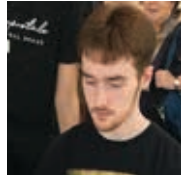




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Special Election

Eight Democrats, Four Republicans Run for Open County Council Seat

Democratic Candidates for County Council



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Candidates from left, (top row) Timothy J. Adams, Angela M. Angel, Tamara Davis Brown and Leo Bachi Eyombo; (bottom row) Marvin E. Holmes, Jr., Jolene Ivey, Judy Mickens-Murray and Gabriel Njinimbot

The Greenbelt News Review, in conjunction with Streetcar Suburbs News and the Bowie Sun, queried the 13 (now 12) candidates running in the special election primary, vying for the At-Large County Council seat left by Mel Franklin's sudden resignation last month. We asked them to detail: Professional Experience; Community Involvement (and civic participation); Priorities (identifying the two most important issues facing county residents and what action they would propose to address them); and Ethics (how they would prevent misuse of campaign funds and carry out duties ethically). Below are their responses, edited for space, grouped by party and listed in alphabetical order.

Democratic Candidates

Timothy J. Adams, Age: 65,
Residence: Bowie
Professional Experience:

Mayor of Bowie, President of SA-Tech.

Community Involvement: University System of Maryland Foundation, board member; Luminis Health, board member; African American Mayors Association, member; Prince George's Community College Foundation, board member and finance committee; lifetime member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; 100 Black Men of Prince George's County, Inc.

Priorities: 1) Fighting crime: community policing, engaging with law enforcement partners. We must review our budget and ensure we properly support law enforcement. 2) Increasing quality of life: seniors, education, development, public services. I am committed to ensuring the county's education improves.

Ethics: 1) Establish a clear and transparent accounting system

for all campaign funds. 2) Strict budgeting and spending controls.

Angela M. Angel, Age: 44,
Residence: District Heights

Professional Experience: I serve as Senior Advisor to the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation and other political and social service organizations. As an attorney, I have experience working at local, state and federal government levels.

Community involvement: I am active at my children's schools and sports teams. I participate in the Domestic Violence (DV) Ministry at First Baptist Church of Glenarden. As a DV survivor, I regularly help out and speak at local shelters.

Priorities: Crime and public safety, economic development and employment are top issues. Supporting workforce development initiatives,

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Special Election Voter Information

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What Goes On

Monday, July 29
7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession: Board of Elections/Community Relations Advisory Board, Municipal Building

Wednesday, July 31
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: City Manager's Quarterly Update, Municipal Building

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



PHOTO BY NICOLE SHYONG

Makerspace volunteer Dan Baker repairs the frame on a beautiful antique chair. See page 12.

James K. Giese, A Model City Manager and Greenbelt Citizen

by Sandra A. Lange

On December 8, 1962, then-Greenbelt Mayor Francis White told the audience at the 25th anniversary celebration of the Greenbelt News Review that he had to leave the party to fly to Chicago to interview James K. Giese, acting city manager of Western Springs, Ill. Accompanied by then-councilmember Dave Champion, White conducted the interview and hired Giese, subject to council approval, to become Greenbelt's fourth city manager.

On the following Monday, December 10, Giese was unanimously appointed city manager, succeeding Charles T. McDonald, who had retired. Giese arrived in Greenbelt on Saturday, December 15. He attended a reception in his honor on Sunday, December 16, and his first council meeting on Monday, December 17. With seeming imperturbability, he served 15 elected city councils over a 29-year period, according to the Greenbelt News Review, May 16, 1991.

When the 32-year-old Giese

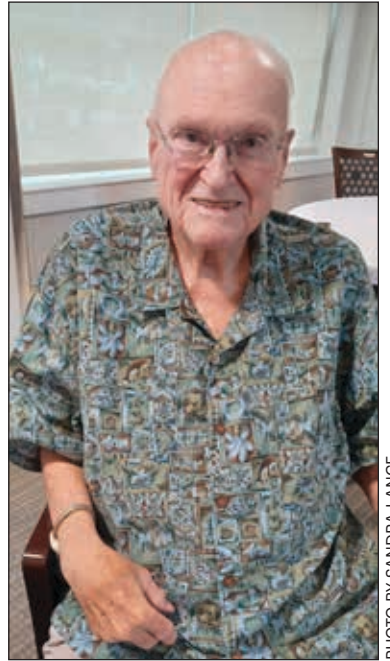


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Jim Giese

became city manager in 1962, Greenbelt was fighting numerous development battles. Chief among them was the county's Master Plan for College Park,

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Liz Park Leads CARES Team In New Community Initiatives

by Matthew Neus



PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF GREENBELT

Greenbelt CARES Director Liz Park stands at a CARES table during an event.

Elizabeth "Liz" Park was working as a child life specialist at a hospital right after earning her undergraduate degree in child development at Florida State University when she came to a realization.

She loved helping children have fun and feel safe before a procedure or operation, but noticed that the families – mothers, fathers and siblings – also needed the same assistance to get through difficult times.

One master's degree in

marriage and family therapy at the University of Maryland and a doctoral degree in family services at the University of Delaware later, Park found herself the new director of Greenbelt CARES. The organization, created to encourage good behaviors and family management skills, is dedicated to looking for new ways to promote well-being among members of the Greenbelt community.

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Letters to the Editor

Thanks

The Greenbelt Makerspace and tool library would like to thank the community, the Granite Building, and especially over 16 volunteers for supporting Saturday's very successful Repair Café. We rescued over 30 broken items (lamps, jewelry, clothing, furniture, bike, computers, etc.) with just a few that were too broken to repair. We will hold another Repair Café in a few months.

Robert Candey

Help for Greenbelters Needed Post-ARPA

For the past three years, Greenbelt CARES has used federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money to help prevent evictions brought on by Covid. As of October 2023, the ARPA money ran out. Once again, it is up to Greenbelt residents to help our neighbors. Although evictions have decreased since the pandemic, families are still facing eviction because of increases in rent, illness, death of a family member or a financial crisis such as expensive medical care or car repairs. A recent poll shows that many persons do not have financial stability due to a lack of job security, no health insurance and decreased ability to save for a financial crisis. The Greenbelt Emergency Assistance Fund continues to be that safety net for Greenbelters in a financial crisis for whatever reason. Anyone who is able, your neighbor needs help.

Makes checks out to Greenbelt CARES, write Emergency

Assistance Fund in the memo space and mail to Greenbelt CARES, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 (or place in the secure drop box at that address). Or, go to greenbeltnmd.gov, click Pay Online at the top of the page and choose Charitable Donations. Complete the form, indicating the donation is for the Emergency Assistance Fund, and click submit; the payment page then will come up with a form to enter credit card or PayPal information.

Thank you.

Greenbelt's Emergency Assistance Fund (now combined with the Good Samaritan Fund) is sponsored by the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association, which includes Catholic Community of Greenbelt, College Park United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church of Highland Park, Good Samaritan Lutheran Church, Greenbelt Baha'i Community, Greenbelt Community Church United Church of Christ, Mishkan Torah Synagogue, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church, Sierra Leone Islamic Center, Soka Gakkai International-USA (Buddhist), the Restoration Church and Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance.

Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association

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SHOWTIMES:

JULY 26th - AUGUST 1st

Touch (R) (CC) (DVS) (2024)
(121 mins)

Japanese w/ English subtitles

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:00 PM, 7:45 PM
Sat. 5:15 PM
Sun. 2:15 PM
Tues. 7:15 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 8:00 PM
Sun. 5:00 PM
Mon. 2:15 PM, 5:00 PM
Wed. 7:30 PM
Thurs. 7:45 PM

Widow Clicquot (R) (CC)
(2024) (90 mins)

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 8:15 PM
Mon. 2:30 PM (OC)
Wed. 5:45 PM
Thurs. 5:45 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:15 PM, 8:00 PM
Sun. 2:30 PM
Tues. 7:30 PM

Thelma (PG-13) (CC) (DVS)
(2024) (97 mins)

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sun. 5:15 PM
Mon. 5:00 PM (OC)
Thurs. 8:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 5:30 PM

Drag Story Hour - Free! with D'Manda Martini

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sun. 11:00 AM

Gimme Shelter (PG) (1970)
(90 mins)

Summer Concert Series

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Wed. 8:00 PM

TMNT: Mutant Mayhem (PG) (CC) (DVS) (2023) (99 mins)

School's Out - Free! - Sponsored by Rad Orthodontics

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Thurs. 1:00 PM



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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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On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Touch

A romantic and thrilling story that spans several decades and continents; the film follows one widower's emotional journey to find his first love who disappeared 50 years ago, before his time runs out.

Widow Clicquot

After her husband's untimely death, Barbe-Nicole Ponsardin Clicquot flouts convention by assuming the reins of the fledgling wine business they had nurtured together. Steering the company through dizzying political and financial reversals, she defies her critics and revolutionizes the champagne industry to become one of the world's first great businesswomen.

Thelma

Inspired by a real-life experience of director Josh Margolin's own grandmother, the film puts a clever spin on movies like Mission Impossible, shining the spotlight on an elderly grandmother as an unlikely action hero. With infectious humor, Margolin employs the familiar tropes of the action genre in hilarious, age-appropriate ways to tackle aging with agency. In the first leading film role of her 70-year career, June Squibb portrays the strong-willed Thelma with grit and determination, demonstrating that she is more than capable of taking care of business - despite what her daughter Gail (Parker Posey), son-in-law Alan (Clark Gregg) or grandson Danny (Fred Hechinger) might believe.

Drag Story Hour

Join award-winning actor D'Manda Martini for a morning of stories and songs for kids of all ages.

Gimme Shelter

The landmark documentary about the tragically ill-fated Rolling Stones free concert at Altamont Speedway on December 6, 1969. Only four months earlier, Woodstock defined the Love Generation; now it lay in ruins on a desolate racetrack six miles outside of San Francisco.

TMNT: Mutant Mayhem

After years of being sheltered from the human world, the Turtle brothers set out to win the hearts of New Yorkers and be accepted as normal teenagers. Their new friend, April O'Neil, helps them take on a mysterious crime syndicate, but they soon get in over their heads when an army of mutants is unleashed upon them.

Community Events

At the Library

Greenbelt Library regular hours are Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. Face masks are recommended for all customers over the age of 2.

Storytimes

Friday, July 26, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10815012.

Wednesday, July 31, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10814987.

Thursday, August 1, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10814966.

Ride and Read

Thursday, August 1, 11 a.m., ages 16+. Get some physical activity in while at the library. Sign up for an hour ride on one of their stationary bikes with great free apps from PGCMLS like Libby and Kanopy to enjoy while working out. Participants must be 16 or older, sign a waiver before beginning to ride and wear loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10861113.

Vendor Slots Available At Fire Dept. Sale

The BOOTIQUE Craft and Vendor Show will be held at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department on October 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are still a few vendor spots available. If interested in securing a spot, contact Kim Lewis at firemama3535@gmail.com for more information.

Start Planning Soon For Retro Town Fair

The Retro Town Fair returns on the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 1. The Fair will take place on the grounds of the Greenbelt Museum house at 10-A and 10-B Crescent Road. Ribbons will be awarded for the best entries in a number of categories: flowers, vegetables, baked goods, canned goods and needlework/sewing.

Entries will be accepted from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and must be accompanied by a completed entry form, limited to two per person per category. Entries will be on display from 1 to 4 p.m. All items must be picked up between 4 and 5 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Fair, including with setup, takedown and, depending on one's area of expertise, judging. Questions? Email Education and Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Maffay-Tuthill at education@greenbeltmuseum.org.

Used Books Sought For School Book Sale

It's that time of year again.

Declutter and support a local elementary school. For those whose bookshelves are overflowing, the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA will be collecting used books to sell at its Annual Used Book Sale at the Labor Day Festival.

Book donations will be accepted in Old Greenbelt next Saturday, August 3 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Saturday, August 17 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., specific location to be announced next week. All books, except manuals, encyclopedias and dictionaries, as well as CDs, DVDs, records, puzzles and games will be accepted.

For more information, visit sites.google.com/view/gespta/events/labor-day-book-sale.



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.

Community Orchestra Welcomes Musicians

Greenbelt Community Orchestra rehearses on Thursday evenings and welcomes new members, especially string players. For more information, visit GreenbeltOrchestra.org.

Attention Filmmakers

Mark your calendars for the 20th anniversary of the Utopia Film Festival October 18-21. Submit your films! For questions contact the Festival organizers at UtopiaFilmFest20770@gmail.com or call GATe at 301-507-6581.

Donate Sneakers For People in Need

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. This sneaker recycling program helps to keep sneakers out of landfills, where they have harmful effects on the environment.

A donation box is located outside the Fellowship Center (the small building behind the church) for people to drop off sneakers at any time.

Mishkan Torah Hosts Pool Party August 25

Join Mishkan Torah for its Back to School Pool Party on Sunday, August 25. The party will be held at the Ellen Linson Splash Park from noon to 3 p.m. All ages are welcome. Join in and learn about their welcoming, family-friendly Jewish community while cooling off from the heat. Contact childrensed@mishkantorah.org to learn more.

Indoor Community Yard Sale July 27

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold its long-awaited Indoor Community Yard Sale on Saturday, July 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 125 Crescent Road. Tell friends and neighbors to come and help support the fire department and auxiliary. There are many tables with lots of treasures for everyone. Refreshments and homemade baked goods will also be available for purchase. Tables are available for rent; see the classified ad for further details. Masks are not required, but may be worn if desired. The hall is handicapped accessible and has ample parking.



County Schools Offer Free Summer Meals

Prince George's County Public Schools offers free meal service for children under age 18 through Friday, August 9. Breakfast is served from 9 to 9:30 a.m. and lunch from noon to 1 p.m. on weekdays. Meals must be eaten on site and dates and times are subject to change.

Springhill Lake Elementary and Magnolia Elementary are among the 25 participating school sites.

Creative Kids Campers Musical on Fridays

Greenbelt Recreation's Creative Kids Camp invites community members to attend free, family-friendly performances on the last Friday of each two-week camp session. See campers ages 6 to 12 and select staffers perform The Cookie Caper, an original musical written and directed by Chris Cherry, Greenbelt Recreation's performing arts coordinator.

When an entire batch of cookies mysteriously disappears, the campers at Creative Kids Camp decide to do some sleuthing. A series of intriguing clues leads them on a musical tour of discovery through the historic Community Center.

Performances will take place at 10 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. in the Community Center gym on Fridays, July 26 and August 9. For free tickets, visit the Community Center business office or call 301-397-2208.

City of Greenbelt arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council. For additional program information, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

Arts Advisory Board To Meet August 6

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, August 6 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Discussion topics will include the fall calendar. Greenbelt residents who may be interested in joining the board are encouraged to attend. For more information and to obtain the Zoom link, contact alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov.

Français, s'il vous plaît: French at the Café

A group of people interested in speaking French meets at the New Deal Café every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All ages, all levels of fluency are welcome.

Greenbelt Park Has Saturday Drumming

On Saturday, August 3, Greenbelt Park will offer a 7 p.m. Campfire Program: Drumming with Katy. Come to the campfire to hear the rhythm and beats of the drums. Leader Katy Gaughan facilitates a wonderful evening of drumming for all ages. Extra drums are available, and participation is encouraged.

Meet at 7 p.m. at the Campfire Circle in B loop in the Greenbelt Park campground. For more information, call 771-208-1588 or check the Park's website at nps.gov/gree.



Golden Age Club Will Meet Wednesdays

The Golden Age Club meets from 11 a.m. to noon each Wednesday. Visitors are welcome. The topics in August will be:

- August 7: Business Meeting
- August 14: Presentation by Jan Derry on Salvageable Clothing
- August 21: Birthday Celebration (bring snacks to share)
- August 28: Bingo

Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Meals must be reserved two weeks ahead so that enough food is ordered. Participants must complete a registration form in person at the Community Center office, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 with questions.

Two menu options, one vegetarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which provide at least one third of recommended dietary allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.

Greenbelt Access Television
July 27, Sat - Aug 2, Fri
 Verizon FIOS Channel 19 • Comcast 77
 (School Programming on Your Cable Guide)
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THIS WEEK on GATE • Your Community Access Station

Featured Lecture (9am, 3pm, and 8pm)
Interfaith Conversation: Discussing Pilgrimage in Faith
 At Greenbelt Community Church, in collaboration with the Prince George's County Office of Human Rights, three Interfaith speakers: Dr. Aref Dajani (Muslim), Dr. Hema Sidhu (Sikh), and Reverend Ellen Witko (Christian). Dajani, Sidhu, and Witko discuss their respective experiences traveling to religious sites, and the importance of religious and spiritual pilgrimage.

New This Month
Rock Creek Revival Bluegrass
 A sneak preview of some outstanding bluegrass music performed at the New Deal Cafe, courtesy of the Rock Creek Revival band!

All this and more on the GATE channel this week! Check greenbeltaccessstv.org for the full broadcast schedule, and visit Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube for new video productions.

This Week at the New Deal Café

SUPPORT Greenbelt's only venue with BOTH dinner AND a show!

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FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm The HalfSmokes 7-9pm Performs favorites from WHFS-FM's heydays!	Hillbilly Biscuits 7-10pm Award-winning, high energy West Virginia "old timey" bluegrass	Still Standing 7-10pm Rockin' blues, American Roots, and Rockabilly. Featuring Linwood Taylor, Scott Rabino & Wolf Crescenze	DEAF BRUNCH, 1030A-12p Kim's Grand Rounds 6-8pm Songwriters take turns performing and discussing their songs
MON 7/29	TUES 7/30	WED 7/31	TH 8/01
MADWITCH RELEASE PARTY FOR "FABLE&GROOVE" 7-9pm New music!	NDC Open Mic w/ Duane B as Starchild 7-9pm Sign-ups at 6:30pm Express Yourself!	NAME THAT TUNE! 7-9pm Compete for prizes! Sponsored by PGCMLS	FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm Wolf's Sit-In Blues Jam 6:30-10pm Sign up and Jam!
SPECIALS!			
HAPPY HOUR 4-7pm \$1 OFF BEER AND WINE WINE WEDNESDAY \$1 OFF PER GLASS \$5 OFF A BOTTLE			

Join NDC! Go to [NewDealCafe\(dot\)com](http://NewDealCafe(dot)com), click on "ABOUT", then "BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW."

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Contact: jbeltower@yahoo.com. We promise: It won't hurt!

Letters, from p.2

School Noise

To those who have complained about the construction noise at the elementary school: noise ordinances aside, the temperature has barely fallen below 80 degrees in the past month, even at night. If it were your job to labor on a shadeless roof, what would be your ideal time to do it?

I write this as someone who lives close enough to enjoy the school-year sounds of recess and dismissal announcements, but I haven't really registered the construction noise, and I barely heard the explosions last week. Turn up the AC, get a loud fan or a white noise app, and be glad you're not on the roof all day. It's only temporary.

Hillary Gottemoeller

Thank You Makerspace

What a marvelous community service Makerspace provides with their Repair Clinic. Three months ago I purchased a used laptop from a business in Beltsville and they were to copy everything

from my old laptop onto my "new" laptop. When I got home, I was totally unable to access my old laptop and when I returned it to the business, was told that it was fine when I left their store and something happened to it after it left the store. Yes, it had been in my back seat turned off and then when I got home I turned it on.

Needless to say they took no responsibility in it being rendered unusable, blamed it on me and said to fix it they would download Windows again for \$100. I walked out vowing to give them no more of my money.

I just took my old laptop down to Makerspace and three wonderful young men worked on it, and one, George, eventually fixed it. All with eagerness and a smile with no charge.

I cannot thank Makerspace enough and especially George and Henry Dynan and Edward Gay, plus Nicole and Brett, whose last names I failed to get. It is wonderful to have this kind of help and Makerspace embodies the value of reuse, recycle, repurpose and fix, instead of having items stay broken collecting dust, tossed into landfills or getting fixed for large amounts of money.

I will gladly make a donation plus submit this to the News Review for a huge public thank you! And, if you contact me directly, I will give you the name of the business I will never again visit.

Katrina Boverman



Greenbelter Ella Childress, 17, receives a certificate of completion from Fire Chief Tiffany Green, the county's first female fire chief.

PHOTO COURTESY PG COUNTY FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT



Congratulations to Ella Childress, 17, who graduated from the Fire Department's Camp Embers, which introduces young women to fire and emergency medical services.

Congratulations to Sam Stribling Jr., who qualified for the Junior Olympic Games in track and field. Stribling Jr. earned 16 gold medals, one silver and one bronze medal in six track meets.

Congratulations to Karl Shlagel, one of 10 people in the country who joined a national fellowship by the American Farm Bureau Federation. The Partners in Advocacy Leadership program recently selected Shlagel, who is the second-ever person from Maryland to be selected. Shlagel was a longtime vendor at the Greenbelt Farmers Market.

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Advertising Rate Change

Effective with the issue of August 1, 2024, the News Review will change its ad rates.

Classifieds
Base rate will be \$4 for the first 15 words and \$1 for each 1-5 additional words.

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The base rate (Tier A) will be \$10.90 per column inch. The nonprofit rate for those qualifying will be \$7.70 per column inch.

Discounts are available for those placing at least 45 column inches per calendar quarter.

For further information see greenbeltnewsreview.com/contact-us/advertising-2.

Luminis Health Receives Award

Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center (LHDCMC) has received Pathway to Excellence designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

The Pathway designation is a global credential that highlights LHDCMC's commitment to creating a healthy work environment where nurses feel empowered and valued.

Crisis Hotline's New Number is 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code has changed, effective July 16. The new three-digit dialing code is 988 and it's available for phone calls and text messages.

The former Lifeline phone number (1-800-273-8255) will continue to be accessible.

Calls and text messages are confidential and free. "No matter what problems you're dealing with, whether or not you're thinking about suicide, if you need someone to lean on for emotional support, call the Lifeline," the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline says on its website at samhsa.gov/find-help/988.

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City Information & Events

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GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.



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

GREENBELT DANCE STUDIO MINI-CAMPS

Greenbelt Community Center, Room 10, 15 Crescent Rd
For FREE tickets, visit the Greenbelt Community Center or call (301) 397-2208.
There are still spaces available in the Ballet Dance Theater Mini-Camp for Ages 6-9 from 7/30-8/8.
Learn more in the Summer Activity Guide: <https://bit.ly/42UVwyD>.

BUDDY ATTICK PARK PLAYGROUND CLOSURE

The playground at Buddy Attick Park, located at 555 Crescent Road, will be closed for renovations beginning Monday, July 22. We anticipate reopening within 5-6 weeks; however, please note that weather constraints will determine the target completion date. We will notify the community when the playground reopens.
For more information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/news.

PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE/EMS SUMMER STAFFING PLAN FOR GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Greenbelt, MD - The City of Greenbelt is disappointed in the County's decision to reassign 24 career personnel from Greenbelt Station 835 on July 1, resulting in the removal of all career personnel from our Station. County Fire Chief Tiffany Green and County leadership ordered the redeployment of 55 career firefighters from Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt, Bunker Hill, and Bowie Station. We are gravely concerned with the impact in response times of emergencies in Greenbelt and our surrounding areas.

Greenbelt will continue to work in tandem with College Park and Berwyn Heights alongside County leadership in addressing our concerns and fighting for the City of Greenbelt.

WHO CAN I CONTACT?

- Office of the County Executive**
countyexecutive@co.pg.md.us
(301) 952-4131
- Office of the County Fire Chief**
tdgreen@co.pg.md.us
(301) 883-5200
- At-Large County Council Member Hawkins**
At-LargeMemberHawkins@co.pg.md.us
(301) 952-2195
- County Council Member District 4**
councildistrict4@co.pg.md.us
(301) 952-3094

Letters of Support to keep/return career staffing to Greenbelt Station 835 can be sent to:

City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or council@greenbeltmd.gov

MEETINGS FOR JULY 29 - AUGUST 2

Monday, July 29 at 7 pm, **SPECIAL MEETING - ROADWAY RESURFACING MANDAN ROAD**

Monday, July 29 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - BOARD OF ELECTIONS/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD**

Wednesday, July 31 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - CITY MANAGER'S QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Wednesday, July 31, **SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION - PERSONNEL AND PENDING LEGAL MATTERS (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORK SESSION)**

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

GREENBELT LITTLES PRESCHOOL

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Contact Public Works at (301) 474-8004 with any questions or concerns.

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- Greenbelt Nursery Project.** Our Greenbelt Nursery project is dedicated to supporting families with young children. We provide 6 Home Visits that offer personalized care and resources. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.
- Emergency Diaper Distribution.** Must register <https://forms.gle/NTFekFefAttjqsQt9>. Call (240) 424-0302.
- Produce Distribution** at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, Lower Level Parking Lot, 25 Crescent Road
Upcoming Dates: August 15, from 1 - 3 pm
- Produce Distribution** at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln (Greenbelt West Residents Only)
Upcoming Dates: August 15, from 3 - 4:15 pm

For descriptions and information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESprograms and see ads on this page!

CREATIVE KIDS CAMP PRESENTS: THE COOKIE CAPER

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FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

UPCOMING PRODUCE DISTRIBUTIONS

Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Lower Parking Lot: 1 - 3 pm, while supplies last. Open to all Greenbelt residents. **Must have a registration card** via Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center: 3 - 4:15 pm, registration required. For Greenbelt West residents only. Register via email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (8) 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, July 29, 2024, immediately following the Council Work Session – City Manager's Quarterly Update, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building: 1) 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; 2) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to address personnel matters over which this public body has jurisdiction.

2) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

* The public may attend the Council Work Session prior to the closed session and observe the vote of the Council to move into the closed session on Wednesday, July 29, 2024.

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

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Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the Youth Advisory Committee, or the Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Employee Relations Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, or the Park and Recreation Advisory Board** and make a difference in Greenbelt!

By dedicating your time and expertise, you will help shape the future of Greenbelt and create a community that values the voices of all its residents. Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

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To register: <https://forms.gle/NTFekFefAttjqsQt9> or call Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302.



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Greenbelt and vicinity that called for zoning changes with large-scale multifamily apartments, commercial development and a four-lane highway running through the core city.

During a recent interview with Giese, he recalled that in the early 1960s, the county's planning board met in sessions closed to the public; only the planners and developers participated in discussions. Greenbelt's mayor Richard Pilski was friends with the chairman of the planning board who resided in Berwyn Heights. He invited Pilski and Giese to sit in on a meeting. Soon after, other municipal leaders lobbied for open meetings with public participation. Pilski and Giese became trail blazers.

"When I arrived, the majority of land within the city was undeveloped," Giese wrote in a recent document tracing Greenbelt's development history. "When I retired, little land remained to be privately developed. While my work primarily involved working with developer representatives such as attorneys, planners, architects, engineers and project managers, I also got to meet with and know slightly the men (no women) who developed the vacant land in Greenbelt," Giese reminisced.

"What impressed me about the developers was that they were involved in major construction projects while still, for the most part, fairly young, some just a few years older or younger than I was. I considered myself to be somewhat successful, being paid a salary of \$10,000 to manage a city with a budget just over \$300,000. Yet these developers were earning who knows what kind of money while undertaking projects costing in the hundreds of millions of dollars," he stated.

With rapid construction occurring in the suburban areas, developers envisioned Greenbelt as a city growing to 50,000 residents. In 1964, 1,000 apartments were built in Springhill Lake. By 1967, Springhill Lake expanded to 2,668 units, becoming one of the largest multifamily developments on the East Coast.

Other new developments in the 60s included Beltway Plaza, the apartment complexes Lake-

side North, Charlestowne North and University Square, as well as nearby Westchester Park. Lakeside and Boxwood Village added single family homes. Between 1960 and 1969 Greenbelt's population more than doubled from 7,479 to 18,199 and the city's budget went from \$286,797 to \$985,300.

The 1960s also heralded the development of the Goddard Space Flight Center. Rapid road construction included the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, Interstate 95 and the Beltway that essentially divided Greenbelt into three diverse sections. The Metro Green Line construction was underway but lagged behind its scheduled completion date of 1979, mired in disagreements over funding, routes and alignments.

In the 1970s controversies swirled over the proposed development of a three-school complex on Northway extended, what is now woodlands. This was followed by battles with the school board over the selection of a site for a new high school. Other storms raged over the construction of a sewage treatment plant during a seven-year state moratorium that was delaying the proposed development of Greenbriar condominiums, Glen Oaks apartments and Windsor Green townhomes.

Greenbelt had its own development projects that included the addition of the Aquatic & Fitness Center and the Art Deco-styled police station at Crescent and Ridge Roads. Giese is most proud of the development of Green Ridge House for senior citizens, although he said the construction caused him many headaches. It was a joint venture with the city, the state and the federal government providing funding. Seeking to reduce cost, the city eliminated garbage disposals from the plan. While this decision did not cover all of the cost overruns, no agency wanted to pay for the removal of tons of cow manure from the site. Eventually, the state agreed to pay, Giese smiled.

He is also proud of furthering the career of Steve Parker, the architect for Green Ridge House. It was Parker's first real design

project, he remarked. Parker has gone on to design many other public facilities, including Greenbelt's police station.

At a meeting held with councilmembers prior to his retirement in 1991, Giese commented that "some developers thought the original community should be bulldozed for better quality ... it has been my job to do what council wants."

Giese has been recognized throughout the state of Maryland and the metro area for his professionalism, the degree to which he earned the respect of his staff as well as city councilmembers with differing personalities. The council praised Giese for the research notes he provided that shaped their discussions of agenda items. Former staff members said he inspired them to work with a high degree of professionalism.

Post-retirement Years

A confirmed bachelor during his years with the city, Giese found romance after he retired. He and Bernina McGee (Bernie) got to know each other better through their volunteer work for the News Review. They married on March 21, 1998. "In all my years at the Greenbelt Community Church there was never a more joyous wedding than when Jim and Bernie McGee wed," commented Dan Hamlin, former minister. Giese enjoyed his new expanded family with two stepdaughters and their grandchildren.

In 2010 Giese was named Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. He was honored for his contributions to the community since his retirement. His colleagues on the News Review staff described him as indispensable for his election analyses, knowledge of city policy issues and familiarity with city and county budgets. He also wrote numerous stories on Greenbelt's history.

After receiving the honor of being Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen, he wrote a Letter to the Editor and noted that although he moved out of Greenbelt after 40 years of living on Maplewood Court, "we shall continue to be part of Greenbelt as much as possible and our hearts shall always be with you." He and Bernie moved to the Collington

Episcopal Lifecare Community in Mitchellville in 2009. Sadly, Bernie died on June 19, 2014. At age 93, Jim now resides in the assisted living component of Collington.

Tributes

"I learned early on in my years with the city that managing the City of Greenbelt was Jim's life. He worked incredible hours, often late into the evenings, taking work home, doing writing to be completed the following day. He was an incredibly good writer, knowledgeable in all aspects of the city.

He had no family of his own, yet he seemed to understand family concerns. Jim worked tirelessly to increase benefits for all employees – sick and annual leave, health benefits, retirement savings, etc. When employees had problems, every effort was made to give them assistance. The City of Greenbelt was a family-friendly organization long before that became common in the workforce."

Barbara Havekost, former Director of Human Resources, City of Greenbelt

"Jim Giese changed my life. When I left military service in 1970, I was anxious to continue with the law enforcement career

that I began while a member of the Air Force. My good fortune led me to Greenbelt.... I applied to many police departments.... Mr. Giese took a chance on me by offering gainful employment. Little did I know that I would spend over 46 years working for the city due directly to his mentorship and guidance. I will be forever grateful that he chose me to lead the Police Department in 1986, a position I cherished and still miss.

I found Mr. Giese to be the epitome of the type of boss everyone would like to have. Always kind, forever caring, stoic under pressure. In time he became more than the city manager to me, he was a surrogate father. I treasure the time we spent together. I love the guy."

Jim Craze, former Greenbelt Police Chief

"I was a relatively new planner when Jim took a chance and hired me as the city's first Planning and Development Coordinator. Little did I know then that he would become one of the most influential figures in my life. In fact, I can say that other than my father, my mother and my husband, Jim was the most influential figure in

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Classroom training begins in September for 12 weeks, two days per week, at the College Park campus, with site visits to the state complex in Annapolis.

The volunteer assignment will be for a minimum of two days per week, starting in Jan. 2025, in the Annapolis offices of various senators and delegates. For more information or for an application, contact Wesley Queen at wqueen@umd.edu or call (301)-405-2529.

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affordable housing and policies that facilitate employment retention will be essential. Additionally, I will focus on expanding the commercial tax base to reduce reliance on residential property taxes.

Ethics: I will implement strict oversight of campaign finances, including regular audits and public disclosure, and maintain an open-door policy for constituents to voice concerns.

Tamara Davis Brown, Age: 58, Residence: Clinton

Professional Experience: Wireless Telecommunications Attorney; Co-Founder & CEO, Last Mile Broadband of Maryland LLC.

Community Involvement: Greater Piscataway Alliance, vice president; MD 210 Traffic Safety Committee, Police Districts IV, V and VII Citizens Advisory Council; Advocate for Social Justice Committee, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Upsilon Tau Omega Chapter), chairman; Maryland Consumer Council (O'Malley and Hogan appointments), past vice president.

Priorities: Public safety and budget deficit – For both, the county must leverage more federal funding from the Department of Justice and other federal agencies' grant programs for staffing police force and fire/EMS; and for other local programs (for example, affordable housing from HUD and EPA/USDA for environmental cleanup).

Ethics: We will continue to ask appropriate questions and seek the advice of the Maryland Board of Elections and Campaign Finance Reporting staff to ensure compliance and integrity.

Leo Bachi Eyombo, Age: 51, Residence: Brentwood

Professional Experience: I am a clinician, healthcare executive, educator and entrepreneur. I am currently serving on the faculty at Bowie State University. My educational background includes a doctorate from Columbia University; a doctorate in optometry from Lyceum Northwestern University; and several master's degrees, in business from Morgan State University, in health policy from Columbia University, in science in public health education from Columbia University and in science from Howard University.

Community Involvement: Social Justice Fellow for Bowie State University and University of Maryland Social Justice Alliance.

Priorities: Support legislation on academic success and well-being of all students and stakeholders for a police force free PGCPs.

Ethics: I am running for this position because our county urgently needs change.

Marvin E. Holmes Jr., Age: 75, Residence: Upper Marlboro

Professional experience: Maryland General Assembly, Legislative District 23. As chair of the Housing and Real Property Subcommittee, I am responsible for policy in the General Assembly as it relates to common ownership communities and real property. Prince George's County Common Ownership Communities Commissioner.

Priorities: 1) Education – Funding for new schools must be set aside for the areas where new development is occurring. 2) Economic Development – The tax base must be revised to create a major commercial investment, to remove the tax burden from residential dwellings.

Ethics: Funding for campaigns will be expensed by the campaign treasurer and verified by the campaign manager.

Jolene Ivey, Age: 62, Residence: Cheverly

Professional Experience: I currently serve as chair of the Prince George's County Council and was elected in 2018 and again in 2022. My colleagues elected me chair in 2023. I previously served in Annapolis as a Delegate representing District 47 in the Maryland House of Delegates from 2007 to 2015 and was elected by my colleagues to serve as chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation from 2012 to 2014. I am a former broadcast journalist with a master's degree in journalism from the University of Maryland.

Community Involvement: I co-founded Mocha Moms, which is now a national support group for mothers of color. I was appointed by Governor Wes Moore to serve on the Zero Emission Energy Vehicle Infrastructure Committee for the 2023-2026 term.

Priorities: In a year when we

faced a \$171 million budget deficit and a state-mandated increase in education spending, prioritizing schools and public safety without raising taxes on our residents. A stable economy is vital to attract investments and opportunities for our residents.

Ethics: I sponsored the amendment to Maryland's Constitution to remove elected officials from office who are found guilty of certain crimes.

Keisha D. Lewis – Withdrawn, Judy Mickens-Murray, Age: 76, Residence: Upper Marlboro

Professional Experience: After 30 years in the federal government, I retired as chief of the Personal Property Branch and administrative officer for the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration.

Community Involvement: I enthusiastically offer my support in providing transportation for neighbors to stores and doctor appointments, assisting with various school activities, participating in organizations' food giveaways and aiding in efforts to increase voter turnout.

Priorities: 1) Public safety and crime concerns: inadequate policing; and emergency response times. 2) Affordable housing: strengthen tenant protections, increase funding for housing assistance programs and promote inclusive zoning practices.

Ethics: 1) Establish clear financial controls and conduct regular audits. 2) Community Engagement: promote open communication channels and public forums.

Gabriel Njinimbot, Age: 50, Residence: Laurel

Professional Experience: Entrepreneur, author and lawyer.

Community Involvement: President of Bali Cultural Association-USA for seven years.

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“My focus was always on, ‘How can I work in a community and help that community stay healthy?’” Park said. “Rather than working in private practice and just seeing clients, I really wanted to have a community impact.”

Park joined CARES and assumed the role of director almost 20 years ago in 2003. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist, which she noted helps her identify and create special programs to help every Greenbelt resident.

In her many years as director of the community-based program, Park has spearheaded numerous plans of action to help enhance the well-being of members of the Greenbelt community. Some projects have helped Greenbelters with renter and homeowner expenses, while others provide food assistance – like the monthly

produce distribution held at the Community Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center that is free for Greenbelt residents.

CARES saw an increased community turnout at food and diaper distributions directly after Covid started. Those high numbers have remained four years later.

These areas of need are identified by Park and her team when engaging the community. She said that hearing from Greenbelters about their needs is how CARES caters to different demands from residents. The hands-on approach utilized by Park and her team of community outreach coordinators drives CARES to create and fund more helpful projects for Greenbelt.

“What I’m most proud of is how we’ve been able to grow

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The Greenbelt CARES team during a party

2024 Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen Nomination Form

Submit this form (or something equivalent) by **July 29** to

Bob Zugby

Outstanding Citizen Committee

94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt MD 20770

or OutstandingCitizenGB@gmail.com

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) explaining why this nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen.

You can include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time, specific accomplishments, their impact upon Greenbelt or people within the City, and personal qualities that make the nominee special. Note this award is for **unpaid** volunteer work only.

Any supporting printed material is useful, but not required.

Others' testimonials are also helpful.

You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later. The form and any additional information must be received no later than the **July 29 deadline**.

Nominated by:

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Candidates, from left, Kamita Gray, Michael Riker, Isaac Toyos and Jonathan White

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Priorities: 1) Improve on education and empower our educators. 2) Fight crime in our inner cities. Urge the Council to allocate more budget to our schools. More community policing and additional programs to keep youths and guns off the streets

Ethics: Campaign finance reforms, holding elected officials to be more accountable and additional measures to ensure frequent audits for transparency.

Republican Candidates

Kamita Gray, age not given, Residence: West Brandywine

Professional Experience: Managing director CDC organization; building healthy communities. Engaging communities in a process of identifying issues, developing a plan to address these circumstances.

Community Involvement: Community outreach and engagement.

Priorities: Require adequate public facilities. The continued issuance of a Certificate of Adequacy is broken at the root of low level of service standards causing the inadequacy of transportation infrastructure (roads/traffic) and other public facilities directly related to public safety.

Ethics: Ethical principles should be applied to public-life rules about conflicts of interest, access to government and integrity. Laws governing campaign finance should prevent inequities and be respected, not only in letter but also in spirit.

Michael Riker, Age: 61, Residence: Cheltenham

Professional Experience: I spent 25 years in law enforcement, 22 years with Prince George's County and three years with the U.S. Capitol Police.

Community Involvement: I was the president of the International Counter-Terrorism Officers Association, a nonprofit organization.

Priorities: Two top priorities I am focusing on are supporting public safety, including safer schools and road improvements in conjunction with litter pick-up.

Isaac Toyos, Age: 29, Residence: Temple Hills

Professional Experience: I currently work as a legislative specialist and contractor in the DOD, specializing in legislative matters that include military housing, real property, energy and environment. I also teach a leadership development course part-time (online) at South College. I am an Army veteran who served in both enlisted and officer ranks. Finally, I serve on the board of directors for Cherry Hill Development Corporation whose primary purpose is to promote the general welfare and economic development of low-income persons and groups residing in the Cherry Hill area.

Community Involvement: Cherry Hill Development Corporation (nonprofit), board member.

Priorities: Affordability. The county needs to make life more affordable for its citizens. Attract new businesses and allow sustainable housing development. Public safety should be our number one priority and our county needs to ensure it can provide basic safety and security to its citizens. The County Council should fully support our police and fire departments. Citizen participation is key.

Ethics: I'm running a decentralized and grassroots campaign that will commit to transparent and ethical recordkeeping. I will commit to ensuring that all hearings, statements, and comments are made public for the citizens

of this county.

Jonathan White, Age: 50, Residence: Upper Marlboro

Professional Experience: My qualifications are rooted in a lifelong commitment to service: 20 years in the United States Air Force and a career in government security.

Community Involvement: I currently serve as a volunteer high school football coach. I mentor young men with resumé writing, college preparation and career goal setting. I am a member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the American Legion

Priorities: The top two issues facing county residents are rising crime rates and zoning for affordable housing.

Ethics: Implement stricter transparency measures with detailed disclosures of campaign contributions and expenditures, regular audits and public reporting to ensure accountability. Introduce term limits to prevent long-term entrenchment and promote fresh perspectives. Establish robust ethics reforms with mandatory ethics training and create an independent ethics commission to investigate misconduct. Additionally, my campaign is completely self-funded and does not accept any campaign funds.

Editor's Note: Claims by candidates have not been independently fact-checked by News Review staff.

Special Election Voting Information

The Prince George's County Board of Elections is holding a Special Primary Election on August 6 to fill a recent vacancy in an At-Large County Council seat.

Special Primary Election ballots will be mailed in late July to every eligible Prince George's County voter and will include a postage pre-paid return envelope.

Individual voter registration must be up to date with correct current address. Register to vote or update your voter registration information in person during early voting or on election day. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked or in a ballot drop box by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6.

Early in-person voting will take place from July 31 to August 5 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day, or noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Early voting centers near Greenbelt are Calverton Elementary at 3400 Beltsville Road, Beltsville; Carrollton Elementary at 8300 Quintana Street, New Carrollton; and Robert Goddard Montessori School at 9850 Good Luck Road, Lanham.

City Notes

Planning issued 10 permits, inspected 38 rentals, attended WSSC's Municipal Town Hall and completed procurement of Parcel 84.

Various city staff attended training by the Maryland Autism Society, facilitated by Therapeutic Recreation and Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Shelter residents are six dogs, eight cats and three kittens, after three cat adoptions. At the dog park, 18 permits are in use by 15 residents and three nonresidents.

Public Works repaired the indoor pool sump pump and, at the Museum, renovated both garage doors. The Aquatic & Fitness Center welcomed three new customer service representatives and a new copier.

Circus Camp, Creative Kids Camp and other summer camps and classes are keeping Arts and Recreation staff busy. Park Rangers provided nature programming for Kinder Camp and supported a regional walking event at the lake.

The Museum's lecture on Greenbelt's gardens attracted 70 attendees.

In the Greenbelt Assistance in Living program's community summer nursing program, 12 nursing students and instructors from Chamberlain University are visiting 20 residents.



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Incidents reported here occurred July 15-21, 2024. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Greenbelt Police Department reported five domestic incidents, including three with arrests (one with an armed person) and one involving custody and Child Protective Services; two mental health diversions and one death.

On July 20 at 10:09 p.m. near 14 Lakeside Drive, a woman was approached by two women she didn't know; they didn't make demands or show weapons, but she screamed and ran to a neighbor's house.

Robberies

On July 17 at 12:53 p.m. near 7712 Hanover Parkway, a boy was approached by a group of juveniles that stole his property.

On July 20 at 3:51 a.m. near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, a woman was approached by two females, one with a knife. They stole her purse, car keys and vehicle.

DUI Arrests

On July 18 at 1:10 a.m. near Greenbelt Road and Baltimore-Washington Parkway, Greenbelt police assisted Berwyn Heights police with a vehicle that failed to stop at a red light and struck the concrete median. The driver had a strong odor of alcohol and her license had been suspended. She was arrested for DUI.

On July 20 at 12:56 a.m. near Hanover Parkway and Good Luck Road, a running vehicle was stopped in the roadway with the driver asleep behind the wheel; he was arrested for DUI.

Firearm Found

On July 21 near 5717 Greenbelt Metro Drive, a bus operator found a firearm while cleaning his bus and police took it for safekeeping.

Fraud

On July 15 near 9324 Edmonston Road, someone used a woman's information to open accounts out of state.

On July 17 near 550 Crescent Road, after a woman's purse was stolen, someone used her credit cards and took money from her bank account.

Theft

Packages were stolen on July 15 near 424 Ridge Road; July 17 near 7825 Jacobs Drive; and July

18 near 6610 Lake Park Drive.

On July 15 at 2:40 p.m. near 135 Crescent Road, a man fled with a pair of shorts he grabbed out of another's man's hand.

On July 17 at 8:32 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, while a woman was shopping, her property was taken from her cart.

On July 21 at 3:25 a.m. near 7400 Greenway Center Drive, a woman was attending an event when her purse was taken by an employee. The theft was recorded on video surveillance and the purse was recovered.

Commercial Theft

On July 15 at 2:58 p.m. near 7583 Greenbelt Road, three women stole candles, lotions and body sprays and ran from the store.

On July 15 at 6:01 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, two women took several items without paying.

On July 16 at 11:11 a.m. near 7495 Greenbelt Road, a man grabbed clothing and fled.

On July 16 at 12:31 p.m. near 7501 Greenbelt Road, a man stole items.

On July 19 at 12:18 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a woman stealing items was taken into custody and recognized as a repeat shoplifting offender. She was uncooperative and refused to provide officers with her real name and date of birth. She was arrested and identified by an I.D. that showed her information.

On July 19 at 6:16 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man stole merchandise and fled on foot; officers located him and he was banned from the property.

On July 20 at 3:21 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man stole merchandise.

On July 21 at 6:08 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man stole items; police stopped him and recovered the items. Charges are pending.

On July 21 at 10:34 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a woman stole merchandise.

Vandalism

On July 21 at 2:59 a.m. near 7817 Mandan Road, a bedroom window was broken. The suspect

is known to the victim.

On July 21 at 9:19 a.m. near 6640 Lake Park Drive, someone heard a loud noise from near the gym, and a tenant found a window broken.

**Vehicle Crimes
Stolen Vehicle**

On July 15 near 7 Crescent Road, a black 2018 Honda CRV (Md. 2EW4801) was stolen.

On July 17 near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man thought his vehicle was stolen but it had been impounded.

Unauthorized Use of Vehicle

On July 20 at 1:29 p.m. near 11 Crescent Road, a fired employee was arrested for taking a company vehicle.

Stolen Vehicle Recovered

On July 21 near 5717 Greenbelt Metro Drive, an officer on patrol found a stolen vehicle with the ignition damaged.

Attempted Theft of Vehicles

On July 16 near 5801 Cherrywood Terrace, a vehicle's rear window was broken.

On July 18 at 3:50 a.m. near 9110 Edmonston Road, a caller reported that three juveniles wearing ski masks in a gray Kia Sportage were breaking into vehicles. When officers arrived, the Sportage sped away. Three vehicles were vandalized with the rear windows smashed.

On July 19 near 7811 Mandan Road, a vehicle had a broken window and damaged ignition.

Theft from Auto

On July 15 near 6017 Springhill Drive, a car was rummaged through and a wallet was stolen.

On July 16 near 7819 Mandan Road, the wheels were stolen from a 2024 Acura Integra.

On July 18 near 7901 Greenbury Drive, an unlocked 2008 Toyota Corolla was rummaged through.

Vandalism to Auto

On July 18 near 9206 Springhill Lane, a 2012 Volkswagen Passat had damage to the trunk lid as if someone tried to pry it open.

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my life. He immediately vested in me responsibility for major projects. He gave me confidence by showing confidence to me. He taught me to trust in the skills, knowledge and ability of others, which would ultimately allow me to take the position of Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development with a staff of 13. I quickly learned that no matter how hard or long I would work, he would always work harder and longer than anybody else in city employ. And most importantly, he taught me that working in public service is a high and honorable calling, being tasked to serve others. Those were some of the lessons he taught me. I will forever be thankful for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Greenbelt, and he will always have a special place in my heart."

Celia Craze, former Director of Community Planning and Development

"Jim is an absolute treasure... His quiet wisdom was respected by everyone. Jim has a sparkling sense of humor that can catch one by surprise. When Jim spoke at my retirement service, he had me in tears and laughing uproariously at the same time."

Dan Hamlin, former Minister, Greenbelt Community Church

"I joined the News Review in the spring of 1962. During my early years, I learned that staff had a high regard for the new city manager. I didn't often get assigned to cover meetings as Al Skolnik (News Review president) had that beat. When I did get such an assignment, Al would have had reason to use a new unknown face. And I knew he could fix anything I had not understood.

After Al died in 1977, I recall going into Jim's office with some questions I had about the council meeting I had covered. As it turned out, those questions were of minor importance and easily answered. Jim then asked to see my story and quickly found the questions I should have asked and explained those issues in detail. Handing back my story, he said "Now go home and rewrite it."

Some time later Jim sent a letter to the News Review saying the newspaper needed help if it

was to survive. The result was three outstanding people were recruited that included Diane Oberg, who still runs the business side of the paper and covers council meetings. When Jim retired, I invited him to join the newspaper."

Mary Lou Williamson, Editor, Greenbelt News Review

Professional Recognition

Giese has been recognized for his commitment and professionalism throughout the area, a city manager sought out by his peers for advice, extolled for the highest standards of honesty and loyalty. During his long career with the City of Greenbelt, Giese received many awards including:

- President of the Maryland City Management Association within two years of coming to Greenbelt
- Selected to be in the first group of 102 members of the International City Management Association (ICMA); awarded membership in the Academy for Professional Development
- Worked with ICMA from 1972 to 1974 on growth and environmental issues, as well as revenue sharing
- Awarded a lifetime membership in ICMA
- Chaired the Council of Government's Chief Administrative Officers Committee
- Served as president of the City and Town Administrators of the Maryland Municipal League from 1976 to 1977
- Received the Governor's Citation for outstanding service in 1983 after completing 20 years as Greenbelt's city manager
- Received the Greenbelt Lions Club International Medal of Merit for 25 years of distinguished service
- Received an award from the City and Town Association in 1991, calling him the "Dean of City Managers."

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School News

County School Board Member Ran for Seat, Lives Elsewhere

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Board of Education member David Murray, who represented District 1, resigned last week following a complaint to the Maryland Board of Education and the revelation he is working full-time for another school district and living in Missouri.

District 1 includes Adelphi, Beltsville, Calverton, North College Park, Laurel, Montpelier, South Laurel, West Laurel and Vansville. School board members are required to forfeit the office if they fail to reside in the district from which they are elected.

Murray, who has served on the Board of Education since 2016, began a new job as Chief Academic Officer of the Ferguson-Florissant School District in Missouri in early January.

Murray was running for reelection to the PGCPS Board of Education this year and filed his

candidacy on December 26, 2023, listing his address as Laurel. He came in second in the primary in May and was set to compete for the District 1 seat against Tiffini Andorful in November.

Recently Murray participated in the PGCPS Board of Education special meeting that was held virtually on July 11 and at which a new chair and vice chair of the board were elected. At that meeting Chair Lolita Walker requested Murray turn on his camera to comply with the rules of the board, but he said he could not because he was in transit. Murray was allowed to participate in the meeting and vote with his camera turned off.

Greenbelt's representative to the Board of Education, Jonathan Briggs (District 2) was unable to comment by time of press but said the board was meeting Wednesday to discuss the matter.



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David Murray appears on the online list of staff for a school district in Missouri.

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what the city can do for the citizens and really try to see what their needs are," Park said. "We really have tried to grow as we see a need in the community."

One of those areas of need was the necessity for bilingual programs for Spanish-speaking residents, as Spanish is spoken in over 12 percent of homes in Greenbelt, according to the U.S. Census data. So Park sought to provide programs to assist Greenbelters whose primary language is Spanish. This initiative has helped expand CARES' full-time staff and create projects for many more Greenbelt residents.

CARES recently hired two full-time bilingual counselors to "help serve people whose first language is Spanish," according to Park. English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), General Education Development (GED) and resumé-building classes are now being offered.

Katherine Farzin, a full-time bilingual community outreach coordinator with CARES, said these programs cater to everyone in the community, and attendance at these events is growing.

"ESOL classes are growing, the need for resumé help is growing," Farzin said. "I'm hoping that the city council ... sees how

big the need is to kind of help tailor and employ more bilingual staff, because it's growing."

CARES, through Park's guidance, has created numerous opportunities that have benefited those who live in Greenbelt. Rental assistance programs and an increased effort to support people from bilingual backgrounds have provided resources to help people with different needs.

With support for multiple bilingual and other programs from both the community and city council, Park said the next step for CARES is to look into mental health support for residents of bilingual households. She hopes to offer assistance to anyone who needs it and wants to continue seeing CARES expand.

"Since Covid, a lot more people know about us because we were able to do the rental assistance, the education scholarships, workforce development scholarships," Park said. "We were really able to help a lot of people and reach a lot more people than we were before."

Matthew Neus is a student at the University of Maryland Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning with the Greenbelt News Review.



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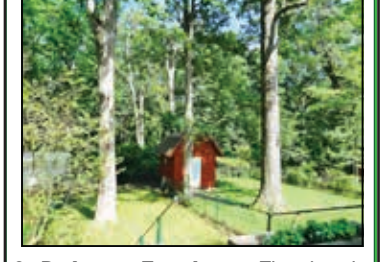
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Repair Café Fixes Many Things

by Amy Hansen

They came with lamps. They came with chairs. They came with computers, bikes and balls. Greenbelters showed up at the Greenbelt Makerspace Repair Café on July 20, hoping for a fix. The café, held in the Granite Building and in Roosevelt Center, was entertaining as well as useful.

For some lamps, the fix was a new switch. Computers found solace under tech-savvy hands

and healing software. Chairs were made to stand tall and steady by woodworkers.

In total, 16 Makerspace volunteers rescued more than 30 items and had a great afternoon in the less than oppressive heat. The Makerspace also lent out tools from their tool-lending library for people to do their own repairs.

For more information, visit greenbeltmakers.org.



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Vince Wilding and Jerry Krauss repair a leg on a wing-backed chair.



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Ian Rogers and Melissa Sites fix their own lamp.



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Volunteers try to make an old toaster oven work again.



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Makerspace volunteer Bob Bourg helps event attendee Lin Orrin patch a hole in an exercise ball.



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High school volunteer George Dynan fixes an attendee's laptop issue.



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Makerspace volunteer Jon Bell inspects the condition of a lamp for repair.



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Makerspace volunteer Renna Komisar sews on a button for clothing repairs.