters either by door knocking or making phone calls. This is the place to be.

Call Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369 or email the club at rooseveltclub.com.

Arts Board Meets

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, October 11 at 7 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. Discussion topics will include the Roosevelt Center Art Crawl on October 16, the space study and city signage. For more information, write to alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov.

October Unplugged Mindfulness and Kites

On Sunday, October 9, 7 to 8:15 p.m., relax and unwind as Laura Bonkosky guides us through a session of Yoga Nidra. Yoga Nidra is a process of deep meditative exploration leading to a relaxed state of consciousness between sleeping and waking. The Zoom meeting ID is: 869 1887 7769 and the passcode is 016110.

Kite Fly: Bring what kites you have, and see what can get airborne. No kite? No worries, we have plenty to share. We will have kite kits for kids to decorate and fly. Saturday, October 15, 1 to 3 p.m. at Northway Fields.

Fourth Friday board games, October 28, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Community Center, Room 114.

To get the Zoom mindfulness link, and/or get reminders for in-person events, send an email to events@greenbeltunplugged. org and get added to the distribution list.



Donation Drive October 22, 23

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ's next clothing and small hard-goods drive will occur on Saturday, October 22 from 8 a.m. to noon and Sunday, October 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located at 1 Hillside Road.

Prepare the used goods for donation by placing soft items in plastic bags and hard items in boxes that one person could carry. Oversized items cannot be accepted. The donations will be taken to Value Village, which pays the church. The church uses the money to help fund local charities.

Greenbelt PORCH Helps Year-Round

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one," Mother Teresa said.

With Thanksgiving around the corner, it is typical to be generous with contributions of time and donations of food items. However, hunger is not seasonal. Greenbelt PORCH brings attention to struggling neighbors year-round. Greenbelt PORCH is not an event but a program of kindness.

Those in neighborhoods without a monthly food drive (see the schedule below), can help through P.A.L. (PORCH At Large). To participate, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com with an address by noon on Sunday, October 23, and leave donations by the front door marked RUAK or PORCH visible from the street. Ensure donated items have not passed their expiry date.

October collection dates are as follows:

Sunday, October 9. By 11 a.m. at 1-8 Courts Ridge, 1-8 Courts Crescent and 1-2 Courts Westway

Sunday, October 23. By 4 p.m. for 9 and 12 Courts Ridge Road and 11 and 13 Courts Ridge Road, Boxwood Village and P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members (including former Woodland Hill donors); by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive

Saturday, October 29. By 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are always welcome. We are particularly looking for coordinators in the Greenbelt EAST area. 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.





Greenbelt Access Television Oct 8, Sat. – Oct. 14, Fri

Verizon FIOS Channel 19 • Comcast 77 (School Programming on Your Cable Guide) Streaming on www.greenbeltaccessty.org

THIS WEEK on GATe • Your Community Access Station

7am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	Utopia Film Festival Presents	Medicine in the Mind • 2018 Plus other selections
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl Finals	Fort Foote v. Phyllis E. Williams
2pm	Music at the New Deal SEASON TWO	Campfire Sessions • Listening Room for Songwriters
3pm	Utopia Film Festival Presents	Medicine in the Mind • 2018 Plus other selections
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Thursday, 10/6, Wolf's Thursday Blues Show & Sit-In Jam, <u>6:30 - 10pm</u> Friday, 10/7, Emma's Revolution (*Truth-Telling Melodies*), <u>8 - 11pm</u>

SATURDAY, 10/8, 11am - 11pm: CRAZY QUILT MUSIC FESTIVAL!
Volunteers and Sponsors Welcome! FACEBOOK.COM/CrazyQuiltMusicFestival

AND: JUST STONES (Rolling Stones Tribute Band), 8 - 11pm

Sunday, 10/9, **Deaf Brunch**, <u>10:30a - 12 noon</u>. Newcomers Welcome!

AND: Polythene Band (Five Fab Four Fans!), 6 - 8pm

Monday, 10/10, **Membership Appreciation Night!**Discounts on beer, wine and appetizers for NDC members!*
Chess Club, All ages and levels welcome! 6 - 8pm
Trust Issues (Soulful and Funky), 6 - 8pm

Tuesday, 10/11, Open Mic with Naomi Littlefield, <u>6:30 - 9pm</u>
Wednesday, 10/12, Kim Eaton (Americana with a Texas Twist), <u>7 - 9pm</u>
Thursday, 10/13, Sofia Talvik (Nordic Originals), <u>7 - 9pm</u>

*IT'S EASY TO BECOME A NEW DEAL CAFE MEMBER! www.newdealcafe.com, click on BECOME A MEMBER.

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Obituaries

Paula Windsor



Paula Windsor

Paula Josephine Windsor died suddenly on the evening of September 27, 2022, at the age of 84. She was born August 18, 1938, in Washington, D.C., an only child to Julia Cecilia Daley and Paul Ashton Windsor. She lived in Greenbelt, on and off, for almost 40 years.

Paula was a faithful member of St. Hugh of Grenoble Church. She spent her working years as a typist at the U.S. Navy Yard in D.C. In her spare time, she enjoyed going out to eat, going on cruises with her longtime friends Dianne Middledorf and Kevin Payne, spending time with her close friend Carole Siegel, completing crossword puzzles and playing Scrabble - even if she was playing against herself.

Paula is survived by her children Paul Ashton Beavers, David Joseph Windsor, Katherine (Bernie) Windsor, Ann Windsor Trenary and Debra Lee Windsor Owens. Her son Michael Christopher Windsor predeceased her. She is also survived by grandchildren Amanda Beavers, Alexis Beavers, Joshua Windsor, Renee Stark, Danielle Johnson, Jaclyn Windsor, Elliott Trenary and Jayden Owens, as well as numerous great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, October 11 at 10 a.m. at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church. Burial at Gate of Heaven Cemetery will follow the funeral Mass. A luncheon will follow the burial service at the Greenbelt American Legion, 6900 Greenbelt Road, around 1:30 p.m.

Those who wish to remember Paula, in lieu of flowers, can consider donating to St. Hugh of Grenoble Church.



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Sunday School 9:15am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm

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Brenda Mae Brown

Brenda Mae (Hindmarsh) Brown, devoted wife, mother and sister, died on Monday, September 26, 2022, in Solomons, Md. Brenda was born June 6, 1943, in Hastings, Pa., a small mountainous, coal-mining town where she shared many happy years with her parents, John and Genevieve (Shutty) Hindmarsh and younger sister, Nancy Hindmarsh. The cold, icy winters were spent sledding and having snowball battles. The spring and summer brought blooming backyard fruit trees, planting vegetable and flower gardens with mom and dad and berry picking for fresh pies and homemade ice cream. Brenda had a close-knit family who enjoyed weekly dinners and memorable year-round events with extended family.

During Brenda's school years at St. Bernard's Catholic School, she took piano lessons from Sister Mary Patrick, which sparked a lifelong love for music, especially the classics. Brenda was selected to be the accompanist in the Cambria Heights High School band (state level), choir, two local dance bands and the town's Rotary Club.

In addition to the piano, Brenda learned to play the pipe organ and was also selected to be the organist for masses at St. Bernard's Church. Music was her passion and her achievements were reached through perseverance, hard work and love for

Throughout high school, Brenda spent her summers working in a clothing boutique in Michigan for her Aunt Mary. This must have been where she developed her zest for fashion and her signature style.

Brenda's senior year in 1961 was a hallmark year in her life

The Bible Says...

The Ten Commandments

#6-You Shall Not Murder

Exodus 20:13

when she chose to leave her small town to embrace the bigcity life of Washington, D.C. She did so with unbridled enthusiasm and determination, as she accepted a position at the Federal Aviation Administration as a secretary for Air Traffic Services. She worked diligently, with commitment and perseverance, earning top secret clearance, many awards and several promotions, reaching management level as a program analyst for Airway Facilities. For Brenda, it was a "privilege and a pleasure" to have worked alongside numerous dedicated associates and directors, many of whom remained dear friends and close to her heart. She embraced and enjoyed the professional challenges, felt "truly blessed" and was so "proud" to have been able to serve the FAA for 38 years.

After moving to the D.C. area, Brenda met and married her husband of 54 years, Kenneth E. Brown. They resided in Greenbelt for 25 years with their three children, Robert, Kristine and Rachelle. Brenda was very involved in her children's activities and community events. She volunteered with the Boy Scouts, Springhill Lake swimming and baseball teams, PTA and the College Park Polish Dance Group. She was a devout Catholic and a parishioner of St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church. Her faith was a true anchor in her life providing strength and guidance each day. Upon retirement, Brenda and Ken moved to Beltsville where Brenda enjoyed swimming, reading, taking educational courses, attending operas and visiting with her grandchildren.

Brenda was preceded in death by her husband, parents and brother, Robert. She is survived by her sister; three children; six grandchildren, Kevin, Tyler, Bryan, Dylan, Jenavieve and William; and her great-grandchild, Archer.

Brenda was a faith-filled, strong, independent woman with a zest for the arts, music, culture, people and life. She was a dedicated, giving, passionate person who based her life on her Catholic faith and love for her family and friends. Her life touched her family and friends dearly and her love and lessons will live on for generations.



Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or pres-

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Paula Windsor who died on September 27. She lived in Greenbelt for most of 40 years and belonged to St. Hugh of Grenoble Church.

We also send condolences to the family and friends of Brenda Mae Brown who died on September 26. She worked for the Federal Aviation Agency for 38 years and also belonged to St. Hugh of Grenoble Church.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.





CATHOLIC COMMUNITY of GREENBELT

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Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

- 'Abdu'l-Bahá

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October 9 10 a.m. We Are Still Here! Through Piscataway Eves

Ariane Swann Odom with Worship Associate Carol Carter Walker

This morning's service will be led by Ariane Swann Odom, a member of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe, based primarily in Southern Maryland. As we prepare to recognize Indigenous People's Day in Prince George's County, Maryland on October 10, and National Native American Heritage Month in November, we are fortunate to have a speaker who will share her lived experience. We will take up a Special Collection for the non-profit Through Piscataway Eyes Education Fund, established to support higher education for tribal members at Maryland colleges and universities. A special welcome to members of Davies Unitarian Universalist Congregation, our sister congregation in Prince George's County, who are visiting with us today.

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City Notes

Sustainability/Environmental and Community Compost members welcomed U.S. Environmental Protection Agency representatives to tour compost sites. For National Public Lands Day, 12 volunteers planted six pawpaw trees and removed invasives from the CHEARS Food Forest.

Street Maintenance/Special Details installed banners and purple lights for Domestic Violence Awareness Month and moved furniture for Finance and the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL).

Refuse/Recycling collected 27 tons of refuse and 10.27 tons of recyclables.

Building Maintenance moved the Community Center's pool table to its new home at the American Legion. Aquatic & Fitness Center staff cleared the outdoor pool deck, preparing for a major storm.

The Community Center welcomed Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Nursery School, Greenbrook Estates, Concert Band, Golden Age Club, GAIL and Greenbelt Astronomy.

A Greenbelt Museum tour for University of Maryland students addressed race and public policy. Arts staff began an oil painting class. Therapeutic Recreation provided inclusion evaluation for the ceramics program and delivered meal packets to homebound seniors.

HUG WALK Returns

RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) is again organizing the annual HUG WALK (Help Unite Greenbelt with A Little Kindness) to be held on Sunday, October 9, rain or shine. This year RUAK is partnering with the City of Greenbelt and the State of Maryland as part of WALKTOBER, the state program promoting health and wellness.

Walk Schedule

The walk begins at Greenbelt Station and participants should gather at the Indian Creek Trail bridge at 1 p.m. Here is the itinerary: 1:30 p.m., walk stepoff; 2 p.m., walk continues from Springhill Lake Recreation Center; 2:30 p.m., join the walk at Buddy Attick Park; 3 p.m., join the walk at Roosevelt Center; 3:30 p.m., join the walk at Greenbriar Community Center; 4 p.m., join the walk at Windsor Green Community Center; 4:30 p.m., walk concludes at Schrom Hills Park.

Parking will be available at Beltway Plaza in the lot behind the mall, next to the Shell station on Cherrywood Lane. The Greenbelt Connection will provide shuttle service from each of the join-in locations as needed. Come see all or new parts of Greenbelt you have not yet visited.

The walk currently has over 60 co-sponsors - individuals and social groups, as well as civic and religious organizations. Show some Greenbelt spirit by wearing Greenbelt clothing or bringing a sign. It's not necessary to walk to participate; one can just cheer the walkers on. Come join in and celebrate Greenbelt.

For more information, go to RUAK.org, email RUAK at spreadruak@gmail.com or call Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755.



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.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 7:30 pm

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order

Roll Call

Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Petitions and Requests

Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.) Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- National Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Native American Day Proclamation
- Italian-American Heritage Month Proclamation
- Plastic Bag Ban Presentation
- * Minutes of Council Meetings
- Statement of Record Closed Session, September 21, 2022 **Administrative Reports**
- * Committee Reports
- Advisory Committee on Trees Report# 2022-1: Recommended Tree Species Appropriate to Plant Near Streets

LEGISLATION

- City of Greenbelt Ordinance Amending Section 11-52 of the Code of the City of Greenbelt to Reduce the Amount of Time Certain Vehicles May be Legally Parked - 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Award of Community Center Chiller and Boiler Replacement Project
- Council Activities
- Council Reports

MEETINGS

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

MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 10-14

Monday, October 10, REGULAR MEETING MOVED TO TUESDAY 10/11

Monday, October 10 at 6:30 pm, ETHICS COMMISSION, On the Agenda: Meet with City Solicitor to Check City Code Status, Synergies with Board of Elections, Other Comments

Tuesday, October 11 at 7 pm, ARTS ADVISORY BOARD, On the Agenda: Roosevelt Center Art Crawl, Space Study, City Signage

Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30 pm, WORK SESSION - TBD

Thursday, October 13 at 5:30 pm, BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Thursday, October 13 at 7:30 pm, COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ADVISORY BOARD**

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ROOSEVELT CENTER ART CRAWL Sunday, October 16, 10 am - 2 pm

Tour the venues and meet some of the people who make Roosevelt Center a cultural hub. Join us at this joint open house with free activities for all ages. With the New Deal Cafe, The Old Greenbelt Theatre, and the Greenbelt Arts Center participating.

Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 9/26/22)

Rent and Utility Assistance \cdot 342 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$1,675,062.38

Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance
· 15 Greenbelt Households were granted astsistance totaling \$51,421.51

GREENBELT NURSERY PROJECT

This FREE PROGRAM is available to families living in the city limits of Greenbelt, newborn to 2 years old, children who wear pull-ups. Call Katherine Farzin at (240) 542-2019 or kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (301) 474-8000

GREENBELT RECREATION'S 2022 FALL ACTIVITY GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/ to view and register.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, October 12th, 2022, at 7:30 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be the Interim City Manager evaluation

*The public may attend the Special Meeting of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of the Council to move into the closed session on Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Assitant to the City Clerk

FALL FEST (Hosted by Greenbelt Recreation) October 15, 2-5 pm **Schrom Hills Park**

Come Celebrate the fall season with us. Featuring fun activities and games! Call the weather hotline for updated event status (301) 474-0646.

FREE MENTAL HEALTH **COUNSELING**

Greenbelt CARES currently has DAYTIME hours available, 9 am - 4 pm, for individual counseling for ages 16+ with a waitlist for evening hours starting at 5 pm.

Call (301) 345-6660 or email us at cares@greenbeltmd.gov





In response to resident requests, starting FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, the City will install two temporary speed bumps near mid-block crosswalks on Ridge Road between Westway and Southway. This pilot project will last until Nov. 15. Questions? Call (301) 345-5417.

FAMILY FUN AT SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Sundays from September 18 - December 11

Families are invited to enjoy group games and drop-in gym time every Sunday afternoon this fall. Complimentary recreation equipment is available on site. Facility ID is required for participation. Contact Brian Butler at (240) 542-2213.

UPCOMING RECYCLING AND WASTE EVENTS

Greenbelt Shredding - October 15, 9 am - 12 pm In the parking lot behind Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. 5 boxes/ bags per person. Please wear a mask. Personal Records only. No batteries, plastic binders, sheets, nor contaminates accepted.

Greenbelt Electronics & Recycling - October 22, 9 am - 12 pm

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We offer our program Monday through Friday at the Youth Center. Financial aid is available for eligible Greenbelt residents. Registration for fall is now open.

For more information, please visit our Virtual Recreation Center online at greenbeltmd.gov/recreation or give us a call at (301) 397-2200.

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\$975,000 was allocated. Much of what was planned never came to pass, including an Olympic-size swimming pool, a shuffleboard area and a forest amphitheater. Trailer camping amenities like electrical outlets and water connections were never funded. In addition, shelters and pavilions in the group tent-camping area were never realized. So-called comfort stations, which provided showers and lavatories were built and exist currently in the campground, which opened in 1966, but camping at Greenbelt Park remains a somewhat primitive experience.

The most ambitious unrealized project was a theme park, proposed in 1972. Meant to have seven areas designed around American historical and cultural themes, the park was to include a four-mile railroad connecting the entire park and an artificial lake that would offer a paddlewheel steamboat, a whaling ship, native canoes and pirates.

The most recent upgrades were the repaying and rebuilding of Park Central Road and the parking lots, as well as the rebuilding of the bridges and culverts, originally built in the 1960s. The next project will be refurbishing and modernizing the comfort stations, which are listed on the National Register as historic buildings.

Currently, Greenbelt Park is a thriving ecosystem sustained by the Anacostia Watershed, Still Creek and Deep Creek, offering visitors three picnic areas and 174 campsites within four campground loops.

Information for this article was provided by Greenbelt Park Ranger John Reid.



An elaborate theme park was the most ambitious unrealized project for Greenbelt Park.



Greenbelt Park, part of the National Park Service



Greenbelt Park Has Reopened After Extensive Storm Cleanup

The National Park Service (NPS) reopened Greenbelt Park to vehicles, camping and picnicking on September 30. The park has been closed since July 15 due to significant damage from an 80-mph windstorm. For more than two months, NPS crews and contractors have removed more than 100 fallen or hazardous trees and conducted safety inspections to ensure the safety of the park for visitors and staff. At the time of the July closure, the park had been open less than nine months since a previous closure – from September 2019 through October 2021 – for road and campground improvements, although park trails remained open during that time period.

"I am thankful for our maintenance team and contractors who helped clear the hazardous conditions and ensured that park visitors and staff can safely enter the park," said Tara Morrison, National Capital Parks East superintendent. Morrison added, "We have worked every day to prepare for the reopening and we are excited to finally welcome visitors back."

The areas of the park that reopened September 30 include the campground, Sweetgum Picnic Area, the Ranger Station and all roads.

Greenbelt Park trails will remain closed in order to address the extensive tree damage along the trails and the need for maintenance personnel and contractors to safely remove trees without risking injury to park visitors.

Camping reservations for Greenbelt Park campground also opened on September 30 and can be found at Recreation.gov (search for Greenbelt Campground).

For more information, visit nps.gov/gree or follow the Greenbelt Park Facebook page.

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Food for Life Classes To Run in October

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. By adopting a healthy plant-based diet, not only will you reduce your risk for breast cancer, but also other cancers, diabetes, heart disease and other chronic illness, including Covid-19. Come to these CHEARS*-sponsored Food for Life classes and learn steps to take right now to reduce your cancer risk and improve survival. The first four classes in the series include information about how certain foods and nutrients can promote or discourage growth of cancers, including breast cancer. The final class focuses specifically on foods relevant to breast cancer risk reduction and sur vival. The intended audience of this class series includes breast cancer survivors, their family and friends, as well as anyone who wants to learn to cook some healthy, delicious, plant-based recipes. These classes are not intended for individuals currently going through active cancer treatment. Classes will be held 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center (Oct 11th), Schrom Hills Park Community Room (Oct 18th and 20th) and Springhill Lake Recreation Center (Oct 25th and 27th). Go to the following website to register for any or all five classes: https://chears.org/publications/ fulltext/NutritionClasses.pdf. For more information please contact Geraldine Adams at ghadamsrn@ gmail.com.

*Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society

2022 Mosquito Program Ends

by Deanna Dawson

Cool fall weather is bringing Greenbelters relief from the abundant mosquitos that have been present in various places around the city, but we haven't seen the last of them yet. Rain and hot, humid weather in July and August created ideal breeding conditions for mosquitos and some mosquitos will persist through the fall, becoming active on days with warmer temperatures.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) last week finished trapping mosquitos around Greenbelt. The city participated again this year in MDA's mosquito surveillance program, contracting MDA to monitor adult mosquitos from May through September. Every other week, MDA placed three traps in various locations around the city, sometimes in neighborhoods where residents complained about mosquitos, and retrieved them the following morning. The captured mosquitos were counted, sorted by gender only female mosquitos bite - and their species identified. Samples were then sent to a lab to be tested for West Nile virus, the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the continental U.S., and other arboviruses. Although most people infected with West Nile virus do not feel sick, some infected people develop a fever and other symptoms and rarely, a severe, sometimes fatal, illness that affects the central nervous

If West Nile virus is detected in a mosquito, MDA sprays within a three-quarter-mile radius of the trap location. A permethrinbased solution, which has been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for use in public health mosquito control programs, is sprayed from a truck in ultra-low volume to kill adult mosquitoes on contact. This year West Nile virus was detected in a mosquito captured in the Chelsea Woods community in August, which mandated follow-up spraying in parts of Greenbelt East; MDA issued a public notice in



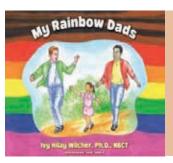
An Asian Tiger mosquito rests before taking a blood meal.

advance of the spraying and the City of Greenbelt posted public alerts on the city website and Facebook page and notified residents registered to receive Greenbelt Alerts (see greenbeltmd.gov/services/greenbelt-alerts). The city relies on residents to assist in eliminating mosquito breeding sites near their homes (see bit. ly/3yXpMwD).

Common Species

The top five mosquitos captured in Greenbelt this year were Aedes albopictus, Culex erraticus, Culex pipiens, Culex restuans and Coquillettidia perturbans. A. albopictus, the Asian Tiger mosquito, was detected in Maryland in 1987 but first showed up in Prince George's County in numbers in 1996. This mosquito, which has become the pesky mosquito of residential areas, breeds primarily in manmade containers: clogged rain gutters, tires, plant saucers, etc. - anything that can hold even a tiny amount of water. It takes less than a week for eggs to develop into adults and eggs can survive drying as well as freezing temperatures (Tiger mosquitos overwinter as eggs). They are competent vectors of the West Nile, Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE), dengue and Zika viruses, though to date only West Nile and EEE viruses have infected humans in Maryland. Tiger mosquitos are daytime biters and favor humans for blood meals; they typically bite adults from the waist down, but children can get bitten from head to toe.

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Fall seminar begins 10/12

City Council Looks at Space Needs for Some Departments

by Cathie Meetre



The Ground Floor East is accessed at the small traffic circle entrance on the left. It extends below the gym level, under the rooms on the opposite side of the hallway under the gym.

During the Greenbelt City Council meeting of September 27, a major discussion concerned the results of a space study tasked to examine how city office space is allocated against current and near future staffing needs. Council seemed intent on moving forward rapidly, scheduling a worksession for Monday, October 3, only six days later (See Box on page 13). Other September 27 council items are considered in a separate story.

In his presentation, Consultant Barry Miller of Frederick Ward and Associates described his survev of city space needs and his findings that CARES/GAIL were the most in need of additional space, with the administration and IT departments also with significant needs. He also noted that Greenbelt Recreation was the department with the greatest probability of growth. Deficiencies in space currently available were noted as lack of storage, doubling up of social services staff causing possible Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy violations when dealing with clients and no Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility to the basement in which the IT department is located.

The presentation can be linked to from the agenda packet for the October 3 worksession, access from the Municipal Access TV button on the homepage of the city website (greenbeltmd.gov).

Needs Before Wants

Miller noted that every department wanted more space but stated that the most immediate need was to accommodate existing and projected additional personnel required for GAIL and CARES.

The study considered a number of options to meet these existing space needs, including utilization of the Ground Floor East space in the Community Center, renting office space outside the municipal campus, and building an extension to the Municipal Building. Miller's estimate of

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implementing the range of options varied from ~\$600K for relocating CARES to the Community Center using ARPA funds, approximately \$100K per year for renting office space not owned by the city and \$2.5M to \$5M to build a 3,000- to 6,000-squarefoot new building in the vicinity of the current Municipal Building. (Note: The location of the space under discussion is hard to figure out from the presentation. The photograph associated with this story, taken from an angle that is not usually encountered when simply walking by, shows the space that runs level from the small traffic circle in the east corner of the building closest to the swimming pool, under part of the main level of the building. Outside access is from the traffic circle and inside by elevator or stairs just inside the east entrance of the Community Center, close to the News Review office.)

The forthcoming acquisition by the city of the Greenbelt Armory at the corner of Southway and Greenbelt Road had not been included in the alternatives under consideration.

Community Center Impact

Walking through the recommendations, Miller stated that the recreation department would receive 1,000- to 2,000-squarefoot more space than it is now assigned in the Community Center. Greenbelt Recreation and CARES, however, both use the Ground Floor East space for their programs, including the area that would, if the recommendations are accepted, in future be apportioned to CARES/GAIL. Because this space was never officially assigned to the recreation department, the recommendation, though seeming to add space, results in a de facto reduction.

Municipal Building Impact

Recommendations were also made for the Municipal Building

that depend on CARES/GAIL going elsewhere, with the IT Department moving staff and some of its capabilities upstairs. The Municipal Building's basement, which is not ADA accessible, would become a storage area shared among multiple departments and free up space on the first floor for IT and shared conference rooms.

The consultant noted that there were pros and cons for the recommended approach, which addresses the most immediate needs, but not completely, and does not account for expected future growth.

Promise to the People

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said that the Community Center building was acquired and refurbished by resident vote to be a recreation facility - not city offices. He said he felt that council was rushing the space recommendations through and pointed out that the study didn't refer at all to the to-be-acquired Armory. Mayor Emmett Jordan pointed out that there was to be a worksession but Roberts was undeterred, vowing "to fight tooth and nail to keep that promise to the people." He later also commented that he felt CARES and GAIL should be located more centrally to serve the wider area of the city, especially since many of its clients come from Greenbelt West.

Council Comments

In contrast, Councilmembers Kristin Weaver and Silke Pope seemed aligned with the findings and promoted its rapid consideration. Councilmember Judith Davis was also receptive to the study but remarked that she felt it was a solution for the relatively short term, and looked toward the possibilities of the Armory and new construction. Miller responded that any construction

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Re-Starts After Pandemic Delays by Diane Oberg

2021 Financial Disclosure Review

In response to the repeated petition from resident Bill Orleans, the Greenbelt City Council met with the city's Ethics Commission on September 19. Orleans noted that he had not asked for a worksession, only that the commission be directed to review the financial disclosure forms from the unsuccessful 2021 council candidates.

According to Robert Zugby, who chaired the commission during the last election cycle, the commission has two duties: (1) to review the financial disclosure forms submitted by councilmembers, senior city staff, the members of two advisory committees and council candidates; and (2) to hear cases brought before it regarding potential conflicts of interest.

Zugby reminded attendees that city offices were closed until right after the 2021 election. The review had always been done in person where the forms could be shared and discussed by the members. They had not attempted to do the review remotely. As a result, they had two years' worth of forms to review. The members decided not to review forms from unsuccessful candidates as, postelection, these would not make much difference to the public. At the worksession, both Zugby and current chair Sieglinde Peterson agreed that the commission should complete its work by reviewing these forms.

Two Forms

Under state and city law, there are two different forms that candidates must file. Campaign finance reports cover the campaigns funds on hand, and contributions and expenditures are reviewed by the city clerk and Board of Elections. The Ethics Commission reviews the financial disclosure forms that detail the assets of the candidates and their spouses/partners. Zugby clarified that the commission's review is to ensure that the forms are complete, not to anticipate potential conflicts of interest. Anyone believing a councilmember has a conflict of interest can bring that to the commission for review.

It became clear that the city's ethics ordinance has not been reviewed recently. While Greenbelt has its own ethics law spelled out in the city code, Peterson noted that the city ethics rules must comply with state requirements. The state has recently forwarded model ethics legislation to the city which has not yet been reviewed by the city solicitor (who did not participate in this meeting.)

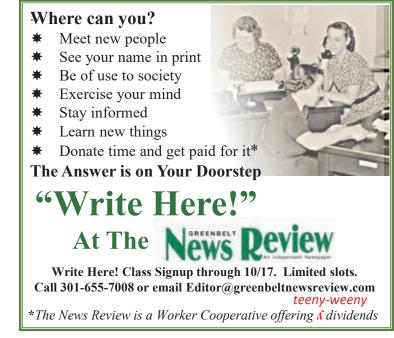
Councilmember Silke Pope expressed concern about the sensitivity of some of the information on the forms that are posted on the city's website. These include a spouse's/partner's assets and sensitive details such as who holds their mortgage. She questioned whether such details must be made public. No other councilmember appeared to share her concern, but Ethics Commission member David Shapiro suggested such details could affect potential candidates' willingness to run. However, as Councilmember Rodney Roberts reminded participants, the contents of the forms are determined by state law.

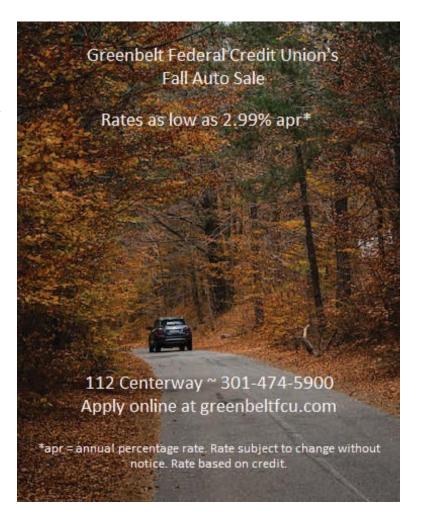
Several councilmembers had questions or concerns about the campaign finance reports, including whether opening balances must match the closing balance from a previous campaign, treatment of money contributed by candidates themselves, and payments between campaigns (such as bills received after the final report is due). However, as these reports are in the purview of the Board of Elections, not the Ethics Commission, discussion was limited

It was suggested that the board and the commission plus the city solicitor meet to review the current state law and the boundaries of each body's responsibilities, thus identifying any changes needed.

The councilmembers also suggested reviewing the city's election booklet to better explain some of the requirements and,

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Neveu noted, "EVs don't have to be expensive, and you don't need your own driveway to have one. Since we got a parking spot next to our home, we've been charging it on a regular 110-V plug which gets you 50-60 miles overnight. I was surprised to see how many different models there are these days, something for everyone: hatchbacks, sedans, SUVs, [even] pickup trucks."

One woman driving a Chevy Bolt asked about chargers for her new BEV. Lippert provided the information and explained the federal and state incentives available. Several Greenbelt Homes, Inc. residents wondered how to charge an EV given the location of their parking spaces in relation to their houses. Green Team member Jane Young explained possible solutions, such as plugging the car into an outside outlet; using existing charging stations at Schrom Hills Park, Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Roosevelt Center; working with GHI to get electricity in garages and parking spaces near EV owners' homes; installing one's own charging station; or sharing a neighbor's charging station.

Said EV driver Joseph Ralbovsky, "Installing an EV charger at your home is usually very doable, and typically costs about as much or less than one year of gas savings." Ralbovsky appreciated Mayor Emmett Jordan's well-informed questions and "was delighted by just how much factbased information [the mayor] knew about electric cars."

Lippert hopes to plan more EVents and to promote the recommendations in the report titled Electric Vehicle Infrastructure: A Plan for Greenbelt, accepted by the city council in 2021. The Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Planning Group is composed of members of Green ACES, the Greenbelt Green Team, the city's Advisory Planning Board and other Greenbelt residents.

Prince George's County has registered 2,955 BEVs and 1,609 plug-in hybrids, according to Lippert's flyer for the EVent. Lippert said EVs are quiet, exciting to drive and quick to accelerate. According to Consumer Reports, EVs cost less to fuel and are cheaper to repair and maintain than comparable gasoline-powered models. And, many owners are glad to help combat climate change.

Roosevelt Center Arts Crawl

A Roosevelt Center Arts Crawl will be held on Sunday, October 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, sponsored by the City of Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board. Discover Greenbelt arts at this free celebration featuring open houses at the Old Greenbelt Theatre, New Deal Café and Greenbelt Arts Center. Visit each location for interesting activities and enjoy entertainment in Roosevelt Center as you walk to each open house. Enter a raffle to win wonderful prizes. Local arts organizations are invited to participate by setting up tables in Roosevelt Center. To register for a table, contact the Arts Advisory Board at aab@greenbeltmd. gov. For more information, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts.



Susan Stewart and Jonathan Gordy show a visitor their Chevy Bolt.



Outstanding Citizen 2022 Maggie Cahalan and husband Bob show their Kia Niro EV.

- Photos by Chondria Andrews



Barrett Bedford-Dillow, with son Euan, explains their plug-in hybrid minivan.



Senator Paul Pinsky's EV was open for people to sit in, as were other EVs.

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The other four locally common mosquito species also are vectors of both West Nile and EEE virus, but tend to feed more frequently on birds than on humans. The three Culex mosquitos captured in Greenbelt are mostly found in wooded areas, though C. pipiens, the house mosquito, also lives around residences and will enter homes in search of blood meals. They lay eggs in "rafts" in temporary groundwater and sometimes in manmade containers. Coquillettidia perturbans frequents both forested and open areas, particularly near water bodies where they attach their eggs to aquatic vegetation (hence its common name of cattail mosquito). All these mosquitos feed primarily near dawn, dusk or after dark rather than during the daytime, and typically overwinter as adults.

Mosquito Control Here

Methods to control mosquitos have evolved over the years, both at MDA and in Greenbelt. A search of the Greenbelt News Review archives (greenbeltnewsreview. com/archives) revealed that Greenbelt began participating in a state mosquito control program in 1958 and for years a truck drove along city streets spraying malathion every week or two during the summer to kill adult mosquitos. Residents were assured that the spray was harmless to people but in some years advised: "Housewives may wish to hang out laundry after the spray truck has passed." (e.g., GNR June 7, 1962). Spray operators were asked not to spray an area when there were many people outdoors and to be alert for children following the spray truck on bikes or holding onto the back of the truck, which

Greenbelt children were known to do. MDA also wanted to know the location of any beekeepers within the city since the chemicals used were highly toxic to bees (GNR June 3, 1993). (Note: Beekeepers or other individuals now can request an exemption from spraying but not from spraying targeted at an arbovirus.) In the 1980s, the control focus shifted for a time to target larvae, with adult mosquitos sprayed around known breeding areas and later, only where mosquito problems were reported by residents.

By 2000, MDA was no longer spraying adult mosquitos in Prince George's County because of public opposition and had begun using the less toxic bacterial insecticide Bacillus thuringienris israelensis (Bti) to spray wetland breeding sites. However, that approach was not effective against the Tiger mosquito (GNR September 23, 2004), and the City of Greenbelt stopped participating in the mosquito control program in 2006 or

In 2019, concerned about the public health risk of West Nile virus, which was being detected more frequently nearby, the city re-enlisted in MDA's mosquito program (GNR May 2, 2019), which then operated as it does today, with adult mosquitos trapped at various locations and tested for West Nile virus, and spraying within a limited area only if there is a positive test. The city's Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Green ACES, is considering whether Greenbelt will continue to participate in the MDA program in the future.

For more information see mda. maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito_control.aspx or cdc.gov/mosquitoes.

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World Peace Day Encourages Youth to Pitch In with Efforts

by Stephanie Quinn



Greenbelt Rotary members and guests observe World Peace Day at Buddy Attick Park.

The Rotary Club of Greenbelt and community members gathered under an oak tree in Buddy Attick Park on Saturday, September 24, to raise funds for families impacted by the war in Ukraine and observe World Peace Day.

The club merges local rootedness with a commitment to global service. Steve Kemp, president of Greenbelt Rotary, greeted visitors to the park as they walked by the picnic tables and teal disaster relief tent, encouraging them to join the afternoon's event. "Do you want a T-shirt? We're going to take a group picture here."

Kemp said Greenbelt Rotary hopes to recruit new members to continue charitable work in Prince George's County and internationally. "We're looking for more active folks - really, younger people. We want to hand it off and support it, is what we really want to do," he said.

minutes,' they said. It took over an hour," Kowtha joked.

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Books are welcome. More info in Community Events

Clothing / Small Goods Drive

DuVal students expressed their appreciation for the opportunities Rotary and Interact, its offshoot club for 12- to 18-year-olds, have afforded them to help their community and open their minds to global problems.

Breyana Edwards, president of Greenbelt Interact and a senior in DuVal's aerospace aviation program, said, "What I love about being in the Interact club is that we give back to our community. Learning from others, we take that in, and also we give back."

Shree Ruttala, a DuVal High School 11th grader said, "I'm thankful about this club, because I've been more exposed to what's happening elsewhere, in different countries, like Pakistan and Ukraine."

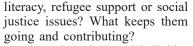
In addition to the DAI tents, Kemp said Greenbelt Rotary aimed to collect enough donations to send money to several Ukrainian families. "When we send money, that's better," said Kemp. "They can get what they need. We do both, to be honest with you."

Opening remarks at the event underscored that anyone can cultivate peace. Drawing on a poem by Benjamin E. Mays, a mentor of Martin Luther King Jr., Councilmember Ric Gordon said "It only takes a minor minute to create peace." He continued, "I didn't seek it. I didn't choose it. But it was called upon me to use it. I must give accounting if

Ever since moving to Greenbelt in 2009, I have been impressed by the many seniors who are actively ag-

ing, engaged in life, living and contributing to the betterment of the city. Greenbelt seniors have been involved in maintaining the quality of the life of this city for a long time. Where do they get the stami-

ronmental causes,



I interviewed several individuals committed to aging actively, remaining involved with community or recreational activities, and for whom the aging process is secondary to doing things that they love. Sure, there are some physical limitations, which is why they often laugh at the notion of positive aging. The aging body will have various challenges, some serious, some not; however, how one deals with that reality determines their outlook and involvement.

There was not a single person I interviewed who did not have a hobby, sports activity or commu-



na to contribute to Iona King crochets for charity and committees, advi- is an active participant in several sory boards, envi- community groups.

nity involvement prior to the onset of the aging process. The group ranged in age from 78 to 91. Ann Free-

man was a

marathon cyclist. She and her family would cycle for a week 🛚 throughout a Maryland ™ ≘ in the summers. At 87, she now has a pacemaker, but that has not prevent-

ed her from continuing to take walks, play golf and swim three days a week, year round, at the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

Jack Szafran, 91, walks daily around the lake and does other cardio exercises three days a week at the Fitness Center, especially during inclement weather. He feels it is important to keep the body and mind active, so he also reads extensively, both fiction and non-fiction books that he borrows from the library. He is fortunate that he has not had any major health issues, stays connected to family and reduces his sodium intake.

Mel Black, 87, plays golf at

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On the other side of the picnic tables, Vijay Kowtha, secretary of the Greenbelt club, showed an example of the 35 tents the group sent to Ukraine last month through Rotary's international disaster assistance project, Disaster Aid International (DAI). To pitch the tent, Kowtha re-

cruited the help of student members of the robotics club at DuVal High School in Lanham, which he founded. "I asked them how long it would take. 'Five to 10

I abuse it. Sixty little seconds.

One little minute. But eternity is

wrapped up in it." After the opening remarks, someone gave a donation, and the visiting president of the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., matched it. Then someone matched it again.

"It [peace] starts with each one of us, you know?" said Kemp. "It's in between our ears, you know?"

Stephanie Quinn is a University of Maryland journalism graduate student writing for the News Review.

Actively Aging in Greenbelt by Lois Rosado

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email was received.)

ARPA Funding

Councilmember Kristin Weaver suggested that council accept the list of projects to be funded from the \$22M of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding remaining and, as necessary, amend the budget as actual costs become clearer or the project needs amendment, providing flexibility as the program evolves. Davis agreed, saying, "We need something to work with." She suggested that the plan come up monthly, with council showing where each item is, and be publicly displayed. She also noted that some municipalities have hired an administrator to maintain and wrangle the implementation of the list.

The city has developed an online tracking form, expected to be updated weekly. It will have a variety of status information, including ongoing costs. Contracts will be brought to council. George encouraged some consolidation of comparable smaller projects as a bundle under one contractor.

Jordan wanted more detail in some of the items, e.g. ballfields – which fields, what's happening – so he requested a sub-list of what is needed per facility. George agreed, noting that all the projects would be analyzed in more detail as the plan matured.

He also proposed engaging local groups to assist in disbursement as appropriate (e.g. healthcare vouchers). Resident Bill Orleans reiterated his longstanding objection to the use of ARPA money for capital projects, noting that very little of the budgeted funds were going to benefit people directly.

Draft Transportation Plan

Although the six-year budget is significantly larger because of the addition of Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill monies, it still does not fund items requested for multiple years in a row by the city (e.g. the Greenbelt Road project). The recommendation is to write the state to recommend inclusion of this and other Greenbelt-related projects and to reiterate the city's ongoing objection to SCMaglev and the I-270 additional lanes. Davis urged City Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby to include in the letter the most strongly worded possible statement of the city's opposition to the SCMaglev.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts noted his opposition to adding any more highway capacity, including the additional entrance from the Beltway to the Greenbelt Metro station, because it encouraged people to drive to Metro instead of using public transportation, which he noted was "not a step in the right direction" with respect to climate change.

Council voted to have Hruby draft a letter and submit it by the deadline. Weaver will consider if she can attend the virtual meeting on the draft transportation plan.

Local Initiatives Support

After some discussion on how best to support local initiatives in need of funding, council voted to award \$2,500 apiece to the Pumpkin Walk and The SPACE to assist with immediate financial needs.

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downloading blueprints and finding scrap wood to build the Little Free Library from scratch. After a few very dusty meetings, the library was complete. The troop built the library almost entirely out of a stash of supplies donated by a troop member's mother, who was happy to help and felt justified in her tendency to save unwanted or unused items. The troop would also like to thank Jim and Gail Drake for the use of some of their power tools.

The troop did not want to just leave an empty wooden box under an awning. What is a library without books? So they headed down to the Labor Day Festival and collected some books from the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA book drive. The troop focused on children's books as they had observed that the Little Free Libraries around town were in

need of books that younger children could read.

The final part of the project involved creating a map of the locations of other Little Free Libraries in the community. The map is on the web at bit. ly/3LP24rl. In each Little Free Library on the map, there is a QR code that directs the visitor to the website. The hope is to see an increase in the use of the Little Free Libraries in the area.

Troop 27 encourages everyone to visit a Little Free Library nearby, borrow a book and, after reading it, find another Little Free Library via the map and leave it for others in a new spot.

For those curious about these libraries, or who have books to add to the collection, feel free to stop by and take a look or leave a book – that's what it's built for, after all.

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perhaps, hold an orientation session for candidates to help them understand their responsibilities.

Concern

In an unrelated ethics issue, resident Molly Lester questioned why the interim assistant city manager overseeing American Rescue Plan Act expenditures was not required to file a financial disclosure statement. Interim

City Manager Timothy George explained that financial disclosure forms are required for staff members with direct authority and control over city funds. This staffer does not have such authority, so no financial disclosure is required. Roberts disagreed saying it seemed like a skirting of the ethics regulations.



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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred from September 26 through October 2. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Assault

On September 27 at 7:31 p.m. near Breezewood Court & Springhill Lane, juvenile assaulted by other juveniles not known to the victim; school resource officer alerted. On September 28 at 5:31 p.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, juvenile assaulted by another juvenile; school resource officer alerted. On October 1 at 12:03 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, victim reported a firearm was pointed at him by individuals in a vehicle; officers located the vehicle and detained all three occupants. A firearm was not located. However, officers recovered a large amount of marijuana, and two of the occupants were arrested on open warrants.

Break-in

On October 1 at 7:40 a.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, business door deadbolt lock damaged: at 9:32 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, business doorframe damaged.

DUI

On October 2 at 2:43 a.m. near unit Southway, DUI arrest.

Fraud

On September 26 at 10:47 a.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, identity stolen to access bank assets. On September 27 at 12:09 p.m. on Laurel Hill Road, gift card phone fraud.

BB Gun Found

On October 2 at 11:45 a.m. near 6300 Golden Triangle Drive, Glock 19 replica BB gun located in business parking lot; placed into property for destruction.

Missing Person Found

On September 26 at 7:42 p.m. near 100 Westway, missing juvenile from Anne Arundel County located in Greenbelt.

Neighbor Dispute

On September 27 at 6:58 p.m. near 100 Greenhill Road, neighbor dispute.

Theft

On September 26 at 9:22 a.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, personal property was taken from a residence, no sign of forced entry; at 11:42 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft; at 12:10 p.m. near 100 Centerway, commercial theft; at 2:46 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft. On September 27 at 12:18 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, personal property left in shopping cart was missing when the owner returned. On September 29 at 7:18 p.m. near 6200 Springhill Drive, personal property was stolen from temporary storage. On September 30 at 1:48 p.m. near 6800 Damsel Court, package theft; at 11:10 p.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft. On October 1 at 6:59 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft.

Vandalism

On October 1 at 4:12 p.m. on Ridge Road, residence lock was damaged.

On September 26 at 5:48 p.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, a dispute between known individuals resulted in property damage. On September 27 at 5:19 a.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive, a car window was broken by individual known to the victim. On September 30 at 4:05 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, windows smashed of a 2010 Honda Civic and a 2008 Honda Civic.

Stolen Vehicle

On September 26 at 5:31 p.m. near Cherrywood Lane & Cherrywood Court, officers were waved down by the victim who stated two men with handguns, wearing all dark clothing, stole his car. The victim then stated the suspects were unsuccessful in taking the vehicle and the victim left without providing any more information. On September 27 at 1:32 p.m. near 6200 Springhill Court, a 2003 blue Dodge Caravan (MD plate 1EL6176) was stolen. On September 28 at 8:27 a.m. near unit Crescent Road, a 2019 gray Hyundai Tucson (MD Plate 6EX2047) was stolen; at 9:38 a.m. near 200 Lakeside Drive, a silver 2019 Toyota Rav 4 (DC plate GS9013) was stolen; at 11:45 a.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, a 2006 white Nissan Frontier (MD dealers plate 2A25312) was stolen after the vehicle was left unlocked and unattended, with the keys in the ignition. On October 2 at 10:18 a.m. near 7700 Lakecrest Drive, a black 2014 Lexus IS250 was reported stolen, located by another agency after it was involved in an accident; at 11:15 a.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, a silver 2000 BMW (MD plate: 3Z1070) was stolen after it was left unlocked and unattended with the keys in the ignition; at 11:16 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, a gray 2020 Dodge Charger (MD plate 3EK6979) was stolen.

Suspicious Vehicle

On October 2 at 8:50 a.m. near 7800 Walker Drive, officers observed a suspicious vehicle; one of the occupants had an open warrant and was subsequently arrested.

Theft from Auto

On September 26 at 8:41 a.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive, steering wheel airbag was stolen from a 2019 Honda CRV; at 12:37 p.m. on Ridge Road, catalytic converter was stolen from a 2005 Toyota Prius; at 4:35 p.m. on Eastway, catalytic converter was stolen from a Toyota Prius. On September 27 at 8:02 p.m. near 5900 Springhill Drive, personal property was taken from a

vehicle. On September 28 at 5:50 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, catalytic converter was stolen from a 2021 Ford F250; at 9:42 a.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, personal property was stolen from vehicle while victim was pumping gas; at 10:18 a.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, handicap placard was stolen; at 4:53 p.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive, catalytic converters were stolen from a 2014 Ford F-150. On September 29 at 2:22 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, steering wheel airbags were stolen from a 2018 Honda HR-V and a 2019 Honda HR-V; at 11:25 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, steering wheel airbag and personal property were stolen from a 2016 Honda CRV. On September 30 at 3:24 a.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, steering wheel airbags stolen from: a 2017 Honda Pilot, three 2017 Honda Accords, three 2017 Honda Civics, two 2018 Honda Civics, two 2019 Honda Civics, a 2016 Honda Civic, a 2013 Honda Accord, two 2020 Honda Civics, a 2015 Honda Civic, two 2014 Honda Civics; at 3:47 a.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, all four rims and tires stolen from a Honda Civic; at 6:53 a.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, catalytic converter was stolen from a 2013 Ford E250; at 8:19 a.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, rear tag was stolen; at 11:39 a.m. near 6200 Springhill Court, personal property was taken from vehicle; at 3:58 p.m. near 6200 Breezewood Drive, steering wheel airbag was stolen from a 2015 Honda Accord. On October 1 at 12:29 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, rear tag was stolen.



On Monday Night, October 3 On Monday, October 3 at approximately 12:06 a.m., officers responded to the unit block of Southway for the report of an armed robbery. The victim was approached by two Black males wearing all black and black face masks, one pointed a black handgun at the victim and demanded

pects fled on foot. Then, at 12:19 a.m., the Police Department received a second call reporting an armed carjack-

the victim's car keys. The sus-

pects took personal property from

the victim but were unsuccessful

in taking the keys, and the sus-

ing in the unit block of Ridge Road. The victim was approached by two individuals matching the description of those in the previous robbery who again pointed a black handgun and demanded keys to the victim's car. The victim complied and the suspects fled in the victim's Honda Fit. At this time, no suspects are in custody. The second victim sustained minor injuries.

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Information on additional arts experiences in Greenbelt can be found at greenbeltmd.gov/arts. The City of Greenbelt arts programs are supported in part by



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least once a week, March through November. He takes bike rides, goes for walks, hikes, paddles a kayak in warm weather and uses the rowing machine in the winter. He studies music, is a jazz enthusiast and practices photography. These are the activities he can still do and he really enjoys being outdoors. Prior to retiring he was an active skier, diver, swimmer and professional sailor. As he aged, he made choices that he could still manage physically. "I have been active all my life. Always looking for new challenges Ann Freeman visits the Greenbelt and new skills to learn," Black laughs as he states

that he has never been depressed because he just doesn't have

Iona King, 84, is relearning how to crochet. She takes a weekly class and hopes to contribute by making hats, scarves and gloves to give to various charities. Participating in the class enables her to meet new people and relearn an old skill. She says that after being locked down for two years during Covid and only communicating through Zoom, it is pleasant to be able to interact with new people. She is an active participant in Connecting Across Greenbelt (CAG), Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) and the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee. She loves visiting with her grand- and great-grandchildren and can't wait for the senior swim class to start at the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

Jean Cook, 87, has a motto: "Make the world a better place because you are here." She gardens, walks daily, swims and is active in GIVES, the Labor Day Festival Committee and the Board of Elections. In her younger years she was active in the PTA and her church, tutored English as a Second Language students and gave piano lessons. She used to travel with her church as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. Cook had to curtail some activities to become a caregiver to her husband, but continues to volunteer as she can. She reads books and connects with her sister daily. Jean

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Aquatic & Fitness Center.

likes to do water exercises at the Aquatic & Fitness Center. She recently attended the wedding of her granddaughter and enjoys being with family.

Joyce Bailey, 78, is involved in 10 organizations in Washington, D.C., and Maryland, a few of them virtual. For her these engagements are "interesting. informative, educational and enjoyable." One that I am aware of is FREED – Female Re-enactors of Distinction. This group has performed for several organizations in Greenbelt. Bailey is a member of the Golden Age Club, GIVES and the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee. She likes to interact with intergenerational and multicultural groups which prevents her from sitting around and helps to keep her mind stimulated.

The common thread among all of these individuals is that they accepted that while the aging process can be challenging, living in a place like Greenbelt with its many amenities for aging in place, its parks for walking and running or just sitting on a bench and reading, the Aquatic & Fitness Center programs, the various social services, clubs, advisory

boards and committees is a gift.

All aging research states that one has to move it or lose it, continue to be challenged and learn new skills. Aging can be a difficult process, as well as humbling; but one can try to enjoy the cycle of life for as long as one is able and look back with gratitude.

Resources:

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 301-397-2204

Greenbelt CARES, 301-345-6660: assistance with rental or mortgage payments, mental health services

Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL), 301-345-6660 ext. 2012: provides aging in place services, included homebound food distribution

Greenbelt Connection: wheelchair accessible bus operates by appointment Mondays through Fridays and weekends, 301-474-4100

GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Exchange Service): provides transportation services for medical appointment or shopping to members; request must be made four days in advance, 301-507-6580 or givesoffice@gmail.com.

Medical transport through Prince George's County: 301-499-8603. Rides must be booked seven days in advance.

Positive Aging Free Resource Book (positiveagingresourcebook. com): contains information about housing options, aging in place, legal, financial and care management resources



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initiatives would take a year or two to get to the point of construction, given design and permitting work that must take place first. He also warned that they have seen a 60 to 80 percent increase in construction costs, so that the cost a year or so ago of \$175 per square foot was now closer to \$300 or more. Councilmember Ric Gordon also noted that there was a missed opportunity to relocate services to serve the significant needs of Greenbelt

Miller remarked that one of the good things about Ground Floor East was that, as an interior space, it would simplify permitting and the work would improve ADA compliance. He felt it was the best available response to the immediate needs that the study charge requested. He said that the only other viable alternative he saw to meet immediate needs for the next few years would be to rent space.

Follow-up

In the worksession held Monday, October 3, Council scheduled a second worksession for Monday, October 31 and has asked for detailed information about other options for housing Greenbelt CARES. Council wanted to consider the slightly longer-term view that the acquisition of the Armory may result in a more suitable and more centrally accessible space in the not-too-distant future. There was also concern that a build-out of part of the Community Center might not be cost-effective in the long run and would cause disruption to existing recreation activities.



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Sports

Summer Ends, Raiders Score Dual Victories Over Jaguars

by Patrick Gleason

With the remnants of summer seemingly distant on a crisp September evening, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School varsity soccer teams earned matching 1-0 victories over the Charles Herbert Flowers Jaguars. The girls' victory held emotional weight as the Raiders avenged their seasonending playoff loss from a year ago, behind a second-half goal by senior midfielder Sarai DeSouza, assisted by sophomore forward Gabriella Martinez.

The duo are quickly asserting themselves as the essence of the Raider offense this season. DeSouza had two narrow first-half misses, including one shot that struck the inside of the post before caroming out. Although the game remained scoreless, the Raiders controlled possession throughout as Flowers played with a defensive-minded formation. Later, senior midfielders Julia Beckmann and Alexis Casey came close to providing an insurance goal, but the Flowers goalkeeper remained resolute as the final minutes played out under a sunset masterpiece that illuminated an infinite sky hued in ethereal pink and orange streaks.

Meanwhile, the boys' game played out much in the same way, remaining scoreless for the first 70 minutes, despite heavy Raider possession. A late corner kick from the foot of sophomore Cooper James Baltimore found the head of teammate Kendall Brooks-Walker before slipping through the keeper's hands. Roosevelt's defense maintained the 1-0 lead for the victory.

Both the junior varsity squads added to a successful Roosevelt evening, with the JV girls triumphing 3-0 behind goals from Azaria Muhammad, Olivia Gills



Gabriella Martinez and Kaia Booker celebrate after a goal for the ERHS varsity team.

and Alicia Galban, while the JV boys bested Flowers 3-2, led by sophomore and leading goal scorer David Comandari.

On October 3, the varsity girls continued their winning streak with a rain-chilled 3-0 victory over the Laurel Spartans. DeSouza struck first yet again, followed by Martinez and then Beckmann as hurricane-induced rainfall made summer's warmth even more distant. Next up for the Raiders are the Parkdale Panthers on Thursday, October 6, with the boys traveling to Riverdale Park and the girls playing host, while both teams will be looking for redemption on Wednesday, October 12, when they challenge the Bowie Bulldogs for county soccer supremacy as the leaves match the shades of autumnal sunsets.



Hot Composting Day For Volunteers, Students

On Saturday, October 8, starting at 9 a.m., join other volunteers in an outdoor workday at the three-bin hot-composting station behind Roosevelt Center, alongside the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. ERHS students can earn volunteer hours and learn how to prepare food waste, diverted from Greenbelt's own Co-op Supermarket, for rapid hot composting. Enjoy snacks and conversation while working.

Anyone who would like to learn more about how hot composting works and help to turn food waste into a valuable resource used to grow plants and sequester carbon - instead of producing methane at the landfill - can come by anytime between 9 and 11 a.m. on Saturday. Email NewDealWigglers@gmail.com with questions.

Luminis Health Hosts Pink Ribbon Rally

Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center will host a Pink Ribbon Rally on Friday, October 14 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free event will feature mammograms, clinical breast exams, bra fittings, health and wellness sessions along with music and games and more.

Anyone wishing to host a table at the event should contact Lori Wishard at lwishard@ luminishealth.org or call 443-481-5555.

GMS to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage

On Friday, October 7 from 6 to 8 p.m., Greenbelt Middle School will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month at the rear of the school. The school will celebrate its Hispanic families through food, dance, music, flags, sports, crafts and more.

For more information, contact Carlos Pugh at carlos.pugh@ pgcps.org.

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The SPACE Provides Essential Services but Has Financial Woes

by Sununu Bah

C r e a t ing welcoming community spaces
is something
S h a y m a r
Higgs has
been doing
since he was
a teen. As a
middle schooler, Higgs took
over his family's basement
so that he



over his family's basement Shaymar Higgs (right) poses with volunteer Sadibu Kabba at The SPACE.

so that he could invite friends to come over to hang out and paint way past midnight. In high school, he expanded to the garage. He would leave the doors open and neighbors would join him and work on ceramics, painting, photography and gardening. "Art should be a part of a community, any thriving community, any thriving culture," said Higgs. Before moving to Greenbelt, Higgs was instrumental in the development of the 12,000-square-foot Cosca Regional Skate Park in Clinton, Md. He tirelessly petitioned, attended political meetings and fundraised to establish a space for youth to be able to gather and

enjoy their free time.

In 2018 Higgs founded The SPACE: Sharing Positive Artistic and Creative Energies, a nonprofit organization. Located inside Beltway Plaza, The SPACE has a free market that provides community members with necessities that range from clothing to condoms. "Ever since I was in high school, I always knew that I wanted to start a nonprofit organization," said Higgs. "I just did not know that it was going to do this well!" Last year Higgs was named Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for his work with The SPACE, which has given over 10,000 people creative experiences, provided free art-making supplies, workshops, art classes and a community bookshelf for people to donate to or take books.

Next to The SPACE is The Third Space, a name originating from sociologist Ray Oldenburg's "third places," a term referring to a place outside of home and work where people can connect. There, Higgs also offers community, space and support to those struggling with difficulties. Whether it's finding homeless shelters, churches or food for people, helping a family dealing with domestic violence assisting youths struggling with suicide ideation and fights or providing youth with information about certifications and pathways besides college, Higgs said he is serving a necessity for the community.

Regginae Toliver, eighth grader at Greenbelt Middle School, said that The SPACE is calming and gives her a place to "kill time." Toliver said that she keeps coming back to The SPACE because it gives her peace of mind and because she enjoys her conversations with Higgs. "When I don't have anyone to talk to or hang out with, I come here and I know he's here," said Toliver. "Teens need a safe space, they need someone that's not going to judge them and treat them like children," Higgs said. Recently, Higgs received another teenage visitor to the Third Space lounge. The teen was visibly burdened by the recent news he had received.
He was going to be a father but didn't k now to process this and needed someone to talk to. He knew he

was going to have to be responsible for someone else now, but at that moment he needed someone to be there for him, to help him process his new reality. He knew that he could count on Higgs and come to The SPACE. Higgs has worked hard to create a welcoming, safe and non-judgmental space to serve Greenbelt youth and other members of the Greenbelt community.

Unfortunately, The SPACE now faces its own uncertain future due to financial pressures. "A lot of people say they do not want to see the day that The SPACE closes but the funding just isn't there," Higgs said. The Greenbelt Community Foundation has provided The SPACE with grants of up to \$5,000, which Higgs is allowed to apply for every other year. Higgs also said community members have donated regularly (through freeartforall.org) and private sponsors have chipped in to cover some of the expenses of his services. Yet, the mounting overheads of the nonprofit, and its reliance upon unpaid labor from Higgs and a volunteer, are making things difficult for The SPACE. Some of the community service initiatives in need of funding include computer classes, the distribution of free art kits, and art workshops for the community. The Third Space also provides free Wi-Fi for those who want to do their homework there.

Janubi Devendra, director of marketing for Quantum Companies, the management company of Beltway Plaza, echoed the importance of Higgs' nonprofit for the community, saying, "It has bridged a gap between East Greenbelt and West Greenbelt." Higgs points out that many of the residents who live near Beltway Plaza don't have transportation or resources to go to the parts of Greenbelt where many of the community activities, events and resources are. The SPACE, Higgs said, fills a major need for the community, especially for those who aren't able to go elsewhere in Greenbelt.

Marc "Kap" Kapastin, who serves as the general counsel for Quantum Companies, said that the resident artist and promoter of the arts has provided a place for teenagers to gather and a spot for recreation. Kapastin said it helps keep teens off the streets and loitering around and gives them a place to play games, play music and just hang out. The SPACE has provided an entirely new dynamic to the shopping center. Kapastin added, "[Higgs has] basically given another dimension to our community service - that we are a community center. It's probably the most valuable thing that he has done."

Sununu Bah is a University of Maryland journalism graduate student writing for the News Review.

Ekphrastic Pairing of Poetry And Painting Brings Synthesis

by Melissa Sites

Paintings paired with poems are sharing wall space at the New Deal Café. Visual and literary artists have worked together, responding to one another's art with unique conversations, with ekphrastic poems written to interpret the paintings, as well as the reverse. A famous ekphrastic poem is Keats' Ode on a Grecian Urn: Keats saw the ancient urn and wrote a new poem. In this show, half the poems were written in response to the paintings they are paired with. The other half are reverse ekphrastic, meaning the poem came first.

Three women put together the show: Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) President Meghan Haney, Vice President Julie Winters and Art Coordinator Mary Ann Lipovsky. Winters was excited to host an ekphrastic exhibit, like ones she had previously been part of. After putting out a call to artists and poets in the News Review and on Facebook, a FONDCA committee made selections.

Winters explained that the exhibit was "blind" so the artists wouldn't know anything about their partners. They sent photos of the paintings to the poets, and sent poems to the artists. Winters said she "put people together by looking at the art, looking at the poems, and getting a feeling about who might respond to the other's work." The painters and poets each received a small stipend for their participation, thanks to a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

At the artists' reception, the painters and poets elaborated on the process of producing their work. Poet Ellen Carter said, "I serendipitously got matched with my son's painting. My son submitted under his middle name Carter, and I submitted under my maiden name. I hopefully know a lot about Eli, but I tried not to have foreknowledge [about his painting Growing In Two]. I saw it as petals, and as rocks in a stream ... the footprints of our forebears in the mud. It really opened me up and it was a great experience."

Artist Jean Newcomb recounted sitting in her backyard looking at the forest, thinking about her niece dancing around the maypole at school with her friends and inviting the fairies to join her. Poet Margaret Boles responded to seeing so much detail in Newcomb's print: "There's more to it than I could see on my computer screen ... so delicate and small. So many little critters!" Boles's poem gives the impression of music, and Boles remembers actually dancing around the maypole while in college in 1956: "Special steps and everything, part of our phys ed credit!" She added a gremlin in her poem that wasn't in the picture, explaining that it could be a naughty lep-

Barbara Stevens's paintings may look fanciful but were actually based on real life observations. "I used to commute to the city. The train was up high, and I saw the colorful ballerinas dancing on the rooftops." She also remembered seeing a man playing trumpet in the dark, dreary rain. Stevens had tried many times to convey the "colorful music



Artists and poets attending the art reception are, front row from left, Robert Mann, Mark Christal, Jan Garland, Lori Dominick, Rosanne Douglas and kids; back row from left, Thomas Serra (obscured), Margaret Boles, Debbie Annen, Barbara Stevens (obscured), Jean Newcomb, Ellen Carter and Elijah Carter.



in response to the poem Presently Me by Ms. A. L. Chemist



Selfless Portrait by Robert Mann; response poem is Tension, wood by Christopher Farago.



Rooftop Ballet by Barbara Stevens; response poem by Ms. A. L. Chemist



Douglas; response poem by Lori Dominick

- Photos by Christine Doran

coming out of the trumpet" but when she received Chris Farago's poem, Abraham and the Rain, the painting finally came together.

Many of the artists in the show practice more than one artistic discipline. Debbie Annen, a musician, painter and writer, sold her painting, Super Moon Complaint, to the poet Leslee Clapp, who wrote the poem it was based on. Then Clapp wrote a poem titled Pearls to go with a painting by Annen, who had written her own poem titled Letting Go, "which is very much what Leslee's poem was about for both of us."

Family support is important for artists. Roseann Douglass pointed out that her husband suggested she flip the background upside down behind her painting of a girl on a swing. Thomas Serra also flipped part of his sketch for Rosie Weaver's Last Dance. Serra's father encouraged him to join the show, and Serra said he loved the imagery in R. Baluch's poem Lightning Dog, using negative space in his watercolor to portray lightning.

Jan Garland painted a jalopy based on a previous relationship. "Mark Christal wrote the poem for my painting: he recognized the loss, and he turned it around," said Garland. "He had the light coming in from a new relationship through the open window. It really made a difference for me." Christal's poem, Bioluminescent Fireworks (referencing Robert Mann's painting) was made in 2017 in response to what is now the firefly sanctuary.

The next show at the New Deal, Artists Gather, will go up October 28 and remain through December.