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## Women's History Month

In observance of Women's History Month, the News Review will run articles about Greenbelt women of significant accomplishments whose stories are not well known. The series is being coordinated by Anna Bedford-Dillow.

### Women's History

## Spotlight on Rachel Zephir

by Lois Rosado

Rachel Zephir has been the director of bands at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) since 2015. She is a Maryland native, having grown up in Anne Arundel County, and had not planned to become a teacher. In high school she played in the concert band, jazz band, any band that was required in school, as well as the All County and All State Bands. It was her experience in a program called Side-by-Sides with the Baltimore Symphony



Rachel Zephir

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Orchestra that confirmed her plans to become a musician. This program enabled students to experience playing alongside professional musicians. Zephir played a solo with the Baltimore Symphonic Band when she was a senior in high school.

She attended Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore where she studied music education and trumpet performance. Music

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## Food Pantry Needs Increase As Many Lose SNAP Benefits

by Mary Ann Tretler

Starting March 1, many people currently receiving the federal government's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits are scheduled to lose extra payments or have their payments stopped completely due to changes in the income guidelines that will make them ineligible.

Benefits had been increased and income limits changed during the pandemic, which allowed more families to participate in the SNAP program. Maryland saw a 20 to 30 percent increase in SNAP benefits during the pandemic while the national average was 14 percent. Unfortunately, even with rising food prices, Congress has decided to make these changes.

Two weeks ago, the St. Hugh Food Pantry, which usually serves 40 to 50 families a week, had 69 families come to pick up food in anticipation of their benefits changing in March. Last week 57 families came to the pantry for food.

The pantry is grateful to their food assistance community partners: PORCH volunteers who collect monthly neighborhood food donations (Robert Goldberg-Strassler, spreadruak@gmail.com), the Co-op Supermarket's \$5 food-bag donation program, Greenbelt CARES funding for grocery store gift cards and individuals who contribute both food and money

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PHOTO BY MARY ANN TRETLE

Linda Kelley and Jeanne Jacobs assist at the St. Hugh Food Pantry.

## Rally in Greenbelt to Build Schools with Union Labor

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On February 15, At-Large County Councilmember Mel Franklin hosted a north county meeting in Greenbelt to discuss the progress of the public-private partnership to build six new Prince George's County Public Schools (see Deb Daniel's article in the February 23 issue). The meeting was so well-attended that the 80 handouts prepared reached only two-thirds of the attendees. The Greenbelt Library's auditorium was uncomfortably hot, teeming with attendees who filled the seats and then lined the walls or stood at the back. Many of them wore attire that linked them to various unions – sheet metal workers, carpenters, painters, plumbers and gas fitters, insulators and more.

The county and Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) have a stated goal of promoting the "growth and success of minority and county-based businesses and to increase the percentage of procurement dollars flowing to minority and local businesses." Thus, developers working on the public-private partnership (P3) contracts are required to ensure at least 30



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"I'm a product of Prince George's County, I'm a product of the union, I'm a product of PLAs," Lamar Mutts, right, tells Mel Franklin.

percent of the project is subcontracted to Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and at least 20 percent with County Based Businesses (CBBs) (Blueprint Schools Phase 2 Addendum). But there's no stipulation that the work to build and maintain the county's new schools will use union labor.

Before the meeting, union workers stood outside the Library

with signs. It was a rally, rather than a protest, said a representative of the Sheet Metal Air Rail Transportation (SMART) union. "We're letting our voices be heard. We have 400 members here in Prince George's County and we should be working," they told the News Review.

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## Greenbelt Police Compliance With City Reform Resolution

by Melissa Sites

In December, Police Chief Richard Bowers gave an update on Greenbelt Police Department's compliance with Resolution 2096-2, passed by the Greenbelt City Council on January 10, 2022. Council's resolution responded to public concern about police conduct, and incorporated revisions of the Fair and Just Policing Act first proposed to city council by then-mayor Colin Byrd in 2020. Greenbelt's Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) recommended 31 measures, of which 22 were passed as part of Resolution 2096-2. Most of the 22 items in the resolution were to be incorporated into the department's

General Orders (GO), which act as the rulebook guiding the police department and how it is run in day-to-day operations.

According to Item 15, city officials, including the city manager, city council and PSAC, must be notified of any changes to the General Orders, and that the department is in compliance with this Item. Bowers annotated a copy of Resolution 2096-2, showing how the General Orders were affected by each item of the Resolution and how the orders had been brought into compliance. Some General Orders have been changed to reflect the exact wording of the council's Resolution. Bowers described 13 out of 22 items as "completed" or "ongoing," and explained the status of the remaining items.

### Mission Statement

In response to Resolution Item 20, Bowers indicated that the department

has modified the GO100 Mission Statement to reflect "an emphasis on the guardian policing model to protect and serve," stating, "The concepts of community policing are not defined in a single policy but as part of a number of strategies that include the Community Act Team and CIT."

Regarding Item 22, Prince

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### What Goes On

- Monday, March 6**  
No City Council Meeting, Purim
- Wednesday, March 8**  
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance, Municipal Building

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

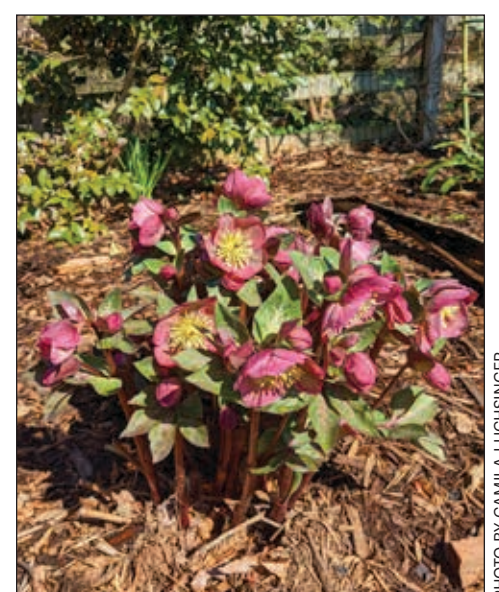


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Spring is in bloom. Come walk in the garden at 58 Lakeside Drive.

# Letters to the Editor

## Guidance on Stolen Car Retrieval

So, your car got stolen: now what?

Call the police to report the theft (use the non-emergency number for this). The police will give you a theft case number. You will need your tag/license plate number or VIN. Call your insurance company and start a theft claim.

Wait...

If your car was stolen by punching out the ignition, chances are it will be recovered. There is only one ride with this method of theft; once the car is parked/turned off it is no longer drivable. (According to what the employee at the impound lot told us.)

Was the vehicle recovered?

You need to contact the police department that recovered the vehicle. They will have a "vehicle recovery case number." You will need this number, your driver's license and something to show proof of ownership (like registration\*). Take this information to the police department that recovered your vehicle (they will have the case number if you go straight there) and they will give you the vehicle release form that you will need to see/retrieve your vehicle from impound.\*\*

Inform your insurance company that your vehicle has been recovered and coordinate with your claims adjuster on next steps.

This can be overwhelming. If you can take someone with you to make sure key information between agencies isn't being missed, it is super helpful. We went to four places (five stops, because we went to the impound lot twice) to get the recovery process sorted out: City

PD (ultimately unnecessary because the county recovered the car), County PD, home (for lien release), impound (to get registration), County PD (to get release), impound (to see vehicle and drop off cars). It was very helpful to have someone with me to listen, who wasn't invested in the actual state of the car.

\*If you keep your vehicle registration in your car, take a photograph of it and save it on your phone.

\*\*It is helpful to have your key to drop off at the lot so your insurance adjuster can get it.

Wendy Young

## Curbside Composting At Scale Here, Now

Time to kick it up a notch on curbside composting.

The City of Greenbelt will trial test curbside composting with 400 low-income residents over the next two years and create a new drop-off collection site at Trinity Assembly of God through a new grant-funded program. The grant will pay for a vendor to service these households – but the price is exorbitant: curbside pickup for this small group will run \$32/household. By the city's own numbers, the Buddy At-tick bulk composting drop-off is currently only servicing 106 households. Neither of these approaches, while both commendable, are likely to make a dent.

Our county landfill is scheduled to reach its peak capacity by 2025. When it does, we will have two bad choices: pay more to ship our waste even further away or foot the bill to build a new landfill, likely in the backyard of a community that doesn't want it there. With food waste

constituting 25 percent of landfill municipal waste, we need an affordable and scalable solution and that will only happen if Greenbelt makes a significant investment in this area.

Curbside composting at scale is within our reach and entirely doable. The City of Arlington chose to do this about a year and a half ago – total cost per household? Only \$12 per household.

I'm not sure what the city is waiting for to go all-in on curbside composting. It's past time to make a move.

Melissa Ehrenreich

## Broken Glass

On occasion, we have noticed broken glass from alcoholic beverages while walking our dog on the sidewalk of Ivy Lane and Ridge Road near the bus stop. Tread carefully, two-legged and four-legged friends.

Lil Dan Celdran and "Big" Dan Taylor



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### SHOWTIMES:

MARCH 3rd- MARCH 9th

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

**Close** (PG-13) (CC) (DVS)  
(2023) (105 mins)

Fri. 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM  
Sat. 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM  
Sun. 2:30 PM (OC), 5:00 PM  
Mon. 3:30 PM, 5:45 PM  
Tues. 7:15 PM  
Wed. 5:00 PM  
Thurs. 5:30 PM

**Bicycle Thieves** (NR) (1948)  
(93 mins)

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Mon. 1:00 PM  
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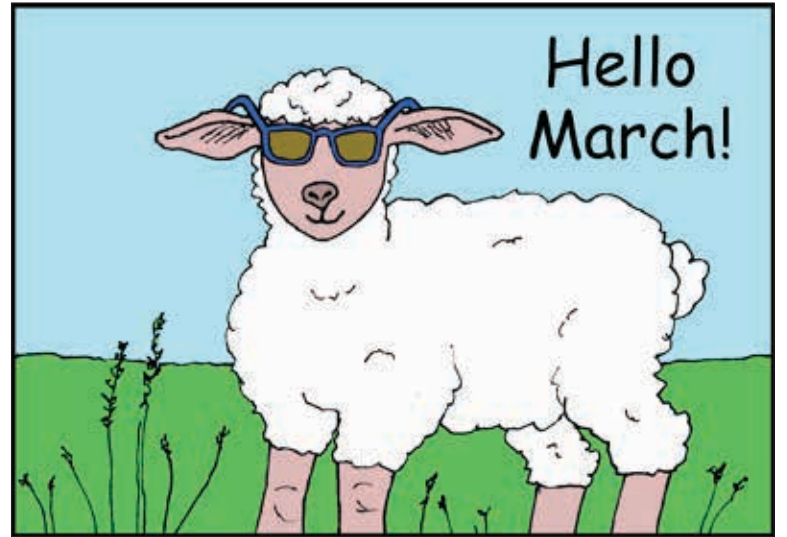
**Mean Girls** (PG-13) (2004)  
(97 mins)

Free!  
Wed. 7:30 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

**Emily** (R) (CC) (DVS) (2023)  
(130 mins)

Fri. 4:30 PM  
Sat. 4:45 PM, 7:45 PM  
Sun. 2:15 PM, 5:15 PM  
Mon. 1:30 PM (OC), 5:15 PM  
Tues. 7:00 PM  
Wed. 5:30 PM  
Thurs. 7:30 PM



- Sandy Rodgers

## Correction

Last week's item about CARES receiving a monetary donation from the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club said that CARES is a 501(c)(3) organization that accepts donations to the emergency relief fund. This is incorrect, as CARES is city entity that, among other things, administers two funds that assist Greenbelt residents in need. Donations to these funds, however, are tax-deductible.

## Letters Policy

Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary.

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.



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- Payment must accompany ads except by prior arrangement

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

## On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

### Close

(French with English subtitles)

Leo and Remi are two 13-year-old best friends, whose seemingly unbreakable bond is suddenly, tragically torn apart. Winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival, Lukas Dhont's second film is an emotionally transformative and unforgettable portrait of the intersection of friendship and love, identity and independence, heartbreak and healing.

### Emily

The film imagines Emily Brontë's own Gothic story that inspired her seminal novel, *Wuthering Heights*. Haunted by the death of her mother, Emily (Emma Mackey) struggles within the confines of her family life and yearns for artistic and personal freedom, and so begins a journey to channel her creative potential into one of the greatest novels of all time. "A bold and audacious retelling of Emily Brontë's life starring an uncommonly compelling Emma Mackey," said critic Jocelyn Noveck of the Associated Press.

### Bicycle Thieves

Hailed around the world as one of the greatest movies ever made, the 1948 Academy Award-winning film, directed by Vittorio De Sica, defined an era in cinema. In poverty-stricken postwar Rome, a man is on his first day of a new job that offers hope of salvation for his desperate family when his bicycle, which he needs for work, is stolen. With his young son in tow, he sets off to track down the thief. Simple in construction and profoundly rich in human insight, *Bicycle Thieves* embodies the greatest strengths of the Italian neorealist movement: emotional clarity, social rectitude and brutal honesty.

### Mean Girls

In this 2004 classic story, teenage Cady Heron (Lindsay Lohan) was educated in Africa by her scientist parents. When her family moves to the suburbs of Illinois, Cady finally gets to experience public school and gets a quick primer on the cruel, tacit laws of popularity that divide her fellow students into tightly knit cliques. She unwittingly finds herself in the good graces of an elite group of cool students dubbed "The Plastics," but Cady soon realizes how her shallow group of new friends earned this nickname.

# Community Events

## At the Library

Regular hours are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. In case of inclement weather or an emergency, real-time updates to the Greenbelt Library's schedule are posted at [pgcmls.info/alerts](http://pgcmls.info/alerts).

### Storytimes

Friday, March 3, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/7892256](http://pgcmls.info/event/7892256).

Monday, March 6, 10:15 a.m., ages birth to 2. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/7891646](http://pgcmls.info/event/7891646).

Tuesday, March 7, 6:30 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/7890387](http://pgcmls.info/event/7890387).

Come for stories, songs, fingerplays and more.

### Teen Action Group

Wednesday, March 8, 4:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Come make a difference in the community, earn community service hours, gain new friends and be heard. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/7892067](http://pgcmls.info/event/7892067).

### Virtual Events

PGCMLS continues to offer virtual events for the public. The schedule of upcoming programs may be accessed at [pgcmls.info/events](http://pgcmls.info/events).

### VolunTEENS

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

### Reading Challenge

PGCMLS and the Washington Wizards basketball team offer the Winter Reading Challenge through March 31. Visit [pgcmls.info](http://pgcmls.info) for more information and to register.

### Chromebooks

Online 2Go Chromebooks may be borrowed from the Library by those 18 and older with library cards in good standing, one device per customer. No LINK or student accounts are allowed.

The Chromebooks have a six-week loan period which may be renewed once for another six weeks if there are no hold requests from other customers. Further information is available at [pgcmls.info/borrow-technology](http://pgcmls.info/borrow-technology).

## Multi-Faith Practice Has Virtual Meetings

Greenbelt Multi-Faith Contemplative Practice will have a Zoom meeting on Monday, March 6 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Future meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at the same time and Zoom link. The purpose of the meeting is to continue the spirit of the annual Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Celebration in knowing our neighbors beyond the normal hello with a monthly contemplative presence.

The Zoom Link for the meeting is [us02web.zoom.us/j/89589485475?pwd=Yi9RNjVrK3JwSjVlVko1R3RWcjFWdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89589485475?pwd=Yi9RNjVrK3JwSjVlVko1R3RWcjFWdz09). The Meeting ID is 895 8948 5475 and the Passcode is 077199.

To find a local number to attend the meeting by phone, go to [us02web.zoom.us/j/89589485475?pwd=Yi9RNjVrK3JwSjVlVko1R3RWcjFWdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89589485475?pwd=Yi9RNjVrK3JwSjVlVko1R3RWcjFWdz09).

More information about contemplative practices can be found at [ldr.ms/w/s!AlghmPnsMX62k-JNxISh2oqch2ZSVA?e=IFRDAs](https://www.alghmpns.com/w/s!AlghmPnsMX62k-JNxISh2oqch2ZSVA?e=IFRDAs).



## Golden Age Club Anniversary Lunch

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club will celebrate its anniversary in person for the first time in three years. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 19 at the Holiday Inn in College Park. Entertainment will be provided by the Pandemic Sisters – with ukuleles, other strings and songs. The luncheon will be a choice of grilled salmon, chicken Florentine or vegetarian.

There is a fee to attend but those who are Golden Age members pay half price. Those interested can sign up at the Golden Age meetings in the next few weeks. Meetings are on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Community Center, Room 201.

For more information email [joan\\_baker@verizon.net](mailto:joan_baker@verizon.net).

## Charlestowne Village Holds Annual Meeting

The 2023 Charlestowne Village Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14 at 6 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 103. Residents should mark their calendars and remember to vote.

## GREA Meets March 7

The Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA) will have a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, March 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Agenda items include state legislation to support cosponsoring Bridging Communities 2023 in May, switching to hybrid meetings and reviewing organizational policies. For a link to the meeting, visit the GREA website at [greenbeltracialequity.org/events](http://greenbeltracialequity.org/events).

## Arts Advisory Board Holds Virtual Meeting

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will hold a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. The board will meet with recognition groups during the March and April meetings. For more information and to obtain the Zoom link, email [alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov).

## Golden Age Has Two Speakers for March

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club will have two speakers during the month of March. Dan Gillotte, Greenbelt Co-op manager, will speak on March 8 on the Co-op and St. Patrick's Day specialties. On March 29, Greenbelt Police Officer Carlos Torres will talk about safety for seniors. Other events for the month include March birthday celebrations (bring a snack to share) on March 15 and Bingo on March 22. All club meetings are held on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Community Center, Room 201. All seniors are invited to attend as a member or as a guest.

## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at [greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org](http://greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org).

## Volunteers Needed For CHEARS Gardens

The Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) seeks volunteers to help maintain and develop the three Greenbelt Three Sisters Gardens. The gardens are located in Schrom Hills Park, near Springhill Lake Recreation Center and at the Community Center.

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

## Garden Club Meeting For Plot Assignment

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club will have a virtual 2023 Plot Assignment meeting on Monday, March 6 at 7 p.m. An email will be sent to returning gardeners with a link to join. Returning gardeners can direct any questions about completing the application to their garden coordinator. Fees and forms may be sent to the garden coordinator or payment can be made online using PayPal. For those who have any difficulty downloading and printing the form or who are without internet access, call Martha Tomecek at 301-614-0691.

## 2023 Greenbriar Annual Homeowners' Meetings

Greenbriar residents should mark their calendars for annual 2023 homeowners' meetings. All meetings will be held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Greenbriar Terrace Room. The schedule is as follows: Phase I, March 7; Phase II, March 14; Phase III, March 21; and Greenbriar Condominium Association, March 28.

## Art Exhibit Ends Soon

The art exhibition at the New Deal Café and Greenbelt Arts Center, featuring artists of color and youth, will close on Monday, March 6. Some of the artists are as young as 15 and this is their first showing. Come help to encourage them.

## March PORCH Food Pickups

Greenbelt PORCH is continuing its program to collect food as follows:

Sunday, March 12. By 11 a.m. at 1-8 Courts Ridge, 1-8 Courts Crescent and 1-2 Courts Westway

Saturday, March 18. By 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill

Sunday, March 19. By 4 p.m. for Boxwood Village and P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members (including former Woodland Hill donors)

Sunday, March 26. By 4 p.m. for 9 and 12 Courts Ridge Road and 11 and 13 Courts Ridge Road; by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

If there is no monthly food drive in your neighborhood, you can help through P.A.L. Contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com) with your address by noon on the scheduled monthly pickup date. Leave donations in a box or bag labelled RUAK or PORCH on the porch or near the front door or other location visible from the street. Only donate food items that have not passed their use-by date.

New volunteers are welcome to expand Porch Greenbelt to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt.

## Yarn and Darn Meets Wednesdays

Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, rug hookers, seamsters et al., bring your portable fiber arts to the Community Center.

This is a free social meet-up. Participants must bring their own projects and materials. No registration required. Meetings are Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 113.

Email [alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov) for more information.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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TH 3/2	FRI 3/3	SAT 3/4	SUN 3/5	
<b>Wolf's Blues Show &amp; Sit-In Jam</b> 6:30-10pm <i>Wolf Crescent's big, bodacious, boogie blues jam</i>	<b>The Fly Birds</b> 8-11pm <i>Alternative bluegrass from four free-range mountain sirens</i>	<b>Community Drum Circle With Katy Gaughan*</b> 3:30-5pm <b>Black Masala</b> 8-11pm <i>Brassy, high-energy band</i>	<b>This Could Go Boom!*</b> <b>ARTIST SHOWCASE:</b> <b>ADELE MARIE, GABRIELLE ZWI &amp; FRIENDS, GINGERWITCH</b> 6-8pm	
MON 3/6	TUES 3/7	WED 3/8	TH 3/9	MON - FRI
<b>The Monday Mauveness Karaoke Night*</b> 6-8pm <i>Hosted by Mike Bennett</i>	<b>Songwriters Assoc. of Washington (S.A.W)</b> <b>Open Mike</b> 7-9pm <i>Sign in's at 6:30</i>	<b>All Her Muses: DC-based music project.</b> 7-9pm <b>de ROCHE, and Boy Meets Pearl</b>	<b>Big Howdy</b> 7-9pm <i>All-star, multi-award winning, progressive bluegrass</i>	<b>Happy Hour</b> 4-7pm \$1.00 off beer and wine

*It's time to renew your membership or join NDC. Go to [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com), click on "ABOUT", then "BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW."*

**\*For more information on these events, visit the NDC CALENDAR page on our website.**

# Obituaries



## Jonathan Louis Cohen



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

**Jonathan Cohen**

It is with deep sadness that the family of Jonathan Cohen announces his death at the age of 73. He was the beloved husband of Mona Baumgarten, adored father of Reuben Cohen and cherished brother of Donald Cohen (Terry Yanofsky). Jonathan will be greatly missed by his brother-in-law George Baumgarten; sister-in-law Mary MacDonald; and nieces and nephews Alexandra Cohen, Justin Cohen and Alix Myers, Amanda Baumgarten and the late Kevin Ryan, and Corinne Baumgarten. He will be mourned by the members of Mishkan Torah Synagogue in Greenbelt, the congregation that he served with devotion as rabbi for 19 years. He will be remembered by all who knew him for his compassion and generosity of spirit, his extraordinary depth and breadth of religious and secular knowledge and his easy smile and piercing wit.

Jonathan's family is profoundly grateful to the staff of Mount Sinai Hospital and to his home caregivers (Chanda, Grace, Ireen, Lola, Funmilayo, Veronica and Agnes), all of whom treated him with great compassion and respect. Thanks also to the palliative care nurses and doctors of CIUSSS du Centre-Ouest for their invaluable support throughout Jonathan's illness.

Donations in Jonathan's mem-

ory may be made to the Parkinson Foundation of Canada (514-861-4422), to the Jewish General Hospital Foundation (514-340-8251) or any preferred charity.

## Olga Penney Garber



PHOTO COURTESY ROSE FOCHT

**Olga Penney Garber**

Olga Elizabeth Penney Garber of Leesburg, Va., died from cancer on February 13, 2023, at the age of 67.

Olga was born February 20, 1955, in Washington, D.C., to Walter Francis and Leonie Snatager Penney. Her father Walter was a cryptanalyst during WWII, a brilliant mathematician who spoke seven languages and passed on to his children his passion for puzzles, chess and correct grammar. Her mother Leonie was a Holocaust survivor who was the first woman in Holland to graduate with a master's degree in economics, and who came to America after the war to build a new life. Walter and Leonie married in 1951, and the family moved to Greenbelt in

1957, where Olga and her brothers spent their childhood and teen years. The Penney family traveled to Leonie's native Netherlands several times throughout these years. Olga graduated from Parkdale High School in 1971, from the University of Maryland with a B.S. in general sciences in 1975 and earned her master's degree in computer science in 1977.

Upon graduating college, Olga spent the summer of 1977 in Oregon, where she met Jonathan Lee Garber. They met in May, were engaged in September and married in October. They spent their first years of married life in Dallas, Ore., before moving with daughters Leah and Mary Rose to Corvallis, Ore., in 1983. The family relocated to Egypt for 18 months in 1984; while there, they had the opportunity to travel to Israel, Cyprus, Greece and several countries in Western Europe.

In 1991, the family moved to a farm in Philomath, Ore., with the family now including sons Jonathan and Benjamin. During these years, Olga enjoyed walking the windswept hills, biking, swimming, planting trees, gardening and raising various animals. With additional sons Joseph, David and Thomas, the Garbers moved to Leesburg, Va., in 1998, where Jon and Olga lived until moving in with daughter Rose in 2023. From the mid-1980s until Thomas's high school graduation in 2015, Olga faithfully and rigorously home educated all seven of her children. She also enjoyed

reading to and walking with her grandchildren.

Throughout her married life, Olga did her best to stretch Jon's income by leading her family to live frugally. She then funneled the savings into numerous family trips, from domestic travels to visit family on the East and West Coasts to cruises with destinations ranging from Alaska to the Bahamas to Bermuda. Olga also visited Ghana, Mexico and Peru while Leah, Benjamin and Rose lived in those countries in 2009, 2015 and 2019, respectively. She also joined a team from her church that went to Romania in 2016.

Olga's generous heart was reflected in her many acts of ministry and service, including teaching ESL, collecting food for several food pantries and distributing supplies to needy communities for many years.

Olga is survived by Jon, her husband of 45 years, and their children Leah Garber; Rose (Michael) Focht; Jonathan Garber, Jr.; Benjamin Garber; Joseph Garber; David Garber; Thomas Garber; seven grandchildren; brother Bernard (Julie) Penney;

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Our sympathies to the family and friends of Olga Penney Garber who died on February 13. Olga grew up in Greenbelt and lived here for 20 years. She was on the staff of the News Review in 1976 and 1977, and wrote occasional reports on activities of the local 4H club, in which she was very active. Olga also competed in the Miss Greenbelt Pageant in 1972.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Rabbi Jonathan Cohen who served at Mishkan Torah Synagogue for 19 years. He will be remembered by all who knew him for his compassion, generosity of spirit and his extraordinary depth and breadth of religious and secular knowledge.

Condolences to the family and friends of Ginny Zanner, who died on February 28 at age 98.

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

## Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present. You write it or we will if you prefer. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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Rev. Ann Kadlecek with Liturgist Elizabeth Porter

"Compromise" is a word with varied and opposing meanings – it's somehow both a stain on our integrity and a virtue that is essential for democracy and healthy relationships. In this service, we consider the role of compromise in our lives, and in this faith. Thanks to Kathi Yu, the winner of this year's "choose a sermon topic" auction item, who provided the original idea for this service.

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Romans 3:23



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## Lions Collect Art Supplies for Sick Kids

Thanks to Greenbelters and the Greenbelt Spirit, many have contributed to the Greenbelt Lions collection of art supplies for children with cancer, giving them a chance to express themselves through art therapy as they recover. Thanks also to our Recreation Department and Arts Division for helping to get the word out to help address this need.

There is just one more week to support this effort. Bring sketchbooks or drawing pads, colored pencils, sharpies, drawing pencils, packets of modelling clay, watercolor sets or other art supplies to the decorated boxes located at the Community Center (near the office) or at the entrance to the Fitness Center. All donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information or questions, call 301-345-9369 or email kongeneherl@gmail.com.

## Camp Registration Now Open for All

Registration is open for Greenbelt Recreation's 2023 spring break and summer camps for both Greenbelt residents and nonresidents. Programs are available for children ages 3.5 to 17 years, including arts, dance, sports, music, field trips and more. Inclusion services and financial assistance are available, as well as before- and after-care.

View the Camp Guide and registration materials at [bit.ly/3X410pQ](http://bit.ly/3X410pQ).

## City Notes

Sustainability/Environmental celebrated Presidents' Day with volunteers removing invasive plants and staff helping an Eagle Scout build an osprey nest platform.

Horticulture/Parks installed four memorial plaques in Historic Greenbelt.

Refuse/Recycling collected 26.62 tons of refuse and 11.07 tons of recyclables.

Building Maintenance installed wiring and drywall at the pool and Fleet Maintenance passed state inspections of seven trucks.

Six dogs, six cats, six kittens and three rabbits are sheltered, with three dogs surrendered and one cat adopted.

For Black History Month, the museum offered a Jim Crow Museum virtual tour for 35 participants.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center staff transported residents of Greenbelt West to a free movie at Old Greenbelt Theatre.

The Community Center welcomed 18 renters; free space groups included CHEARS, Concert Band, Golden Age Club, Greenbelt Assistance in Living program, Black History, Astronomy, Unplugged and Greenwood Village. Therapeutic Recreation addressed the Golden Age Club about vegetarian Senior Nutrition options.

CARES community mental health counselors assisted the Police Crisis Intervention Team.



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# City Information & Events

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

### MEETINGS FOR MARCH 6-10

Monday, March 6, **NO WORK SESSION - PURIM**

Tuesday, March 7 at 7 pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Approve Agenda, Approve February Minutes, Presentations by Recognition Groups, Nominate & Elect Member of AAB to Assist with Grant Process, Adjourn*

Wednesday, March 8 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - BRING YOUR OWN BAG ORDINANCE**

Thursday, March 9 at 7:30 pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: CRAB Membership, Continue Discussion - Priority Activities for the Year, Recognition Group - Grant Review Panel Panelist, CRAB - Ear to the Ground*

**In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov). This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov).**

### COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

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

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### NO MOW MONTH!

Register today to participate in No Mow Month! You MUST register to participate. Register by March 24, to receive a yard sign.

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

### GREENBELT YOUTH MUSICAL: THE JOY GODS RETURN

Be transported back in time by *The Joy Gods Return*, written and directed by Christopher Cherry.

**Saturday, March 4, 7 pm**  
**Sunday, March 5, 3 pm**  
**Saturday March 11, 2 pm and 7 pm.**

Greenbelt Community Center Gymnasium. All ages \$5. Purchase tickets at the Community Center Business Office or by phone (301) 397-2208.

Details: <https://bit.ly/3kc8NSM>.



### ARTFUL AFTERNOON WORKSHOP SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1-3 PM

Greenbelt Community Center, Room 201

Learn about animation and help create a collaborative, experimental film, with representatives of Greenbelt Access Television (GATe) and the Old Greenbelt Theatre. All ages. FREE.

Details and sign-up: <http://bit.ly/3IEDd0b>

### FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS GRANT PROGRAM

Find out more about the City of Greenbelt First-Time Homebuyers grant program today! The grant funds can be used for closing costs and/or down payment for FHA, VA, USDA, FNMA, or Freddie Mac loans. <http://ow.ly/xIKZ50My327>

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### CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will conduct a public hearing on the Charter Resolution of the Council of the City of Greenbelt, to amend §35, City Manager-Appointment; Qualifications; Term of Office; Removal; Acting City Manager, to provide the Council the discretion to permit a City Manager to live outside the City of Greenbelt, and update gender references to the City Manager.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on this charter resolution on **MARCH 23, 2023, AT 7:30 PM IN THE COUNCIL ROOM** at the Greenbelt Municipal Building located at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt Maryland 20770. Public testimony will be received by the City Council at the hearing on the above date. Written comments may either be presented at this hearing or sent to the City Clerk.

The public is welcome to attend. The Charter Resolution is available online and at the Clerk's office. For more information, please contact the City Manager's office at (301) 474-8000.

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

### GREENBELT RECREATION'S SUMMER CAMP GUIDE AT [www.greenbeltmd.gov/camps](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/camps)

SPRING CAMPS AVAILABLE APRIL 3-7, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

### CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

#### GREENBELT NURSERY PROJECT

This FREE program is available for Greenbelt families with newborns to 2 years old. Service includes monthly diapers, formula, baby milestone progress review, and more. Call (240) 542-2019 or email [kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov).

#### MEMORY CAFE PROGRAMS

The Memory Cafe is a welcoming space for people with memory challenges. Offered online on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month from 2-3 pm and in person on the 2nd Wednesday from 2-3 pm. Pre-registration is required, email [sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov) or call (240) 542-2029.

#### CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Feeling isolated or looking to connect with others? Join our caregiver support groups. In person the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6-7 pm, Virtual on the 3rd Wednesday of month. Pre-registration required, email [sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov).

#### COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM

Through a partnership with the Catholic University of America, GAIL is hosting the following events at the Greenbelt Community Center - GFE Entrance at 15 Crescent Road. All events are from 1-3 pm. Pre-registration is required, email [sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov) or call (240) 542-2029.

- 3/14 - Med Reconciliation / BP
- 3/21 - Mini Mental (HANDS)

#### FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

This FREE program occurs every 3rd Thursday of the month from 1 - 3 pm. Look at this section of the City calendar at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar) for locations and information.

NEXT DISTRIBUTION ON	PRÓXIMA DISTRIBUCIÓN A
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#### 2023 GREENBELT WELCOME KITS

The City of Greenbelt Welcome Kit is back! This long-standing tradition of providing new Greenbelt residents a physical welcome to the community is in full swing.

The City of Greenbelt, Public Information Office, is now accepting items (flyers, pens, postcards, brochures, tchotchkes, etc.) to be added to the 2023 Welcome Kit for new Greenbelt residents. If you want to include any information about your business, club, or organization, please send 250 promotional items to the address below by Friday, April 14.

#### WEED WARRIORS: INVASIVE PLANT PULL

**MARCH 4, 10 AM - 1 PM**  
**SCHROM HILLS PARK**

Be a part of the community effort to remove invasive plant species from the environment at Schrom Hills Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to remove invasive vines from native trees and to pull other invasive plant species.

Register by email at [kdriescoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdriescoll@greenbeltmd.gov).

#### ENGAGE GREENBELT

For all up-to-date ARPA program updates including mortgage assistance programs, scholarships, first-time homebuyer grant programs, small business assistance, and more visit [www.engagegreenbelt.org](http://www.engagegreenbelt.org).

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Steve St. Clair is a contractor and a union worker. He stood in front of the Library in a bright work shirt emblazoned with the logo of the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters (EASRCC). He was friendly and down-to-earth, pausing mid-sentence at one point to marvel because he had never given an interview before. He's a strong advocate for union labor because he's gained so much from working with the union, he said, and he wants others in the community to similarly be able to benefit. He's been a union carpenter since 2015 and went through a union apprenticeship, which enabled him to earn a living while learning. "A lot of us are residents of the county. We benefit from the union. The union has given me an education, it's given me a livable wage – I can support my wife and daughter – the union has taught me how to fish," said St. Clair, who is now president of his own construction business. "It's not just a regular job that gives you fish; it teaches you how to fish. I've taken what the union has given me and created maybe generational wealth for my family." He wants unions to have a "bigger piece of the pie" so they can impact more lives in the way it has his. "I'm just grateful for what they've brought to me," he said, "and I think they could bring it to a lot of other people who live in our community as well." St. Clair argues that the union needs to get a bigger share of the market and pointed to the hazards and exploitation in non-union jobs. "You hear about people having problems with wage theft, injuries on the job. The union is here to protect the workers," he said.

During the meeting Jason Washington, director of infrastructure for PGCPs, took questions, and when asked, repeatedly, why there is no requirement to use union labor he said, "There is nothing [...] that prevents any



Members of the Sheet Metal Air Rail Transportation Union gather to rally outside Greenbelt Library before the community meeting.

developer from connecting and working and putting in place a project labor program with any unions that they want as part of their proposal team going forward. There is no prohibition at all. There is nothing that prevents teaming up in that way."

"I want to make it clear there is no prohibition at all," Washington repeated. "Each developer will be judged on their capacity and we're looking at best value," he told the audience, some of whom responded with scoffs. "That's how we've addressed why there's no discrete project labor agreement requirement within Phase Two. With that said, my job is to implement the road that's in front of me. I'm – for lack of a better word – staff," Washington said, noting governing documents that needed to be executed. "My job is to get a deal done for Prince George's County and that is my focus," he concluded.

Britton Loftin a resident of Beltsville with two children in a PGCPs school – and a member of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades – asked how many residents are employed through the public-private partnership contracts. "Just having [the] prevailing wage is not enough," he told Washington,

Franklin and the packed room. "You want to push back against misclassification, you want to include a local hire provision – how many actual residents are there involved in this project?" Another member of the audience additionally wanted to know how many local minority contractors are working on the current public-private partnership projects. Washington said information about local residents and businesses involved in the projects would be published as it became available. As of October, Washington said, 46 MBEs had received \$125 million. Of that, \$58 million went to 26 Prince George's County MBEs and \$78 million went to nine CBBs. Since these figures were from October, Washington said the amount of dollars will have increased, though he doesn't know if the number of businesses has.

Lamar Mutts, who grew up in Prince George's County and has been with a carpenters' union for 22 years, was one of the last people to make it to the microphone. He spoke of the importance of Project Labor Agreements (PLAs), which are pre-hire collective bargaining agreements with labor organizations. "I faced

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education was her parents' back-up plan for her in case a trumpet career did not materialize as she hoped. Also, while in high school she taught private students and realized that teaching as a backup plan would not be too strenuous. She earned a bachelor's degree and returned to do a master's degree in conducting.

Zephir's teaching experiences in Carroll County, Md., and with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's OrchKids program, prepared her to be a director of music.

In Carroll County she experienced the needs of rural students and residents and, in Baltimore, she learned about the life challenges of urban youth and the working poor. Both experiences led her to believe in the power of music to transform lives and build future leaders.

At ERHS, Zephir launched an inspiring chamber music program, jazz ensemble and pep band. It is the chamber music program that has attracted the most interest. The Roosevelt Chamber Winds were invited to perform at the Midwest Clinic and the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Band Directors Consortium in Chicago and Atlanta. Since then, she has been invited to do clinics on how to implement chamber music programs in high school and college music programs.

The chamber music program enables students to expand their knowledge about a given instrument. These ensembles are student led, while the director is more of a facilitator. Students plan rehearsals and through the experience develop leadership skills, interpersonal skills and problem-solving mechanisms that are transferrable to other life situations. Zephir says that cooperative learning helps prepare students for future multicultural, multilingual environments. She believes that encouraging the various learning styles and talents of students is crucial to her vision

of how teachers can empower student growth and development. Her motto: "There is a place for everyone in this program and you will be successful."

Zephir's Side-by-Sides program included professionals from the Rockville Brass Band, which she directs. Last year the Brass Band sponsored a side-by-side concert that included clinicians from the University of Maryland and five ERHS students. This event will be repeated with a guest clarinetist from Scotland. Members of the brass band are also members of military bands or are teachers.

Zephir hopes to expand student experiences by enabling them to perform at senior living centers like Riderwood and Collington. In March, at the Maryland Musical Educators convention in Baltimore, she will do a workshop on how to incorporate chamber music into a music program.

Several students who graduated from the music program at ERHS credit her with influencing their decisions to become music teachers. That is high praise indeed, she says.

The students, parents and the administration at ERHS are fortunate to have such an innovative and inventive music director as a member of the faculty.



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# Council Considers Residency Requirement, Business Aid

by Diane Oberg

There were just four councilmembers present for most of the meeting but the February 13 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council was still a testy affair. Nonetheless, council introduced a charter amendment to allow council to waive the residency requirement for city managers, approved the plan for the next round of American Rescue Plan Act business assistance and took positions on several pieces of proposed state legislation.

Several councilmembers did not participate in the meeting: Ric Gordon was on his honeymoon, Silke Pope was ill and Colin Byrd participated briefly virtually but had left the meeting by the time council got to the meat of the meeting.

### Charter Amendment

Section 35 of the city charter states: "At the time of his appointment he need not be a resident of the city or state, but during his tenure of office he shall reside within the city." At least one applicant, Interim City Manager Timothy George, does not live in Greenbelt. Council is considering whether to remove this restriction or to allow council to waive it.

Councilmember Kristen Weaver introduced a charter resolution for first reading that would replace the requirement that the city manager live in Greenbelt with the statement that the city manager "may reside outside the city while in office only with the approval of the council." The amendment would also update the gender references.

Normally, there is no discussion during first reading, but Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed his intent to do everything he can to block the legislation. Mayor Emmett Jordan stated that residency was important to him, as well.

Prior to adoption of charter amendments there must be a public hearing. Three of the councilmembers present felt that more time for public comment should be allowed than would be feasible at a regular meeting. Roberts argued that residents expect public hearings to be on Mondays. Council scheduled the

## Greenbelt Summer Peace Builders Camp

Greenbelt Community Church will host a Peace Builder Camp July 24 to 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camps are week-long Little Friends for Peace programs designed to introduce peace to children ages 5 to 14. The camp utilizes art, games and presentations to teach children mindfulness, empathy, anger management, conflict resolution and self-empowerment. Students bring their own lunches.

The peace circle process is used to teach the curriculum. The programs share a peace toolbox, which empowers individuals to deepen compassion, empathy and love and imparts skills for living peacefully and spreading peace in communities.

For cost and to register, visit [lffp.org/peacecamp](http://lffp.org/peacecamp). For more information, email [peacecamp@lffp.org](mailto:peacecamp@lffp.org) or call MJ Park at 240-838-4549.

meeting for Thursday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. on a 3-1 vote, with Roberts opposed.

After the public hearing, council would consider the resolution for final passage. If approved, residents would then have 40 days to petition it to resolution. If it is not so petitioned, the charter change would take effect in 10 days.

### Approval

Council unanimously approved the staff proposal for implementing a third round of business recovery assistance or Business Improvement and Recovery Fund Round III, funded through the city's American Rescue Plan Act grant. Seven hundred thousand dollars will be allocated to this program, which will be more targeted than the previous rounds.

Economic Development Manager Kevin Simpson presented the program to council. The program will be aimed at capacity building and operational improvements to support economic recovery, resiliency and sustainability. Qualifying uses include advertising and marketing, business planning, capacity building/organizational development, information security/technology, website development or improvements, professional or workforce development, technical assistance, rent and utilities. The program is expected to launch in March.

Resident small businesses, co-operatives, contractors and self-employed individuals will have 60 days to apply. Recipients will not be required to match any of the funds. They will need to provide detailed financial and tax information and obtain a Unique Entity Identifier from Sam.gov.

Applicants who received funding from previous rounds will be able to apply to round three, but round three recipients will not be able to apply to receive funds from the next phase, the anticipated Capital Improvement Recovery Fund.

Among the changes from pre-

vious rounds is a \$500 stipend for application reviewers. Simpson hopes that the three reviewers from round two would remain with the program, given their experience.

Residents raised several concerns about the program. One was for the difficulty of individuals, such as artists, to provide the required financial information.

### State Legislation

Council voted to support legislation in the General Assembly that would expand the electric vehicle recharging equipment rebate program through Fiscal Year 2027; requires by April 2026 that producers of certain packaging materials have an approved producer responsibility plan in order to sell or distribute such materials; establish a forestry education fund to provide small grants and training, education and outreach opportunities for forest landowners, district forestry boards, local governments and businesses; authorizes local governments to use traffic device monitoring systems (such as to detect stop-sign running); establishes a Greenspace Equity Program to provide grants for "enhancing the public health and livability of overburdened communities and underserved communities;" requires hotels to provide recycling for guests and to recycle certain materials; and to require the State Highway Administration to collect litter and mow the grass along state highways and certain interstate highways with a certain frequency.

### Administrative Reports

George reported that three more officers joined the city police force the previous week. Three more are to arrive the following week, bringing the department to full strength for the first time in many years.

Implementation of the city's new financial management system is nearly complete, George reported, praising Treasurer Bertha Gaymon's leadership in this matter.

## Winter Sowing Workshop



PHOTO BY SUSAN CAHILL

From left, Katy Pape, Ed James and Mike Reinsel were among the 20 Greenbelters who attended a winter sowing workshop sponsored by CHEARS on February 18. After a PowerPoint presentation on how to winter-sow, each participant took home jugs pre-sown with seeds of various native pollinator plants, which will grow into sources of food for birds, bees, butterflies and other insects that are key parts of regional ecosystems whose habitats are being destroyed by development. Birds and insects also help us by pollinating many of the crops that provide us with our own food.



## Greenbelt Soccer

### Greenbelt Soccer Alliance

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**Spring 2023 REGISTRATION**

Pre-K – 8th Grade  
March 20 – June 15

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and 11 nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her parents and her older brother Walter.

In the last six weeks of her life, Olga was visited by over 80 friends and family members, a testimony to the depth and breadth of the impact she had through her consistent ministry of encouragement. Many have shared how a kind spoken, typed or written word from Olga comforted or cheered them, and how

blessed they were to see the evident love Olga had for all around her.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at Chantilly Bible Church in Chantilly, Va., at 2 p.m. on March 4, 2023. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to Romania Reborn (romania-reborn.org), an orphan care mission that was very dear to her heart.

## In Memoriam

### Tribute to Rabbi Jonathan Cohen

by Daniel Hamlin

On Friday, February 24, I received word that Rabbi Jonathan Cohen, Rabbi Emeritus of Mishkan Torah Synagogue in Greenbelt, had died at his home in Montreal. Like so many, I was gutted at this news. Jonathan was my colleague, my friend and often my mentor.

Rabbi Cohen came to Mishkan Torah and Greenbelt about 15 years after I moved to Greenbelt to become pastor of Greenbelt Community Church.

At the vigil we held on the Sunday after September 11, 2001, I looked up to see Jonathan walking down the hill with papers in one hand and an American flag on a pole over the other shoulder. At the time he was not yet an American citizen. He showed up in solidarity, in mourning and as part of his lifelong commitment to interfaith dialogue and connectivity. Jonathan talked at length with representatives from the Prince George's Muslim Association, and together they shared experiences in being discounted because of their faith. (See Greenbelt News Review, September 20, 2001, for more information on the vigil.)

I have said many times before, and many times to Rabbi Cohen himself, that I learned something every time I spoke to him. Jonathan was the smartest, most thoughtful man I have ever met, and I have been fortunate enough to meet and speak to some very intelligent people. He knew the Christian scriptures better than most Christians. He helped me see biblical writings as the collective wisdom of thousands of years of humanity, enhancing their relevance to our everyday, 21st century experiences.

We could compare notes and share challenges of leading our



Rabbi Cohen and his wife Mona Baumgarten in 2017

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respective congregations. In so many ways our congregations were similar and functioned as sibling congregations to each other. But it wasn't just Greenbelt Community Church with whom Jonathan and Mishkan Torah forged a meaningful, deep relationship. Mishkan Torah and the Methodist Church shared a booth at the Labor Day Festival for years, with Mowatt members staffing it on Friday evenings and Mishkan Torah doing so on Sundays to allow each other the time for worship.

Once, when I was feeling a little bit guilty about being happy about something – I can't remember what it was now – but guilty about having something to rejoice about when there was so much tragedy in the world, Jonathan looked at me and said, "Celebrate the good times because the time for tears will come."

There were so many good times with Rabbi Jonathan Cohen. I join with a multitude of people now in gratitude for the gift of Rabbi Cohen in our lives and our communities, and I join in sorrow. The time for tears has come.

# POLICE continued from page 1

George's County recently passed legislation to form a civilian oversight board, so Greenbelt is still in the process of remaining in compliance with laws covering police accountability. The city has hired a diversity officer to help improve the department's diversity, the subject of Item 16.

## De-escalation

Several items in the resolution (Items 1, 2, 3, 17 and 21) concern de-escalation and use of reasonable force. Item 3 describes software that the department uses to identify officers likely to use excessive force, so they can be retrained, counseled or reassigned. In Item 17, council expressed concern over the influence of conscious and unconscious bias in policing and required continued training in de-escalation. "This is a continual process and is part of the in-service year," Bowers stated. "Training for 2022 has included de-escalation as part of in-service, taser and firearms training." While Item 21 stipulates that Greenbelt should participate in national databases on police de-certification and/or use of force, no such database exists at this time.

In compliance with Item 4, GO202 states zero tolerance for retaliation against a whistleblower.

Maryland state law now limits no-knock warrants. Resolution Items 5 and 6 limit no-knock warrants only to situations when "required for the preservation of life." Upon forced entry, officers must "loudly and clearly identify themselves as police officers."

## SROs

Resolution Items 7 and 8 concern School Resource Officers (SRO) and juvenile interrogation and arrest. GO105 requires that "all interrogations/interviews shall be conducted fairly, impartial, in an objective manner," including those with an SRO. Council asked for data on juvenile arrests, including the race, gender, charges and whether the arrest was made by the SRO. Bowers stated that these reports were completed, except for dates prior to 2020, due to an outdated record management system.

In response to Item 10, GO202 states, "officers are prohibited from preventing civilians from recording police-civilian interactions as long as the person recording the interaction is acting lawfully and safely."

## Police Misconduct

Items 11, 12 and 14 concern

transparency about police misconduct even when allegations are deemed "baseless," but in practice, internal investigation findings are labeled as Exonerated (the conduct did occur but was proper); Not Sustained (insufficient evidence to support the allegation); Sustained (evidence supports the allegation); or Unfounded (the alleged acts did not occur). GO635 will redefine a "complaint" so all concerns can be documented. Bowers reports there have been no settlements resulting from police misconduct.

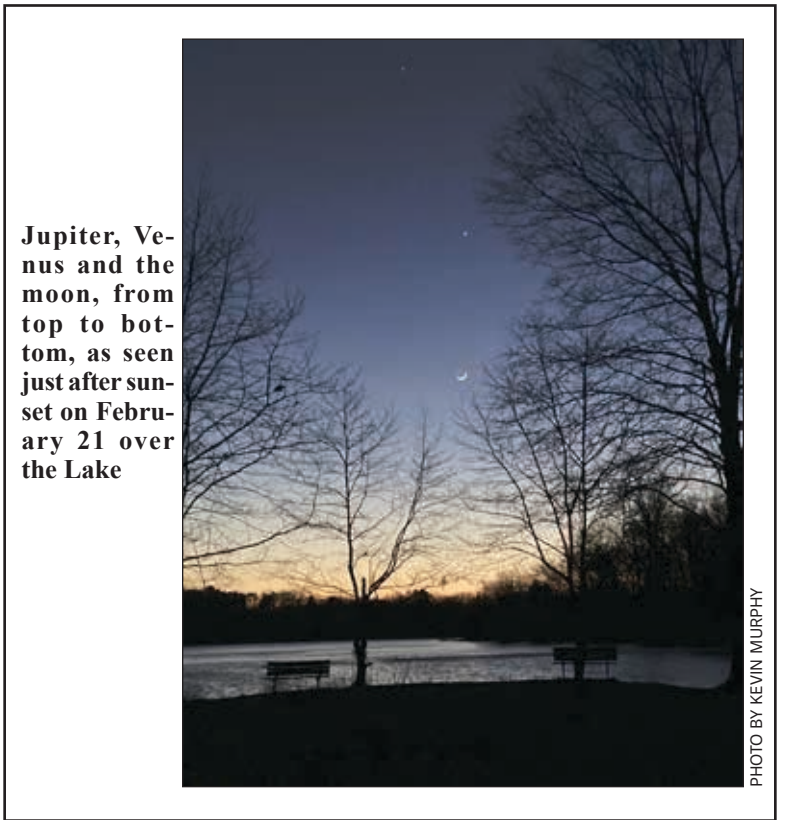
Item 13 concerns the proper operation of body cameras. This issue is not resolved, as GO202 is still being re-written.

## Stopped, Not Charged

Items 18 and 19 refer to the

aftermath of being stopped by police. The annual Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies report includes data on traffic stop outcomes. Bowers stated that when individuals are stopped but not charged with a criminal violation, photos taken during the field interview are stored in evidence.com and purged after 12 months; the department maintains a written record.

Full compliance with Resolution 2096-2 was delayed, because the police department acted on a different version of the resolution than the one that was passed by council, leading to discrepancies discovered when the PSAC compared the new General Orders with the Resolution.



Jupiter, Venus and the moon, from top to bottom, as seen just after sunset on February 21 over the Lake

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# Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred February 20 to 26. 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](mailto:pd@greenbeltmd.gov). Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

### Attempted Carjacking

On February 22 at 10:43 p.m. near 9200 Springhill Lane, an Uber driver who had dropped off a passenger and then parked was approached by two juveniles wearing all black clothing, black ski-masks and black gloves. They opened his door and attempted to force him out of his car. He was able to drive away and call police.

### Assault

On February 26 at 6:10 p.m. near 6100 Breezewood Court, an 11-year-old boy shot a toy BB gun at a staff member at the Springhill Lake Elementary School, and the staff member allegedly grabbed the boy by the neck. The investigation is ongoing. On February 24 at 3:21 p.m. near 7400 Greenbelt Road, a fight occurred between a customer and an employee.

### Disorderly

On February 20 at 12:37 a.m. near 5800 Greenbelt Road, a disorderly customer was arrested after he assaulted security while being escorted out of the business. On February 23 at 11:26 p.m. near 6400 Capitol Drive, a disorderly customer was banned from a restaurant. On February 23 at 8:54 a.m. near 7900 Good Luck Road, a fight between customers resulted in the instigator being banned from the property.

### DUI Arrests

February 24 at 2:07 a.m. near Cherrywood Lane and Kenilworth Avenue; February 25 at 1:12 a.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane; February 23 at 9:49 p.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive.

### Missing Persons Located

On February 24 at 5:05 p.m. near 100 Westway, a man reported missing was later located.

On February 24 at 9:26 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, officers located two missing teenage girls after a parent tracked a device to the location.

### Fraud

Identity theft, February 22 near Parkway. Check fraud February 24 near 7500 Greenway Center Drive.

### Shoplifting

Shoplifting occurred near 7500 Greenbelt Road on February 20 at 5:11 a.m.; February 22 at 8:53 a.m., 2:12 p.m. and 3:06 p.m.

Near 6100 Greenbelt Road on February 20 at 4:37 p.m. and February 22 at 10:46 a.m.

### Theft

On February 21 near Hamilton Place, a blue kayak was stolen from the storage lot.

On February 22 at 12:24 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, a dine-and-dash suspect was banned from property. On February 24 at 11:45 a.m. near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, property was stolen from a residence after a party; no signs of forced entry. On February 26 near 6700 Lake Park Drive, a set of keys and jewelry stolen from residence; no sign of forced entry.

### Vehicle Crimes

#### Stolen Car Found

On February 24 at 7:32 p.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, a stolen car was found with a broken rear driver-side window, broken ignition and a flat front tire.

#### Stolen Vehicles

Out of 13 stolen vehicles, six were Hyundais and four were Kias.

On February 22 near 5900 Cherrywood Lane, a 2016 Elantra had a window smashed, the steering wheel column tampered with and the vehicle was running when the owner noticed the damage. A 2006 Acura RSX with a smashed window was parked next to the Elantra, and the owner said the Acura had been stolen earlier that day.

On February 24 near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a teenage boy attempted to steal a 2017 Kia Forte. The owner walked out to the parking lot and saw a juvenile in the driver seat of his vehicle attempting to break the steering column with a screwdriver. The juvenile saw the owner walking towards his vehicle and ran away.

Stolen February 20: near 6900 Hanover Parkway, a 2009 blue Ford F-150 (N.D. plate 996BWF); near 100 Westway, a blue 2018 Elantra (Md. plate 1ER6932). February 21: near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, a red 2014 Toyota Camry (Md. plate 8EV1750); near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a gray 2013 Sonata (Md. plate 5BT0864). February 22: near 9100 Edmonston Road, a blue 2013 Sonata (Md.

plate 37861CK). February 24: near 7100 Ora Glen Court, a 2013 bronze Elantra (Md. plate 5EC7506); near 200 Lakeside Drive, a white Kia Sportage (Md. plate 7ER6413). February 25: near 9100 Springhill Court, a 2019 blue Kia Sportage (W.V. plate 1PG452); near Ridge Road, a Sonata (Md. plate 6AP4708). February 26: near 8200 Canning Terrace, a 2020 Kia Sportage (Md. plate 1EB0672).

### Theft from, Damage to Autos

Four Hyundais and a Kia had broken windows and the ignition or steering column damaged:

February 25 near 9100 Springhill Court, a 2011 Elantra and a 2016 Elantra; February 23 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a 2019 Hyundai; February 22 near 9100 Springhill Lane, a 2013 Accent; and February 22 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a 2018 Kia Forte.

On February 21 near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, the driver of a 2019 Ford Transit 150 was parked when he noticed a man wearing all black and a woman wearing black pants and a blue sweatshirt approach the rear of his vehicle and cut off the magnetic door catch with a sharp blade. The driver yelled at them and they ran away. On February 21 at 11:21 p.m. near 9100 Edmonston Terrace, an owner observed a man standing near his 2012 Hyundai; the owner pressed a panic button which scared off the man, but the suspect broke the back passenger window.

Catalytic converters were stolen from a 2002 Toyota Sequoia on February 22 near 6100 Breezewood Court, and from a 1999 Honda Accord February 22 near 5700 Greenbelt Metro Drive. On February 22 near 9300 Edmonston Road, a disabled placard was stolen. On February 25 near 6600 Lake Park Drive, a window was broken and a disabled placard and residential parking permit were stolen. On February 26 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, DJ equipment was stolen from an unlocked car.

On February 20: near 7500

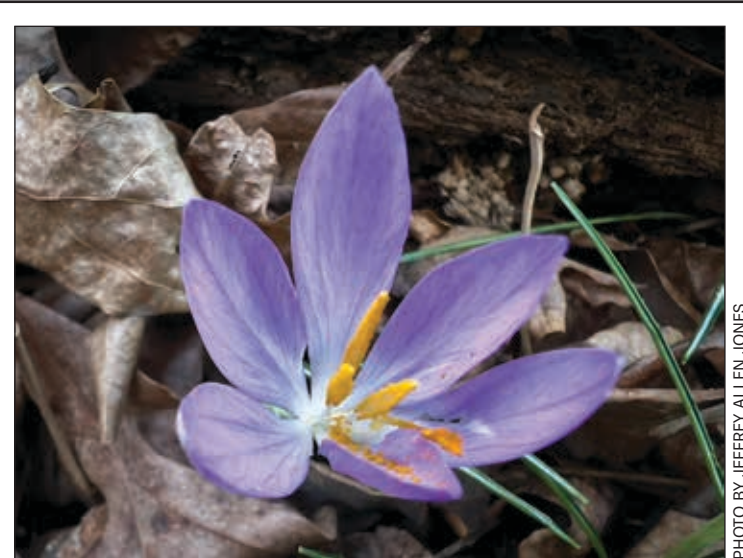
Mandan Road, a 2015 Kia Forte window was broken; near 6200 Breezewood Drive, a 2011 Hyundai Sonata window was broken; near 5300 South Center Drive, a car window was broken and property stolen. On February 22: near 9100 Edmonston Road, a 2012 Chevy Traverse window was broken and registration stolen; near 5300 North Center Drive, a 2014 Toyota Corolla had a window smashed and the car rummaged through; near 7500 Greenway Center Drive, a car was keyed. On February 23: near 6100 Breezewood Court, a 2011 GMC Acadia had the rear windshield shattered and coins stolen; near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, a 2016 Chrysler 200 window was broken, nothing taken. On February 24 near 5300 North Center Drive, a 2019 BMW X6 had a

window broken, car rummaged through. On February 26: near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, a 2001 Toyota Corolla had a window broken, was rummaged through and nothing taken; near 6900 Hanover Parkway, a driver-door keyhole cover was stolen from a 2009 Lexus ES; near 6100 Breezewood Drive, a car window was broken and property stolen.

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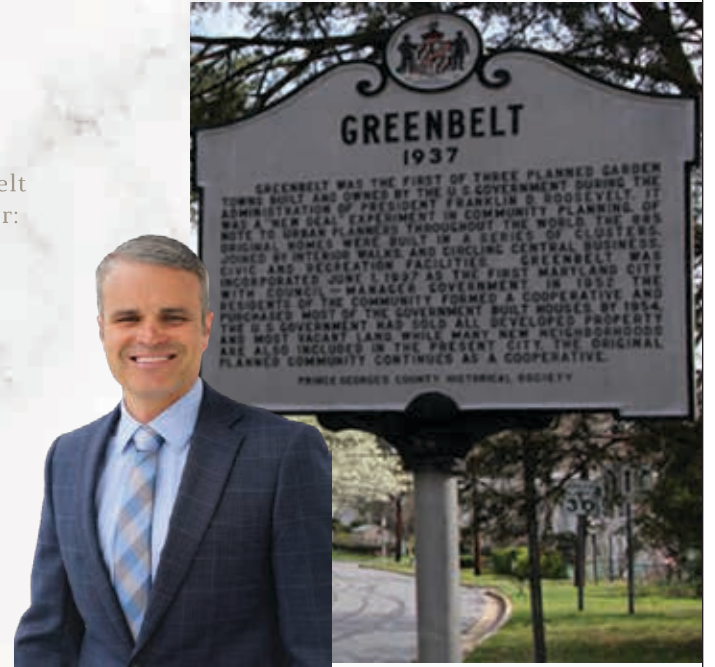


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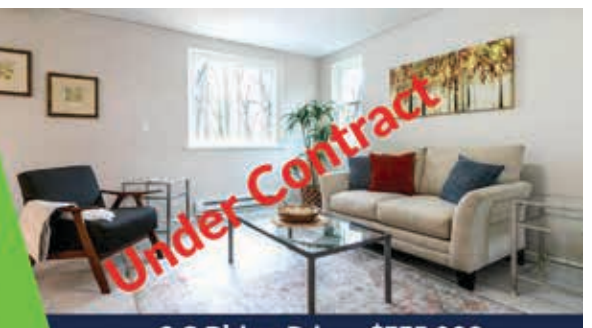
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by John Campanile

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received or provided; and looking up fellow Time Bank members. These links are now positioned at the top of the page with drop-down menus. It is now easier to use all of these functions.

### Applying Is Easy

Those interested to join and become a part of the bank's growing volunteer base can do so by checking out the website and clicking on Become a Member, located on the upper left corner. After a brief training session, one can join more than 250 Greenbelt residents providing and receiving time and skills as community volunteers.

Use one's talents to help neighbors, get one's own needs met and build a stronger Greenbelt community. Join the Greenbelt Time Bank at greenbeltimebank.org.

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to purchase food for the pantry. The St. Hugh Ladies of Charity members who coordinate the pantry would not be able to meet the need without this ongoing support.

The pantry is currently in need of canned fruit, boxed cereal, canned chicken, spaghetti noodles, brownie mix and canned vegetables. For any questions, email mary\_tretler@yahoo.com.



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a lot of adversity, trials and tribulations in my community and within my household," he said. "I eventually joined the carpenters' union in 2001 and that was the best decision I could have ever made in my life. It saved my life," he declared, as the audience drowned him out briefly with applause. "I was given the opportunity of my very first job in Prince George's County which was a PLA right around the corner in College Park. If we don't support [union contracts], what are we giving our youth?" he asked, pointing out the benefit of union training and apprenticeships. "Within the schools that are in the county right now, it's saturated with wage theft and tax fraud and if we support PLAs these types of things would not be happening."

"I'm a product of Prince George's County, I'm a product of the union, I'm a product of PLAs," asserted Mutts proudly. "PLAs allow me to raise my family, allow me to send my daughter to college, allow me to buy a home - just some of the American things that us as unions believe in. Good wages, right? I support PLAs." His comments were met with loud applause.

The meeting wrapped up when the organizers announced that they were out of time and that they didn't have the room any longer, though a line of people still waiting to speak snaked the center of the auditorium. Some chanted, "One more question!" and others called, "Take it outside!" as Franklin and Washington closed the community meeting.



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The packed auditorium includes members of numerous different unions.



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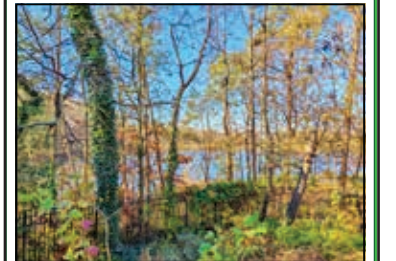
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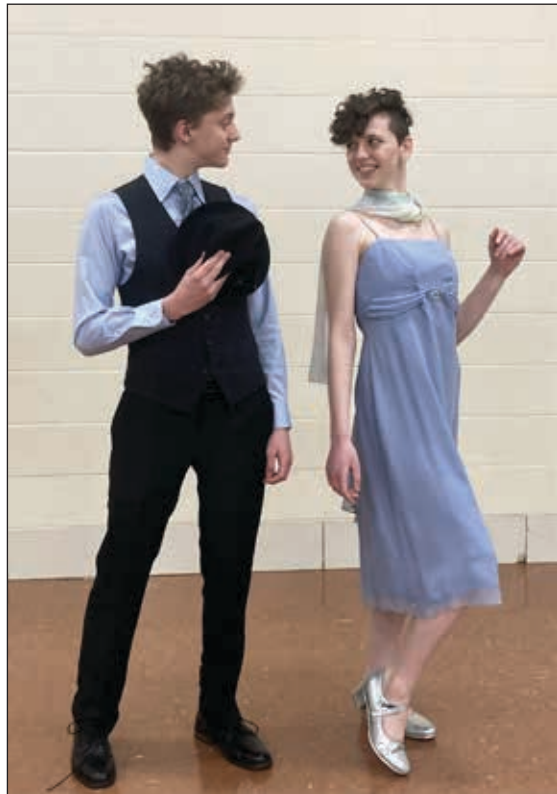
The Joy Gods Return is premiering this Saturday at the Community Center. Set in Manhattan a year after 9/11, the story concerns actress Felicity Knox, who makes a surprise appearance as Iris, the messenger goddess of joy, on the Channel Four morning news. Her stunt is meant to publicize the premiere of her late husband's musical, The Joy Gods Return, but it blossoms into a campaign of joy that lifts the spirits of the entire city. New York falls in love with Iris, and so does jaded newscaster Brian Banning, whose quest for an exposé nearly wrecks everything.

There will be four performances in the Community Center Gymnasium/Auditorium: Saturday, March 4 at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 5 at 3 p.m. and Saturday, March 11 at 2 and 7 p.m.

To purchase tickets, visit the Community Center Business Office, or call 301-397-2208. Historically, the youth musical has sold out, so advance purchase is recommended.



The cast of the Winter Youth Musical is "Ready to Fly!" From left, Calista Ausema, Clara Bills, Hailey Boggs, Daisy Nelson and Mari Loucaides



Broadway star Don Anemone (Jacob Royle) meets Iris, goddess of the rainbow (Z Larsen) who has come to restore joy to New York City.



Two fauns (Shawford Jackson, left, and Nyle Karamat) en route to the "Party in the Park"



Inspired by appearances of the Joy Gods throughout the city, post-9/11 New Yorkers gather for a party in Central Park. Maenads Clara Bills, left, and Daisy Nelson



Frustrated by the relentless bad news of the Great Depression, New Yorkers scowl at Alvin, the newsboy. From left, Clara Bills, Shawford Jackson and Nyle Karamat

- Photos by Nicole DeWald

## Women's History Month

# Greenbelt Artist Sally Davies Portrays Resilient Women

by Melanie Iversen

Local artist Sally Davies comes originally from Canada but has called Greenbelt home for the last 20 years. Her gifts are many and her interest and curiosity in art began when she was very young. A work of art she created in kindergarten shows the obvious start of an artistic wonder.

Her experiences have been varied, like her work. The steppingstones of her career include illustrating children's books, teaching art to elementary school mini-artists and teaching art classes through the Community Center. She has introduced numerous Greenbelt children to the world of art through pre-school classes. Energized with new ideas, she shares her joy through teaching art, and has won numerous awards for her own paintings.

Davies has also created some stunning videos. In the past few years her films have won awards and nominations at the Paris International Film Festival, Kansas Arthouse, Vancouver Indie, Toronto Indie, San Francisco Indie Short, Women's Int'l, Heritage Festival, Panama City Indie, National Short, Spotlight Short and the Utopia Film Festival. Most recently her artwork was awarded the Maryland State Art Council's Creativity Award, for the second year in a row.

### Focusing on Eyes

During the pandemic, while we were all hunkering down, Davies made an observation that turned into an incredible collection. We were living through our eyes, she realized, as that's all we could really see of each other for so long. Her paintings began to focus on the eyes that had become so central. Her pandemic era series explores disconnect, isolation and uncertainty.

### Strong Resilient Women

Davies also recognized the particular pressure parents were under as they managed the changes from school to lockdown to remote learning. Though she knew many men stepped up to help with the major changes, still, the majority of caretaking seemed to fall on women, as it historically has. Davies began interviewing women from all walks of life and created an incredible collection depicting what she titled "strong resilient women." "The women featured in my series are mothers, nurses, family therapists, Covid researchers, engineers, students, college kids, school counselors, caregivers for elderly parents, musicians, artists and teachers – all have had their worlds turned upside down by the pandemic," said Davies. The paintings depict the individuals and the eyes of her subjects but the colorful paintings are also full of intricate pieces of unique lives, conveyed through the placement of small



Sally Davies in her studio

handmade tactile tiles, silent details of the individual's life. She created the tiles through layers of paint, glass beads, molding paste and mica flakes, and painted meaningful symbols on some.

One painting depicts a pregnant nurse, wearing PPE and struggling through the stress of those days, with two young children to care for at home. But somehow the work shows so much courage and hope, too. One of the tiles has a baby footprint representing the coming baby, others have a letter imprinted for each of her children.

Davies also used the tiles to try to create a bit of an optical illusion to make it seem that parts of the painting were dissolving or falling away. She said she asked the women in her series if they felt they were falling apart or piecing their lives back together from the pandemic. "The consistent response was a smile and the words, 'a little bit of both!,'" she reported at the time.

"I think we are all feeling a little bit like that. Some days we're falling apart, but mostly, we're piecing our lives back together," said Davies.

### A Caretaker

She is a caretaker herself, with elderly and ailing parents in Canada. She visits often and stays a while. She gives 100 percent while there, but when she comes home, the ideas that have been splashing alive in her spill out as soon as she reaches her studio sanctuary.

Sally Davies makes a difference through her amazing work, but also through her own wonderful self.

To see some of her work, go to her YouTube channel to see her exhibit, Our Fractured Life – Strong Resilient Women at [youtu.be/vHvnVMAvyJA](https://youtu.be/vHvnVMAvyJA). For more examples and information, visit [sallyjdkdavies.wixsite.com/sallydaviespaintings](https://sallyjdkdavies.wixsite.com/sallydaviespaintings).

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