

Council Votes Down, For Now, Lowering City's Voting Age

by Kathleen Gallagher

In July 2015, the city's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) sent a report to the city council recommending that the voting age be lowered to 16 for purposes of municipal elections. The committee also conducted a survey of Greenbelt young people in which 87 percent of respondents favored lowering the age. The councils of three other cities in the area have taken action to lower their minimum voting ages to 16: Takoma Park, Hyattsville and Glenarden.

After two years of discussion, during which the original petitioners had grown old enough to vote without a change in the law, council decided at its August 14 meeting on a 3 to 4 vote not to support the adoption of a charter amendment to make that change for Greenbelt. It had seemed at meetings in May and July (see the May 25 and July 13 issues

of this paper) that council might support lowering the voting age while maintaining the currently existing minimum age of 18 for running for the city council. At the August 14 meeting, however, four councilmembers took the position that it was not acceptable for council to make such a change without the support of the voters as indicated by a referendum question to be placed on the ballot in the November 7 election.

Three councilmembers voted to support adoption of the charter change, including Judith Davis, Konrad Herling and Leta Mach. Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmembers Silke Pope, Edward Putens and Rodney Roberts did not want to take action on the matter without a referendum to support such action.

Since in Maryland it is the

responsibility of elected officials to determine legislation, such a decision cannot be made directly by the voters. It appears unlikely that a majority of current councilmembers would support the change if the voters did not do so. It will be the council elected on November 7, however, that will decide how to proceed with the results of the vote on the referendum question.

In addition to the YAC itself, which recommended the change to council, the two other city council advisory groups to which council referred the issue, the Community Relations Advisory Board and the Advisory Committee on Education, supported the recommendation of YAC without reservation.

Herling said he had been swayed in part by the support of the advisory groups. Their opinion stood in contrast to the results of a question on the 2015 Community Questionnaire, which showed 77 percent of respondents opposing lowering the voting age.

Several residents spoke at the meeting before the vote was taken. Ema Smith, chair of YAC, has attended all of the meetings on this topic with other representatives from the committee. On this occasion, the former chair of the committee, Katia Cavigelli, under whose name the original report was submitted in 2015,

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Herling Not Running

City Councilmember Konrad Herling announced at the August 14 council meeting that he will not run for re-election in November. Herling, who has started a graduate program in city planning, said he wants to focus his attention on learning to create new Greenbelts.

Herling, who has been on the council since 2003, will continue in office until the next council is sworn in on November 13.

What Goes On

Friday, August 18
8 to 10 p.m., Family Fun Night, Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center
Monday, August 21
Start of nominations for 2017 city council election
8 p.m., Council Worksession with Human Relations Commission, Municipal Building.
Tuesday, August 22
7:30 p.m., Community Relations Advisory Board, Municipal Building

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Children Collaborative Art Involves Hundreds of Kids

by Elizabeth Gardner



PHOTO BY ANNE GARDNER

Wooden butterflies are hanging in the Community Center gallery.

One of the many art projects that the Creative Kids Camps (CKC) completed this summer is a three-dimensional gallery work called Flutter. The project, which is now on display at the Community Center, comprises hanging butterflies of the many different species found in Maryland, filling the room with color and movement. They hang at various heights so that visitors of all sizes can be face-to-face with the delicate flapping wings. The project was started by the first session of campers, and added to by all of the campers that came through the CKC program this summer, making it an evolving work of art that showcases the talent of hundreds of children working together.

Nicole DeWald, arts supervisor for the Greenbelt Recreation Department, spearheaded the project. She believes that this project is beneficial to the children because it "provides campers an opportunity to create visual art in a way that is very different from what most of them have expe-

rienced previously." The three-dimensional aspect of the display allows for a unique artistic style that can be used to showcase the strengths of all different children. Those who are talented at two-dimensional artistic designs lend their hands to creating the individual butterflies. The display is then assembled into 3D kinetic pieces by volunteers Deborah Delcid and Jean Newcomb. This also encourages children to reach out of their artistic comfort zones and work in new ways.

Another aspect of this project is that it encourages cooperation and collaboration among the campers, both those who work together all day and those attending past and future camp sessions. According to DeWald, "They work shoulder to shoulder on the larger components, learning to communicate with their collaborators and to integrate their respective ideas." This teaches the important life skill of respectful collaboration, not

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Jitender Dubey is Finalist For Service to America Medal

by Matt Arbach

"God is watching over me," says Dr. Jitender Dubey, a microbiologist with the Agricultural Research Service, when considering his life of many journeys and perseverance. A resident of Greenbelt since 1982, Dubey was named a finalist in July for this year's Samuel J. Heyman Service to America medal for his pioneering work of over 30 years in the understanding and control of three pernicious parasites that affect the spectrum of livestock, pets and sometimes humans. His work has saved many lives, both human and animal, and has been a boon to the livestock industry. One sees clearly that his work is his true calling and that he relishes the opportunity to give

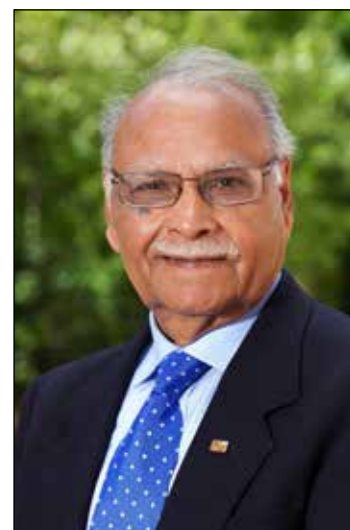


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Dr. Jitender Dubey

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Rings on Lake Park Tree Tell a Tale Spanning 140 Years

by Owen Kelley

Last week, the city cut down a large, dead tree on the northeast shore of Greenbelt Lake, which had started growing about

60 years before Greenbelt was founded. If you visit the stump of this double-trunked white oak tree, you can count 140 annual growth rings. The fact that this tree is double-trunked means that it might not have sprouted from an acorn 140 years ago, but instead it may have started life as a pair of "stump sprouts" that grew out of the stump of an even earlier tree.

This large tree is a reminder that at least part of Greenbelt was wooded even before the town was built. We know this because the Library of Congress has aerial photos from 1935 to 1937 that show many areas of Greenbelt with trees towering over the newly constructed townhomes. The forested areas in these photos extend to the shores of Greenbelt Lake and include parts of what is today the Forest Preserve between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the GHI woodlands east of Ridge Road.

Looking back further, a 1913 map of Prince George's County labels about half of



PHOTO BY OWEN KELLEY

This tree, recently cut down from the lake, first grew there approximately 140 years ago.

Letters to the Editor

Power To The People

I sing the praises of solar panels. Mine were given county approval last Tuesday. Then Pepco came on Thursday to install the net metering system and immediately let me generate my own power. Now my GHI home gets 20 to 35 kilowatt-hours most every day from my roof.

It cost a lot because I paid for them outright rather than leasing them. But that means that I keep all of the savings. They should be fully paid for in about seven years, because of tax credits. So the next 18 years of operation will be giving me free power.

If anyone wants to talk with me about how great it is, and how accommodating GHI is, my email is ByllJones@gmail.com.

Bill Jones



Trail Needs Benches

Regarding the article by Jeff Lemieux in the News Review of Thursday, August 10, 2017, with the below photo of the "new connector trail [is] ready to be used," allow me to make a comment regarding benches. People with physical limitations such as me need benches scattered along the way at reasonable intervals.

Due to a vascular accident, I can walk but only for short distances before having to stop and rest [on a bench]. Resting on the ground is out of the question, for serious reasons. I would adore taking my dogs for walks on the new trail, but as with many or most cityscapes, the able-bodied designers need to be aware of the need for resting places.

Can benches or even kiosks be recommended to be placed along the new trail as an integral part of ADA considerations? Thanks for your input.

Marilynne Dos Reis

Focus on Greenbelt

A recent Politico magazine article by Katelyn Fossett and Jason Reblando, When the Federal Government Tried to Design the Ideal Community, includes photos of Greenbelt along with Greenhills, Ohio and Greendale, Wis., in a story on the New Deal experiment, 80 years later. To see it, go to politico.com/magazine and search for Greenbelt

Credit Union Collects School Supplies

Help kids in need. Greenbelt Federal Credit Union is collecting school supplies for kids in need at Springhill Lake Elementary School until August 25.

Monetary donations can also be made at the Credit Union. Checks should be made out to Springhill Lake ES. Donations can be made at the Credit Union and the Co-op Supermarket. The list of needed supplies can be found at the Credit Union, Co-op or at pgcps.org.

Participants Sought For Information Day

Information Day at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival welcomes groups, local businesses and other organizations to share their causes, missions or products with festivalgoers.

The event is on Saturday, September 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Roosevelt Center. For details about registering to participate in Information Day, go to greenbelt-laborday.com/events-and-activities/information-day/.

On Screen

Our Noble Quixote?

A decade after An Inconvenient Truth, Al Gore, America's most visible ecowarrior, continues his crusade with An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth To Power. Gore is older, grayer, thicker and angrier but undaunted.

He demonstrates that extreme weather events make the deleterious impact of climate change much harder to deny. In this high stakes race against time, let's hope that Gore is not merely some out of touch Don Quixote tilting against windmills (wind power?).

After the 8 p.m. showing at Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday August 18, there will be an audience discussion led by Dr. Paul Butterworth, a scientist from the U.K. who worked at Greenbelt's NASA Goddard Space Flight Center for 30 years.

Rating: PG

Running time: 1 hour 38 minutes

Directors: Bonni Cohen and Jon Shenk

—Jim Link

Correction

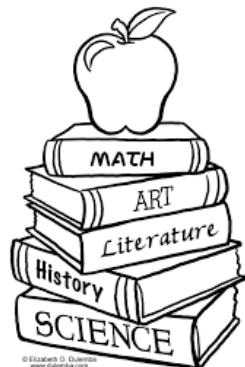
In the August, 3, 2017 paper, the phone number given in the article about the Drug Drop Box at the Greenbelt Police Station was incorrect. The correct phone number is 301-474-7200.

Donations Needed For Book Sale

It's time for the annual Greenbelt Elementary School PTA Labor Day Book Sale. Donations are now being accepted at Co-op Supermarket and Greenbriar Condominiums, or they can be dropped off at the school Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Books too heavy to carry? Call 240-583-0448 for pickups in 20770 zip code only, or request a pick up by using the online google form at <https://goo.gl/forms/WNqdQoCqRgmwmHVn1>.

At the end of the sale, all unsold books will be sold to a book dealer or donated.



Old Greenbelt Theatre
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301-329-2034
www.greenbelttheatre.org

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Adults \$9, Senior/Student \$8, Members \$6.50, Kids \$6
All shows before 5 PM:
Adults \$7, Members \$6.50, Kids \$5
OC = Open Captions
CC = Closed Captions

SHOWTIMES

Aug 18th - Aug 24th

AN INCONVENIENT SEQUEL:

TRUTH TO POWER (2017) (98 mins)
Fri. 3:00, 8:00 PM (with guest speaker!)
Sat. 3:00, 5:15, 8:00 PM
Sun. 3:00, 5:15, 8:00 PM
Mon. 8:00 PM
Tues. 8:00 PM
Wed. 3:00, 8:00 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM

MAUDIE (2016) (PG-13) (115 mins) (CC)
Fri. 5:15 PM
Sat. 12:30 PM
Sun. 12:30 PM (OC)
Mon. - Thurs. 5:15 PM

School's Out Series: FREE!
EPIC (2013) (PG) (102 mins) (CC)
Thurs. 1:00 pm

THINGS NOT TO DO DURING

THE SOLAR ECLIPSE



PRETEND YOU'RE MERLIN THE MAGICIAN.

SING "YOU'RE SO VAIN" BY CARLY SIMON.



LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE SUN.

Peter Reppert



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Community Events

Forest Preserve Board To Meet August 31

The Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) will meet on Thursday, August 31 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building. The primary topic on the agenda will be the Forest Preserve Health Assessment by A. Morton Thomas and Associates Inc, including goals and recommendations, invasive species, trails and more, time permitting. There will also be discussion of the mission and vision statement for FPAB, as well as Forest Preserve/BARC fence repairs and a FPAB field trip to the American Chestnut Foundation in Calvert County.

GAIL Offers Free Movie Tickets

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program, in partnership with Capital Caring Hospice, is offering Greenbelt residents free movie tickets for the Tuesday, September 12 PBS/Frontline documentary screening and panel discussion of "Being Mortal," based on the New York Times best seller by Atul Gawande. The screening will be at Old Greenbelt Theatre.

The film explores the hopes of patients and families facing terminal illness and their relationships with the doctors, nurses and family members who care for them. Tickets will be available Monday, August 21. Contact Sharon Johnson at 301-345-6660 x2029.

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Screening and panel discussion is from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

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 August 21 are as follows:

Monday, August 21: Orange juice, meatloaf with mushroom gravy, whipped potatoes, parsleyed carrots, wheat bread, apple-sauce.

Tuesday, August 22: Apple juice, vegetarian chili, parsleyed rice, broccoli, saltine crackers, diced peaches.

Wednesday, August 23: Cranberry juice, veal Italiano, au gratin rotini, green peas and onions, Italian bread, fresh fruit.

Thursday, August 24: Grape juice, breaded pollock, hash brown casserole, green beans, wheat hamburger bun, tropical fruit.

Friday, August 25: Orange juice, cream of broccoli soup, crackers, sliced roast beef, wheat bread, spring salad mix with ranch dressing, fresh fruit.

Participants Solicited For Labor Day Parade

Make plans now to participate in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. Community, school and government groups, local businesses, political incumbents and candidates or even informal groups formed just for the parade are invited to submit a parade application, available online at greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/parade-participants/. Create a float, put together a performance, show off your antique or otherwise unique vehicle or simply march together displaying signs advertising your group. You might even win a prize. All parade participants must pre-register no later than Friday, August 25 by emailing a completed parade application to GreenbeltLaborDayParade@verizon.net.

The 2017 Labor Day Festival Parade will take place on Monday, September 4 from 10 a.m. to noon. The route is along Crescent Road, from Greenhill Road to Southway. Participants are asked to line up in the staging area along Crescent Road between Lastner Lane and Greenhill Road between 8 and 9:30 a.m. More detailed information is available on the website listed above.

Those who have already submitted a parade application, but have not received a confirmation of receipt, should resubmit their application. Some parade applications may have been lost to a maladjusted SPAM filter.

Labor Day Festival Seeks Pics for Show

Want to share any awesome photos with others? The Labor Day Festival Photo Show is coming soon. Both adults and children (12 and under) are invited to enter up to two photographs each.

Categories include Greenbelt Memories, Families, Children, Wildlife, Pets and more.

Frame dimensions greater than 16 inches by 20 inches will not be accepted and smaller frames are preferred, as space is limited.

Bring ready-to-hang photos and completed registration forms to the Community Center, Room 114 between 5 and 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 31 or Friday, September 1. Judging is done on Friday night and winning ribbons will be on display starting Saturday at 1 p.m.

There is no charge to enter. For more information, contact Keith Zevallos at 240-355-2908, email laborday_photoshow@yahoo.com, or go online to greenbeltlaborday.com.

Donate Supplies For SHL Elementary

The Greenbelt Rotary Club will collect school supplies for Springhill Lake Elementary School students at the Greenbelt Farmers Market on Sunday, August 20 and Sunday, August 27.

Bring supplies to drop off, including black and white composition notebooks, boxes of plain yellow wooden #2 pencils, glue sticks, 3-ring notebook paper (wide ruled) and pocket folders.

Cash donations for the purchase of supplies will also be gratefully accepted. For more information, contact anne.m.wallace54@gmail.com or greenbeltrotary.org/

Beltway Plaza Hosts Free Immunizations

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) and Maryland Partnership for Prevention are sponsoring a free immunization clinic at Beltway Plaza on Saturday, August 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PGCPS says parents with children entering kindergarten or seventh grade should pay particularly close attention. Enrolling PGCPS kindergarteners will need two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. Students preparing to enter seventh grade need two vaccines – Tdap and meningitis.

Additionally, the Prince George's County Health Department is hosting immunization clinics for youth (up to age 18) with limited or no health insurance at two locations: Cheverly Health Center, 3003 Hospital Drive in Cheverly and D. Leonard Dyer Regional Health Center, 9314 Piscataway Road in Clinton. To make an appointment contact 301-583-3386.

PGCPS will also provide free immunizations at the annual Back-to-School Fair at Prince George's Stadium on Saturday, August 26.

For more information on county immunization requirements, visit pgcps.org/immunizations. For the list of Maryland immunization requirements go to pha.health.maryland.gov and search for back-to-school-immunization-requirements.

Writers Group Meets Friday, August 18

The Greenbelt Writers Group meets on Friday, August 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All local writers are invited to participate. Plans for an anthology will be discussed, and open readings will be held. For more information, contact Mary Moien at 301-474-4713.



PHOTO BY MEGAN SEARING-YOUNG

Pie at the Retro Town Fair

Retro Town Fair Returns at Festival

Gardeners, canners, knitters and all homemaking crafty folks in Greenbelt – start preparing entries for the Fifth Retro Town Fair. It will be held over Labor Day weekend on Sunday, September 3 on the grounds of the museum house at 10-B Crescent Road.

Judging classes will include flowers/vegetables/fruits, baked goods, canned goods, needlework and crafts. More information is available on the Retro Town Fair registration form available at greenbeltmuseum.org. For questions, write education@greenbeltmuseum.org.

GTA Hosts Tennis Clinic August 19

On Saturday, August 19 from 9 a.m. to noon, the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) will sponsor its second tennis clinic of the summer.

Coach Mark Michel will be on hand to instruct, improve and inspire teen and adult players of all levels. Michel is a former top 50 college tennis player (James Madison University) and is a USPTA-certified coach.

The clinic will be conducted at Braden Field; there is a fee. Register on the GTA's website, greenbelt.com/tennis, or just come down to observe.

Some spare rackets will be available for those who need them.



GHI Notes

Thursday, August 17, 10 a.m., Storm Water Management Task Force, Board Room.

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

Monday, August 21, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room.

Tuesday, August 22, 7 p.m., New Member Social, Board Room.

7:30 p.m., Audit Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Wednesday, August 23, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Artists' Studio Space Available

The Recreation Department invites local artists, artisans and designers to apply now for studio space at the Community Center. One studio will be available starting in August through the department's artist-in-residence program, providing 24-hour access in an atmosphere of mutual support and inspiration.

Eight artists in residence are currently participating, sharing three sub-divided, light-filled former classrooms. These artists represent a diverse array of media including ceramic art tile, functional pottery, art quilts, costume design, assemblage, painting and cut paper illustration.

The available studio measures roughly 10 feet by 17 feet, plus common areas and a shared sink. A security deposit and monthly payment are required. The offer is open to residents and non-residents, age 18 and up. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the space is filled.

The Community Center houses a contemporary art gallery, dance studio, television production studio, arts education classrooms and many other amenities.

Apply online at greenbeltmd.gov/arts after receiving a studio tour. To schedule or for additional assistance, contact Nicole Dewald at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or call 240-542-2057.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Utopia Film Festival Presents Sunday, Aug. 20th, Wed., Aug. 23th, & Fri., Aug. 25th Beginning at 8 PM

"Rebuilding New Orleans," "Rapunzel," and "Sour Milk and Honey"

On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe) Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19 Channels

Used Book Sale at Labor Day Festival Benefiting Greenbelt Elementary School PTA

Book donation drop-off at Co-op Supermarket August 1st – 30th, 2017

For information on large donation pickup, call 240-583-0448

Greenbelt Arts Center COMING SOON

ARDEN NOW



a collaborative adaptation of As You Like It by William Shakespeare
Directed by Melissa Schick
A guest production from The Rude Mechanicals
August 25, 26, September 1, 2 at 8PM
August 27 at 2PM
Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission, \$20 Students/Seniors/Military, \$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)
Note: Contains profanity and adult themes

COMING SOON

Midnight Cigarette – Sept 8 - 24 – Production from Wolf Pack Theater

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

Living Locally, Means Acting Globally to Local Church

by Jeff Warner

Maryland Christian Fellowship (MCF) Community Church in Greenbelt has been serving both locally and internationally since its founding in 2011. While church members have served those in need around the globe, they have focused their work in Nicaragua, one of the most impoverished nations in the Western Hemisphere. There they have served orphans and those in prison, helped provide food to nearly 1,000 children on a daily basis and participated in numerous social projects to help those in extreme need.

Although the Bible has been translated into their native language, Miskito, most cannot afford one – even the pastors.

Most of the MCF team serving the Coco River region are Greenbelt residents. In one year, the team was able to provide a Bible in their native language to nearly every pastor in the communities along the 500-mile river border. MCF will provide Bibles to 230 of the 235 river communities and hopes to partner with locals to help serve the remaining five communities, which are located much further from the

region. The MCF team must bring their own food and water. Disease abounds and medical help is literally days away. During the most recent MCF trip, the motor on the boat – a fiberglass shell with only a bench to sit on – began having problems early in the trip, hundreds of miles from help. The motor eventually died about 20 minutes from the end of the trip and the river current pushed the boat to the end point. While trying to repair the motor, a screw vital to the motor's operation fell into the brown water's strong current near the shoreline. Miraculously, after about 10 minutes of searching, the small screw was found.

Part of the journey requires traveling through white-water rapids. This area is so dangerous that during the recent trip an experienced military person's boat overturned. His body was found many miles away at a location where the MCF team had spent the night. The team was surprised to wake up to military personnel who were escorting the body back home.

MCF Community Church (MCFcc.org) is a non-denominational, multicultural Christian church located here in Greenbelt. It meets every Sunday at Eleanor Roosevelt High School from 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Jeff Warner is pastor of Maryland Christian Fellowship Community Church.

river. It will take at least three trips traveling hundreds of miles by water to complete this task.

In addition, two international ministries – In Touch Ministries with Dr. Charles Stanley and Leading the Way with Dr. Michael Youssef – partnered with MCF to provide solar-powered audio Bibles since many in these communities can't read their own language.

There are many hazards in distributing Bibles to this remote



COURTESY OF JEFF WARNER

Pastor Jeff Warner poses with pastors from Pura Maira along the Coco River.

In 2016, a Nicaraguan pastor asked MCF Pastor and Greenbelt resident Jeff Warner to serve the indigenous Miskito people who live along the Coco River that borders Honduras and Nicaragua. MCF is one of few churches to ever visit the communities here. Surprisingly, there are almost exclusively Christian churches through this entire region and they are forgotten. Community leaders asked Warner to bring them Bibles for their churches.

City Notes

Public Works staff inspected landscape plantings at the stream restoration off Hanover Parkway by the Dog Park.

Street Maintenance/Special Details crews put down bike symbols on Springhill Lane and painted STOP at Ridge and Research Roads.

Horticultural/Parks crews transported picnic tables to Greenspring Park and to the 2 Court Laurel Hill playground.

The Contra Dance on Saturday, August 5 had approximately 50 people in attendance.

Genealogical Data: Learn What to Keep

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet on Wednesday, September 6 at 7 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway.

This month, professional genealogist Chuck Mason will have the interesting topic, Eenie, Meanie, Miney, Moe, What to Save and What to Throw. This should be a timely topic for those who tend to collect too much genealogical data. The event is free and refreshments will be served.



Condolences to the family and friends of Eugene "Gene" Krebs who died on Sunday, August 6 at the age of 94. Krebs was known for his frequent walks from Green Ridge House to Roosevelt Center to visit his many friends at the businesses there. He was also a long-time board member of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union and occasionally played the part of Santa Claus. A memorial celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Congratulations to Pat McCoy who, as of August 5, 2017, officially became a member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Congratulations to Greenbelt News Review carrier Kalen Wright who is recently back from the AAU National Taekwondo Championship held in Florida. He is currently ranked in the top 5 for 10- and 11-year-old Black Belts throughout the U.S. He attributes his success to the help of his family and friends and appreciates their support. His ultimate goal is competing in the 2026 Olympics.

Please share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Obituaries

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

You write it or we will if you prefer. 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.

Local Bible College Holds Open House

The Greenbelt location of Lancaster Bible College, Capital Seminary and Graduate School is hosting a free open house for prospective students on Saturday, August 26 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Attendees will have the chance to win one of three scholarships, chat with recruiters and enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast. The event will take place at the college's Greenbelt location at 7852 Walker Drive, Suite 100. For more information, visit lbc.edu/openhouse.

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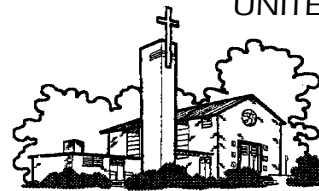
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City Information

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 21-25

Monday, August 21 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Human Relations Commission** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, August 22 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB)** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Planning for youth police-community forum, 13th Amendment/Freedom Day Holiday and Information Day table at Labor Day Festival. This agenda is subject to change.*

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

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED

The City of Greenbelt Board of Elections is seeking several residents who would be willing to serve as election officials on November 7, 2017, from 6 a.m. until about 9 p.m. Clerks must also attend a training session on November 6 from 7:00 p.m. until about 9 p.m.

This is a rewarding experience for anyone who is interested in the political process and would like to play an active role in the local election. There is a stipend of \$175, plus a training fee of \$25.

There may also be a need for additional clerks to assist in the counting of absentee and early voting ballots. This job would entail working for three to four hours in the late afternoon/early evening of November 7. No preliminary training is necessary. The pay for absentee and early voting ballot clerks is \$50. Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION DATES & DEADLINES FOR THE 2017 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

First day to receive papers and file nomination petition	8/21
Last day to file nomination petition (by 5 p.m.)	9/25
Date of drawing for placement on ballot	9/25
First Interim Campaign Contribution/Expenditure Report (by 12 p.m.)	9/29
Last day to register to vote (must be received by 4:30 p.m. in Upper Marlboro)	10/10
First day to receive an absentee ballot	10/18
Early Voting begins	10/21
Second Interim Campaign Contributions/Expenditures Report (by 12 p.m.)	10/27
Last day to request regular absentee ballot (by 12 p.m.)	11/6
Training session for Election Judges and Clerks	11/6
Election 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.	11/7
Absentee ballots must be received by 6 p.m.	11/7
Final Contributions/Expenditures Report (12 p.m.)	11/10
Charter Meeting for swearing-in at 7:30 p.m.	11/13

**For additional information, contact
Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000
or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.**

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

In accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter, a regular election will be held in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, to elect the seven members of the City Council.

Any qualified voter of the City may be nominated for the office of Member of Council upon filing a nomination petition with the City Clerk (signed by not fewer than 50 Greenbelt resident voters), a written acceptance of the nomination, and other statements that are required by the City Charter or by law. Required forms and information are available in the City Clerk's office, 25 Crescent Road, beginning Monday, August 21, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM
MONDAY, AUGUST 21 THROUGH
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017.**

For additional information, call Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000, or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

Greenbelt Recreation Department
www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation 301-397-2200
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Check out our Fall 2017 Activity Guide for more details!

Registration begins on Monday, August 21 for Greenbelt Residents

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Please visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation, stop by a recreation center, or give us a call for more information.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.

For information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.

CITY OF GREENBELT

WELCOME PACKETS

Volunteers are needed to assist in assembling Welcome Packets on **Tuesday, August 22 at 6:00pm** in the City Council Room, 25 Crescent Road. Light refreshments will be served. Info: 301-474-8000.



**University of Maryland Shuttle
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RENEW YOUR PASS TODAY!**

You can renew your pass at the following locations*:

- ◆ Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center
 - ◆ Greenbelt Youth Center
 - ◆ Springhill Lake Recreation Center
- *Contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301.397.2200 for each facility's hours of operation.

The new annual passes will expire on **August 27, 2018**. Passes are \$10 each. This fee can be waived in cases of economic hardship. Only Greenbelt residents and City employees are eligible to obtain these passes. Residents seeking a pass must show proof of residency (State issued photo ID or current lease with a valid Greenbelt address).

For more information about Shuttle-UM visit:
<http://www.transportation.umd.edu/schedules.html>

Volunteers are needed to encourage recycling during the Labor Day Festival.

Green ACES/Green Team is seeking volunteers to stand near sets of recycling and trash bins to cheerfully encourage and help people "recycle the recyclables," "compost the compostables," and "trash the trash." Please choose which days/times you can volunteer at: www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caba929a2fd0-greening1

Training will be provided at the Public Works building (555 Crescent Road) on Wednesday, August 30, at 7:30 PM.

We will be glad to sign community service hours and/or provide recommendations as appropriate. We expect mainly students as volunteers but we also need adults to provide light supervision.

For more information, contact: Luisa Robles, Greenbelt Sustainability Coordinator: 240-542-2153 lrobles@greenbeltmd.gov; OR Tom Taylor at tomtaylor0401@gmail.com.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CITY ELECTION OCTOBER 10, 2017

Greenbelt residents are reminded that to participate in the 2017 City Council election—whether as a voter, a candidate for City Council, or a signer of a petition for a candidate—you must be qualified to vote in Prince George's County.

To register, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States of America
- Be at least 16 years of age (you may register to vote at 16 but cannot vote until at least 18 years of age by the date of the election)
- Be domiciled within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt as of the date of registration
- Not have been convicted of a felony, or if you have, you have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation for the conviction
- Not be under guardianship for mental disability

VOTER REGISTRATION

For information about registering to vote in Prince George's County, contact the County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 or www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1980/Voter-Registration. Forms for voter registration and address and name change are available at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, and the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road. A link to Voter Registration forms is also available on the city website, www.greenbeltmd.gov/elections.

All forms must be received by the County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro no later than 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 10.

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

If you are already registered to vote in Prince George's County but have moved or changed your name since the last election, you must complete an application to have this information changed. **This can also be done online at www.elections.state.md.us.

**Family Fun Night at
Greenbelt Aquatic &
Fitness Center, 1
01 Centerway
August 18
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

Admittance to the pool will be \$5.00 for all families, including passholders. Bring your pool toys and the whole family for an evening of fun! Family Fun Night is designed to give families an opportunity to spend an evening together in a recreational atmosphere. Entering family must have at least one adult. Families will be charged \$1.00 for each additional non-family member, with a limit of three non-family members per group. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Indoor Pool.

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Greenbelt Youth Center**

Instructors: Gaye Houchens, Megan Conley

**Pre-School Program is licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education #251208*

Registration now open! Sign up soon! Spaces are limited! Fall session begins on September 5, 2017

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 Laurel, Maryland 20707
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 Riverdale, Maryland 20737
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ERHS Gets A New Track



Workers start pulling up Eleanor Roosevelt High School's track on August 2.



Construction is underway on the ERHS track.

Photos by
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Weekes

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back to the world a portion of the luck and blessings that he has received.

The major focus of his work centers on the parasite, *Toxoplasma gondii* (*T. gondii*). First discovered in 1908, it wasn't until the 1940s that it was found to infect humans. It was seen to cause birth defects, such as large heads, mental retardation and blindness, and sometimes death. The 1950s saw the development of a test, which revealed that a third of humanity carried the infection. In the 1960s, undercooked meat was revealed as a conduit for infection. It was in the late 1960s that Dubey entered the scene and determined the primary life cycle and route of transference for the parasite: cats. Cats provide the sole breeding environment for the parasite, which they acquire through infected prey, such as rodents and birds. When cats excrete waste, the organism is released into the soil and water systems; it has even found its way into the oceans, where 65 percent of sea otters in the U.S. have been discovered to carry it. The organism causes spontaneous abortions in sheep and goats as well, greatly affecting those industries.

Dubey's work has led to many safeguards against *T. gondii*. Pregnant women especially should refrain from any contact with cat litter. Also, meat should be served fully cooked. He discovered that freezing meat prior to cooking will also kill the parasite. His work has contributed to many USDA safety parameters concerning food safety. Cleaning tools in scalding hot water of over 160 degrees also suppresses

transmissions. He stressed that the organism in cat feces is almost indestructible and able to persist for weeks, even months. Thirty percent of the 150 million cats in the U.S. are exposed to it, yet a cat can only be infectious once in their lifetime.

In connection with this research, Dubey was able to differentiate two other parasites that were confused with *T. gondii* for many years. *Neospora caninum* gestates in dogs, and while harmless to humans, causes paralysis in canines and young dairy cows. *Sarcocystis neurona*, which manifests in the brain's neurons, was first found in horses, but is now recognized to exist in a broad range of land and marine mammals. The parasite has been especially significant in the horse industry, causing paralysis and sometimes death. His work has led to tests and control measures for both parasites.

Dubey's life began in a very remote and primitive village in India. Born into the priestly caste, he went against his parents' wishes for a career as a cleric and was enrolled in school by his uncle. Often unable to purchase books, he was nevertheless able to secure scholarships and rise to the top of his classes. In 1960, he received a degree in veterinary science and he began his study of parasites. He left India in 1964 for England with a scholarship to the University of Sheffield and in 1968 came to the U.S. as a post doc at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City. He currently works at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), under the aegis of the USDA.

With a SNAP Crackle and Pop Market Program Takes Off

by Cathie Meetre

The Greenbelt Farmers Market (GFM) celebrated its 10th season by rolling out its new capability to accept Supplementary Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. During this debut performance, coordinator and board member Carissa Ralbovsky and her team of SNAP volunteers, Alicia Baker, Brenda Velez and Marsha Voigt, braved the electronic complexities of Bluetooth and iPad to successfully deliver \$81 of SNAP tokens, including \$20 in matching market funding. The market hadn't extensively promoted the rollout as it was a soft launch intended as much as anything to ensure that the equipment worked, the vendors were educated on the program and the volunteers were able to use it successfully.

Apart from some early moments of panic when the electronics were temporarily not communicating successfully, all systems were go. The system proved easy



PHOTO BY CARISSA RALBOVSKY

Greenbelt Farmers Market tokens are ready to roll.

to use and transactions were made without a hitch.

But the word had at least percolated to four recipients who were able to take advantage of the fresh produce at the market and were duly thanked for their role as guinea pigs. One participant, excited about the opportunity to shop at the market and delighted with the produce he bought even came back to purchase more tokens even though there was no match for these. Tokens were spent at seven of the vendors and participants spent all the tokens they received (tokens do not expire but they cannot be refunded and may only be used for eligible items).

Additional behind the scenes volunteers that have greatly contributed to putting together the system to accept SNAP benefits

at the market, including the creation of a step-by-step procedure guide, include Suzette Agans, Mary Roth, Debbie Ashpes, Lori Martin, Stephen Isler and Shanai Browne, as well as members of the GFM board of directors.

The market is spreading the word among local shoppers that this program is available and that the market is matching the first \$5 of SNAP tokens purchased on each market day (only one match per market day). Greenbelters can directly assist the program by either donating to it at the market or by donating online to the matching program at the market's website, greenbeltfarmersmarket.org. Readers who know a person who may benefit are encouraged to let them know of the opportunity.

This annual award, also called "The Sammies," began in 2002 and honors those who excel in their capacity as federal workers. It is sponsored by Partnership for Public Service, a non-profit and nonpartisan organization. The final award for this year will be in September, but Dubey says that it is an honor simply to be a finalist.

Dubey enjoys great respect and admiration from his colleagues. He is a "force of nature," says Benjamin Rosenthal, research leader and zoologist at BARC. "He has really surpassed any reasonable measure of scientific accomplishment and public service." Jeffrey Jones of the Centers for Disease Control says Dubey has "always been on the cutting edge" and his work has led to vital advances in the field. Dubey is a constant mentor and trainer with over 1,400 publications to his name.

At an age when many would retire, Dubey is passionate to continue working each day and devote himself to the daily, incremental struggle that is science. He wants "to return what others have given to me . . . and devote all my energies to the research that has brought purpose to my life."

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present-day Greenbelt as either culled hardwood forest or culled pine forest. These forests likely started growing decades before 1913 because it takes decades for a fallow field or meadow to become a forest mature enough for selective timber harvesting. This map was produced by Fred Beasley of the Maryland Board of Forestry.

While photographing the stump of this 140-year-old oak last week, the author noted several other hardwood trees of comparable girth within sight of Greenbelt Lake.

Similarly, this spring, the author found several places within

the Forest Preserve with oaks, maples and tulip poplars over 36 inches in diameter. These parts of the Forest Preserve look like a wild place, not a tame park. The Forest Preserve's character may be due to the fact that most of this land has been left alone to mature through natural processes, as far as we know, since the federal government purchased it in 1935.

Woods as old as Greenbelt's are somewhat unusual. In 2008, the U.S. Forest Service reported that 10 percent of Maryland's forests are over a century old and only 0.5 percent are over 140 years old.



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Fun at the Festival: Enjoy the Rides, Games, Bands, Food

by Butch Hicks



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA CUMMINGS

Carnival rides light up the night at the 2016 Labor Day Festival.

Across America, Labor Day begets fairs, parades and foods more tasty than nutritious. In our piece of America each year, Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival fair is announced by screaming riders on the Ferris wheel and merry-go-round, shouting gamers winning stuffed animals, the pulsing, rhythmic sounds of bands and bellowing calls at bingo games.

This year, from Friday, September 1 through Monday, September 4 at Roosevelt Center, Greenbelters, their guests and other visitors will experience everything from dizzy-inducing rides, live music stage shows to challenging games and information and artisans' booths.

Mingling with vibrant sights and sounds, aromas of carnival cuisine will tease savory delights as old and young chins sport mustard smears and ice cream drips. Fair food consumers should be happy knowing food booths pass a county health inspection before their first bite is served.

Crowds of more than 4,000 participants have attended the festival annually. It's an opportunity to have fun and experience the small town charm of Greenbelt. Visitors have come from Arizona, Wisconsin and New Jersey to reconnect with Greenbelt friends and family. Facebook comments praise the carnival and fair: Elizabeth Moore of Tucson, Ariz., said "seeing friends year after year" appeals to her. Erin Yelenchak of Dunkirk, Md., said she enjoyed being back home and playing bingo while catching up with friends she didn't see often.

Need a break from the rides? The fair gives local artists of all ages and abilities the chance to

share their work with the community. Visit the art and photo displays in the Community Center. At Roosevelt Center, other artists display their handmade crafts such as handbags and baskets, jewelry, pottery and woodcrafts. On Information Day (September 2) organizations across a broad spectrum of topics share their causes and interests, from the American Legion, Lions Club and Astronomical Society of Greenbelt to the Peace & Justice Coalition of Prince George's County and College Savings Plans of Maryland.

For Helen Beers of Laurel, participation in the festival means keeping tradition going. She said she enjoyed "being able to take my kids and do the things that my mom did with me when I was younger . . . like playing bingo, riding the rides and listening to the oldies but goodies."

And whether the music is oldies or rhythm and blues, as always the main stage provides a focal point of live entertainment with a four-day line-up of musicians that have included The Nowhere Men, Original Moonlighters and Johnny Seaton and Bad Behavior. Tunes range from Elvis hits to Motown. The bands provide non-stop energy, showmanship and exquisite musicality. To the energetic and those so inclined, band sounds also produce spirited, unique moves from dancers. "You've got to be there and feel it," said Mark Andrews, who first visited last year. "The bands are high-energy partying sources."

As much as fun is emphasized for the fair, safety of fair participants is always a prime consideration for both rides and the fair

environment. Roger Sherwood, owner of Sherwood Amusements, said that before the carnival opens his company "works with state inspectors to ensure all safety and health requirements have been met." He said, "Our experience and training combine with maintenance and daily inspections to create safe surroundings."

Interim Greenbelt Police Chief Thomas Kemp, who has been the festival committee police liaison for the past 17 years, said safety considerations are a paramount issue for the police. According to Kemp, 99 percent of fair participants cause no problems. "However, we quickly respond to those who do and manage the situation accordingly." Kemp said the department's public safety presence includes directing traffic, staffing the police booth, security foot patrols and public safety information outreach. Additionally, the Greenbelt Police Department will coordinate with emergency first responders and increase safety measures related to concerns associated with mass casualty threats and other related potential disruptions to the festival and parade.

Visit the Labor Day Festival website greenbeltlaborday.com for participation instructions and events and activities schedules. Visit the Labor Day Festival Facebook page [facebook.com/greenbeltlabordayfestival](https://www.facebook.com/greenbeltlabordayfestival) for information, photos and to engage in festival conversations. Admission to the fair is free; the only costs are food and beverages, midway games and carnival rides.

Butch Hicks is a Greenbelt resident and a member of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee.

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also appeared to offer support, noting that since two years had already passed, a cohort that might have been able to vote could not.

Smith pointed out that it seemed inconsistent that councilmembers who were reluctant to take action on the matter that night were unable to present any downside to making the change. She noted that almost all of the councilmembers had agreed that this age group was "mature enough" to vote in city elections. "It's a big change but there's no negative impact. You all say we're mature enough to vote. Why not do it?"

Smith also cited Mach's pointing out that if residents were unhappy that the proposed charter change were adopted, they had the right to petition the charter amendment to a binding referendum vote if they had enough support.

Several people addressed the issue of whether in fact it was more fair and "democratic" to let the voters decide whether residents currently not eligible to vote should be able to do so. In this situation, should officials elected to represent the voters take the lead, or should they follow the lead of the voters? This issue had also received considerable attention at the council worksession on election issues held on July 5.

Smith said that a major reason for elected officials to take the lead on the decision is that, as with other municipalities, turnout for city elections is low, with the result that a relatively small number of people, who are unlikely to be representative of the population of the city, would be making significant decisions.

Jonathan Taylor of Craddock Road thanked the councilmembers who preferred the referendum for allowing residents to participate directly in the decision. He also expressed concern in general about broadening eligibility to vote, suggesting that lowering the voting age might be a gateway event for further changes, such as allowing non-citizen residents to vote. Robert Snyder also supported using the referendum question on the ballot as a basis for decision.

Reverend Ray Rasor of Franklin Park spoke in opposition to the referendum question. He said he was speaking both as a disabled person and as a black man. He said legislation to protect the

disabled would never have passed if it had been required to be done by referendum. He added that if it had been left to the voters, African Americans would still not be free people.

Another resident agreed with Rasor, saying "Whenever voting rights were expanded, it was not by referendum."

Davis agreed, saying, "Adults are reluctant to share their rights sometimes." She added that if it had been left to a referendum, women might still not have the right to vote. She encouraged voter education efforts and "door to door" contact by both young people and adults before the election.

The resolution to place the advisory referendum question on the ballot will return to council's September 11 meeting for second reading and a vote to adopt.



Help Green the 2017 Labor Day Festival

Volunteers are needed to encourage recycling and composting during the Labor Day Festival.

GreenACES and the Green Team are seeking volunteers to stand near sets of recycling, compost and trash bins to cheerfully encourage and help people recycle the recyclables, compost the compostables and trash the trash. Volunteers can choose which days and times they will assist. All are welcome.

Training will be provided at the Public Works building on Wednesday, August 30 at 7:30 p.m. Service hour forms will be signed and recommendations provided for students as appropriate. Adults are also needed to help or provide light supervision.

To sign up to volunteer at the festival or to see the hours available, visit signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caba929a2fd0-greening1

For more information, contact Luisa Robles, Greenbelt sustainability coordinator: lrobles@greenbeltmd.gov, 240-542-2153; or Tom Taylor, Green Team volunteer: tomtaylor0401@gmail.com, 301-513-9524.

Volunteer to Work At Firebird Farm

The University of the District of Columbia's Firebird Farm in Beltsville is now accepting applications from those wishing to volunteer to work on the farm. At the Firebird Farm volunteers will learn and implement techniques to increase productivity in small urban land areas, to conserve energy and water, and to raise high value ethnic and specialty crops. Some jobs volunteers may do are transplanting seedlings into fields, planting ethnic crops, potting-up seedlings and more. Volunteer work on the farm is overseen by Amanda Tai. To contact her, email amanda.tai@udc.edu or call 202-274-7193.

Practice with Love Yoga Gathering

Practice with Love classes aim to create an accessible space for all people to tune into their breath while enjoying the amazing spaces around the city. Join free weekly yoga gatherings at the U.S. Botanic Garden.

Classes are on Saturdays through the end of September from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Meet at National Garden Lawn Terrace (rain location: Conservatory Gallery). No pre-registration required, but this program is first-come, first-served with limited space available. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own mats.

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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

August 9, 1:35 a.m., Crescent Road near Gardenway. Three young men, one possibly armed with a handgun, approached a man who had gotten out of his car. They announced a robbery, and the man started yelling for help. One of the three men then threw him to the ground and took his cell phone, after which all three fled on foot. The man was not injured.

August 9, 6:40 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A man passed a woman who was walking to work and then turned toward her and forcibly pulled her purse from her grasp. He then fled on foot.

DWI/DUI

July 30, 9:29 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A 61-year-old resident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol- and traffic-related violations during investigation of a traffic accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

July 31, 1:31 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A 29-year-old resident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol- and traffic-related violations during the investigation of a traffic accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

Assault

August 3, 3:15 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A postal delivery person in an apartment building distributing mail believes he was shot in the leg, possibly with a BB gun. He also observed a laser-type dot moving in the stairwell but could not locate anyone. He was not seriously injured.

August 9, 6:50 p.m., 500 block Crescent Road. A woman reported that on July 18 she was walking along the lake trail at Buddy Attick Park when a man approached, kissed her on the cheek and grabbed her hand. He attempted to kiss her again, at which time she left. She contacted police after she saw similar incidents reported in the News Review. He is described as being of Middle Eastern descent, in his 60s, with black hair and a mustache. The investigation is ongoing.

Sex Offense

August 8, 9 p.m., 500 block Crescent Road. A 61-year-old resident was arrested and charged with fourth degree sex offense and second degree assault after a woman who was walking along the lake trail at Buddy Attick Park saw him and recognized him as the man who had approached and kissed her on the cheek without consent the day before on the same trail. On the current occasion, he touched her inappropriately. She contacted police and he was arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Suspicious Person

August 1, 5 p.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane. A woman got into her vehicle in the parking lot and was about to leave when a man got out of a nearby vehicle and attempted to get inside her car. She was able to lock her doors and prevent him from gaining entry. She then drove away. The vehicle he had exited is described as beige with four doors.

Theft

August 4, 4:30 p.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. A woman reported that she believes her wallet was stolen while she was inside Target. A credit card in the wallet was later used to make an unauthorized purchase.

August 4, 6 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Money was taken from a residence that was undergoing renovation.

August 8, 3 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

August 9, 1:47 p.m., 7800 block Walker Drive. An unattended purse was taken from a conference room. Credit cards in it were later used to make unauthorized purchases.

Vandalism

August 2, 4:07 p.m., 6600 block Lake Park Drive. The central air conditioning unit of a residence was vandalized.

August 6, 9:45 a.m., 99 Centerway. The men's and women's locker rooms at the Greenbelt Youth Center were vandalized.

August 6, noon, 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A man entered the Sprint store and when he began speaking inappropriately to other customers, the cashier asked him to leave. He then deliberately broke a set of headphones on display and fled. A person possibly involved was located, who then stated he wanted to do harm to himself. He was banned from the property at management's request and was then transported to Prince George's Hospital Center for a psychiatric evaluation.

Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen. A blue 2000 Dodge Caravan with Md. tags 6BV0441 was taken from the 6100 block Breeze-wood Drive and a 4-door white 2012 Chrysler 200 with Md. tags 4CW0031 was taken from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace.

Fourteen thefts from vehicles were reported. Three occurred after windows were broken, when stereo systems were taken in the 6200 block Springhill Drive and 6000 block Springhill Drive, while in the 5900 block Springhill Drive stereo speakers were taken.

Four thefts were from unlocked vehicles. Three of these occurred on Lakeside Drive near Crescent Road, where a gas cap and cash were taken from one car and a gym bag, cell phone charger, change and a road emer-

gency kit were taken from the other. In the 200 block Lakeside Drive a can of brake fluid was taken. Change, a car charger and passport were taken from the 100 block Westway.

Three tags were stolen. Md. tag 2BV1905 was taken from 6100 block Springhill Terrace, a front tag was taken from the 6200 block Springhill Drive and motorcycle tag Md.201Y99 was taken from the 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway.

Other items stolen include four tires and rims (7900 block Mandan Road), cell phone and two credit cards (7700 block Ora Court) and phone charger and GPS device (100 block Westway).

Three acts of vandalism were reported. Both side-view mirrors were pulled off in the 100 block Westway, a rock was used to break out the rear windshield in the 6100 block Greenbelt Road and bleach was poured on a vehicle in 2 Court Gardenway

Rogue and Vagabond

Two nonresidents were arrested and charged with two counts of rogue and vagabond and two counts of theft by officers responding to a report of vehicle tampering in progress. Four cars were entered, with property taken from at least two of them. Some property was recovered on the scene. Both men were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

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Saturday's Power Outage Affected Many Greenbelters

by Jill Connor

On Saturday evening nearly 1,800 households in the Greenbelt area were affected by a power outage, said Pepco Regional Vice President Jerry Pasternak. The outage lasted less than two hours and was caused by downed wires due to a downed tree.

There was a significant storm with thunder and multiple local lightning strikes as well as high winds. Pasternak attributes the short duration of this outage and the general decrease in frequency and duration of outages to the strengthening of infrastructure, improved technology and vegetation management.

Pepco uses an average for their customers called System Average Interruption Frequency Index, which represents how often customers on average experience an interruption in a given year, and System Average Interruption Duration Index, which represents the total time customers on average did not have service in a given year.

These numbers have dropped

for the past three years according to Pepco. In 2014 the percentage was 1.27 interruptions. In 2016 the number dropped to 1.08, a 15 percent decrease in interruptions. In 2014, the duration of the interruptions was 126 minutes and in 2016, the number dropped to 108 minutes, a 14 percent decrease in duration.

Although vegetation management is often a tricky conversation in Greenbelt, Pepco and the city council hold multiple meetings to educate the public about when trimming will occur and how much. Pepco will occasionally replant trees that are removed and has a program to plant trees that are height-limited to 30 to 35 feet so they do not interfere with the powerlines.

Overall this was a harmless storm. Greenbelt police reported that nothing of significance occurred except some residential alarms were triggered. The power situation was resolved quickly thanks to the hard work of the crews out there in the storm.



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From left, Greenbelters Karen Knee, Joan Whelan, and Joanie Cohen-Mitchell attended a candlelight vigil for the Charlottesville victims in Washington, D.C. on August 13.



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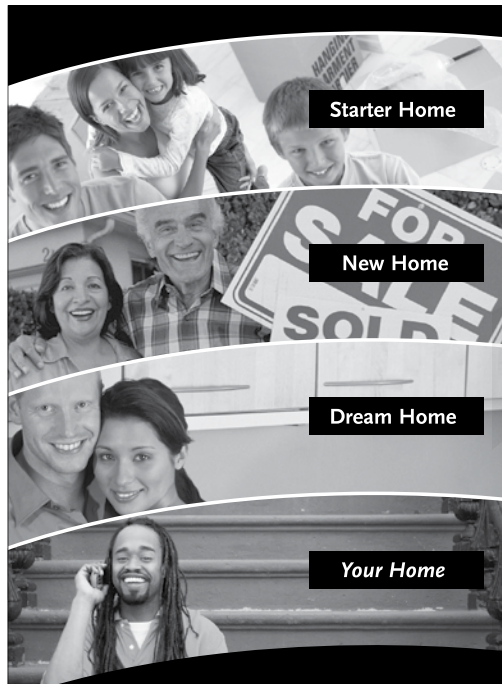


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Greenbelt History in Photos

Coming to Build Greenbelt

by James Giese

This is the 18th in a series of articles with photos depicting the early history of Greenbelt.

Over 13,000 people worked on the Greenbelt project with as many as 5,000 men brought to the site daily. They came by train from Baltimore and Washington to Branchville. Grace Tugwell, Rexford's wife, helped arrange for the trains in her job with the Resettlement Administration. From the station the men were transported by trucks to the workplace. Longtime Greenbelt resident Bob Dove drove one of these trucks. Special apparatuses were put on the trucks to carry the workers. They were then removed to enable the trucks to be used for construction.

Upon arriving onsite, the men checked in with timekeepers and were issued colored badges. White designated unskilled labor; yellow, semi-skilled; and red, skilled. In November 1935 only 45 of a thousand workers were skilled, but by June 1937 60 percent were skilled.

Another longtime resident, Walsh Barcus, worked as a timekeeper. As such, he had to check on the men at their worksites as well. He said that only one man was difficult to keep track of.

While black men and white



Men check in for work in Greenbelt.

PHOTO BY CARL MYDANS

are mingled at the timekeepers' shed, the men getting off the first truck, taken at the same time, were all white while the men leaving the second truck were all black. Although the New Deal programs assisted persons of both races, segregation was practiced throughout the country and to a

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Places to View the Eclipse

by Jill Connor

Not many Maryland cities are as lucky as Greenbelt to have a resource like the Goddard Visitor Center in their backyard during what might be the most photographed, shared, tweeted and covered event in human history, the total solar eclipse. On Monday afternoon, all Marylanders can look up and see the partial eclipse. The peak of 80 percent totality will take place at 2:42 p.m.

Many Greenbelters are traveling to the path of totality to the south or west of us. The path will traverse 14 states over a 70-mile-wide path.

At Goddard on Monday visitors can bring a lunch, picnic blanket and eclipse-viewing

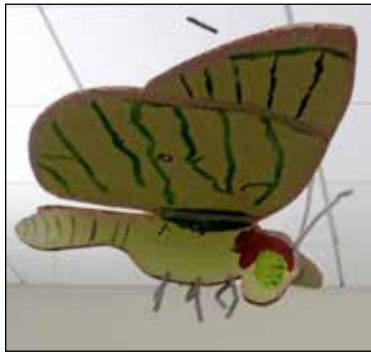
glasses to watch the event. If the parking lot reaches capacity, vehicles will be redirected to an alternative lot and a shuttle bus will transport guests to the visitor center. In case of inclement weather, this event will be canceled. For information about the eclipse, including safety viewing tips, go to <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/>.

Many local libraries are also offering Solar Eclipse parties that offer a free pair of eclipse glasses. As of publication, participating libraries in Prince George's County include Bowie, South Bowie, Laurel, Beltsville, Hyattsville, Largo-Kettering, Glenarden, Hillcrest Heights and Upper Marlboro.

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being in control all the time and remaining open to others' input and unique artistic style. Thus all of the CKC campers throughout the summer can enjoy the shared accomplishment of creating a beautiful work of art.

The display is housed in the Community Center Art Gallery, and is open to the public from 3:30 to 10 p.m. on weekdays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays. All guests are welcome to view the



Wooden butterflies are hanging in the Community Center gallery.

Photos by Anne Gardner

artwork and enjoy the display. There is an identification guide available to visitors showing the different types of butterflies in the display, and giving people of all ages a chance to learn about the beautiful biodiversity of butterflies in Maryland.

Elizabeth Gardner is an intern working for the City of Greenbelt.



Area Rainy Conditions Yields Bumper Crop of Mushrooms

by Sue Krofchik

Tema Frank will clean and saute mushrooms she picked in Old Greenbelt with onions for her family's dinner. Frank was born in Siberia and raised in Leningrad, now known as St. Petersburg. "Russians love mushrooms," she says. Every summer, families would go to remote villages to hunt for them. In those days before World War II,



PHOTO BY GAIL PHILLIPS

Turkey Tail mushrooms enjoy the muggy weather. Turkey Tail mushrooms are mostly used for medicinal purposes but are classed as edible.

Russian children were taught mushroom identification and safety by parents on family forays into the woods. Frank was also able to go to summer pioneer camp, where she learned more about mushroom collection and cooking.

She cautions that to learn mushroom identification and safety, a person should join their local mycological society. For Greenbelt, that is the D.C. Mycological Society.



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Tema Frank with mushrooms she has picked.



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Hen of the Woods - Upper right corner [large orangish] and upper left; Tacky green russula - two on the right side; Gilled bolete - two yellows lower center; Cauliflower - two large on lower left; Center mushroom [brown] is a bolete without gills.

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