

Book Signing for Local Author and Illustrator

by Matt Arbach

Author David Cooper and illustrator Lucy Dirksen will be having a book signing for their self-published novel *A Glimpse Through the Mists*, as well as an exhibition of Dirksen's artwork, on Sunday, February 26 at 2 to 4 p.m. at the New Deal Café. Both are long-time Greenbelt residents.

The product of 10 years of work for Cooper, the novel is a medieval fantasy inspired by the epic poem of Edmund Spenser, *The Faerie Queene*. Cooper uses Spenser's *Fairielande* as one of the settings. In the novel, realms of magic and non-magic collide, the adventure played out by "knights and ladies." According

to Cooper, "the setting [is an] undefined country which is similar to British culture." He goes on to say that "a central theme running through the story line is love and the major characters are learning about some aspect of love." He would "define the book as a series of interconnected love stories."

Cooper is an IT professional at University of Maryland College Park and Dirksen is a local artist and K through 8 educator at Saint Mary's School in Landover Hills. Their professional connection came through the long-standing relationship of their children.

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PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Workers from Manuel Tree Service cut up and remove the pieces of a large tree in front of the Greenbelt Library on Tuesday morning. See additional photo on page 8.

Book Teaches Self-Esteem

by Elizabeth Barber

Pearl Buck once wrote, "Love cannot be forced. Love cannot be coaxed and teased. It comes out of heaven unasked and unsought." Greenbelter Cassandra Hetzel has written *The Bow and The Butterfly*.

Hetzel is a member of the Greenbelt Spontaneous Writers group and has been living in Greenbelt for over 10 years, participating in talent shows, pageants and open mic nights at the New Deal Café. She arrived here from Florida at the age of 12. Now she finds herself engaged in the writing profession, especially as a writer of children's books.

She was 10 years old when she began her writing career. Her fifth grade teacher had given an assignment to the students: to take 10 words from a dictionary and work them into a project.

That was all Hetzel needed – 10 words. She chose words following Aesop's fables, where animals faced harsh experiences and explained these tough times in human words.

Hetzel's desire was to help children who faced similar cruel situations. She knew about this because she remembered when, as a child, she was hurt and

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Dying Willow Oak Felled Near Library: Greenbelters Mourn

by Amy S. Hansen

The willow oak in front of the Library was dying and there was nothing the city consultants could do about it. On February 7, the tree was cut down by city contractors. It was necessary, said Horticultural Supervisor Brian Townsend, to protect the pedestrians who walk under and around the tree.

At least four people came into the News Review office to make sure the paper knew about the tree. Others spoke about it online, on the playground or in Roosevelt Center. Many people thought this was a sudden decision. However, Townsend said the

tree had been failing for at least 10 years. "We tried to revitalize it," he said and gave a brief history of their work.

Ten years ago, the crown of the tree started showing stress. The city and the city's Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) took note and tried to give it extra care.

In 2014, Townsend and ACT identified the beginning of hypoxylon canker in the oak. The symptoms include the bark pulling away and a grey film covering parts of the tree.

"Hypoxylon canker is a secondary disease," Townsend said.

Unfortunately, there is no cure. They also found a fungus in the roots. The city and ACT monitored the tree and kept the roots aereated.

In the May 23, 2016, meeting of city council, ACT reported that the willow oak "is in severe decline," according to a News Review article on June 2, 2016. According to ACT, hardwoods that succumb to this disease become quickly brittle. Council accepted the report and plans were made to remove the tree.

"This was a dangerous tree," Townsend said, and added, "we will replant." However, he said they are not likely to plant a willow oak because the old roots may still be infected and that could hurt a sapling of the same species.

ERHS Basketball Win

On Friday, February 3, the Laurel High School varsity basketball team visited Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The Raiders weren't kind to their guests, at times running up a lead of over 40 points. The final score was Eleanor Roosevelt 83, Laurel 47.

Eleanor Roosevelt has an overall win-loss record this season of 17-4.

- Bill Cornett



PHOTO BY WILLIAM CORNETT

Barly Kanu (4) of the Roosevelt Raiders goes up for a layup in their game against Laurel High School, as Dequan Jackson (12) looks on.

Straus Film at Museum

The Greenbelt Museum is creating a short film (approximately 10 minutes) to accompany the current exhibition, *The Knowing Hands That Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus*. As part of the film, the Museum is seeking input from the community.

What are the first five words that come to mind when viewing Lenore Thomas Straus's work? These responses may be used in the film.

Anyone interested in participating may fill out the online survey at greenbeltmuseum.org, or send a note to Greenbelt Museum, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. The film is supported by a grant from Prince George's County Councilmember for the Fourth District, Todd M. Turner. The exhibit is supported by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, the estate of Sue Hoya Sellars and the City of Greenbelt.

- Megan Searing-Young
Director, Greenbelt Museum



Mother and Child Statue carved by Lenore Thomas Straus. Photo, undated, from Greenbelt Museum Collection, courtesy of Megan Searing-Young.

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What Goes On

Saturday, February 11

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot Behind Municipal Building

Monday, February 13

5:30 p.m., Youth Advisory Committee Meeting, Aquatic & Fitness Center

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

Wednesday, February 15

7:30 p.m., Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Financial Interests Reports/Petitions and Requests Report, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

City Should Act

It was disturbing to read the January 26 GNR article describing how Pepco has unilaterally determined it severely undercharged the Old Greenbelt Theatre for electricity over many months, subsequently presenting a staggering arrears bill for over \$18,000. I believe further inquiry is badly needed, and I believe it should be undertaken by the city, not left in the lap of the concessionaire, Friends of Greenbelt Theatre (FOGT).

The city should seek out and hire an independent energy consultant to analyze the Pepco bills in detail. It is critically important to determine, by independent study, whether the rate structure Pepco is claiming is in fact the right one, and whether it has been applied correctly. By the way, has anyone asked to have the electric meter tested for accuracy (something the utility is required to do when requested)?

Based on the consultant's findings, the city can then formulate a strategy with regard to the theater's electric bills; one option could be for the bills to be assumed by the city and amalgamated with utility bills from the other city-owned properties, should the consultant determine that savings could result from this course of action.

Also, when the city embarks on a solar energy project (when, I say, not if), adding the theater's electrical load to maximize the consumption to be offset by clean, renewable solar power will save money and increase the environmental benefit for all Greenbelters.

Steve Skolnik

Ethics Investigation

After reading my letter in the GNR, Mayor Jordan called me to state that all appropriate procedures were followed in relation to a no-bid contract awarded to Taser. That is great news as long as the city council determined the price and not the company. According to Mr. Byrd, the company is allowed to set payment terms in a no-bid contract arrangement. He also indicated that the City of Baltimore also awarded Taser a contract, but only through a bidding process and even then the city government negotiated the price down.

The mayor also informed me that it was police department personnel who made the trip to Arizona and not members of the council. That is also good news, unless the trips were paid for by a company interested in doing business with the city.

I appreciate the time that the mayor took to call and inform me of how this particular process

unfolded. However, I am still a little skeptical.

Lois Rosado

Concerned by Silence

This is a response to the article 'Council Hears Lakeside North Petition, Other Citizen Requests' written by Diane Oberg and published in the January 26 edition of the Greenbelt News Review.

According to Oberg, at the January 23 council meeting, Mayor Emmett Jordan (1) addressed the rumors that have been circulating that council plans to vote to approve the Lakeside North Development at its February 13 meeting, and (2) noted that it has been almost a year since Southern Management Corporation presented its proposal and, so far as he knows, they have had no further contact with either city or county officials.

Our June 6 request asks council to write to David Hillman, president of Southern Management and owner of Lakeside North Apartments, to express opposition to the proposed development and to ask him not to proceed with the proposal. Hillman, after all, did say that he would not proceed if council expressed serious opposition. We have not received a response to our request.

We contend that Jordan is trying to silence the growing opposition within the community. The ads in the News Review, which encourage residents opposed to the development to attend the February 13 council meeting, prompted Jordan to concede to putting a discussion of the development on the agenda.

We believe council may vote to oppose the development, only to later approve a new proposal from Hillman with modifications. Our petition, which has been circulating through the community and signed by over 500 residents, asks council to oppose the development and any changes to the zoning of the land that would allow for its development. According to current zoning regulations, this land is fully developed.

The development was first presented by Southern Management to Jordan without the other members of the council present. Jordan then brought the proposal to a council worksession. We obtained emails showing that, contrary to Jordan's assertion, a city official (former city manager Michael McLaughlin) corresponded with Southern Management after the worksession. We have submitted a new public information request to obtain additional correspondence that may have occurred after our previous

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Co-op Needs Current Info for Members

The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy has lost track of some of its most loyal members. Anyone with information about the following members is asked to contact the Co-op at membership@greenbelt.coop or 301-474-0522, ext. 205: Linda S. Brady, George G. Brunatti, Herbert R. Jones, Angela B. Miotto, Ruth S. Morris, Darryl L. Smith, Donald J. Volk, Virginia B. Zanner. The Co-op has an important document to give to each of these members and has yet to make contact with them.

Members who have moved should also contact the Co-op and provide the new address. From time to time, the Co-op mails out important documents including patronage refunds, tax statements, interest payments and member meeting announcements. It's important to have contact information that is up-to-date.



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Tues. 5:15, 8:00 PM
Wed. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00 PM
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On Screen

La La Land Lush Musical

A musical set in Los Angeles, the highly acclaimed La La Land, is the story of aspiring actress Mia (Emma Stone) and jazz musician Sebastian (Ryan Gosling) who scrape by with part-time jobs while auditioning. Their love faces difficulties as their careers start to take off. The title refers both to the city of Los Angeles and the idiom of being out of touch with reality. Written and directed by Damien Chazelle, the film uses the city's backdrop to offer lush dance scenes and explore everyday life in a place that demands high payment for dreams of stardom.

Rating PG-13. Running time 128 minutes.

- Amy Hansen

Community Events

Animation Show To Run Here

The 18th Annual Animation Show of Shows returns for its second year at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Saturday, February 11 at noon. This year's show includes 17 animated short films featuring techniques ranging from hand-drawn to stop-motion to cutting-edge computer-generated imagery, presented by Acme Filmworks. It showcases an expanded selection of fresh student films from leading animation schools in the U.S., Belgium, Canada, Korea and Russia. To view a trailer, go to youtube.com/watch?v=2aE0d7s4kKc.

Events at MakerSpace

The Video Production Meetup went well. Stay tuned for more information on a regular day and time.

Thursday, February 9: Coding Club from 7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, February 10: Little Makers from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 11: Open Projects

Sunday, February 12: Animation Meetup from 2 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14: Chess Club from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15: Fiber Fans from 6 to 9 p.m.

Friday, February 17: Soup Swap from 7 to 9 p.m.

Explore Manifesting Dreams with Reiki

Explorations Unlimited welcomes R. "Nia" Kusske on Friday, February 10 at 1 p.m. Discover the key components to manifesting a new life and how to put them into practice. Work together with her as she leads attendees through her journey of manifesting, and learn how to incorporate her techniques into daily living.

Kusske is a Reiki master with over 20 years of experience. She is adept at distance healing and at manifestation. She has successfully used Reiki to help manifest her dreams of quitting her job, moving onto a sailboat and cruising the East Coast, and of traveling to various exotic locations.

Kusske has taught Reiki, visualization and energy work, and performed Reiki and energy healing on both the East and West Coasts of the United States, and in Mexico, Ireland, Portugal, England, Wales, both the British and U. S. Virgin Islands and Morocco. She taught her intuitive healing techniques in prison systems in Oregon and Washington State for 13 years.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday beginning at 1 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Del. Washington At the New Deal

Delegate Alonzo Washington invites the community to join him at Table Talk Tour: The Resistance, for an informal conversation on refugee and immigrant rights and any other issues, concerns or questions regarding the 2017 legislative session, Prince George's County or District 22.

This month, Washington's Table Talk Tour will stop at the New Deal Café on Saturday, February 18 from 9 to 11 a.m.



GHI Notes

Thursday, February 9, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, February 9, 7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, February 10, Office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Monday, February 13, 7:30 p.m., Storm Water Management Task Force Meeting, Board Room.

Tuesday, February 14, 7:30 p.m., Legislative and Government Affairs Committee, Board Room.

Wednesday, February 15, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, February 16, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, February 16, 7:00 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Garden Club Meets For Plot Assignments

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club will hold its plot assignment meeting in room 114 of the Community Center on Monday, March 6 beginning at 7:30 p.m. If you are not able to attend or have questions, contact Martha Tomecek at 301-614-0691.

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 margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of February 13 are as follows:

Monday, February 13: Asian chicken, fried rice, Japanese vegetables, wheat bread, mandarin oranges, cranberry juice.

Tuesday, February 14: Cranberry Dijon chicken, au gratin rotini, broccoli, wheat roll, heavenly fruit salad, strawberry shortcake cookie.

Wednesday, February 15: Turkey a la King, brown rice, sliced carrots, biscuit, pineapple tidbits, orange juice.

Thursday, February 16: Meatloaf with tomato gravy, whipped potatoes, cabbage with carrots, wheat bread, cherry fruit treat, cranberry juice.

Friday, February 17: Stuffed salmon with dill sauce, rosemary cannellini beans, Brussels sprouts, cornbread muffins, applesauce, grape juice.

Greenbelt Park Has Winter Bird Program

On Saturday, February 11 at Greenbelt Park, participate in The World of Winter Birds. Join a park ranger for a discussion on birds' sources of survival during the winter. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

Red Cross Needs Blood Donations

The Red Cross issued an emergency call for blood and platelet donations during a severe winter blood shortage. Blood donations are needed now to prevent delays in care for patients.

Hectic holiday schedules for many regular blood donors contributed to about 37,000 fewer donations in November and December than what was needed. Currently, blood and platelet donations are being distributed to hospitals faster than they are coming in.

To help, schedule an appointment to donate by using the free Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

There will be blood drives in College Park on February 13 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Prince George's Council, 9450 Cherry Hill Road, and on February 14 from 1 to 6:30 p.m. at the Moose College Park Lodge 453, 3700 Metzgerott Road.

The next blood drive at the Community Center will be held on Friday, February 17 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

Preschool Open House

Greenbelt Nursery School (GNS) will hold its annual open house on Saturday, February 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the start of registration for the school year beginning September 2017.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a not-for-profit parent co-operative in its 75th year of operation. The school is certified by the Maryland State Department of Education and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. GNS offers classes for children ages 2, 3 and 4. Full-day educational programs are available.

Families seeking pre-school programs are invited to attend the open house, meet the director, teachers and parents, view the classrooms and get information about the classes.

GNS is located in the Community Center at 15 Crescent Road. Free parking is available in the lot behind the Greenbelt Library. For more information, visit the school's website at greenbeltnurseryschool.org or call 301-474-5570.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership

Utopia Film Festival Presents
Sunday, Feb. 12, Wed., Feb 15, & Fri. Feb. 17
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For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or
email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or
BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

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Cooper completed the novel in late January 2016 and then presented it to Dirksen for illustrating. Cooper says that the novel was written in the spare moments he found in between shuttling his children back and forth to their activities.

While self-publishing "certainly empowers writers," Cooper says it can be tedious and not

nearly as enjoyable as the actual writing. "The initial writing is the special time. When it's pouring out of you faster than you can type and you don't know what's going to happen next and you're surprised at the outcome, [this is] what it's all about for me." The novel is available on Amazon under the name D. L. Cooper.

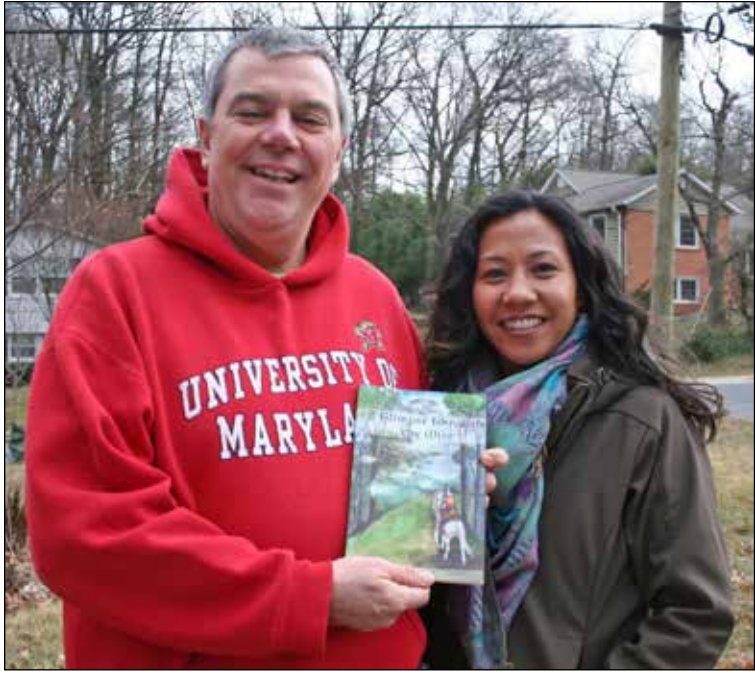


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Author David Cooper stands with illustrator Lucy Dirksen.

Greenbelt Middle Artwork On Display at Library



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Artwork from students at Greenbelt Middle School is on view in the Greenbelt Library display case. The students studied the work of African American painter and muralist Jacob Lawrence and then used his systems to paint their own images of home and travel.



PHOTO BY GEOFFREY WALTERS

A beaver takes a nap at the Lake.



PHOTO BY GLORIA A. BROWN

Rusty blackbird at the Lake



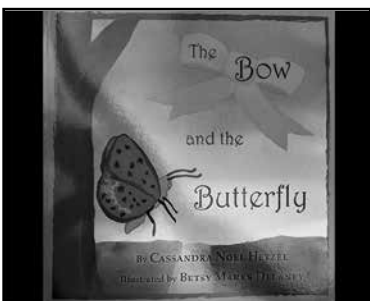
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Helebore blooming



PHOTO BY GREG CRITES

A nesting eagle stretches his wings at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.



The Bow and the Butterfly by Cassandra Noel Hetzel Illustrated by Betsy Marks Delaney

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Often Unsung, Stagecraft Can Bring the Show to Life

by Matt Arbach

While great performances in a play or film certainly garner great notice, stagecraft, or the designing of sets, props and costumes, can at times go unnoticed. Often considered more of a technical effort, it requires great artistic panache as well. Without good stagecraft, a play or film cannot truly come alive. It is the environment that makes a great performance possible.

Seasoned theatrical producer, writer and director Chris Cherry and production designer Nicole DeWald are currently hard at work on the stagecraft for the upcoming show *Buried Treasure*, which premieres on Saturday, March 4 at the Community Center.

Cherry states that the show “is a haunting story about three high school students who have a life-changing adventure in a land deep down, underneath the world we know. In a world where dragons and gnomes are real, can (they) break a spell of ignorance and rescue Sophia, the Underworld’s rightful queen?”

DeWald says that she begins her process “by getting to know the story and the characters. I get a feel for the themes of the show and its emotional range and colors. Design decisions need to be consistent with the script.”

Cherry adds, “the imaginary world of the play [must have] an internally consistent look and feel, which heightens the believability of the play.” DeWald says, “more often I will look for inspiration at indigenous clothing from around the world, photography of various regions and landscapes, fine arts and conceptual fashion.”

Both Cherry and DeWald stress the collaborative nature

of the design process, with all players and producers involved. DeWald says that all participants “work simultaneously developing different aspects of the show that influence what others are doing. Communication is essential.” Other producers on *Buried Treasure* are choreographer Angella Foster, musical director Stefan Brodd, artists Amanda Larsen and Mari Hoefler and “generous cast members, family members and other volunteers from the community,” says DeWald.

Asked what good stagecraft should accomplish, Cherry says it “is pleasing to the eye while also helping the audience and the actors believe more deeply in the reality of the world of the play. Interestingly, this doesn’t mean that the stagecraft elements must be realistic objects in themselves. Instead, stagecraft usually involves design and execution that would seem exaggerated or out of place in normal everyday life, but which make the play seem more vividly real.”

DeWald concurs, noting “an important goal is to avoid any distracting breaks in the visual integrity of the production that would compromise the believability of the show for the audience. With respect to design, believability is less about naturalism or even the level of execution and more about coherence.”

In regard to the stagecraft elements in *Buried Treasure*, DeWald states that the “highly diverse characters, from gnomes, pixies, dragons, warriors and royalty, each has their own defined look, unified across the production as a whole by a cohesive color palette.” Cherry says that, due to the subterranean premise,

there are “scenic elements suggesting boulders, stalagmites and underground rivers.”

For an actor, costuming is an essential part of developing a character. According to DeWald, “the costumes we create inform the actors’ performances. They influence the way the actors physically move in the playing space and can contribute to an emotional connection between the actor and the character.”

Stagecraft often requires a practical eye, as previous set pieces and costumes can be re-worked, thus providing a financial savings. DeWald states that she “will consider the scope of the production’s needs and gauge our personnel and financial resources.”

When asked his favorite piece of stagecraft, Cherry cited the work found in the 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz*, saying “It undergirds and enhances the story in every way.” Asked the same question, DeWald responded that the area of puppetry is of special interest. Puppets have “kinetic, sculptural” appeal as well as the ability to “exist purely within a story.”

So perhaps the best stagecraft is that which goes unnoticed. It means that you are submerged in an alternate world so completely that you don’t question it. As in *The Wizard of Oz*, one is purely on their own journey down the Yellow Brick Road, one’s own adventure of exploration and personal awareness.

Tickets for *Buried Treasure* are available at the Community Center business office. Show times are Saturday, March 4 at 7 p.m.; Sunday, March 5 at 3 p.m.; and Saturday, March 11 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.



Barbara Hille works on costumes for the winter musical.



Madeline Hille scrapes a costume to make the fabric appear old.



Jeff Zolt and Amanda Larsen paint sets for the winter musical.

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information request dated June 10, 2016.

We believe there should be more transparency by council regarding the development. We are concerned by Jordan's track record thus far and council's silence on this topic. Jordan and council can write a letter to Hillman to tell him the rezoning of the land will not be supported and the development is not wanted.

We will continue to collect signatures and organize opposition to the development and any changes to the zoning of the land that would allow for its development.

Brian Almqvist

High Rise Building Threatens Community

I am writing in response to the article and the pullout on the front page of the January 26 Greenbelt News Review, which reads "Mayor Emmett Jordan denied the rumor that council plans to vote on the high-rise luxury apartment concept. He said that rumors are not true." The article goes on to note Mayor Jordan as saying that as far as he knows there has been no further contact between Southern Management and city or county officials since Southern Management presented its proposal nearly a year ago.

On the first point, Mayor Jordan may be speaking for himself but that is not what I have heard from other members of council and it is definitely not my intention. In fact at the February 13 council meeting I intend to make a motion to strongly oppose Southern Management's proposal and to oppose any change in zoning that would allow the development of the property. In my 25 years of experience on city council I have never seen a situation where an issue of this magnitude has been put on an agenda with the intention of not taking a position or vote.

On the second point, I know that after Southern Management made its presentation to city council, at least some city council members have received calls from former state delegate Justin Ross lobbying them on behalf of Southern Management.

In my opinion this proposal to build a 25-story luxury high-rise on five acres of forest that was a part of our original green belt and which has been protected through zoning for 50 years is the greatest threat that our unique city has seen in our 80 year history. And the developers said it themselves on the night of Southern Management's presentation to city council, the developer states that they have no intention of going through the normal rezoning process because they would have to prove that there has been a change in the "character of the community," which they said they

could not do.

The fact is that if this proposed development is allowed to be built it will change the character of our community. And all of the open spaces and neighborhoods, that make Greenbelt special, most of which are now protected by the same zoning that protects the Lakeside North woods, could be open to the same kind of development.

Rodney M. Roberts

Can a Fence Solve The Problem?

Thanks for the January 19 News Review article about the T-Rex information technology firm that has moved into Greenbelt East.

Windsor Green (WG) residents living near the Commerce II and Commerce III office buildings on Ora Glen Drive, across from the U.S. Post Office, watched with interest the renovations being made to the long-vacant buildings. We wondered who the new neighbors would be. But even before they moved in, we discovered the entire property – including the east side of the adjacent storm water retention pond – would be off limits to all WG residents! Not only are Bank of America patrons not allowed to stop in the parking lot when the BOA lot is full, dog walkers and bird watchers are prevented from walking the perimeter of the small pond, which has been done for decades.

So, I'm wondering, who really owns this pond?

If it's not Shaw Real Estate or T-Rex, it seems to me that Greenbelt East residents should have a say in how this naturalized "wild" can be used and by whom. Since we are asked to tolerate increased congestion and inconvenience, it would be nice if a way could be found to allow continued free access to this pond

that was "adopted" by a WG Girl Scout Troop.

Could the fence that's to be erected behind the complex be extended all the way around to a front gate, to cordon of the entire property? If situated properly, such an enclosure could provide the physical security T-Rex requires, while giving WG residents full access to this valued part of our community's natural landscape. It would be a neighborly thing to do.

Linda R. Tokarz

Widowed Persons Support Group Meets

Men and women who have recently lost their spouses, regardless of their age, race or religious belief, are invited to a free support group conducted by the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service (PWPS). The group will meet one afternoon each week for six weeks starting Thursday, February 16 at the Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive. Each session will run from 2 to 4 p.m. Registration is required before the group starts. Trained volunteers who have also been widowed will conduct the sessions. The participants share personal experiences, exchange information and discuss published materials prepared by bereavement specialists. In the past, many people dealing with their new circumstances after losing a wife or husband have received great benefits from the insights, emotional support, practical information and friendships provided by such groups.

To register and to receive more information, call 301-577-4312 or 301-483-8202. PWPS and its services were originally sponsored by the American Association for Retired Persons and now by the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and other community organizations.

Obituaries

Donna Fluke

On Thursday, January 26, 2017, Donna K. Fluke of Oden-ton died. She was born on April 18, 1939. She and her husband Ronald were longtime Greenbelt residents and had been among the first residents of Boxwood Village. They had one child, Ronnie. Mrs. Fluke received a B.S. from the University of Maryland and served as president of the ARC/Maryland, a program developer for the Parent Educational Advocacy Training Centers (PEATC) and was awarded a Kennedy Parent Public Fellowship for working with the U.S. Department of Education. A wake was held on February 1. Interment was private.



Donna K. Fluke

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Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

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



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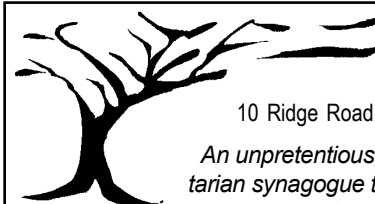
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Condolences to the family and friends of Donna Fluke, a long-time Boxwood Village resident, who died on January 26, 2017.

Sympathies to the family, friends and many local colleagues of Dr. Neil Gehrels, who died February 6, 2017. Gehrels was a former Greenbelter who lived in Berwyn Heights and was recently featured in an article in this newspaper on recent gravity wave discoveries in which he was involved. He had worked at the Goddard Space Flight Center for many years, since his post-doctoral days, and was most recently chief of the Astroparticle Physics Laboratory. He was an accomplished climber, with several significant solo ascents to his credit. Gehrels had been battling pancreatic cancer. Cards may be sent to 8616 57th Avenue, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.



Dr. Neil Gehrels

Congratulations to Stan Zirkin who, for the third straight year, made the D.C. Bar Association's Pro Bono Honor Roll. Zirkin received highest honors for his volunteer legal work on behalf of the Employment Justice Center, a non-profit organization devoted to assisting low-income workers with employment-related problems.

Congratulations to Jill Lau-Allen and Daniel Allen of Gardenway on the birth of a son, Jet Mei Sen Allen, on January 14, 2017. Jet's grandparents are Clement Lau and June Teo, long-time residents of Greenbelt and Michael and Kelli Allen of Orem, Utah.

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City Notes

Public Works staff met with solar energy company NRG to explore a possible solar farm.

Street Maintenance/Special Details crew removed dirt from Hanover Parkway after a dump truck broke down and had to dump its load. Dirt was transported to the Northway Fields compost site.

Horticulture/Parks crews blew woodchips into the Community Center and Breezewood Drive playgrounds, repaired the fence, locks and community board at the Dog Park and renovated the roofs of two bus stops on Hanover Parkway.

Community Center staff reports the Greenbelt Nursery School has installed a display in the front lobby display case.

Dynamic Community Governance Session

Learn the basics of dynamic community governance at a free one-hour session on Sunday, February 12 at 1 p.m. For those who have had training in dynamic community governance, join in on a community peer learning circle from 2 to 4 p.m. Ask questions about implementing it in an organization, network with others and learn new skills. Share lessons learned with others. To register, email Aileen at Aileen@dynamic-governance.org.

Registration is required for either event. The venue will be identified upon registration.



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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building, February 13, 2017 – 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
 - Petitions and Requests
 - Eli Zimet, Greenbelt Concert Band
- (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 Consultant Work to Develop a Recreation and Park Facilities Master Plan for the City of Greenbelt from Green-Play, LLC at a Cost Not to Exceed \$50,000
 - 1st Reading
- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Landscaping Services from Lorenz Inc. at a Cost Not to Exceed \$47,984
 - 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Lakeside North Development Concept
- State Legislation
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- *- Repurpose of Newspaper Vending Box
- *- Reappointments to Advisory Groups
- *- 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.

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MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13-17

Monday, February 13 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway. *On the Agenda: Opioid PSA, Youth Forum, Conference attendance and YAC presence at Skate Park Celebration.*

Monday, February 13 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**, at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv.*

Wednesday, February 15 at 7:30pm, **PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Department Updates, Recognition Group applications, Introduction for potential Board Members.*

Wednesday, February 15 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Financial Interests Reports/Petitions and Requests Report** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Detailed agendas are posted on www.greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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The survey will be available on line until February 10th. Paper version available at Greenbelt Community Center, Municipal Building or on the Greenbelt Connection Bus. Paper surveys can be returned to: SURVEY at the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770.
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Recycling Rate and Tonnage Fall for Four Straight Years

by Dylan Sinn

The Public Works Department's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2016 included a goal of increasing the city's recycling rate to 60 percent from a 2015 level of close to 53 percent. Yet the recycling rate, a measurement of the amount of refuse that gets recycled rather than ending up in a landfill, actually fell slightly to 52.25 percent, according to statistics provided by Public Works.

It is the fourth straight year the recycling rate has fallen, and is down from a high of 60.8 percent in Fiscal Year 2011. That peak followed eight years of continual growth. Not only has the recycling rate fallen as compared to the landfill rate, but the amount recycled in absolute terms has fallen as well, from 2,468 tons in 2011 to 1,818 tons in 2016, a decrease of over 26 percent.

Luisa Robles, Greenbelt's sustainability coordinator, offered one possible explanation for the drop.

"I think it's since the economy is getting better," Robles said. "When the economy is better, recycling rates drop and when the economy is struggling we have higher recycling rates. When people need to pay more attention to their finances they also pay more attention to recycling."

Despite the drop, the Public Works department continues to look for ways to increase awareness about what items are recyclable. "I think the rate can definitely go up," said Erin Josephitis, Greenbelt's environmental coordinator. "It all comes down to awareness and education. Those people want to do the right thing once they're informed about it, but without that education, without that outreach, it's hard to create behavior change."

One aspect of the city's outreach is a program to provide households with rolling carts in which to put their recycling. In fiscal year 2015, the city provided 45 carts to single-family households, including 23 in Boxwood Village, enough to complete the neighborhood, meaning that every single-family household in the neighborhood has a cart.

The Strategic Plan said the 65-gallon carts, "encourage and accommodate a larger volume of recycling." In Boxwood Village, "Users report greater ease in dealing with recyclables" after getting the carts, according to the plan.

"When we have these carts, it's easier for people to put all kinds of things that can be recycled in the cart," said Councilmember Leta Mach, who has pushed for increased funding for the carts in the past. "It seems to be that it encourages people to do more."

Councilmember Judith Davis also pushed to add more carts and said council was mostly united in trying to provide the carts to Greenbelt residents. "For a family that may have many members, you can imagine the amount of material that they want to recycle," Davis said. "But when we first had these little buckets, after a while they filled up and then stuff went in the regular garbage."

Another way the department is trying to increase the recycling rate is to encourage people to keep larger items such as couches, cabinets and sinks out of landfills.

"Some people just put stuff out on the curb and they think they're doing a good thing because someone who needs it

will pick it up," Robles said. "What they don't realize is that 70 percent of the time the item does not get picked up and then it rains and the item cannot be reused any longer and our crews have to come pick it up and take it to a landfill."

Robles ticked off several places where people can donate larger reusable items, rather than putting them out on the curb, including thrift stores, Purple Heart, Goodwill and others. "We really want to change that culture of just calling in the trash and having everything removed to the landfill," she said. To that end, when people call the city and want an item picked up, Public Works asks them if they've considered other options. The department has also set up pages on Facebook and Yahoo where residents can post about recyclable items they're trying to give away.

Mach believes the outreach will eventually pay off. "In Greenbelt we have a pretty good tradition and a very vocal community that feels it's very important to recycle and reuse and reduce," she said.

Dylan Sinn is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.

Library Tree Cut Down



Marcie Walder poses by the tree cut down in front of the library.

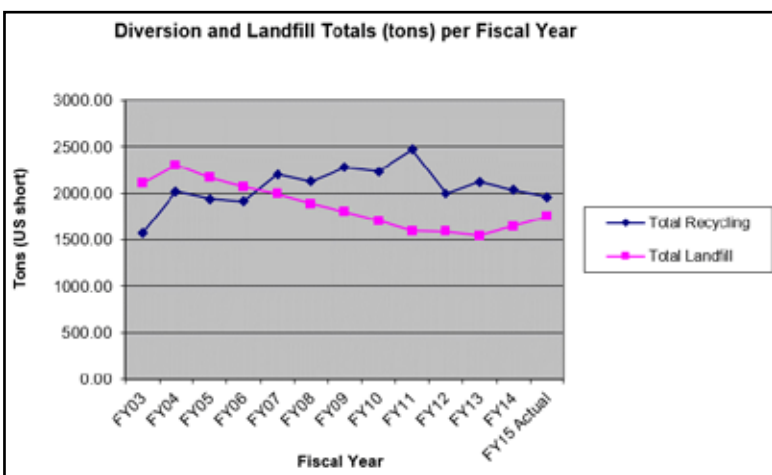
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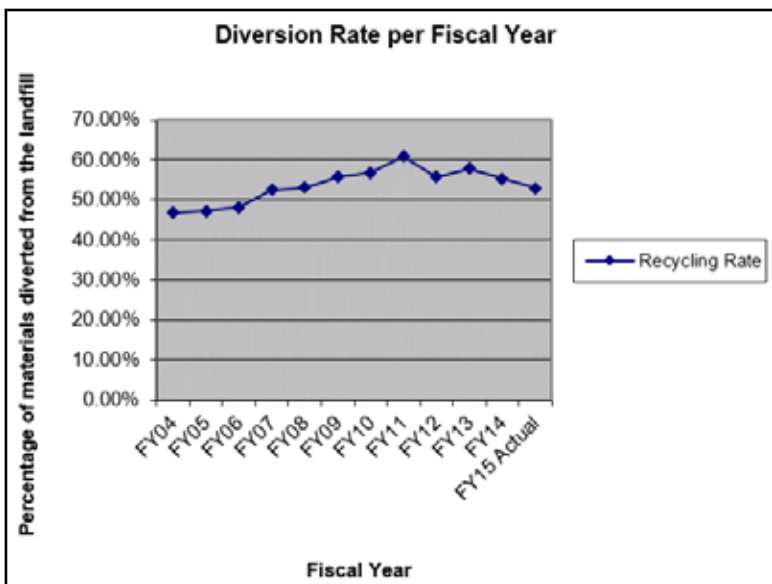
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Residents Learn to Reduce Stormwater Runoff

by Connor Roessler

The Greenbelt Department of Public Works, in partnership with Prince George's County Department of the Environment and the Alice Ferguson Foundation, presented a Water Quality and Development Workshop on Saturday, February 4 in the Community Center. Fourteen Greenbelt residents were educated on the importance of water quality to protect drinking water during the hour-and-a-half presentation.

Stormwater, or the water that flows over surfaces during rainstorms, has a huge impact on the natural environment, public health and recreation as waterways become damaged during these storm events. This leads to contaminated drinking water and flooding. The workshop covered steps residents can take to mitigate the effects of stormwater pollution.

Deborah Weller from the Department of the Environment kicked off the workshop with a presentation on the Rain Check Rebate Program. This program allows Greenbelt homeowners, businesses and non-profits to receive a rebate for the purchase of approved stormwater best management practices like rain barrels, tree planting, rain gardens or permeable pavement. Weller also presented an opportunity for Greenbelters to order rain barrels at a reduced price. After the rebate, the only cost is the downspout connection. Installing these stormwater best management practices throughout Greenbelt helps reduce the amount of damage from polluted stormwater runoff, which protects human health and the environment.

Residents interested in purchasing a rain barrel and are eligible for the Rain Check Rebate should visit rainbarrelprogram.org/greenbelt to order before March 18. Installation demonstration and pickup event will be held on April 1 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Plumbers and Gasfitters Training Facility in Lanham.

After the presentation on the Rain Check Rebate, Connor Roessler from Public Works discussed the connection between water quality and clean drinking water. Noting that Greenbelters get their drinking water from the Potomac River and the Blue Plains Treatment Plant, the audience learned that helping to protect streams and rivers before they become degraded and polluted preserves drinking water and tax dollars. Julia Saintz from the Alice Ferguson Foundation



Julia Saintz from the Alice Ferguson Foundation speaks about litter reduction and control.



Deborah Weller from Prince George's Department of the Environment talks about the Rain Check Rebate Program.

Photos by Erin Josephitis

finished the workshop with a talk on the importance of litter prevention and control for water quality. Trash in waterways, no matter how small, kills aquatic life and impacts human health. Volunteers can help by preventing litter and by participating in volunteer stream cleanups.

People are encouraged to volunteer at Greenbelt's Annual Earth Day Stream Clean Up of Indian Creek from 9 a.m. to noon on April 22 at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Also, reach out to Prince George's County Department of the Environment to get involved in a storm drain stenciling project. Finally, take the lead and initiate a trash cleanup in your neighborhood with free materials available through the Alice Ferguson Foundation.

Connor Roessler is a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member working for Public Works



PHOTO BY GLORIA BROWN

A male cardinal poses for the birders at Buddy Attick Park.

Rain Barrel Rebate

Rain barrels can help improve water quality and may reduce residents' water bills. The City of Greenbelt, in partnership with Prince George's County Department of Environment and Plumbers and Gasfitters UA Local 5, is offering rain barrels for a limited time. After the rebate, the only cost is for the gutter attachment.

To learn more, contact Erin

Josephitis at erosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov or order at rainbarrelprogram.org/greenbelt.

See a rain barrel installed and apply for a rain check rebate. The last opportunity to order is March 18. An installation demo and rain barrel pickup will be held Saturday, April 1 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Plumbers and Gasfitters Training Facility, 5000 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham.



PHOTO BY RAINWATER SOLUTIONS

Ivy 50 gallon rain barrel collects stormwater.



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Snippets from the Past

Police Blotter

In the case of the missing skunk who answers to the name of Flower the abductors flung Flower back into her master's quarters (Springhill Lake) at 2:30 a.m.? To sweet or not too sweet?

In the breaking and entry case reported last week, the missing wallet was recovered Sunday on the southbound lane of the B-W Parkway, south of the Good Luck overpass. Still missing are a stereo and two cameras.

Missing items this week include a \$600 color TV taken from an apartment. No forced entry (Chief Lane urges apartment residents to install burglar proof locks; most newer apartments can be entered with just a plastic playing card).

--- A glass coin bank taken from a bureau drawer – house unlocked (Chief Lane suggests that it is wise to lock doors even when away a short time, and not to leave keys in garbage closets or other easy-to-find places) ... A '86 Oldsmobile – it had been repossessed – please be sure your payments are up to date before you notify police that your car has been stolen.

Late commuters rushing to their jobs have created a speeding problem on Ridge Road and on Crescent Road especially in the school zones. Chief Lane would like to remind residents that the city speed limit is 25 m.p.h. It is reduced to 15 m.p.h. in school zones.

If the speeding continues, Chief Lane promised to borrow radar equipment from the state in an effort to slow down drivers.

Greenbelt has finally received its new teletype machine. This means that the city can now communicate with other police departments in the entire metropolitan area and by relay with the State Police and a 13 state network.

Be on the lookout for the following stolen cars: 1966 Pontiac GTO, dark green, Md. Tags FH 2047 and 1964 Pontiac Tempest, expired Md. Tags AM 9540.

- February 9, 1967, Greenbelt News Review

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ridiculed and how it had overwhelmed her.

"I would ask the question, 'Why? Why don't people like me? I want them to like me.'"

Hetzel, the child, often sat in her room alone and faced a wall of emotion. "But I had to get over that wall and I did it by saying to myself, 'I am in charge and I can love myself, take care of myself.'"

This is the message Hetzel wants to pass along to children. She is very concerned about how young and happily active children can wither away because they have been hurt by their peers.

"There is so much bullying," she remembers.

"The children feel sudden isolation, they feel left out or pushed away and they usually feel that it is all their own fault."

The purpose of Hetzel's book is to let children feel good about themselves ... no matter what they look like, no matter what they wear ... that the things they don't have – or can't have – should not influence them.

Hetzel feels that there are very few books about how children can gain self-esteem. And what to say to these children? She affirms, "The simplest way is to tell them to look into a mirror and say, 'I'm amazing.' And it's also about preventing and stopping hurtful situations."

The book is illustrated by Hetzel, who did the drawings, and by D.C. area artist Betsy Marks Delany who did the paintings with an electronic system.

The Bow and the Butterfly is now available at the Co-op grocery store.

At the Library

Weekly Ready 2 Read Story-times. Tuesday, February 14, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Wednesday, February 15, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, February 16, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

African History & Culture Lecture Series. Tuesday, February 14, 7 p.m. Festivals of Freedom: A History of African American Holidays will be presented by historian C.R. Gibbs.

Reader's Theater. Wednesday, February 15, 4 p.m., ages 7 to 10. Children participate in fun reading activities that vary from performing skits, monologues, tongue twisters and poetry.

Bibliobop Dance Party. Saturday, February 18, 10:30 a.m., ages 2 to 5. Calling all preschoolers and toddlers to come and bust a move and shake your sillies out at the Greenbelt Bibliobop Dance Party. Bring a parent or caregiver and prepare to boogie and bop.

Read to Rover. Saturday, February 18, 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children ages 6 to 11 and helps them 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.

Skull Detectives

On Sunday, February 12 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract, kids ages 8 to 10 can learn about skulls. Skulls can tell us a great deal about animal lifestyles. Learn more about animals by studying the features of their skulls in this hands-on program.

Public programs at the Refuge are free, although advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887. The North Tract is located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent.

Democratic Club Presents Film on Gun Violence

by Ryan Bradley and Konrad Herling

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will present the film *The Armor of Light* at its next meeting, Sunday, February 26, 3 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building. The film discusses gun violence from a conservative "pro-life" perspective.

The film, directed by Abigail Disney, follows the journey of evangelical minister, Reverend Rob Schenck, an anti-abortion activist whose congregation invites guest speakers from the NRA and strong conservatives such as Sarah Palin. However, in his travels he meets Lucy McBath, the mother of Jordan Davis, an unarmed teenager murdered in Florida. Meeting Lucy, a strong Christian, and the death of her son broaden the Reverend's perspective about what "pro-life" means. He expresses his broader viewpoints with these words: "When faith becomes inseparately

linked to a political position, we become vulnerable to selling our souls."

Armor of Light follows unlikely allies through their trials of conscience, heartbreak and rejection, as they bravely attempt to encourage folks on both sides of the issue to consider America's gun culture through a moral lens. The film is also a courageous look at the fractured political culture, and an assertion that it is, indeed, possible for people to come together across deep party lines to find common ground.

Following the film, the club invites all, members and visitors, to participate in a discussion. Additionally, there will be light food and beverages served provided by those who attend.

For additional information about the event and the club, call 202-321-4207 or view the organization's website at rooseveltclub.com.

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Campaign to Stop the Lakeside North Development

Public Awareness Day

Saturday February 11, 2017, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Greenbelt Fire Station at 125 Crescent Road

The Council will discuss the proposed Lakeside North Development at the Council meeting on Monday, February 13. We need to be there to voice our opposition to the development.

The proposed development consists of a 25-story 400 unit luxury high rise apartment complex on 5 acres of forested land adjacent to the Lakeside North Apartments. This land is part of the original green belt and current zoning regulations require it to remain undeveloped. Therefore, the property is fully developed and would have to be rezoned to allow for the development.

Be Prepared!

- (1) Get your free hand fan "STOP Lakeside North Development" or make your own sign
- (2) Get your free button "STOP Lakeside North Development"
- (3) Pick up information and updates about the proposed development
- (4) See what councilmembers said at the work session with Southern Management
- (5) View the YouTube "Greenbelt Minute" and hear what residents are saying
- (6) Sign our petition (if you haven't already)

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Greenbelt History in Photos

Let's Build a Lake

by James Giese

This is the 12th in a series of articles with photos depicting the early history of Greenbelt.

When ground was broken in October, 1935 construction plans were not completed. Chester Draper, a regional engineer for the Resettlement Administration, recalled in 1982 that he had suggested to Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Rexford Tugwell while on-site that he felt one area would be suitable for creating a lake by constructing a dam. Not only would this provide a pleasant amenity for the community, but work could proceed right away (there not being the environmental studies and assessments required of today).

Two hundred men, referred to as transient workers, worked for nearly a year to turn a heavily-wooded swamp into a 23-acre lake – first clearing away the trees, then draining the swamp and building an earthen dam with a concrete core and a spillway. Machines were used sparingly, only when work could not be done by men with tools. Some of the wood was salvaged and used for construction or donated to the county relief board for firewood; the rest burned over many months. Logs were also used to provide stable access roads over

the muddy, clay terrain.

By November of 1935 the workers had cleared a significant area as shown in these two photos. The second photo bears the title "Noon Day Call, Prince George's County, Maryland" and does not specifically state its location, but the workmen are probably sitting and standing in the Morris farm yard which was located about where the Buddy Attick Park playground is now located. Initially workers were bussed into the work site from Washington and Baltimore and were permitted to work only four hours a day or 88 hours a month. Operating with two shifts, twice as many men could be put to work each day. The men in the photos might possibly have been the afternoon shift awaiting instructions or from the morning shift having completed their time at work.

(Information for this article is taken from Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-1987, Chapter 2, Constructing the New Town by Leta Mach. Mark Hanyok of Hillside Road provided the name of the Morris farm. Photos are from the Library of Congress photo files, available online at loc.gov/pictures.)



A transient worker clears land.



Noon day call, Prince George's County.
- Photos by Carl Mydans, courtesy Library of Congress

Temple Hills Man Is Arrested in Robbery

On February 2, a 19-year-old Temple Hills man was apprehended along with three others by Montgomery County police after an attempted robbery in Silver Spring. The man has been linked to three robberies in Greenbelt. These took place December 24 at the 7-Eleven in the 7900 block Good Luck Road, January 24 at the CVS in the 7600 block Greenbelt Road and the same CVS on January 27. The investigation is ongoing.

ATM Robbery Suspect Sought by Police

Greenbelt police are attempting to identify a man involved in a robbery and a series of thefts that have occurred at Capital One Bank ATMs in both the 6200 and 7600 blocks Greenbelt Road. He approaches a person at the ATM and asks them to deposit his check into their account and give him cash from the ATM. He sometimes states he does not have a bank account or gives some other excuse. The deposited checks are later found to be fraudulent.

These thefts have been occurring since November 2016, with the latest January 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Beltway Plaza location. He has also been known to take the person to a nearby store such as Giant, Safeway or Target and have them purchase a single item at the self-checkout line and get additional cash back. In one of these incidents he displayed a black handgun and forced the person to withdraw money.

In the January 30 incident, a black Dodge Avenger pulled up alongside a woman in her car at the ATM. He asked her to deposit his check and give him the cash. When she refused, he displayed a handgun and got into her vehicle. He then told the occupant in the vehicle he had exited to park nearby and wait for him. The woman whose car he entered did then deposit his check. He then told her to drive to the Beltway Plaza Target, where he ordered her to purchase merchandise for him and asked her to withdraw more money.

He is described as black, 5'11" tall, 140 pounds, wearing torn blue jeans, a white T-shirt and red and white "Jordan" Nike sneakers.

Anyone with information as to the identity of this man should call the Greenbelt police at 301-474-7200.



ATM robbery suspect

PHOTO COURTESY OF GREENBELT POLICE

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

January 25, 9:20 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A man wearing a ski mask, armed with a handgun, approached another person in a stairwell of an apartment building. The person's cell phone was taken and the man fled.

January 27, 3:40 a.m., 7600 block Greenbelt Road. A cashier at the CVS Pharmacy reported that a man wearing a mask and brandishing a gun entered the store and announced a robbery. He obtained money and then fled.

January 27, 9:40 p.m. 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A man followed a woman walking from the parking lot of a condominium building. Once inside he produced a handgun and announced a robbery. He fled on foot after getting cash from the woman.

Fraud

January 26, 8:45 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. A man entered a person's vehicle at Capital One Bank by way of the passenger door. He asked the person to deposit a check for him and give him the money. The person agreed and gave him cash. The check was later discovered to be fraudulent.

Trespassing

January 27, 5:22 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Terrace. A 29-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass

by officers responding to a report of a person acting suspiciously. Investigation revealed that he had been banned from Franklin Park apartments by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Theft

January 30, 4 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A person witnessed a man enter For Eyes, remove two pair of designer sunglasses and then flee.

January 31, 12:51 p.m., 7200 block Hanover Parkway. An unattended wallet, two cell phones and a charger were removed from a medical facility.

Counterfeit Money

January 27, 7:22 p.m., 7500 block Mandan Road. A man responded to an ad about a cell phone for sale over the internet. They arranged to meet in the 7500 block of Mandan Road. The buyer paid for the phone and then ran away. The seller later discovered he was paid with counterfeit money.

Vehicle Crime

A front license plate was stolen in the 6100 block Breezewood Court; four tires and rims taken from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; and a black 2002 Nissan Altima with Md. tag VSZ1393 was stolen from the 100 block Westway.

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.

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The Tiny House Movement – Alive And Well in Greenbelt

by Cathie Meetre

The Tiny House movement is maturing in the rest of the United States and Portland, Oregon seems to be somewhat of an epicenter. Cool people live there. Portland is known for being hip and outdoorsy and keen on cycling and eco-everything. Greenbelt is not a haven of cool. A look around Roosevelt Center on a weekend morning doesn't reveal beautiful people sipping lattes. Many residents, frankly, don't look that great in Lycra.

Nonetheless, Greenbelt has an edge. It is perhaps a new and heady experience for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) residents to find themselves accidentally living a trendy lifestyle suited to the fabled 'millennial' person who is young, socially conscious, into yoga, and who tweets incessantly (or is that already passé?). Greenbelters never meant to be part of the small house movement – it was simply all they could afford at the time. Yet, fueled perhaps by a backlash against the McMansion, honed by the seminal books of Sarah Susanka on the 'Not So Big House,' and promoted by a variety of organizations in favor of living simply, Greenbelt accidentally finds itself replete with houses in this category which vary from about 400 square feet (tiny) to under 1,000 square feet (merely designated small – which brings less cachet, of course).

Ironically, the town was criticized by opponents in the late thirties for being over-indulgent – spending way too much money on public housing and treating selected people to a life of luxury and spaciousness. Though today's purchasers probably wouldn't agree that the houses are decadent, the new inhabitants of the thirties, coming from the housing shortage of D.C. at that time and given the prevailing standard of low income housing, were more than delighted with their high level of finish and amenities, big windows and ample yards.

GHI residents tend to be a mix of young hopefuls who found their first house here (some of whom stuck for a lifetime) and older, more settled folks looking to simplify and combine the benefits of home ownership with the services and infrastructure of the cooperative. GHI attracts intellectuals with an agenda as well as folks who simply happened on it while looking for a good deal in an established community with a strong sense of values and active institutions.

GHI has a range of homes that fit into both the "tiny" and the "small" categories. The honeymoon cottages in the original 1938 plan and the one-bedroom apartments that were built as part of Defense Housing in the early forties are both approximately 400 square feet. The two-bedroom frames have about 640 usable square feet while the larger original homes, for example a three-bedroom masonry home, have approximately 850 usable square feet. These spaces economically package a lot of living. With galley style kitchens, many of which have been opened out into the dining area of the home, and modern cabinets and appliances, many of the homes



Brick and frame GHI homes - Photos by Melinda Brady



are stylish and imaginative, using the available space effectively to pack a lot of living into a small area without any lack of grace or style. Unlike the McMansions characterized by Susanka, which have rooms that are unused – even staying unfurnished for years – every area of the typical GHI residence is utilized.

Characteristic of the tiny house movement is the purposing of space for multiple roles. Counters double as eating spaces, bedrooms as studies, a coat closet hides a fold-down ironing board and washers and dryers are tucked under counters. Ingenuity and good design pay dividends when every nook and cranny counts. GHI residents are past masters at storage.

Over the years, the homes have diverged. Many homes have extensions – one and two story additions that add a second bathroom, extra living or sleeping space or simply a small but very useful utility area. Some have screened porches and patios that allow inhabitants to connect better with an already sylvan neighborhood.

There's some debate within GHI as to whether additions past and present have always been made with the best esthetic sense. There are ongoing quarrels about the continued presence of chain-link fencing, the nature and extent of privacy fencing and the location and dimensions of sheds. This debate is healthy and contributes to the evolving community. Standards have changed over the years, varying in stringency and having been more or less unevenly applied. Now when a GHI house changes hands, the co-op inspects it thoroughly and makes sure that it meets set standards, assuring the new buyer a safe, sanitary and stable home.

GHI is currently undergoing its second major rehabilitation effort. The earlier one, in the late seventies and early eighties, was radical and polarizing. The cooperative had not kept itself up to par, huge changes in fuel costs

had rendered its original heating system an expensive luxury and the result was a massive re-equipping of the homes. While there are still perhaps quarrels with some of the choices that were made then, the fact was that the effort saved the community from a down-hill slide and paved the way for a more sustainable future. The new program is under way and will continue to support the fabric of the community – with upgrades taking place through 2020.

The newfound popularity of the tiny or small house, the emphasis on simplicity of living and the value of this community can only continue to make GHI a successful venture, offering the opportunity for young and old to live side by side, avoiding using up too much of the world's resources, and creating a walkable town. Greenbelters don't have to migrate to Portland to become cool. They already are.

Young Civil Rights Heroes Celebrated

The Smithsonian Discovery Associates drama, *How Old is a Hero?* Young People of the Civil Rights Movement will be performed on Saturday, February 11 at 2 p.m. in the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly.

Discovery Theater's original touring production introduces young heroes and calls everyone to join in changing the world. Meet Ernest Green of the Little Rock Nine, the first student to graduate from an integrated high school; Claudette Colvin, the 15-year-old who refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Ala. bus (nine months before Rosa Parks); and Rube Bridges, who won equal rights before she could read. Moving archival musical recordings accent these scenes of struggle and hope.

There is a small fee. Call 301-277-1710; TTY 301-699-2544 for more information.



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GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, February 16, 2017
GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

- 1. GHI Executive session Meeting (Closed to Members) – Begins at 7.00 p.m.**
 - Approval of Minutes: Executive Session Meeting held on January 19, 2017
 - Member Financial Delinquency Matters
 - Contract in the Negotiation Stage for Repairs and Improvements of a Unit
 - Discussion of a Business Transaction in the Negotiation Stages.
- 2. GDC Open Session – Starts at 7.30 p.m.**
 - Approval of Minutes: Open Session Meeting on January 5, 2017
 - Approval of Minutes: Open Session Meeting on January 19, 2017
 - Interest from a Potential Buyer in Acquiring the Parkway Apartments
- 3. GHI Open Session – Begins after the GDC Open session meeting**
 - Approval of Minutes: Special Membership Meeting Held on December 8, 2016
 - Approval of Minutes: Open Session Meeting on January 19, 2017
 - Buildings Committee's Recommendations re: Revised Policy for Installation of Solar Energy Systems
 - Buildings Committee's Recommendation re: Limited use of Spray Foam in Crawlspace During the HIP
 - 2016 Community Beautification Report
 - Asbestos Debris on Abandoned Heating Pipes within Crawlspace of Frame Units
 - Review Task force's Recommendations re: Assignment of Units to GHI
 - Response from GHI's Attorney re: Questions Raised by the Audit Committee re: GDC Apartment Acquisitions
 - Review Draft minutes for the 2016 Annual Meeting



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Reginald McNeill
Principal

December 20, 2016

Dear Parents,

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) is partnering with the Greenbelt City Police Department in order to address crime in the area, maintain a safe school environment and increase the overall quality of life for residents of the surrounding communities.

We are working to reduce the problems encountered by residents living in areas neighboring ERHS that are related to students skipping classes and then loitering in hallways, smoking and engaged in other unwanted activities during the school day. Many of these incidents are occurring just before school starts and then periodically throughout the school day. These issues have been occurring for some time.

We want to inform you that if your child is found on the premises of a surrounding neighborhood during the school day without authorization, they will be subject to disciplinary actions here at ERHS. Also, if they are found by a Police Officer, students may be subject to being charged with trespassing. Please advise your children not to enter or congregate in any of these nearby communities adjacent to ERHS during school hours without permission.

An additional safety concern is that of students being dropped off in traffic along Greenbelt Road. We understand that this may be convenient. However, it is very dangerous to students and parents as well as the local traffic. ERHS and the Greenbelt Police are concerned for the safety of students. Please be advised that traffic enforcement efforts will be scheduled, to include the issuing of citations, to those stopping on Greenbelt Road and dropping off students. Please refrain from letting students out of your vehicle on Greenbelt Road.

Your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated. Let's all do our part in contributing to the safety and education of our children. Only together can we create a quality environment for both ERHS students and the nearby residents of ERHS. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Reginald McNeill, Principal
Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Major Thomas Kemp
Interim Greenbelt Chief of Police

Arbor Day Foundation Offers Free Trees

Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone who joins the foundation in February 2017 will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees or 10 free redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry throughout the country for the past 40 years.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which contains information about planting and care. To become a member, visit arborday.org/february.



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A Teddy Bear's Picnic will be held on Saturday, February 11 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the College Park Methodist Church.

Celebrate a Valentine-themed Teddy Bear picnic with a favorite stuffed animal, with stories, singing, making valentines, picnic and parade.

Persuasive Speaking Workshop Saturday

Concerned Women of Greenbelt is having a meeting on Saturday, February 11 at 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church, located at Hillside and Crescent Roads. Jill Vanderweit, a member of NTL Advanced Toastmasters Club, will conduct a session on persuasive speaking, focusing on interactions when two or more people disagree about a topic. First, she will make a presentation and give advice. Participants will then break into groups and use role playing to practice the skills.

Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Rachel Alexander at 301-538-6225.



This letter went home recently to parents of Eleanor Roosevelt High School students, to try to address problems of students skipping school and loitering in the neighborhood near the school.

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LAKEWOOD - Corner Lot & garage/workshop. Remodeled throughout, hardwood flrs., modern kitchen, large family rm., sunroom & more. \$339,000

Backs To Woods - 3BR Townhome with fenced yard. Modern cabinets, granite counter. Ceramic Tiled Bathroom. \$144,900

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Brick Townhome - Just steps away from Roosevelt Center. Amazing kitchen with granite counters, modern cabinets & s.s. appliances. Beautiful!

Brick Townhome - 3 BR townhome completely remodeled by D. Refinished hardwood floors, new laminate & carpeting on lower level.

Brick Townhome - Estate Sale - 2 BR GHI home. Completely remodeled top to bottom. New appls, cabs, ceramic tile, refin. flrs... Priced to sell at \$149,900

Brick Townhome - Corner Lot - Completely remodeled 3 BR GHI townhome with refinished hardwood floors upstairs. Fenced Backyard with Trex deck.

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Large Corner Lot - 2 Bedroom GHI home - Freshly upgraded by GHI! New siding, windows and doors. Refinished hardwood flooring throughout. Ready!

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LOVE NOTES



MAGGIE – Wow, you and me made it to 23! Love you forever, just keeps getting better! -Hubs

Sylvia, I'm grateful to you for coming to the New World. You renewed my world. Robert

Robert: The memories they come and go, And now our walk is somewhat slow. Still we sing our songs and drink our wine For you'll always be my Valentine Sylvia

To My "Biathlon" Man, You continue to amaze and delight me, With our skill, compassion, and curiosity. No challenge is too great, no person too small From setting bath tile to marching for one and all.

And, despite your broad interests and remarkable ability, You always make me feel like the center of your galaxy. My love for you is equally strong and deep. Clearly, ours is a romance that we should definitely keep. Your Swimming Sweetie

Texas My heart's delights, Grow big and bright, Deep in the heart of Texas. There's Kiera, one, She's lots of fun, Deep in the heart of Texas. Liam is three, A man he'll be, Deep in the heart of Teas. Declan nears six, Makes a fine mix, Deep in the heart of Texas. Hope all is fine, My valentines, Deep in the heart of Texas. Love, GGPI

Leslie, I should have done this poem long ago But life got in the way I love you oh so very much! Happy Valentine's Day Mike

You are my caring confidante, Loving travel companion, Keeper of my heart and my secrets, Love of my life. Happy Valentine's Day, Dear Bill! Love, Shobha

To my traveling companion, My co-retiree, my best friend My life partner, My lover, my wife; Happy Valentine's Day Shobha

Happy Valentine's Day To all our Greenbelt friends! Love, Bill & Shobha

I love my friend, confidant and mother You were more wonderful than any other. Your grace, sweetness and generosity Showed me how a person should be.

You taught me all my life to be strong From you I learned right from wrong. Your smile, kindness and caring Helped me become sweet even though quite daring.

Growing up I know I was crazy and wild Yet I was always your favorite child You helped me become responsible and viable. Even giving me the nickname "Mr. Reliable."

I love you Mom and miss you every day I still talk to you, just in a different way. You lived such a good life, I try not to be sad Because I know you are dancing in heaven with Dad! Love, Your son Tom

Our love flourishes and perseveres Through the good times and the tears. Our joys are shared happily And the tough times are handled gracefully.

We will always be there for each other You were loyally by my side when I lost my mother. You stayed strong with the passing of your Dad. Even though I know inside you were so sad.

We have much to be thankful for, my love Brought together by our gracious God above. One day you will be my loving wife Because with you I want to always share my life. Love, Your Thomas

We enter your peaceful atmosphere Pointing out that "I ache and hurt right here." You ease our pain, changing it to bliss Using your healing tough as if it was God's kiss.

Your magic fingers massage and knead Literally transforming our essence, indeed. You're so great I'd write a commendation letter So everyone would know if you go to Heavenly Spa, You'll feel better! Tom & Lisa

At this special time of the year You help us publish poetry for all that we hold dear. Happily you organize and publish our prose Adding in Valentine hearts in rows.

Well, it's time you received some recognition For all your hard work and dedication We really appreciate all that you do The wonderful ladies and lads of the News Review! Tom Foerter

Audrey, Audrey, Hallelujah!

Fifty six years have passed by us Since days when we were wed You fell in love and I loved you For which we both are glad We raised our kids, we saw the world And also shared our bed Everything still going right.

Audrey, Audrey how I love you Audrey, Audrey how I love you Audrey, Audrey how I love you May the future be as bright

Ayla my dear, my life and my love To me, you're an angel, sent from above So kind, smart and beautiful, a real heart melter A wonderful woman, Michael's favorite Greenbelter

Roses are red, but we're truly blue, President Obama, since we lost you!

The Roosevelt Democratic Club LOVES former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates!



Spellagain Em, aye, double el, eye, gee, eigh, en spells what you say? Looking forward to this coming month of May, When there'll be such a wonderful wedding day. Em, igh, double el, ie, gee, ch, en you see, Never a bit of doubt will there ever be, They're the clan I'm looking forward to see, Milligan, oui, oui. Love from Maryland

I love you, Patsy Lou!



When things are rough, you make me tough. When things are fine, you are all mine. When things are fun, you are my hun. When things are bad, you make me glad. When things go bump, you smack my hump. For all those things we tackle together, Big or small no matter the weather. From here till the end of time, I love having your hand in mine. Your honey, Your wife, Jill

To my King of Hearts: You are my bridge to Delightful Adventures and My Best Bid for Happiness Ever After.

We stood the test of another year, And James you are still here. For all life's ups and downs We are both around. Happy Valentine's my love. Suzette

John -- I am so lucky and happy to have you in my life! I'm looking forward To a long and wonderful life together With excitement. I love you very Much! Happy Valentine's Day! -- Chiyo

To Rena How do I love thee? Let me count the ways Alack, I can't do it. There're not enough days! -- Larry

To my wonderful wife, I'll never forget the day we first met In Old Greenbelt

Happy Valentine's Day!

You are my rock! You are my star! More magical than the best grimoire! As reliable as NPR With you, my life's a sushi bar! A cookie jar! That's always full Me from you no one could pull. Painting walls or need repair Of us you take exquisite care Come dance with me a contra swing You are my favorite one night fling So here's to the many years ahead Feeling everyday like a newlywed I'm so grateful, I'm so glad That you're my gallant Galahad I don't need telescopes to see The miracle right next to me. Joel, I love you Hineini

To all Greenbelters who marched In the Jan 2017 Women's March -- Will you be my Valentine? I'll be yours if you'll be mine. Once again, Greenbelters Show up and speak up. I'm proud. Peggy

To my Zumba Girl: Even more than my Cheerios -- You know -- Plain with a few Honey Nuts Sprinkled on top. It's thinking about you that gets Me up in the morning. I could live without my Cheerios, But I can't even imagine Living without you. All my love, -- Bicycle Boy

Mi Querida Anita: El calor de tu sonrisa alimenta mi alma. Y la luz de tus ojos me guía por la vida. Cuando pienso de ti y de nosotros juntos, Siento un explosión de energía y felicidad. Haces el todo posible. Eres mi primer y único amor. -- Marcos

Happy Valentine's Day to All From the Staff at the Greenbelt News Review



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