

City Council Meets with County Planning Board Chair E. Hewlett

by Thomas X. White

At a July 21 Greenbelt City Council stakeholder session with Elizabeth M. Hewlett, chair of the County Planning Board, Hewlett concluded the meeting on an upbeat note. "Our time is coming," she said regarding her optimistic vision of Prince George's County's future. Planning Director Fern Piret was also to attend, but cancelled due to illness. All councilmembers were present.

The worksession agenda included a number of issues of interest to Greenbelt as well as the top issues on the Planning Board's agenda. Topics included the status of the recently approved Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan and Prince George's Plan 2035, recently adopted by the Prince George's County District Council. Others were the Formula 2040 Plan for County Parks and Recreation and the most recent initiative, a comprehensive rewrite of the county's zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations.

Council also included several items of information where the city and the county have a shared interest. These include the potential location of a new Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) consolidated headquarters at the Greenbelt Metro site (see Mayor Emmett Jordan's Metro development article in the July 31 issue); the status of the Purple Line street car, to run from New Carrollton to Bethesda, pedestrian and bicycle plans and an update on Greenbelt's preliminary efforts to develop a city strategy for economic development.

Although Hewlett indicated that the state was moving ahead with the Purple Line, she noted that there were huge cost and financing issues for the Prince George's share of the proposed project.

Development

Not surprisingly, the focus of council's discussion with Hewlett

was related mainly to economic development. She described the Plan 2035 as an opportunity to look at new county options for development with a focus on Metro centers and continued development of the county's commercial base, a departure from the image of Prince George's County as a bedroom community.

There is more interest in Metro development, in which Prince George's County has lagged in comparison to other metropolitan jurisdictions. More information was contained in a handout that is available at www.planpgc2035.com.

Complementing the planning and development focus was Hewlett's description of a new initiative, Formula 2040, which is a long-range master plan for the county's parks, recreation and open space programs. She noted that these areas have not been looked at comprehensively since the previous plan was adopted in 1982.

The focus will be directed at healthful recreation activities and facilities, including pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Hewlett noted the county's concerns for citizens' overall health, including obesity.

Jordan posed the question, "Where is the Prince George's downtown/uptown?" Hewlett admitted there probably is no specific downtown, but rather a focus on metro/regional centers and corridors of development. Councilmember Judith Davis wondered about the county's coordination with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) regarding overall planning and coordination. Other councilmembers also expressed concern that the focus on development not run counter to environmental concerns and the preservation of farms and open space.

Council also questioned whether adequate attention was being given to recreational ame-

nities for newly developed communities, and Councilmember Rodney Roberts hoped the county plans emulate the Greenbelt experience in assuring adequate recreational facilities for newer communities.

Zoning Rewrite

A good part of the meeting was devoted to the county's recent undertaking of a projected three-year effort to make comprehensive amendments to the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. The county has created a task force made up of a cross section of citizens and interests to address a growing perception that current ordinances and regulations have become inflexible, increasingly resulting in conflicts.

Hewlett sees the objectives as resolving conflicting issues, adapting to more up-to-date modern uses and infrastructure and, where possible, consolidating the zoning regulatory program.

The program as highlighted on the Planning Board's website is described as:

- Evaluating the effectiveness of current regulations and suggesting changes needed to implement the General Plan's policy recommendations for development centers and the developed, developing and rural tiers.
- Analyzing the development review process and recommending streamlined measures to provide efficiency, transparency and certainty in the decision making process to ensure high quality development.

• Examining the form, function and layout of the zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations, recommending revisions and producing a user friendly format.

Hewlett also provided a four-page handout relating to the zoning rewrite. The project is being managed by Leslye Howerton and information is available at <http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/>.

Other Issues

Councilmember Konrad Herling raised an issue relating to installation of convenient recharging stations for all-electric vehicles and whether there are any development or zoning issues associated with their placement. Hewlett offered to check on that issue. Herling also queried the potential use of synchronization of traffic control signals by public buses.

In response to a question from Councilmember Leta Mach, Hewlett agreed that the College Park and Greenbelt area should meet the definition of a technology zone.

Closing on a positive note, Hewlett told council she is optimistic regarding Prince George's County's future.

Sage Asks Focus Groups For Insight into Needs

by Thomas X. White

Greenbelt citizens, businesses and organizations should be aware of recent initiatives underway to develop a strategic focus for improving the economic climate in Greenbelt. After several years of discussion and urging, especially by Councilmember Konrad Herling and now Mayor Emmett Jordan, the city has engaged the Sage Policy Group of Baltimore to develop a tailored economic development strategy for Greenbelt.

The proposed study would address the following questions:

- What is the economic base of the City of Greenbelt?
- What opportunities exist for expansion of the economic base (including the FBI potential, but other opportunities as well)?
- What coordinated efforts are required to take advantage of identified opportunities?
- How can the city most effectively deploy its financial resources to target those

opportunities most consistent with higher incomes, greater investment, diversification and quality of life/place?

The Sage Group has scheduled several focus group sessions with interested businesses, organizations and community leaders during the week of August 4, by invitation only. City staff members are not involved in these sessions. Another focus session is scheduled for the public on Tuesday, August 12 in the council chamber beginning at 7 p.m.

Online Public Survey

In addition, for citizens unable to attend the public focus session, a brief survey is available online that asks six questions dealing with their views on Greenbelt and its economic climate and challenges. That survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GreenbeltEconDev>.

The survey can also be accessed on the city website at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Greenbelt Lions Undertake A Year Full of Good Deeds

by Jordan Choper

The Greenbelt Lions Club has just completed another year of bringing help to Greenbelt and the surrounding community. Our installation of officers and Charter Night, held at the Bowie Old Town Grille on June 10, rounded out the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Lions Community Outreach Foundation, which handles the equipment that the Greenbelt and other Lions Clubs use to give free screenings for vision, glaucoma, hearing and amblyopia (lazy eye), has just acquired a tow truck and a newly-equipped trailer that houses the machines necessary to perform these screenings. It is more portable than the Lions bus and, unlike the bus, does not require a commercial driver's license to operate.

The monies we raise support screening events and also pay for exams and glasses for adults and children who otherwise could not afford them. We also support the Wilmer Eye Clinic at The Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore and the Lions Vision Research Foundation attached to the Wilmer Eye Clinic. Both provide valuable research and practical assistance to those with low vision issues.

To help us with the funding

of our projects we are sponsoring a carnival at the rear of Beltway Plaza Mall from August 19 to 23.

The Greenbelt Lions Club performs many community-oriented activities throughout the year. The club may be seen in the weeks before Christmas wrapping packages in the mid-way at Beltway Plaza. During the holiday season, we have a toy drive and provide coats to underprivileged children. We also raise funds at an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast with Santa held at the American Legion in early December, where children eat free and adults pay a minimum flat fee.

The Greenbelt Lions Club also supports Lions Camp Merrick in Nanjemoy, Md., which provides camping experiences for children with visual challenges, diabetes and other chronic conditions. The camp's nursing staff helps the participants to manage their symptoms and medications. Children and their families tell us that this is an invaluable experience.

If you would be interested in volunteering to help the Lions with any of their projects, please contact Jordan at 301-474-3766 or Lynda at 301-474-8964.

What Goes On

Saturday, August 9

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Offices and Community Center

Monday, August 11

8 p.m., Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, August 12

5 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road

7 p.m., Economic Development Open Public Focus Group Meeting, Municipal Building (see details on page 5)

Wednesday, August 13

7 p.m., Park and Recreation Advisory Board Subcommittee Meeting on the Lake Park Master Plan, Community Center, Room 114

8 p.m., Council Worksession with Civic Associations, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

Incredulous

I just read the July 31 News Review and was incredulous to read of the mayor's apparent delight over Greenbelt making the short list for the new FBI headquarters. Apparently, the mayor believes this will be a "game changer" for the area. I totally agree. Having spent most of Saturday afternoon trying to get from point 'a' to point 'b' on Greenbelt Road in what is, increasingly, unending traffic, I can only think that 11,000 more people added to the completely overburdened road system will be exactly what we need to create total gridlock. Is that the mayor's goal or are we supposed to be so enamored with the mantra of "economic opportunities" that we are blind to the declining quality of life in the area? And just a suggestion, but maybe before the 11,000 FBI employees get here – and definitely before next winter – Mayor Jordan might want Greenbelt to figure out how to get the BW Parkway repaired at the Greenbelt exits – the road is barely drivable and getting worse by the week.

In the same issue, I read that president of the [GHI] board Skolnik praised Pepco for its "excellent job." I wonder if the Greenbelt Park staff would agree. When I went to their office months ago to ask why so many mature, healthy trees had been felled on what I thought was protected NPS land, the response was that it wasn't their doing or at their request but that, despite their protests, Pepco had received state approval to do what they did, wherever they chose to do it.

Obviously, it's much simpler to blame the trees that block access to the lines, rather than actually fixing the problem long-term by putting the lines underground as many responsible cities and power companies have already done.

*Diane Haddick
Cheverly*

Corrections

In the report of the city's stakeholder meeting with Greenbelt Homes, Inc., a change of tense perhaps made Steve Skolnik's tenure on the city's Board of Appeals tenuous. Skolnik, while new to the presidency of GHI, continues to serve on the city board as he has for 20 years.

In the July 17 issue of the News Review, Greenbelter Jeff Lemieux was incorrectly identified as the owner of Proteus Bicycles. Laurie Lemieux and Ben Bassett own Proteus. Jeff Lemieux's affiliations with the shop are occasional volunteer and trophy spouse.

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Invasive Plants In the North Woods

I read Willis Witter's letter concerning invasive plants and trash in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve in the July 10 issue of the Greenbelt News Review. I decided to hike all of the trails in the North Woods Tract of the forest preserve and check it out for myself. I found 10 invasive plant species that I was able to confidently identify. The infestation of these plants is worse at the entrance to trails of the North Woods Tract and tapers off deeper into the woods and with rising elevation. I found the infestation worse at the entrance off Ridge Road than at Northway. The trees looked to be free of invasive vines but the understory was not so lucky.

Here is a list of the invasive plants that I found in order from most abundant to least abundant: Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*), Japanese Honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), English Ivy (*Hedera helix*), Japanese Stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*), Japanese Barbery (*berberis thunbergii*), Winged Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus*), Japanese Pachysandra (*Pachysandra terminalis*), Asiatic Dayflower (*Commelina communis*), Wineberry (*Rubus phoenicolasius*), Bush Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*).

I found other plants that I could not confidently identify that looked like other invasive species and I did not leave the trails, so there are probably more species than the ones I have listed.

The North Woods Tract as a whole is not in bad shape as far as invasive plants are concerned when compared to other urban woodlands in the area, but they are there and in significant enough numbers and densities to warrant action. A comprehensive invasive plant management plan and implementation of the plan is needed sooner rather than later. The infestation appears to be at a manageable state but it won't stay that way forever. Invasive plants can out-compete native plants for space and resources decreasing biodiversity and are an unfortunate reality in urban woodlands.

– Jason Martin

Bible School Focus Is Puppeteering

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will offer Vacation Bible School evening sessions for all ages for a week starting August 18 and ending with a show on Friday, August 22. A light supper will be provided at 5:30 p.m. and activities will begin at 6. The theme will be Workshop of Wonders.

The main attraction will be learning puppeteering from Master Puppeteer Erick Lundin. Lundin discovered his knack for puppets when he and Pastor Fay found a whole closet full of puppets and puppet gear at College Park United Methodist Church (CPUMC) in 2007. Together they went to a puppet festival in Pittsburgh sponsored by One Way Street (now Creative Puppet Ministries). They saw puppeteers of all ages portray stories of the Bible, worship and praise. Inspired, they started a new puppet ministry at CPUMC called Little Hands-Big Mouths. The children ranged from 7 to 11 years old. They performed during church services and competed at puppet festivals against adults and were able to hold their own.

In 2009, Little Hands-Big Mouths took third place in the Greenbelt Labor Day parade in the float category with their version of Born in a Barn.

Lundin is also a professional clown and brings his performance and clowning skills, enabling children to bring their puppets to life by stimulating their creativity, and developing public speaking skills, hand-eye coordination, self-confidence and self-esteem.

A small fee will be requested to cover the cost of materials. Please call the church to pre-register and find out more details at 301-474-9410 or email Moore9418@verizon.net.

Computer Club Meets

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 14 at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 103 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Come join our discussion about computers and electronic devices. Everyone is welcome.



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Depart from Greenbelt Metro at 8:00 AM for a guided tour of St. Michaels; Lunch at Harrison House on Tilghman Island; One-hour cruise on the Choptank River and Chesapeake Bay. Shopping and free time in St. Michaels before returning home 5:00 PM
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College Park Legion To Host Tribute Band

On August 16 an Elvis Tribute Band will be performing at American Legion Post 217 at 9218 Baltimore Avenue in College Park. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show time is 7 to 9 p.m. There will be a cash bar and food is available for purchase. Performers are Richard Blane and The Memories. For information/ tickets (301) 441-2783 or richardblane.com.

Book Club to Meet In College Park

The College Park Arts Exchange Book Club meets to discuss diverse non-fiction books by women. On Friday, August 15 the club will meet in the parlor at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. to discuss "Orange Is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison," by Piper Kerman. New members are welcome.

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Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for August 11 through 15 are as follows:

Monday – Orange juice, baked tilapia with Old Bay sauce, black beans, sliced carrots, fresh fruit.

Tuesday – Pineapple juice, baked potato with pulled chicken and shredded cheese, sour cream and margarine, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

Wednesday – Cranberry juice, sliced roast beef with provolone, lettuce, and tomato with sub roll, coleslaw, fresh fruit.

Thursday – Grape juice, cream of broccoli soup, tuna salad mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

Friday – Orange juice, oven-fried chicken thigh, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, applesauce.

GHI Notes

Monday August 11, 7:00 p.m. – Member Outreach Committee Meeting – Board Room

Monday August 11, 7:30 p.m. – Marketing Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Tuesday August 12, 7:00 p.m. – Building Committee Meeting – Board Room

Wednesday August 13, 7:30 p.m. – Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday August 14, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session) – Board Room

Friday August 15, OFFICE CLOSED – Emergency maintenance will be available.

Greenbelt Recreation To Hold Blood Drive

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will sponsor a Red Cross blood donation drive on Friday, August 15 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. in the Community Center at 15 Crescent Road.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and meet minimum weight requirements. Bring a donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification. Appointments are encouraged but not required.

For more information on donating or to make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

Foundation to Give Proposal Workshop

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) will present a workshop on writing grant proposals on Wednesday, August 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. Bill Duncan will cover the basics of applying for a grant from the foundation including general tips for success. This workshop is free and open to the public.

Duncan, a former GCF advisory board member, will provide guidance on how to apply. He has had a long career in nonprofit management and development as well as extensive engagement in the Greenbelt community as a volunteer.

The Greenbelt Community Foundation has two grant cycles a year, awarding grants ranging from \$500 to \$5000 to local organizations, cooperatives and non-profits in Greenbelt. The next deadline for submitting applications is September 15. More information about GCF, as well as application materials, can be found at www.greenbeltfoundation.net.

Covington Is Acting Principal at GMS

Warren Tweedy, who has served as principal of Greenbelt Middle School for the last three years, has accepted a position within the administration of the Prince George's County Public Schools.

George Covington, Assistant Principal at Central High School, in Capitol Heights, has been appointed acting principal at GMS according to Peggy Higgins, Greenbelt's representative to the Prince George's County Board of Education. A meet-and-greet was held for Covington at the school on August 6.

Hospital Sponsors Stroke Support Group

On Wednesday, August 13 from 1 to 3 p.m., a support group will meet at Doctors Community Hospital for stroke survivors and caregivers to explore resources and learn about stroke prevention, healthy lifestyles and empowerment strategies. The group meets on the second Wednesday every month in the Professional Office Building, Ground Floor Conference Room, at the hospital at 8116 Good Luck Road in Lanham.

For more information call 301-324-4968.



CCI Hosts Healthy Life Fun Fair

The Community Clinic, Inc. (CCI) will hold its first Annual Fun Fair, Healthy Start Healthy Life, on Friday, August 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway. There will be health screenings, face painting, a moon bounce, games and more. Rain or shine.

CCI is a federally qualified health center that has been providing access to quality care and health-related services to the culturally diverse populations of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties since 1972. CCI accomplishes this by establishing health centers in communities where individuals and families have inadequate access to affordable, quality preventive and primary health care and other services, and by employing a workforce that reflects the cultural profile of the community it serves. Its newest center is in Franklin Park at 9220 Springhill Lane.

Greenbelt Pride Holds Pool Party

Join Greenbelt Pride families and friends on Friday, August 8 at the Greenbelt Aquatic Center pool from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., rain or shine. Pizza provided by Greenbelt Pride. Bring veggies, fruit, desserts or beverages. No glass containers. RSVP to Andrea at 301-474-0294 if possible.

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 Guardians of the Galaxy, in 3D, PG-13 (!)
 1:35, 9:30
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 Step Up All In, in 3D, PG-13 (!)*
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 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, in 3D, PG-13 (!)*
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 *NOT a part of the morning and Tuesday discount shows

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Obituaries

Annette Brady

Annette Princi-
cipe Brady of
Frederick, Md.,
died of pancre-
atic cancer on
July 28, 2014,
at the age of 89.
Annette was born
on July 22, 1925, in Washington,
D.C. She retired from the National
Park Service in 1980. She and her
husband William (Bill) Brady were
married for 65 years.



Annette and Bill came to Greenbelt
in 1959 with their four children and
settled in the new Lakewood subdivi-
sion. They were active members of
St. Hugh's parish and helped with
fund-raising for the church building.
Annette assisted at the school with
monthly luncheons, was a substitute
teacher and served in the PTA. She
also was active in the Ladies Sodality.

In 1975 the couple moved from
Greenbelt, finally settling in Gettys-
burg, Pa., in 1989. They enjoyed a
wonderful life there, took trips and
cruises to many places, including their
countries of ancestry: Italy for An-
nette, Ireland for Bill. Annette loved
spoiling their grandchildren and
attending many graduations, recit-
als and plays. She loved life and
spending time with family and
friends.

In addition to her husband, An-
nette is survived by her children,
Thomas (Annette) Brady of Herndon,
Va., Kathleen (Wayne) Smith of
Greenbelt, James (Martha) Brady of
Olney and Anita (Ronald) Bartlinski
of Frederick; eight grandchildren:
Brady (Wendy) Smith of Laurel; Kar-
la (David) Heinen of Raleigh, N.C.;
Sean (Julia) Bartlinski of Frederick,
Nicholas Bartlinski and Nicola (Kevin)
Magley of Herndon, Billy Brady and
Jimmy and Kevin Brady and two
great-grandchildren, Justine and
Bryce Heinen.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held
at St. John Evangelist Church in
Frederick on August 1.

Donations to Hospice of Frederick
County would be welcomed.

In Memoriam – Matthew Hyland

Matthew Hyland died on July 30,
2014, at the age of 93. Known by his
friends as Matt, he had come to
Greenbelt about 10 years ago at the
suggestion of Leonie Penney, a
longtime friend. Matt's wife had
died; she was Dutch, like Leonie,
and the two families had been close
in their younger years.

Matt lived in a house next to the
woods, in the very last court of
Laurel Hill Road. He loved being
there and enjoyed the birds and the
solitude. He was a lover of beauty
of all kinds: art and music, flowers
and animals. He was tall and
handsome and had been an athlete
in his youth.

During World War II, he trained
at Pensacola as a pilot in the U.S.
Navy, although he never saw service
overseas. When he arrived in
Greenbelt, he drove an old dark-
blue Volvo station wagon, with cat
and dog photos and peace signs
plastered over the back windows.

At first Matt was very happy in
his new Greenbelt life. He had two
dogs; he took them with him
everywhere in his Volvo and walked
them twice a day. He was a wonder-
ful photographer and went all over
town with his camera, shooting
photos of the flowering trees, the
carnival, the ducks on the lake. He
was polite and personable and
made friends wherever he went.
His neighbors loved him; one
discussed flowers and plants with
him; another served as his personal
"vet" for the dogs; still another as
his nurse when a medical problem
arose. He was appreciative of every-
thing anyone did for him; he often
would make a drawing or write a
poem, put it in an envelope and
drop it at the door of someone
who'd done him a favor. He once
wrote an ode to a young woman
checker at the Co-op.

But a few years ago, things began
to change. The dogs died.

Some of his neighbors moved
away. Matt's mental faculties
began to fail and there were also
physical problems. There were
trips to the ER and nursing-home
stays, then an incident which
caused his son, who managed his
affairs from Charlottesville, Va., to
take away his car.



His friends, especially those from
the Widowed Persons organization
which Leonie had introduced him to,
tried to help with rides and dinners;
Greenbelt CARES was called to assist
with medical issues. But eventually
it became clear that Matt could not
continue to live alone in the house.

For the past two years he resided
at an assisted-living facility in
Lanham. Only a week before his
death, one of the men from the
Widowed Persons group had
brought him to their Friday-night
gathering at Siri's Chef's Secret;
Matt was quiet but polite and
appreciative of the friendship as
always.

Matt's body is being donated to
science and there will be no funeral
service. But those of us who knew
him will remember his spirit and the
effect that knowing him had on our
lives. For several years, he was
obsessed with making photocopies
of Gauguin-like oil paintings he
had created some years ago and
giving them to his friends. I have
several which I'll now treasure;
one of the paintings was on display
in the office of the Community
Center.

He was also an author of stories
for children. One of his works is
called "The Magic Frisbee." I have
a copy. The story is about kids
who sail a frisbee to many coun-
tries to create peace in the world.
He really wanted it published.
Maybe I will try to accomplish
that in his memory.

– Kathleen McFarland



His Greenbelt friends were
saddened to learn that former
Laurel Hill resident Matthew Hy-
land, 93, died at Prince George's
hospital on July 30, 2014. Matt
was well known to Co-op employ-
ees and others through his daily
visits to the Center in his old
Volvo station wagon.

Condolences to the family and
friends of former Greenbelter An-
nette Brady, 89, of Frederick, Md.,
who died July 28, 2014. Sympathy
especially to her daughter and
son-in-law Kathleen and Wayne
Smith of Greenbelt. The Bradys
were original residents of the
Lakewood community.

We were sorry to hear of the
death of retired NASA scientist
William (Bill) Munev on July 29,
2014, at the age of 80. Although
his home was in Lanham, Bill
socialized at the New Deal Café
and the Co-op in his retirement
years and was considered an hon-
orary Greenbelter by his friends.
A remembrance of his life will be
held at the Café in the fall.

Best wishes to newlyweds
Erika Thomas and Andrew San-
drus, who have moved to their
new residence in Waldorf. Erika

was a News Review staffer and a
third-generation Greenbelter, the
daughter of Jackie McFarland and
Ronald Thomas and granddaughter
of this reporter Kathleen and the
late Henry McFarland.

Congratulations to Jonathan
Valladares who represented Re-
gion 7 (Maryland, D.C., Dela-
ware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey,
New York and Quebec) for the
second time at the Hershey Na-
tional Track and Field Champi-
onship in Hershey, Pa. on August 2,
2014. Jonathan was the only ath-
lete from Prince George's County
to qualify for the National Cham-
pionship. He was one of over 50
athletes representing Region 7.
Jonathan placed third in the 100
meters boys 11-12. Jonathan's
Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club
track coach is Louis St. Felix.
Jonathan is thankful for the sup-
port of his family, team, team
parents and Coach Louis.

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– Kathleen McFarland

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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School Aug. 18-22

Greenbelt Community Church

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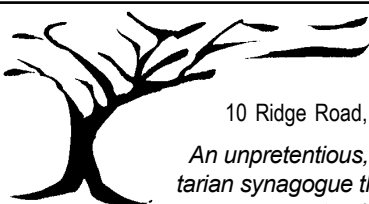
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10:15 a.m.

Clara Young, Interim Pastor



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At the Library

Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m. for all ages. The Master Gardner program continues with Deer-Resistant Plants, which includes information on plants deer prefer to eat or will eat as a last resort.

Children's Programs

Thursday, August 14, 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. for ages 3 to 5. Preschool Storytime. Make reading a positive experience for a child by coming to this weekly event, which includes songs, fingerplays and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Limited to 20, adults and children. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets.

Read to Rover

Saturday, August 16 at 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children age 6 to 11 and helps build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially-trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required; call the library at 301-345-5800 for more information.

Fizz, Boom, Read!! is the theme of the 2014 Summer Reading Program. T-shirts are back this year as prizes for participating in Summer@Your Library, which continues until August 31, for all ages. Visit www.pgcmcls.info/SummerAtYourLibrary for more information, a listing of events or to register.

Tuesday, August 19 at 7 p.m. Adult Book Discussion: Jefferson Morley's Snow-Storm in August: Washington City, Francis Scott Key and the Forgotten Race Riot of 1835.

Come join the gripping narrative history discussion of the explosive events that drew together Francis Scott Key, Andrew Jackson and an 18-year-old slave on trial for attempted murder. With Snow-Storm in August, Jefferson Morley delivers readers into an unknown chapter in history with an absorbing account of this uniquely American battle for justice.

In 1835, the City of Washington simmered with racial tension as newly freed African Americans from the South poured in, outnumbering slaves for the first time. Copies of the book will be available at the library's information desk through August 18.

For more information, visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or go to www.pgcmcls.info. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

Creative Kids Play Coming on Friday

A new one act play, Message to Tomorrow, will be performed by a cast of 80 campers and staffers on Friday, August 8 at 10 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. in the Greenbelt Arts Center at 123 Centerway. The play is about a savvy Greenbelt grandma who sends her materialistic grandkids on a Flash Gordon-style adventure to the moon of Jupiter.

The play is free but tickets are required. Contact Susie Noaman at snoaman@greenbelt.md.gov to reserve a free ticket. Families of enrolled campers have access to tickets through the camp.

Used Book Sale at Labor Day Festival

Benefiting Greenbelt Elementary School PTA

Book donation drop-off at Co-op Supermarket & Greenbriar August 1 – 27, 2014

For information on large donation pickup, call 301-575-6339.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 11 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Oath of Office – Greenbelt Police Officer
Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules, 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Award of Purchase – Refuse/Recycling Truck
- Award of Purchase – License Plate Reader Pole Camera System
- Submission of FY 2016 Community Parks & Playground Grant Application
- Council Reports
- * Spay/Neuter Grant Application
- * Resignation from Advisory Group

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

GREENBELT YOUTH CIRCUS 2014 presents

GAME ON!

Our fourth annual end-of-summer circus spectacular, featuring 40 young circus performers under the Big Top! The culmination of an intensive four-week circus camp, the Greenbelt Youth Circus show amazes the spectators who pack the Community Center gymnasium. Directed by Greg May

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 at 7:00 pm
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 at 3:00 and 7:00 pm
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 at 3:00 pm

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.
TICKETS: \$5

For ticket information and availability, call 301-397-2208.

CITY JOB OPENING- SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND GROUNDS

Salary \$60,382, Greenbelt is looking for someone to add to its Public Works management team.

The ideal candidate will direct the Parks and Grounds area of the Public Works Department; manage complex and multi-disciplinary activities; exercise independent judgment in working with division heads and department managers on projects and issues; and coordinate activities and special projects with all department divisions. A Bachelor's Degree in Parks Management or equivalent and three to five years of progressively responsible experience in parks and grounds keeping; or any combination of education, training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the essential functions of the job is required. Must possess a Maryland Pesticide Applicators License and Arborists Certification.

The City provides a generous fringe benefit package including medical, dental, life and retirement plans.

To apply for this position, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov and click on "Employment Opportunities" on the left hand side. EOE

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 11-15

Monday, August 11 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Tuesday, August 12 at 7:00pm, **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOCUS GROUP MEETING**, at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Open to public. Please RSVP to thrubby@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2041.

Tuesday, August 12 at 5:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, at the Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, August 13 at 7:00pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ON THE LAKE PARK MASTER PLAN**, at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114.

Wednesday, August 13 at 8:00 pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION WITH CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS**, at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Youth Advisory Committee,

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SURVEY & FOCUS GROUP MEETING

As you may be aware, the City of Greenbelt is in the process of developing a strategic plan for economic development. The City has contracted with the Sage Policy Group of Baltimore to prepare an extensive market analysis that will be the foundation of the plan. At the request of Sage, the City is assisting with efforts to obtain feedback from key business leaders and stakeholders.

On **August 12, 2014 at 7:00pm** at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, in City Council Room, Sage Policy Group will host a focus group meeting to solicit public input to assist in the preparation of the market analysis. Participation is limited so please RSVP to Terri Hruby at thrubby@greenbeltmd.gov or at (240) 542-2041.

Also, if interested please fill out the questionnaire posted at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GreenbeltEconDev> to assist us in preparing the market analysis. Your feedback is important to this project, and we thank you for taking the time to attend the focus group meeting and/or to complete the questionnaire. If you have additional comments regarding the development of an economic development strategy for the City, please feel free to share them under "comments".

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Terri Hruby, Assistant Planning Director at (240) 542-2041.

GAFC INDOOR FACILITY ANNUAL CLEANING

The indoor pool and hot tub is scheduled to be closed from Sunday, August 17th at 8pm through Monday, August 25th at 6am for annual cleaning. The outdoor pool will be open 6am – 8pm August 18-22, and 8am - 8pm August 23 and 24. The Fitness Wing will be closed Monday, August 18 and Tuesday, August 19 for annual cleaning.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers
 Saturday, August 9th, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
 Parking lot between City Office and Community Center
 Info: Recycling Office 301-474-8308

The Most Ignominious Defeat Took Place down the Road

by James Giese

Prince George's County, in which Greenbelt is located, has few historical sites of significance. No battles were fought here in either the American Revolution or the Civil War.

Three significant sites represent dark days in American history. One is at the Mary Surratt House, a way-stop on John Wilkes Booth's escape route following his assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Mary's son John was a co-conspirator with Booth, and Mary was later hanged as one, although some historians doubt her guilt.

The other two significant sites are near the then small port town of Bladensburg on the Anacostia River. Bladensburg is just a few miles south of Greenbelt on the old Edmonston Road (now mostly replaced by Kenilworth Avenue, Md. 201).

Just across the District of Columbia boundary line on Bladensburg Road (US 1A) at what is now Fort Lincoln Cemetery, is a ravine, site of the infamous Bladensburg Dueling Grounds, where Washington City men of honor settled their differences with pistols at close range. Here War of 1812 naval hero Stephen Decatur was mortally wounded on March 22, 1812, by Commodore James Barron, who had been court-martialed and suspended from the Navy for five years following the loss of his ship to the British in 1807. Barron was then seeking

reinstatement to command, in spite of Decatur's objections.

The third site is between the dueling grounds and the Town of Bladensburg across the Anacostia River to the northeast. This is the site of the most ignominious defeat in the country's history, the Battle of Bladensburg, which took place 200 years ago, August 24, 1814. The defeat then of American forces, almost a total rout, enabled British troops to occupy the city of Washington, burn the Capitol and eat President James Madison's prepared dinner at the White House before burning it, as well.

Invasion

Five days earlier, the British invaded Prince George's County without opposition, having landed infantrymen and marines at Benedict on the Patuxent River and crossing into this county near its southernmost point. After being at sea for four months, wearing heavy woolen uniforms and suffering from the extreme heat of a Maryland summer, the exhausted British troops moved slowly northward, spending the night at Aquasco and Nottingham.

The objective of the British expedition by land and sea was to capture the U.S. Navy's flotilla of barges and gunboats located further upstream on the Patuxent River at Pig Point just east of Upper Marlboro. But on August 22 Commander Joshua Barney scuttled the fleet, blowing it up in view of the British. Taking his cannons with him, Barney and his men proceeded to the Wash-

ington Navy Yard and then on to Bladensburg.

Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane, chief of British naval operations in North America, then ordered the return of his troops to the ships, fearing an ambush in an unfriendly land. Rear Admiral George Cockburn ignored the dispatch, however, and ordered the troops to move on to capture Washington.

On the American side, Secretary of War John Armstrong saw no reason for the British to attack Washington, a small city of 10,000 having no significant strategic or commercial value. Most of the American Army at the time was posted along the Canadian border to prevent a British invasion from there.

When an attack here became imminent, local militias were hastily rounded up to join a small contingent of Army forces and Barney's men in the defense of Bladensburg.

British Army Major General Robert Ross, in charge of land operations, proceeded to Upper Marlboro and then east to Forestville, previously called Long Old Fields, on August 23. From there he could go straight to Washington, if the two bridges across the river were intact, or go to Bladensburg, where his troops could ford the Anacostia, if necessary. Meanwhile, American forces under the command of Brigadier General William Winder, an attorney by profession, camped nearby at the Woodyard Plantation.

Defense

On August 24, Ross, believing the bridges to Washington would be burned, marched his troops to Bladensburg, while Winder took his force across the bridges into Washington and then marched north to join the troops already at Bladensburg. Brigadier General Tobias Stanbury brought troops from Baltimore to occupy Lowndes Hill overlooking the town on the east. (The roads from Annapolis, now Md. 450, and Upper Marlboro went over the hill into town.) Although the hill and buildings within the

town would best serve the American defense, Stanbury withdrew across the river to join other troops after being told that the bridge was to be burned, thereby cutting off his avenue of retreat from the hill.

Americans took up positions of defense between the river and the District line in what are now the towns of Cottage City and Colmar Manor. Madison and Armstrong, who were there with other members of the cabinet including Secretary of State James

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GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

Thursday, August 7, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.,
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center West,
Route 1 Building #003, Beltsville
Monday, August 11, 1:30 to 7 p.m.,
Knights of Columbus Prince George's Council,
9450 Cherry Hill Road, College Park
Wednesday, August 13, 1:30 to 7 p.m.,
Montgomery County Chapter House,
2020 East West Highway, Silver Spring

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Monroe, repositioned the hastily formed lines, adding to the confusion. A large gap was left in the middle of the line.

The Battle

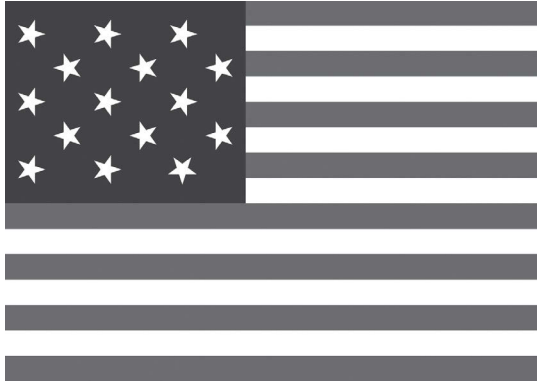
The British arrived, meeting little resistance on the hill or in town and began firing their new weapon, Congreve rockets, at the defenders. Some units forded the river and others attacked and crossed the still-standing bridge, the American artillery being set too far back to effectively defend it.

While some American forces valiantly held their ground, particularly Barney and his sailors, who positioned themselves on the Washington Pike, the rockets and disorganized positions forced Winder to call an organized retreat, which quickly turned into a rout.

Monroe and his cabinet fled to Montgomery County. Later, Monroe detractors would write the second most famous poem of the war, referring to the battle as "the Bladensburg Races."

Although the British were the victors, they suffered most of the casualties. And even more died from heat stroke.

The British spent one day in Washington, burning mostly public buildings and doing little looting or harm to residents. Fearing vulnerability from being surrounded by hostile Americans, Ross ordered the troops back to the ships at Benedict, returning by way of the Marlboro Pike



He arrested Dr. William Beanes and two others, threatening to burn the town if the captives were not returned. Beanes had earlier been forced to entertain Cockburn and Ross overnight at his home. When the captives were released, the other two men were released but Ross retained Beanes.

Montgomery County lawyer and defender, Francis Scott Key, was sent as an emissary to free Beanes but the two men became too knowledgeable of British plans to attack Baltimore and were held aboard ship, where they watched the British attempt to capture the city on September 13. The American success in defending the city restored the national pride that had been severely damaged by its loss at Bladensburg. And Key wrote a poem about the battle, which, as everyone knows, became the U.S. national anthem.

While maybe not the best thing to celebrate, the Town of Bladensburg and Prince George's County will be celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the battle with the dedication of a commemoration monument, a reenactment, festival, an art fair and even the Bladensburg Races, a 5 km run (see box). Even more festive will be the celebrations planned for Baltimore, where two hundred years ago, the victory belonged to the United States.

(now Landover Road, Md. 202). There was considerable looting along the way by foraging parties, stragglers and deserters, according to the Wikipedia article on the battle.

In Greenbelt

The area which is now the City of Greenbelt consisted of small farms at that time. The battle was far enough distant that those here at the time would not have seen any part of it. Those living here would also not have seen "the rockets red glare" because it was daylight but could have heard the "bombs bursting in air" and the cannon fire. Foraging parties probably did not come this far north. However some of the younger men of the Turner, Hamilton and Walker families who did live here at the time might have participated in the battle as members of the defending militia.

Dr. Beanes

At Upper Marlboro, townsmen captured some stray Brits and jailed them. When Major General Ross arrived, he was furious.

Bicentennial Events Remember War of 1812

August 21, 2014

War of 1812 Night at the Bowie Baysox: 6 to 10 p.m., Prince George's County Stadium, Ballpark Road, Bowie, Md. The ballgame will feature special games and singing of the Star Spangled Banner. Regular ticket prices apply. Call 301-464-4865.

August 22, 2014

John Bull Roast, 6 to 9 p.m., Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, Md. A chance to meet and greet with re-enactors. Details to be announced at <http://www.princegeorges1812.org>.

August 23, 2014

Battle of Bladensburg Monument Unveiling, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 4901 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, Md. To be held at Monument Park on the other side of the Peace Cross intersection, this will be the official dedication of the Undaunted in Battle/Battle of Bladensburg monument, a testament to those who made their sacrifice in 1814. The event includes remarks by local leaders and a formal unveiling. Participants will proceed to the Waterfront Park afterward to join the festival. For information call 301-887-0775.

Undaunted Weekend - Battle of Bladensburg, 12 to 9 p.m., Bladensburg Waterfront Park, 4901 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, Md. The festival will feature historic trade demonstrations, a battle reenactment, music and dancing, children's games, information booths and much more.

DC Food Truck Rally all day.

Community Party beginning at 5 p.m. There will be music from local bands and the Navy Commodores, followed by the biggest fireworks show the area has seen, produced by Fireworks Extravaganza. For details visit <http://www.princegeorges1812.org>, or call 301-887-0775.

August 24, 2014

Bladensburg Races, 8 to 9 a.m., Bladensburg Waterfront Park, Annapolis Road, Bladensburg. A quick 5 km race will give participants a chance to run the battlefield.

Burning of Washington, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bladensburg Waterfront Park, Annapolis Road, Bladensburg. Quiet family-friendly activities with open houses at historic sites (Magruder, George Washington House, Bostwick), boat rides, walking tours and more. Also scheduled is a social media reenactment of the battle, minute by minute.

Also consider traveling into Washington, D.C., for the day with a variety of activities planned in the city (<http://www.dcwaro1812.org>). For more information, call 301-887-0777.

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

July 28, 3:45 p.m., 8900 block Edmonston Road. A man walking across the parking lot was approached by another man who forcibly pulled his knapsack from his shoulders and fled in a near-by car.

Arrest

July 25, 7900 block Mandan Road. A 30-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with two counts of theft, rogue and vagabond and possession of burglary tools after he was seen allegedly entering vehicles and taking property. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

July 26, 3:20 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A 34-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with theft after he got a ride and allegedly fled from a cab without paying the fare. The cabbie caught and detained him for the police. He was released on citation pending trial.

DWI/DUI

July 24, 3:13 p.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. A 21-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by alcohol and other traffic-related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, August 7 is Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C. Kraft from 12 to 2 p.m. followed later by SAW Open Mic with Paige Powell from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, August 8 John Guernsey plays piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. followed by Fast Eddie & The SlowPokes performing a blend of Chicago, West Coast, Swing and Jump Blues from 8 to 11 p.m. Reservations are suggested.

Saturday, August 9 begins with Bruce Kritt on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by Guernsey playing classic piano standards from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Vintage #18 offers up a sizzling and high energy soul-drenched performance from 8 to 11 p.m.

Join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Sunday, August 10. The Not2Cool Jazz Trio will perform from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Night-hawks will grace the stage in the evening from 5 to 8 p.m. This legendary Blues and R&B band has a new CD available. Reservations are strongly recommended for this performance.

Tuesday, August 12 Hot Club of DC will play Gypsy Jazz, American Jazz and Eastern European tunes from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, August 13, The Akoma Drummers will perform African drum music from West Africa to funk from 7 to 9 p.m.

pending trial.

Counterfeit Money

July 24, 10:01 p.m., 400 block Ridge Road. A man advertised a television for sale on Craigslist and a man called and they agreed on a price. After the caller came by and purchased the television, it was discovered the money used was counterfeit.

Burglary

July 29, 10:30 a.m., Crescent Road near Ridge. A storage room was forced open but it was not known if anything had been taken.

Vandalism

July 27, 12 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A bedroom window of a residence was broken.

Vehicle Crime

Three thefts from autos were reported. In the 7900 block Mandan Road a GPS unit was taken. In the 6000 block Breezewood Drive a wallet and stereo system were taken after the driver's side door handle was broken to gain entry. In the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace two handicap placards were taken from an unlocked vehicle.

**COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS GROUPS
Plan NOW to participate in
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For details about registering for Information Day, go to <http://greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/information-day-tables/> or contact Committee President Linda Ivy at 301-675-0585.

Doctors Hospital Sponsors Market, New Fitness Center

Doctors Community Hospital continues to invest in the surrounding community through sponsorship of the Greenbelt Farmers Market and by launching a new employee fitness center. Both are focused on improving the health and well-being of people who live and work in Prince George's County.

In July Doctors Community Hospital became a sponsor of the Greenbelt Farmers Market to support efforts to encourage residents to make healthier food choices while receiving free preventative health information.

The farmers market is held on Sundays through November from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot behind Roosevelt Center in Historic Greenbelt. Market goers can visit the hospital's booth there the last Sunday of each month through October.

Employee Fitness

The hospital has furthered its focus on investing in the

health of the community by developing a new employee fitness center. Paul Hagens, vice president of the hospital's Human Resources Department, stated, "A large number of our employees not only work in this community, they also live here. In fact, of our 1,452 employees, about 816 or 56 percent reside right here in Prince George's County. So, our commitment to investing in the community logically includes ensuring that our employees also have access to tools that help them reach or maintain their health goals."

Opened on August 1, the fitness center is free to all employees and accessible seven days a week. Located on the hospital's main campus, the center has treadmills, recumbent bikes, spinner bikes, a cross trainer, dumbbells and an elliptical. There also are areas designated for aerobic classes and a changing room.

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Thursday, August 14, 2014

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Items:

- Approval of Custodial Cleaning Contract for Parkway Apartments

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Yardline Certification: 4A-D Laurel Hill Rd; 6A-T Hillside Rd.
- Approve the Board's Strategic Plan (Revised, July 20, 2014).
- Review Minutes of the 2014 Annual Membership Meeting.
- Consider Sell/Rental Options for 3K Eastway Rd.
- Review Finance Committee's Recommendation on Working Capital.
- Review Draft MOU between the City of Greenbelt/GHI and a Grant Application to Greenbelt Community Foundation re: A Hoarding Project.
- 2014 Addition Roof Replacement Contract – 1st Reading.

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Democratic Club Plans Usual Active August

by Konrad Herling

Come join the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club on Friday, August 15 at 6:35 p.m. at Prince George's Stadium in Bowie to enjoy some minor league baseball. The Orioles AA minor league team, the Bowie Baysox, will play host to the New York Yankees AA team, the Trenton Thunder.

If you think this is just another minor league game, remember that you may have a chance to see a future major league ballplayer. Two years ago club members saw Manny Machado play for the Bowie Baysox. Now Machado is perhaps the best fielding third baseman in the majors.

In short, the game offers a rare opportunity to have fun at the ballpark, take the kids to various carnival rides, enjoy being with friends you've known forever and meet new friends. Keep in mind, baseball is a sport that attracts folks with different political perspectives; a baseball game might be the perfect venue for folks with a different viewpoint.

For example, George Will, the well-known conservative columnist, and the late Senator George McGovern, whose father played minor league baseball,

went to a number of major league games together. Will, who has been a member of the Orioles' Board of Directors, wrote Men at Work, a beautiful piece about the joy and toil of baseball. McGovern's father played second base for a minor league team. At least for a few hours they shared a passion for the national pastime. Maybe more members of Congress should attend baseball games together.

In any event, the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club is growing again. Over 100 area residents are now members of a club with a rich history, founded in the late 1970s. Often councilmembers from the Greenbelt area, county council members and state representatives such as State Senator Paul Pinsky and our county delegates Tawana Gaines, Anne Healey and Alonzo Washington come to enjoy the refreshments and company. Come join the fun on August 15 and consider joining the club. For more information about this and other club events, call 301-220-1025.

Next week's Democratic Club story: Serving those delicious funnel cakes.



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Labor Day Recycling Training Program

Public Works provides both trash and recycling bins, placed in sets side by side for Labor Day Festival goers to use. Volunteers are needed to encourage people to put their refuse in the correct bin mainly by standing near the bins. Volunteers will wear a Greenbelt Public Works sticker, a little green turtle or frog pendant and maybe other green attire. Join the fun with some Circus Kids doing skits and some people making announcements – help is needed in all these areas. A training session will be held on Thursday, August 14 at the Public Works building at 7 p.m.

Recycle these: Paper and plastic plates, paper and plastic cups and bottles, foil (ball it up), pizza boxes, any metal (e.g. cans), glass bottles and plastic bags bundled and tied together in one bag.

Trash these: food, liquids, napkins and paper towels, even if clean, styrofoam (banned at the festival but may come from outside), plastic clamshell containers, straws, lids, potato chip bags and other mylar.

The organizers will verify community service hours and/or provide a recommendation as appropriate for students or any other volunteer. Mainly students are expected as volunteers but adult help is also appreciated.

For more information, contact Luisa Robles, Greenbelt Sustainability Coordinator at lrobles@greenbeltmd.gov. or 240-542-2153.



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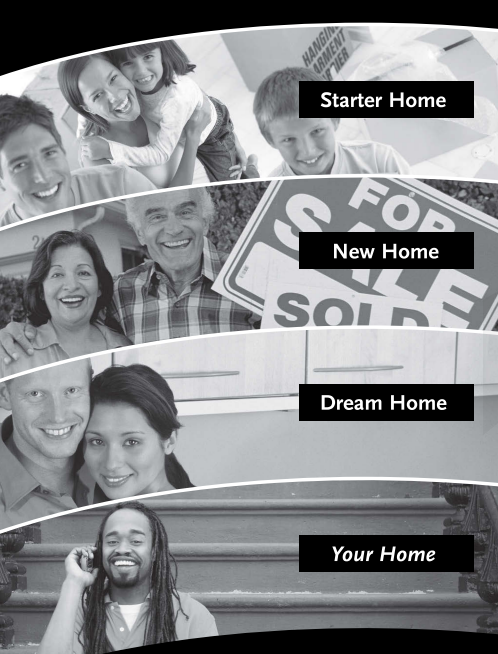
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Block Townhome - Attached Garage - 2 bedroom GHI home. Remodeled throughout - hardwood flooring on lower level. Very nice.
Large Corner Lot - 2 bedroom GHI townhome with shade trees, privacy hedges and spacious storage shed. Just steps away from Roosevelt Center.
Walk To Roosevelt Center - 2 BR block w/downstairs study. Remodeled kit. w/Silestone counters, s/s oven and refrigerator. Very modern; you'll love it!
1 Bedroom Upper Level Home - Attic storage space. New tub surround in bathroom. Full-sized washer and dryer in spacious laundry room. \$64,900
Block Townhome With Addition - Rear addition and finished office space. Full kitchen, sink and ceramic tiles. Close to Roosev. Center.
2 Bedroom Townhome - Corner lot tucked away from street. New appliances. Oak hardwood flooring on both levels. Priced to sell at \$129,000

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An aerial view of the proposed FBI facility shows the breadth of the project.

Concept Plans Take Shape For Proposed FBI Facility

by James Giese

Renard Development Company, LLC/Gensler is the developer seeking to develop the WMATA-owned Greenbelt Metro Station property as a mixed use development with much of the existing land being designated for the site of a new campus headquarters facility for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The Greenbelt site is one of three on a short list being considered by the FBI and General Services Administration for the new headquarters.

The developers have provided the News Review with two renderings depicting how the site might look once developed. Since site selection will be a lengthy process, there will be many hurdles to cross before a final site design is determined and final plans could be significantly different.

Aerial View

The connector road between the South Core of Greenbelt Station and the North Core (this site), now called Greenbelt Station Parkway, separates the FBI HQ (foreground) from a row of apartments, offices, an hotel, shops and Metro parking. To the left on the Parkway is the South Core and access to Greenbelt Road. To the right are the access ramps to the Capital Beltway including new on- and off-ramps for traffic to and from the east (the new on-ramp is barely visible to the right of the last building).

This rendering proposes 5 office buildings on the FBI campus, each 16 or so stories in height. The other two low, flat buildings are parking garages, the one to the right covered with solar panels. A fleet maintenance facility is attached to a garage. Access to the campus would be through gates at the north and

south ends of the property and a pedestrian walkway from the Metro Station at a plaza proposed across the Parkway from the two FBI buildings on the left. The north gate (right) would provide access to Greenbelt Metro Drive, which connects to Cherrywood Lane in Greenbelt West.

The row of buildings along the west side of the Parkway and the east side of the Metro and CSX tracks would not be a part of the headquarters. From left to right, they would be a Metro parking garage, a 500-unit apartment building, a 300-key hotel and three office buildings. A 300-unit apartment building is not shown and would be off the rendering to the left of the Metro parking garage. Behind and under these buildings would be the Metro access road from the Beltway ramps. Metro Kiss and Ride parking would be under the apartment building. At the south end (left), the access road would connect to Greenbelt Station Parkway, which would return exiting traffic to the Beltway and to an entrance gate for the FBI HQ.

Plaza Rendering

This is a view looking to the east from the Metro Station area towards the FBI HQ across Greenbelt Station Parkway. To the right is the 500-unit apartment building. To the left is the 300-key hotel. Shops and restaurants would face the plaza. The pedestrian entrance to the FBI HQ would be under the elevated Parkway. A publicly accessible FBI museum would be located at the entrance. The two FBI buildings shown in the back are connected with some kind of an architectural bridge near their tops and by a low building with a small, taller cube building at their base.

At right, a view looking east from the Greenbelt Metro Station area towards the FBI HQ across Greenbelt Station Parkway.



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