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The Eleanor Roosevelt High School boys step team, Dem Raider Boyz, performs at the National Championship, where they won the top prize for the fourth time in five years.

## Eleanor Roosevelt HS Step Team Claims National Title

On Saturday, May 26, Dem Raider Boyz Step Squad from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) travelled to Newark, N.J., to attend Youth Step USA's National High School Stepping

Championship. The championship featured 20 of the most elite step teams from around the country, divided into three divisions (Boys, Girls and Co-ed Division). Dem Raider Boyz entered the

venue as the reigning National Champions, as they placed First in the 2014, 2016 and 2017 National Championships. By the See **STEP TEAM**, page 6

## Absentee Voting, Early Voting Available to All Primary Voters

by Kathleen Gallagher

For those wishing to take a pass on their neighborhood polling place on Tuesday, June 26, the now-familiar options of no excuse absentee voting, which can be accomplished entirely by mail from the comfort of home, or early voting at a polling place are both available for the Democratic and Republican primary elections.

With the exception of the election for School Board representative, only voters registered with the Republican or Democratic parties may vote in the primaries, but any registered voter is free to change party affiliation until the June 5 deadline for voter registration has passed.

### Early Voting

For eight days from Thursday,

June 14 through Thursday, June 21, early voting will be available daily from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Voters may vote at any early voting center within the county in which they live. All of the county's early voting centers are accessible to voters with disabilities.

Prince Georgians may choose among 11 locations, compared with the eight previously available. The closest location to Greenbelt is VFW Post 8950 Hansen Hall, 9800 Good Luck Road in Lanham, and about the same distance for Greenbelt residents is the College Park Community Center at 5051 Pierce Avenue.

The other nine locations can be found on the State Board

of Elections website and are in Accokeek, Brandywine, Bowie, Lanham, Laurel, Landover, Fort See **VOTING**, page 12

### What Goes On

**Saturday, June 2 and Sunday, June 3**

Greenbelt Day Weekend, see city ad

**Monday, June 4**

**8 p.m.**, Regular City Council Meeting and FY 2019 Budget Adoption, Municipal Building

**Wednesday, June 6**

**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession on Anti-harassment Policy, Community Center

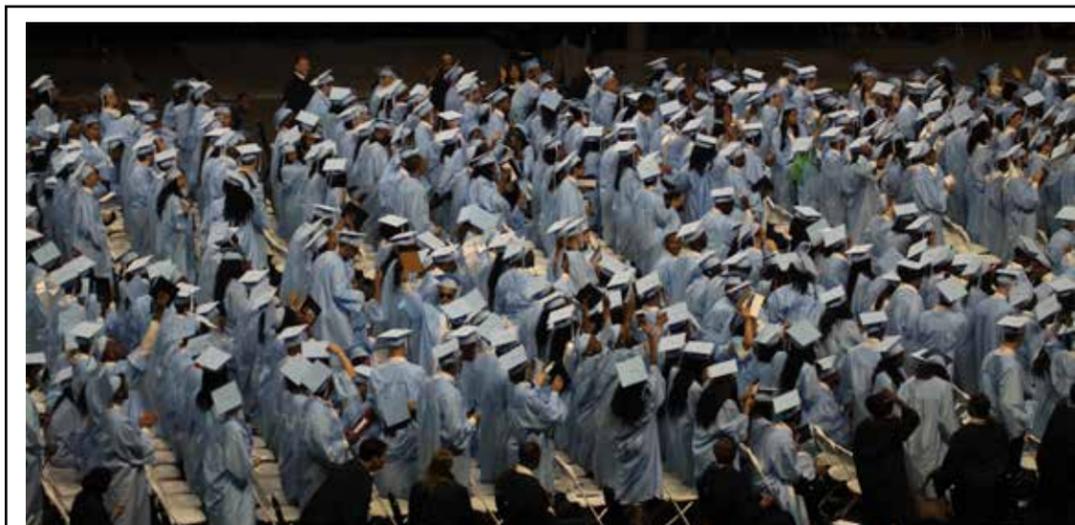


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Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduated 618 seniors on May 29. The school used the Xfinity Center at the University of Maryland for the ceremony.

## Council Discusses City Police Interaction Policy with ICE

by Diane Oberg

The most controversial item on the agenda of the May 14 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council was item 13, added by Councilmember Colin Byrd: To "direct the city manager to have the police chief produce and publish a written policy on city interactions with federal immigration agencies, including ICE" (Immigration and Customs Enforcement). Byrd's email requesting this addition explained that the policy would ban Greenbelt Police from providing information about individuals' immigration status to federal immigration authorities or otherwise assisting in immigration enforcement unless the agency produces a judicial warrant.

Interim Police Chief Thomas Kemp explained the current prac-

tices of the police department. He said that in his 33-year career there have only been two purposes for which the department has interacted with immigration authorities: to have them assist the city regarding human trafficking and ICE detainees.

### ICE Detainers

The ICE website defines a detainer as a notice to "federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to provide notice of its intent to assume custody of a removable alien detained in federal, state or local custody. A detainer requests that the law enforcement agency notify ICE as early as practicable ... before a removable alien is released from criminal custody and briefly maintain

See **ICE**, page 12

## Springhill Lake Elementary Celebrates International Night

by Anne Wallace

On Wednesday, May 23 Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHLES) hosted International Night for students, families and members of the community. The potluck dinner, with dishes prepared by school families, showcased foods from as many as 20 countries from which the families had originally come. After dinner around 200 people enjoyed performances by Diverse Dance and the Step Team. The multicultural flavor of the community is a source of pride at the school, so it was no surprise that International Night is one of its biggest celebrations of the year.



PHOTO BY ELIZA HUGHES

Edel Presno, a SHLES third grade teacher, models a skirt made in Ghana.

Eliza Hughes, one of nine ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) teachers at SHLES, said "We have about 30 to 40 percent of the school currently in ESOL, but if you count all families that speak another language at home, it's well over 50 percent for whom English is not their first language." The majority of ESOL students are Spanish speakers, although French, Arabic, Tagalog, and many other languages echo through the halls.

SHLES is the educational home to roughly 850 students from kindergarten through fifth grade, largely drawn from the Franklin Park community. The school embraces arts integration

— dance, music and the visual arts incorporated with academics — to reach the whole child and the whole community. Dr. Ann Swann, assistant principal, coaches the Diverse Dancers. Jasmine Giddings and Corene Harris lead the Step Team.

For Swann, this year's performance may have been a bittersweet moment since she will retire this year after 45 years of service to the Prince George's County school system. "Teaching has been a passion of my heart," she says. "The years are not important, but working with students, parents and teachers has been the highlight of my life."

# Letters to the Editor

## Greenbelt Officials Must Follow the Law

Greenbelt can be as welcoming as it wants to people from other countries. But neither the Greenbelt City Council, city manager or police officers can abrogate their responsibilities to enforce the laws of the land. They took oaths of office to do so.

Unless there is a legal finding that detention orders are not lawful and that it is not the responsibility of law enforcement officers to comply with them, then it is the duty of the members of the Greenbelt Police Department to carry them out. At best, failure to do so would be malfeasance of office.

For the Greenbelt City Council or city manager to order police officers not to enforce laws of the United States or Maryland governments would be malfeasance on their part.

Under the Constitution of the United States, it is up to the courts to determine the legality of laws, not subordinate governing bodies, and there is no provision to opt out. If every citizen had the right to choose to comply with those laws she or he agreed with and to disobey those he or she disagreed with, we would have a state of anarchy.

Although it has the right to speak out on any issue it wants, the Greenbelt City Council has had long-standing policy to not take positions on state, national or international issues that do not relate to the governing of Greenbelt. The rationale for this policy is that the councilmembers were not elected for their global views, but for their views on local governance.

As individuals, however, the councilmembers share the rights of every other citizen to speak freely.

*James K. Giese  
Former Greenbelt City Manager*

## SCMaglev Threatens Communities

This is a response to the letter 'Negative Impacts of the No Build Option' by Joyce Wineland, which was published in the May 24 edition of the Greenbelt News Review. Wineland states in the first paragraph of her letter that the SCMaglev project is planned to be built near Greenbelt. This statement is false. There are two alignments under consideration and both run right through Greenbelt. One of these alignments or the No Build Alternative will be

chosen.

The SCMaglev project will impact many communities. We contend it will impact: (1) the Cherry Hill Cemetery in Beacon Heights, which is a late 19th-century burial ground of the local African American community; (2) the Greenbelt Forest Preserve; (3) wildlife habitat and open spaces; and (4) property values in Greenbelt, South Laurel and Linthicum to name a few.

The SCMaglev Project will not reduce regional automobile traffic or reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions. With stops only in Washington, D.C., BWI Airport and Baltimore City, it will not serve intra-regional traffic which makes up the majority of automobile trips in the region. The costs to ride the train would eliminate the average commuter or leisure traveler.

Wineland states that the SCMaglev project will not generate pollution. We contend this statement is false. The project includes the train and the new infrastructure needed to accommodate the train, which includes a large 150-acre train yard. We expect the train will use electricity from conventional power sources, which are the primary sources in Maryland and the rest of the United States. These conventional power sources include coal and natural gas, which do cause pollution. But even before the train begins to transport passengers, the extensive use of concrete and other materials to construct the infrastructure, the transportation of parts and materials in the supply chain and the generation of electricity for interrelated processes will consume energy and produce pollution.

Wineland states if the No Build Alternative is chosen highways will then need to be widened to alleviate congestion. This is false, as the SCMaglev will have no meaningful impact on local vehicle traffic. Governor Larry Hogan announced on September 21, 2017, more than two years after he announced Maryland's federal grant application for the SCMaglev train efforts, a separate plan to widen Maryland's most congested highways. The building of the SCMaglev project has no bearing on the widening of the highways. These are separate and unrelated proposals.

We oppose the SCMaglev project and Governor Hogan's plan to widen the highways. They are not mass transit projects. We believe the money spent on these projects should be directed to

mass transit projects, which utilize existing infrastructure.

It is important for people who oppose the SC Maglev project to speak up and voice their concerns. We have mailed over 300 hand-written letters to the Maryland Transportation Administration and to our elected officials from people that oppose the SC Maglev project.

*Brian and Donna Almquist  
Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice*



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## On Screen

### A Charismatic Reformer

RBG (The Notorious Ruth Bader Ginsburg) continues at Old Greenbelt Theatre and is joined by Pope Francis - A Man of His Word this Friday, June 1.

Written and directed by Wim Wenders and rated PG, this one hour 36-minute documentary is a portrait of the charismatic pontiff who is attempting to infuse the papacy with a spirit of reform. He is the first Jesuit pope, the first from the Americas (Argentina) and the first to take the name of Francis of Assisi.

He radiates intelligence and compassion as he speaks to enraptured crowds and small groups of people about serious moral issues like economic inequality, the woes of refugees, sexual abuse by some members of the clergy and the modern world's globalization of indifference. World leaders like Barack Obama, Angela Merkel and John Kerry appear in the film.

Where will this canny, austere, unpredictable pontiff take the Catholic Church?

- Jim Link

# Community Events

## Greenbelt Day At the Museum

Greenbelt Day Weekend is always a special time, and this year the Greenbelt Museum is hosting a family workshop to celebrate. Join us Saturday, June 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. for a hands-on event that explores the experiences of the first citizens in their new city. How did they feel? What did they do for fun? Did they like their new city right away? The oral histories in the Museum collection offer evidence and viewing some old photographs prods the imagination.

Discussions also include the new citizens of Greenbelt who have come from all over the world and what their experiences have been. The session includes answering a few questions from the citizenship test, too!

Visitors can then make a Greenbelt flag to take home. Free at the Greenbelt Museum, 10-B Crescent Road. All ages welcome.

## Candidate Financing Discussion Monday

On Monday, June 4, the community is invited to a discussion about a bill for a Public Financing Program for Prince George's County Council and executive candidates. The event starts at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. The bill, CB-004-2018, encourages grass-roots candidates to take their message into communities and incentivizes small contributions made by everyday citizens. The council held a briefing about the program and the bill on March 8 and will hold a second briefing on Thursday, June 7. Councilmember Mary Lehman, who introduced the bill, and Our Revolution activist Suchitra Balachandran will give an update on its status and take questions. Citizens can learn how they can help pave the way for its passage.

CB-4 is supported by the Fair Elections Maryland coalition. Sponsors of the discussion are Our Revolution Prince George's and Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition. For more information contact Suchitra Balachandran at cp\_woods@yahoo.com or Lucy Duff at justpeacepg@earthlink.net.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, May 31, 6:30 p.m., Board of Directors Worksession on proposed WSSC project to replace exterior water supply pipes for masonry units.

Thursday, May 31, 6:30 p.m., site visit at 5 Court Eastway (members welcome to participate); open session meeting in the Board Room after site visit (member comments welcome), followed immediately by executive session meeting.

Friday, June 1, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Monday, June 4, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room.

Wednesday, June 6, 10 a.m., Storm Water Management Task Force Meeting, Board Room.

Wednesday, June 6, 7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.



## 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, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of June 4 are as follows:

Monday, June 4: Swedish meatballs, whole grain penne pasta, glazed carrots, wheat bread, tropical fruit, apple juice.

Tuesday, June 5: Pork roast with apple glaze, mashed spiced yams, green beans, dinner roll, pineapple tidbits, cranberry juice.

Wednesday, June 6: Ginger pepper steak, brown rice, broccoli, wheat roll, cinnamon applesauce, grape juice.

Thursday, June 7: Baked chicken with mushroom gravy, whipped potatoes, peach crisp, cucumber and tomato salad, wheat bread, orange juice.

Friday, June 8: Stuffed salmon with Old Bay cream sauce, white beans with arugula, garden vegetables, dinner roll, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

## GIVES Quarterly Meeting and Election

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will hold its quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 9 at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. At this meeting, a new vice president and treasurer will be elected. All members are encouraged to attend and be part of the decision-making process.

A report will also be presented on the Change the World Consulting Project at the University of Maryland in which GIVES participated. Four MBA candidates studied how GIVES operates and offered a plan to help the organization increase its ability to help others in the future.

New members are always welcome. For further information call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.



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## Mural Dedication: GES Springs to Life

City Council members, students, parents and community members will come together on Saturday, June 2 at noon to dedicate Greenbelt Elementary School's new mosaic mural. Over the past year, 4th and 5th grade students have worked with local artist Valerie Theberge and GES art teacher Zsolt Nagy to draw designs and cut mosaic tiles to create this 16x20 foot mural celebrating pollinators.

This is the first project of its kind for a Greenbelt school, and the community is invited to join in to dedicate the mural that will adorn the exterior of the school. The event will also celebrate the school's certification as a Maryland Green School.

## June 2 Tennis Social

The tennis social sponsored by the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA), originally scheduled for May 19 but cancelled due to weather conditions, has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 2 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Braden Field. The social is free for GTA members; a fee will be charged for non-members. Membership forms can be downloaded from GTA's website at [greenbelt.com/tennis](http://greenbelt.com/tennis) and will also be available at the event.

Officers will be elected before the social. Light refreshments will be served.



## Not for Seniors Only Event on June 2

The Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee (SCAC) will once again be hosting its annual Not For Seniors Only event on Saturday, June 2 at 1 p.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center.

The topic will be Hide It. Lock It. Keep It. A spokesperson from the Greenbelt Police Department will lead the conversation, and attendees will be provided with information on how to deter or prevent the theft of personal property from their vehicles. Additionally, attendees will learn tips for avoiding the theft of delivered packages left at the front door of their home, a problem that is becoming more and more common. Time will be allowed for questions from the audience.

## GCAN Hosts Potluck and Climate Update

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will host its annual potluck on Wednesday, June 6 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. (This start time is earlier than the normal meeting time.)

Vegan dishes are preferred. Attendees should bring a plate, utensils, drinking vessel and napkin, in order to make this a zero-waste event.

Climate scientist Chris Barnet will present the annual Climate Change Update, an entertaining summary of the recent science of climate change. The presentation will be an overview of hundreds of the most recent scientific papers. Topics will include recent modeling predictions and measurements of climate change. Barnet will lead an impromptu conversation on any or all of these topics.

Barnet, who has lived in Greenbelt for more than 25 years, is presently a senior research scientist at Science and Technology Corporation in Columbia and is the NASA Sounder Discipline Lead for the Suomi-NPP satellite and the NOAA/JPSS Senior Advisor for Atmospheric Sounding.

The last part of the evening will feature announcements and updates on local and national issues. For more information, contact GCAN's Lore Rosenthal at [lore@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org) or 301-345-2234.

## City Celebrates Peace Month

Once again in June the City of Greenbelt observes Peace Month, a tradition that goes back to 2001. A number of Greenbelt-area organizations have planned events, free and open to all, to educate and inspire the community about paths to peace at all levels, personal to global. Highlights of the first week follow.

Saturday, June 2, 3:15 p.m., Greenbelt Concert Band, Community Center gym. A concert dedicated to Greenbelt Day and to Peace Month, with an emphasis on peace. Contact Band General Manager Eli Zimet at [zimete@verizon.net](mailto:zimete@verizon.net).

Monday, June 4, 7 p.m., Fair elections campaign in Prince George's County, Community Center. Update on the status of CB-004-2018, the public financing bill before the Prince George's County Council and discussion of the way forward, with Councilmember Mary Lehman and Our Revolution activist Suchitra Balachandran. Co-sponsored by Our Revolution Prince George's and Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition; for more information, contact Suchitra Balachandran at [cp\\_woods@yahoo.com](mailto:cp_woods@yahoo.com) or Lucy Duff at [justpeacepg@earthlink.net](mailto:justpeacepg@earthlink.net).

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

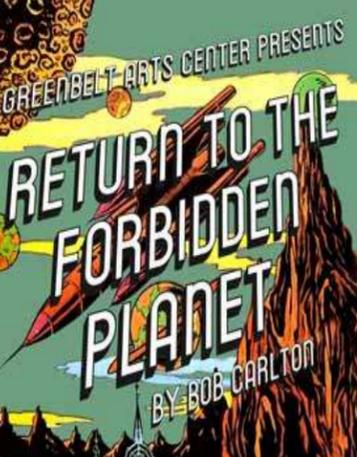
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# St. Hugh's Annual Tea Party Remembers Bridget McDermott

by Mary Moien

May 20 was a glorious spring day, and St. Hugh's parishioners as well as many other Greenbelt residents came to participate in St. Hugh's fifth annual tea, sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady. The tea honored long-time parishioner and Greenbelt resident Bridget McDermott who died last year.

Old and young stylish tea enthusiasts, most wearing fancy hats, enjoyed sweets, savories and fruits. Church members donated favorite teas from around the world, but if tea on this steamy kind of Sunday wasn't your drink, lemonade and iced tea were available. Mayor Emmett Jordan stopped by to say hello. Councilmember Edward Putens bought his usual large number of raffle tickets and won lots of prizes from the raffle table. For the second time, Solange Hess, a former Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen, stole the hat parade competition with her fabulous black hat adorned with white roses. The Ring of Kerry Irish Dancers performed to traditional Irish music.

Donna Peterson said, "This Sodality tea was a dream of one of our favorite parishioners and thankfully she saw this event come to fruition and enjoyed it so much. That lady was Bridget



PHOTO BY ED PUTENS

**Ladies enjoy themselves at St. Hugh's Annual Tea Party. Clockwise from upper left: Kathy Labukas, Robin Olson, Donna Peterson and Marti Galvin.**

McDermott." This tea will serve as her legacy at St. Hugh's. Peterson described McDermott's many years in Greenbelt, how she came from Ireland in 1964, had a nursing career at Holy Cross Hospital and devoted herself to St. Hugh of Grenoble parish and its priests. She was also a long-time member of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club.

McDermott received the Manifesting the Kingdom Award presented by Cardinal Donald Wuerl in 2011. The honor recognizes lay people for their outstanding service, witness and commitment to Jesus. The Sodality is going to honor McDermott by renaming the tea in her honor. Henceforth it will be known as The Bridget McDermott Sodality Tea.

## City Notes

Public Works crews worked on projects throughout Greenbelt. Street Maintenance scraped and painted curbs on Ridge Road. Horticulture/Parks fulfilled residents' chipper requests. Building Maintenance installed a new gas range in the Adult Day Care in the Community Center. Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability collected 30.98 tons of refuse and 14.64 tons of recyclable materials. Chestnut seeds were received from the American Chestnut Foundation; they will be cultivated for a year before planting.

Youth Center/Springhill Lake/Greenbelt Kids staff are preparing for Greenbelt Day Weekend events on June 2 and 3.

Park Rangers report low activity at the dog park due to rain and mud.

At the Aquatic & Fitness Center, the outdoor pool opened for summer on May 26. Deep Water Aerobics celebrated the end of session with a potluck luncheon.

The Community Center hosted an American Red Cross blood drive. Several groups used Community Center space for meetings: Greenbelt Concert Band, Golden Age Club, Greenbelt Soccer Alliance, Greenbelt Pottery, Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre, Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek, GreenACES, Girl Scouts #23007, GAIL and Be Happy Be Healthy Yoga and Volleyball.

Arts staff hosted a panel of arts professionals to evaluate applications for the artist-in-residence program.

Animal Control reported one cat was adopted, two stray kittens and two stray dogs were impounded and two snapping turtles were removed from roads. Officers responded to two reports of dogs locked in vehicles.

CARES staff gave three Career Day presentations at Springhill Lake Elementary.



Congratulations to:

- 19-year-old Lael Nethania Ngangmeni, who graduated summa cum laude on May 26 from Bard College at Simons Rock, Great Barrington, Mass., with a B.A. in pre-medical studies and psychology. She was also a recipient of the Social Studies Departmental Award. A graduate of Robert Goddard French Immersion Elementary and Middle Schools, Lael applied to and was accepted at the Early College at Bard after her 10th grade year at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She has been accepted to the master's program in biomedical studies at Geisinger University School of Medicine in Pennsylvania to begin this fall. She plans on becoming a gynecologist.

- The Eleanor Roosevelt High School step squad, Dem Raider Boyz, for winning a fourth National High School Stepping Championship and for being selected to be contestants on the NBC TV show World of Dance.

- Eleanor Roosevelt High School seniors Sarah Flores and Fatima Siddiqui, who were awarded David Craig Memorial Scholarships.

- Kerstin Hendrickson, who was awarded the Henry Hanson Service Award by the National Capital Chapter of the American Scandinavian Association.

- All the ACE Award winners: Kimberly Reyes, Alhaji Sulimani, Hellen Azcunaga, Oluwatumise Stephen Faniyi, Chianugo Okeke, Beatrice Marcavitch, Olubusayo Okeshola, Eunice Oladokun, Alexina Costen, Morelle Meegan Konchou, Mecca Lartigue, Julia Sharapi and Selim Boukabara, and to Shahanaaz Soumah who won a Maryland Delegate's Award.

- Longtime Greenbelt resident Michael Sciannella who recently had his third ebook, *Seduced by Satan/A Baseball Story*, published under his pen name, Michael Joseph.

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



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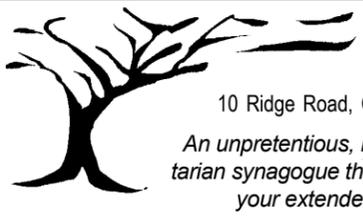
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**At the New Deal Café**

Sunday, June 3, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Deaf Group: Weekly Brunch Meeting. Deaf and hearing people socialize together using sign language. Newcomers welcome. 3 to 5 p.m., Artist Reception. 7 to 9 p.m., Foggy Bottom Whompstompers. DC's best, some would say only, prohibition era jazz band plays hits from the 1920s and 30s.

Monday, June 4, 6:30 to 9 p.m., New Deal Café regular board meeting. Members and visitors welcome.

Tuesday, June 5, 7 to 9 p.m., The New Old Jamboree hosted by Ruthie and the Wranglers, featuring new songs, old songs and special guests.

Wednesday, June 6, 5 to 7 p.m., Anacostia Watershed Society Happy Hour. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Ayreheart. Founded by Grammy-nominated musician Ronn McFarlane, Ayreheart combines a magical blend of lute, fretless electric bass, colascione, violin and various percussion instruments to produce a unique and timeless sound.

Thursday, June 7, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. 7 to 10 p.m., Songwriters' Association of Washington (SAW) Open Mic and Featured Artist Showcase with host Lynn Hollyfield. A new featured artist will perform at 8 p.m. Sign-ups are at 6:30 p.m., Open Mic from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8:45 to 10 p.m.

Friday, June 8, 2:30 to 4 p.m., Music Makers Jam Session. Bring instruments, voice and passion for making music together in a casual and supportive atmosphere. All ages and experiences are welcome to participate. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., The Big Boy Little Band. The band features the deep, deep blues, the kind of blues you used to hear on a distant radio station broadcasting from somewhere in the Deep South late at night.

Saturday, June 9, noon to 8 p.m., Crazy Quilt Music Festival. 4 to 6 p.m., Bruce Kritt, classical guitar. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Billy Coulter Band. Drawing on influences as varied as Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, The Black Crowes and Squeeze, multiple WAMMIE-winner Billy Coulter brings his band to The New Deal for a night of inspired music that blurs the line between roots rock and power pop.

**Lake Artemesia Park Hosts Free Yoga**

Yoga in the Parks at Lake Artemesia Park will be held on Saturday, June 2, from 9 to 10 a.m. for those ages 13 and older.

Learn basic postures to strengthen the body, increase flexibility and free the mind.

Call 301-446-6880, TTY 301-699-2544 for more information.

**Dinosaur Park Holds Free Open House**

The Dinosaur Park Open House will take place on Saturday, June 2 from noon to 4 p.m. at 13100 Mid-Atlantic Boulevard in Laurel.

Meet paleontologists, learn about Maryland prehistory and search a real fossil quarry for 110 million-year-old fossils. All ages are welcome to this event.

**Genealogical Society To Meet on June 6**

Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet on Wednesday, June 6 at 7 p.m. at the genealogy society library located at 12219 Tulip Grove Drive, Bowie. The guest speaker is Leigh Ryan, founder of the University of Maryland Writing Center. Ryan will speak about In Slavery and Freedom.

**New Dedication Date For Bus Stop Box**

The celebration of the new box for magazines at the bus stop on the corner of Southway and Crescent Road was rained out and has been rescheduled. The new date and time are Saturday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m.

 **City Information**

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING**  
Municipal Building, Monday, June 4, 2018 – 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**  
- Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week proclamation  
**Petitions and Requests**  
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)  
**Minutes of Council Meeting**  
**Administrative Reports**  
**Committee Reports**

**LEGISLATION**  
- Adoption of the Budget  
- An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund, Building Capital Reserve Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Replacement Fund, Special Projects Fund, Green Ridge House Fund, Capital Projects Fund, 2001 Bond Fund, Community Development Block Grant Fund and Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund for the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Appropriate Funds and Establish Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 2019 Beginning July 1, 2018 and including June 30, 2019.  
- 1st Reading, Suspension of the rules  
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

**OTHER BUSINESS**  
- CB-4-2018, Public Campaign Financing - Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN)  
\*- Approval of Joint Use Agreement  
- Council Activities  
- Council Reports

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 banderson@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

**MEETINGS FOR JUNE 4-8**

Monday, June 4 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING/FY 2019 BUDGET ADOPTION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming live at www.greenbeltmd.gov*

Tuesday, June 5 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Revisiting City Cameras, Vagrancy, Old Business, Update on CERT/CART and training opportunities*

Tuesday, June 5 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB)** at Greenbelt Municipal Building, Council Room, 25 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Approval of minutes, Recognition Group Applications, Report on police-community forums, Community Pledge and other pending referrals as time permits. This agenda is subject to change.*

Wednesday, June 6 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: ANTI-HARRASSMENT POLICY** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

**NATIVE BEE HOUSE WORKSHOP**  
**Saturday, June 9 from 10am-12noon**  
**Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road**



There are over 400 species of bees in Maryland. Come learn about them and build your own native bee house to take home.

Questions? Contact Environmental Coordinator, Jason Martin  
jmartin@greenbeltmd.gov

**GREENBELT DAY WEEKEND, JUNE 2-3**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2**

**10 am: INDIAN CREEK TRAIL DEDICATION**  
Trail head - Intersection of Cherrywood Lane & Breezewood Dr.

**10am-12pm: NATIONAL TRAILS DAY**  
Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway

**10:30am-1:30pm: PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE**  
Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road FREE!

**10am-2pm: PET EXPO BLOCK PARTY**  
Greenbelt Dog Park, 7201 Hanover Parkway FREE!

**10:30am-12:30pm: SPCA/HUMANE SOCIETY of PG County: RABIES, MICROCHIP, and DISTEMPER CLINIC**

**12pm: MURAL DEDICATION: GREENBELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPRINGS TO LIFE**, Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road

**1-3pm: NOT FOR SENIORS ONLY: HIDE IT. LOCK IT. KEEP IT.** Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd., Rm 201

**1-3pm: GREENBELT MUSEUM CITIZENSHIP ACTIVITY!**  
Greenbelt Museum, 10-B Crescent Road

**1-3pm: VERSO SPRAY PAINTING WORKSHOP**  
Springhill Lake Recreation Center 6101 Cherrywood Lane Activity # 343400-1. Ages 15-18, Greenbelt Residents: FREE/ Non-residents: \$20

**3-4pm: GREENBELT CONCERT BAND**  
Greenbelt Community Center Gymnasium, 15 Crescent Road

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3**

**12pm: NATURALIZATION CEREMONY**  
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

**10am-2pm: GREENBELT FARMERS MARKET**  
Roosevelt Center Parking Lot, Centerway

**1-3pm: AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON**  
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road  
*Arts Reception, Free Art workshop, Artists in Residence studio open house, Beech Tree Puppets, and Museum Tours.*

**SEE FULL PAGE SCHEDULE ON THE BACK PAGE OF LAST WEEK'S NEWS REVIEW OR AT [www.greenbeltmd.gov/DocumentCenter/view/4289](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/DocumentCenter/view/4289)**

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*This free program is open to low-income families, with children ages birth - two years of age, who wear diapers, and live in incorporated Greenbelt. Participants will receive up to 3 home visits, (one visit every other week), from student nurses.*

**Free services offered include:** Diapers delivered to family each visit, Baby Wellness Nursing Assessment, Information and Resource Linkage, Baby Milestone Progress Review, Healthy Eating Education, Medication Safety, Formula, and Baby Accessories monthly.

*To enroll please call Katherine Farzin, Community Outreach Manager to register 240-542-2019 or [kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov). Registration form is also available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)*

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on:

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

For information on how to apply: 301-474-8000

# Greenbelt Communities United In Hope and Good Living

by Kathryn A. (Wright) Feuling, Greendale, Wisconsin

While vacationing in Maryland, my daughter came across the Greenbelt News Review. Knowing I read the Greendale Village Life newspaper, she picked up a copy and gave it to me when she returned.

Ironically, Greenbelt, Md., and Greendale, Wisc., are two of the three greenbelt communities that were built in the late 1930s. (Green Hills, Ohio, is the third.) These communities were built as a government project, directed by President Roosevelt, in 1936. The idea was to create affordable living for families still trying to make ends meet from the Great Depression. Families moving into the community had to be at certain income levels to qualify for residency. The project, literally building the apartments, homes, churches and such, also developed jobs for people who were living in the area.

My father and mother were Don R. and Marie K. Wright. In April of 1938, we were one of the first families to move into the B section of Greendale. These communities were built alphabetically by sections. My family moved to the B section on Berry Court, the first family to move onto the street.

In 1952 the United States government decided to sell the original greenbelt properties to those living in the communities. If those renting a property wanted to purchase the home or apartment they were living in, they could. If more than one person living in the apartment homes wanted to purchase the lot, names were thrown in a hat and the name pulled bought the property. My father and mother were the only people who wanted to make the purchase on Berry Court. It was then that they bought the 3-bedroom, 2-bedroom and 1-bedroom (called the Honeymoon Suite) units on Berry Court.

In 1960 I married Eugene Feuling. We moved to a Honeymoon Suite on Balsam Court, staying in the B section of Greendale. My husband grew up on a small farm on the outskirts of the Greendale Village community. His father, LaVerne Feuling, was a painter who worked on many of the original properties in Greendale.



Don R. Wright and daughter Kathy in front of their home on Berry Court, Greendale, around 1947

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WRIGHT FAMILY



Kathy Wright Feuling presents a copy of the Greenbelt News Review to a staff member of the Greendale Historical Society in April 2018.

PHOTO BY THERESE FEULING CRATIC

Later, in 1963, my husband and I moved to an original home on Bluebird Court. It would be on this street that we would begin to raise our four children, one boy and three girls.

As our children got older, and bigger, we needed a larger home. We moved just 0.8 mile to the M section, Moorehead Lane. This home would not be an original home of the greenbelt government project. We had a basement and a two-car garage. Today my husband and I still reside

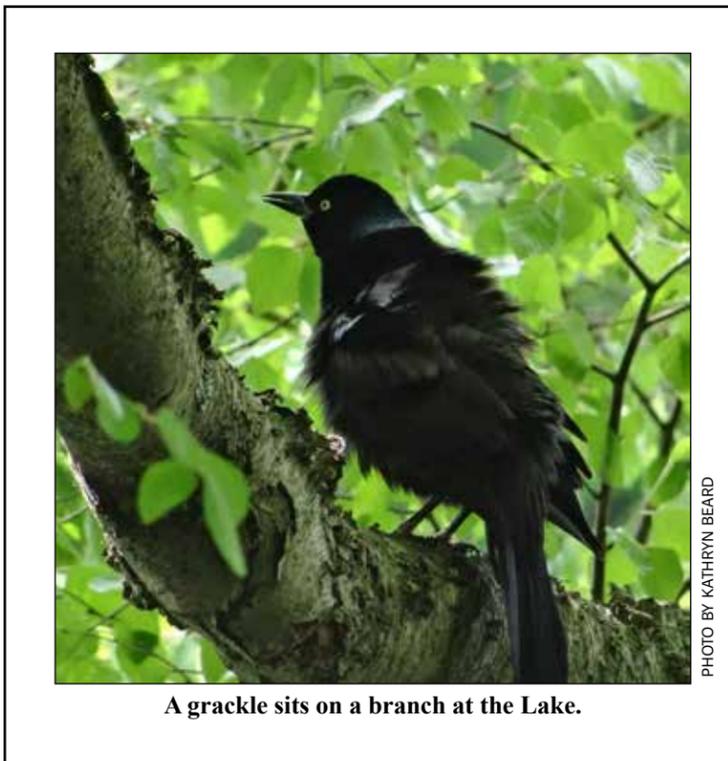
on Moorehead Lane. Our eldest daughter, Ann, lives in Greendale and owns an original home on Azalea Court.

The Village of Greendale was born out of the need to bring jobs and affordable housing to those rebuilding after the Great Depression. Greendale is the only place I have called home. It is my hope that there are residents of Greenbelt and Green Hills who have been able to call their community home for the entirety of their lives.

## Bat Emergence Survey

On Wednesdays, June 6 and June 13 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract join refuge biologist John Bourne to learn about the ecological role of local bats, current threats and ways to help their populations. Join in this survey work as biologists record bat activity. The program will occur at the refuge's new artificial bat roosts and is for all ages.

Public programs at the refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. The North Tract is located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32. For more information visit [fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent](http://fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent).



A grackle sits on a branch at the Lake.

PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD

## City Installs Armrests On Three Park Benches

by Gary Childs

The city recently installed armrests in the middle of three park benches near the center of Greenbelt. Some benches in Greenbelt are used for overnight sleeping. The three benches with the new armrests are in close proximity to residences or public places where overnight sleepers are a concern.

"We try to strike a balance between the needs and interests of Greenbelt neighbors," said City Manager Nicole Ard, explaining part of the reasoning behind why her office installed the armrests. Selecting these three particular benches is an attempt to sensitively and hu-

manely address a variety of concerns of people impacted by the benches' location and use. Ard said she suspected that city bench use will be an ongoing topic of discussion at council meetings.

The three benches, two across Crescent Road from the Municipal Building and one further down Crescent Road near the library, are still accessible to city residents and visitors who want to make use of them even with the new armrests installed. Ard said that the city has no plans to install any more armrests.



Type of armrest installed on three Greenbelt park benches

PHOTO BY GARY CHILDS

## STEP TEAM continued from page 1

end of the night, they earned the highest score of all the divisions (393/400) and were named the 2018 National High School Stepping Champions. With four wins, Dem Raider Boyz currently hold the record for most national titles and are the only team to win three years consecutively. Their coach, Richard Melvern, also an alumnus of ERHS, was named

the 2018 National Coach of the Year.

This has been a benchmark year for Dem Raider Boyz, as they were also selected to be contestants on NBC's hit TV show World of Dance, which premiered Tuesday, May 29.

View Dem Raider Boyz performances by going to YouTube and searching Dem Raider Boyz.



Dem Raider Boyz pose with their award check.

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## Greenbelt Toastmasters

will be hosting a special Open House meeting on  
 Wednesday, June 6, 2018  
 Socializing, with refreshments 7:00 PM, Meeting 7:30 - 9:00 PM  
 Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road, Greenbelt

**You are Invited!**



Questions?  
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# The Long, Convoluted History Of Pets, Parking and Codes

by James Giese

Deciding what office should direct the City of Greenbelt's activities of animal control, parking enforcement and code enforcement has been a long-standing problem. There is a nationwide system of governmental accounting that the city must follow in order to be considered by lenders for the issuance of bonds but, particularly in small communities, the standard division of city activities does not always work. While a number of city activities are difficult to fit into a standard organizational chart, animal control, code enforcement and parking enforcement have been of particular concern to the Greenbelt City Council and some citizens. Recently, a consultant was hired to recommend changes to the organization but, in many respects, the recommendations were not acceptable to either staff or council.

## Animal Control

As a government-owned enterprise, early Greenbelt residents were not permitted to have pets. The housing management staff took care of violators. After the government sold Greenbelt in 1953, the newly formed housing cooperative, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), had to deal with the issue of pets which was very controversial. Eventually, the GHI board agreed to permit pets. Then new private housing subdivisions and apartments were built, and more residents became pet owners.

As a minor problem, police officers dealt with law offenders and public works employees took care of picking up pets running at large, later hiring part-time workers to patrol streets picking up strays. The council enacted a requirement that animals picked up had to be held for three days before being turned over to the county animal shelter, giving residents time to reclaim their pets and pay a fine before having to go to the county facility or having their pet euthanized.

Many public works employees had been raised on farms where dogs and cats stayed outside year-round and sought their own shelter or were allowed to cuddle up in straw in unheated barns. The first city pens, therefore, were outdoor cages furnished with straw. In the 1960s, on a cold winter night, the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals raided the public works yard and confiscated all the caged animals. While still using cages, public works then provided space in its new somewhat heated garage for the temporary holding of animals.

At a later date, it was decided that animal control was a law enforcement problem and the animal warden should be an employee of that department. The cages, however, remained at public works.

## Parking and Codes

Concurrently, parking problems developed over time as the city grew. When Greenbelt was first built, the Depression was going on and many newly arrived city residents did not own automobiles. After World War II, not only did most families own cars, but many became owners of two or more. Original parking areas became inadequate. Cars filled up the roadsides, blocking fire

hydrants, pedestrian crossings and were not parked close enough to the curb or gutter. Enforcement was needed and police officers were expected to take on this activity. It was an unwelcome assignment, officers believing they had more important things to do.

Concerned that aging city housing, particularly apartments, was not being adequately dealt with by county code enforcement, council decided that the city should do its own. This new activity was assigned to the planning department which became the Department of Planning and Community Development. A public works employee, Jim Sterling, was put in charge and, in time, other employees were hired.

## New Roles

Penning and caring for animals was not a function public works wanted to do because of its mission to care for city infrastructure. Nor were the chief or officers of the police department interested in enforcing non-criminal animal violations. Its mission was fighting crime.

As a kind of code enforcement, it was decided to add these services to Planning and Community Development. Its director, Celia Craze, herself an animal lover, personally took on this responsibility. Under her direction, more employees were added to the activity, not only to pick up stray or injured animals but to care, restore health, inoculate against rabies and otherwise rehabilitate for adoption with the goal of not euthanizing an animal. A small animal shelter was built. While most animal lovers were very supportive of the city's expanded program and volunteer helpers assisted paid staff, some citizens strongly criticized it because the city was not successful in saving every animal. A few animals were still turned over to the county animal shelter where euthanization is done as a last resort.

Last year, Craze retired. City Manager Nicole Ard asked Assistant Director Terri Hruby – highly regarded for her work – to become director. Hruby says she has agreed, but asked to be placed in charge of planning only, lacking qualifications or interest in animal control or code enforcement. This led Ard to propose reorganization of activities in her proposed budget.

## Bible College Hosts Open House June 9

Lancaster Bible College/Capital Seminary and Graduate School will host an information session for prospective students interested in earning an accelerated undergraduate, graduate or seminary degree on Saturday, June 9 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the college's Greenbelt location, 7852 Walker Drive, Suite 100.

The college offers online and in-class programs at the undergraduate, master's and doctoral levels. Areas of study include biblical studies, counseling, leadership, Christian care and more.

One of three scholarships will be awarded at the event to someone in attendance. Attendees at the open house will have the opportunity to participate in a live classroom session and enjoy a continental breakfast.

# ACE Student Awards 2018

by Mary Moien



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education honored two students from each of the Greenbelt schools before the city council meeting on May 23. From left: Alexina Costen (DKFI), Morelle Meegan Konchou (GMS), Mecca Lartigue (GMS), Kimberly Reyes (MES), Busayo Okeshola (TPA - in the suit a little behind), Alhaji Sulimani (MES), Beatrice Marcavitch (GES), Hellen Azcunaga (SHLES), Eunice Oladokun (TPA), Chianugo Okeke (GES), Stephen Faniyi (SHLES), Shahanaaz Soumah (ERHS), Selim Boukabara (ERHS). Not pictured: Julia Sharapi (ERHS).

The 23rd Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) presented its annual Student Awards on May 23. ACE serves as a link between the community and the city council to promote high quality schools for Greenbelt. The awards recognize Greenbelt students who honor the city's traditions of citizenship, leadership and academic achievement. Due to the popularity of these awards, this ceremony was separated, for the first time, from a city council meeting. Chairs in the council room were rearranged to allow for the maximum number of parents, teachers and friends to be present. ACE members Melinda Brady and Janet Mirsky announced the award winners and local and regional dignitaries lined up to congratulate the awardees as well as to hand out certificates and gifts.

The entire city council was present along with Greenbelt's county and state representatives. County Councilmember Todd Turner and School Board member Lupi Grady were present. State Delegates Tawanna Gaines, Alonzo Washington, Anne Healey and Senator Paul Pinsky from the Maryland General Assembly also participated in the ceremony. University Park Mayor Len Carey

also attended the ceremony.

Students selected for an ACE award must be residents of Greenbelt and attend one of Greenbelt's seven schools: Greenbelt Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Turning Point Academy, Dora Kennedy French Immersion, Greenbelt Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). Usually one girl and one boy are selected from each school; however, that was not the case this year.

The honored students receive certificates of recognition from the city, county and state, an ACE T-shirt and an invitation to march in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. From ACE, each of the elementary and middle school students receive a \$25 Amazon gift card and the graduating ERHS winners receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

## Magnolia Elementary School: Kimberly Reyes and Alhaji Sulimani

Kimberly faces the world with genuine positivity; she stands firm in the face of challenges without giving in to failure or frustration. She is grounded in humility and kindness and maintains her upbeat attitude towards anything that comes her way.

Kimberly has a real flair for the arts. Her artwork merited selection for the gallery of masterpieces during the art exhibit event at the University of Maryland.

Alhaji is a good friend, an excellent student and one heck of a nice guy. "My mom pushes me to get good grades, and I think I am fulfilling her wishes," he says. He loves drawing comics and aspires to be an animator or cartoonist in the future. Outside of school, Alhaji is helpful to neighbors and those in need. He carries groceries, picks up trash in and around his apartment complex and does it all with a smile.

## Springhill Lake Elementary:

### Hellen Azcunaga and

### Oluwatunmise Stephen Faniyi

Hellen is an exemplary scholar. She is a tutor of Reading Together, which requires her to arrive at school at 7 a.m. to learn an academic lesson on enhancing reading skills which she will teach younger students after school. She is in the Advanced Writing Academy, where she has immersed herself in themes of social justice and environmental awareness. She is also on the Diverse Dance team.

Stephen is confident,

See ACE, page 10



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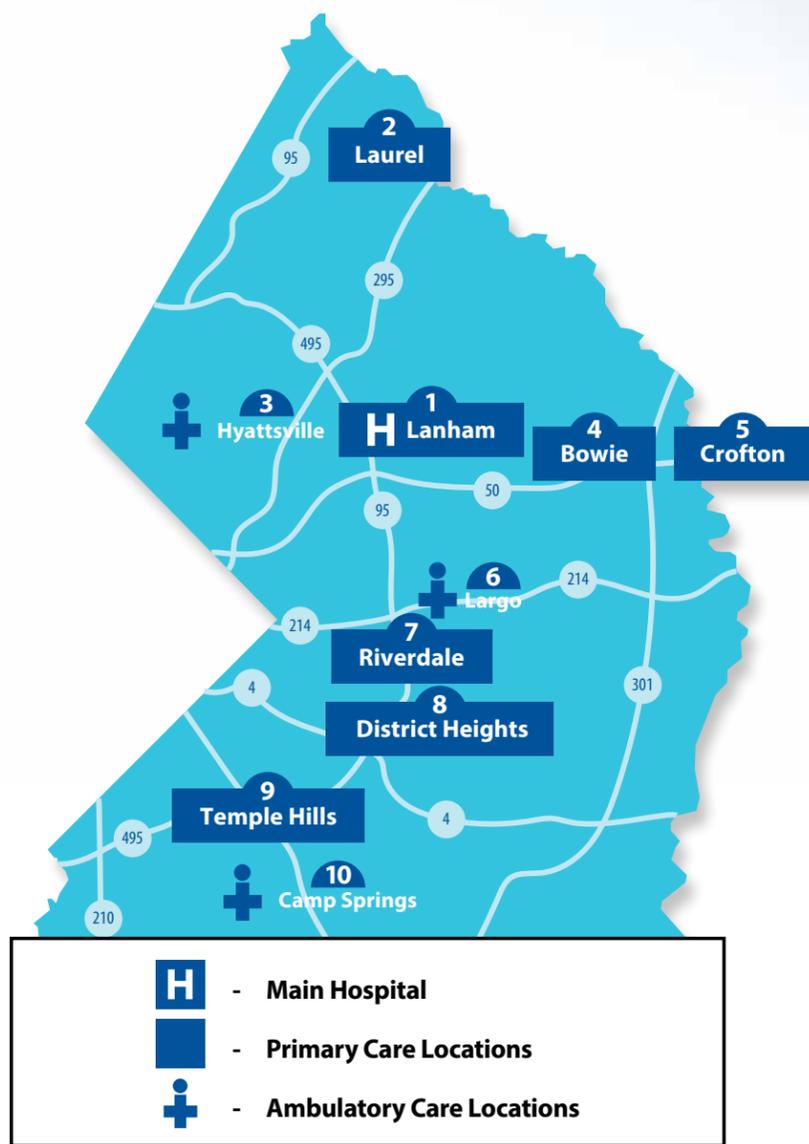
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*A Review*

# Blast Off to the Forbidden Planet from the Arts Center

by Jim Link



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Courtney James plays the robot, Ariel, and Joey Rolandelli plays Cookie, in *Return to the Forbidden Planet*.

*Note: Last week the News Review printed only the first three paragraphs of this review of the show currently playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Here it is in its entirety.*

Shakespeare, science fiction and rock 'n' roll form a delicious, hilarious menage a trois now at the Greenbelt Arts Center. *Return to the Forbidden Planet* – book, lyrics and music by Bob Carlton – injects cleverly placed, often fractured Shakespearean quotes, and weaves appropriate lyrics from classic rock 'n' roll songs into a parody of *Forbidden Planet*, the iconic 1956 sci fi movie. This, in turn, is a dystopian commentary on Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.

The seemingly benign Prospero, played by the excellent Aref Dajani, misuses his Formula X, a mind-expanding drug; he cannot cope with his Jungian shadow side and creates monsters from the Id. "He doth bestride the world like a colossus," ergo "beware the Ids of March!"

Veteran director Jeff Lesniak and producer extraordinaire Malca Giblin team up yet again and have gathered together a top-notch, wonderfully entertaining cast that delivers a smashing evening of infectious good fun.

Todd Hines is great as the sexist Captain Tempest who represents the female science officer Gloria, played by the always impressive Pamela Northrup. In Captain Tempest's eyes, Gloria "has a lean and hungry look. Such women are dangerous."

Prospero's ingenue daughter Miranda, as portrayed by Aerika Saxe, plays the chimes as a teenager finding her way in this very tricky brave new world. She pouts, stamps her feet, disobeys daddy, flirts egregiously with Captain Tempest and breaks the heart of Cookie (the cook), played by Joey Rolandelli with sighs aplenty and terribly offended adolescent ego. And Saxe has a great set of pipes; she can really belt out a song.

Courtney Jones is the very effective rollerskating robot Ariel. She even distracts Miranda momentarily from her other two love interests.

The six (wo)man band deserves many kudos. Directed by Christine Wells, who has directed *MAD's* fall musical at Goddard Space Flight Center for 21 years, the band is packed with laborers in NASA's vineyard. Prospero/Dajani is a NASA scientist also, but fortunately not a mad one.

The band rocks out with Gloria when Pamela Northrup makes her dramatic entrance. Those of us of a certain age recall that blast from the past by Van Morrison's *Them* in 1965.

Prospero, teetering toward the dark side, begs the audience to Please Don't Let Me be Misunderstood, by Eric Burdon and the Animals.

Float back in time with Roy Orbison's *Oh Pretty Woman*, Bill Haley and the Comets' *Shake, Rattle and Roll*, James Brown's *It's a Man's World* and so many others.

The state-of-the-art LED lights explode with color and psychedelic dazzle, made possible by a \$5,000 grant, according to Den Giblin.

I caught only a fraction of Shakespeare's bon mots; see if you can do better.

"But soft, what light from yonder airlock breaks?" Prospero claims to be a man "more sinned against than sinning." Miranda "doth teach the torches to burn bright." Her unintended allure gives the crew some very Good Vibrations indeed. Thank you, Beach Boys.

Rikki Lacewell brilliantly choreographs the indefatigable, joyous dancers Dee Ann Klingner, Emily Riviello and Emil Neubauer.

Take a tip from the Byrds' Hey Mr. Spaceman: "Won't you please take me along for the ride?" You'll love it!

See it on June 1, 2, 8, 9 at 8 p.m. and June 3 at 2 p.m. Live long and Prospero!

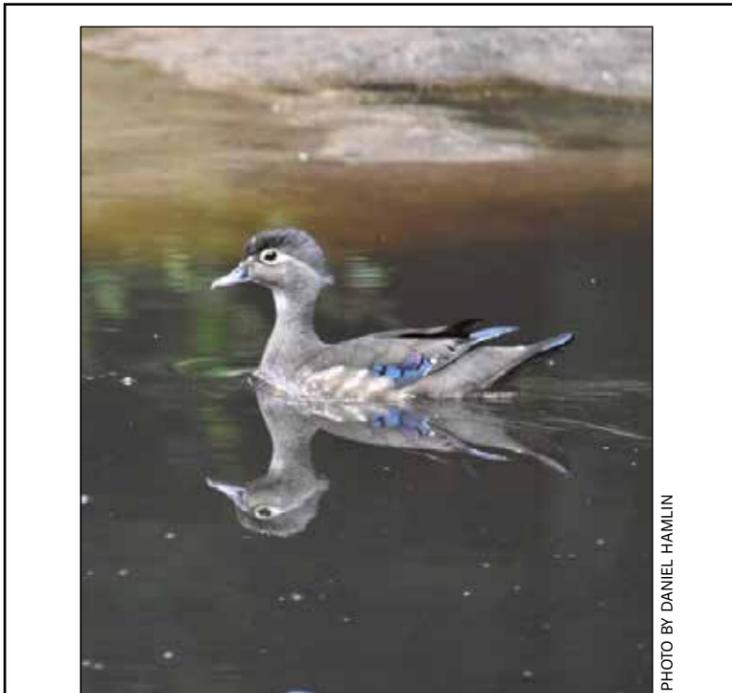


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Female wood duck at the Lake.

# Sarah Flores and Fatima Siddiqui Awarded 2018 Craig Scholarships

by Doug Mangum

The David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund announced its 2018 winner, Sarah Gabriela Flores, on Tuesday, May 22 during the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Class of 2018's Senior Awards Ceremony. Flores was joined on stage by fellow graduate Fatima Siddiqui, who also received a gift award from the Fund to further her education.

The Fund has awarded scholarships to graduates of ERHS since 1986, when Mary Francis Heaney won the first one-time gift of \$1,000. Heaney-Goode-nough now helps select the recipients by serving on the board of directors as does another past selectee, Brendan Cusack. Board member Anne Oudemans represents the Greenbelt Recreation Department (where David Craig worked from 1977 to 1984), which has had an employee on the board since the Fund's inception in 1986. Along with family matriarch Louise Craig and sister Debbie Craig Rhodes, the board is filled with classmates and friends of David Craig.

This year's selection process was a massive undertaking due to a record-setting number of qualified candidates applying for the \$10,000 scholarship. Twenty-nine seniors placed themselves in the running to become this year's David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund recipient. Because of all the worthy candidates the board decided to award a second scholarship.

Flores is a multi-talented young woman. Aside from her academic achievements, she was a member of the school's cross-country team and was awarded the Golden Spike award for demonstrating good character, sportsmanship and dedication.

Flores also was involved in numerous other school activities, including the Art Club, Girls Who Code Club, Get into Tech, National and Spanish Honor Societies and Teen Court. Her artwork was showcased at the 2017 and 2018 Prince George's

County art shows. Outside of Greenbelt she has helped with the SHARE Food Network and Habitat for Humanity. These experiences provided her firsthand insights she says demonstrated "the impact that volunteering has on other people." She also volunteered at the Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary butterfly garden for her research practicum project.

Siddiqui is a gifted student and member of the Honor Society. Like Flores, she participated in a multitude of extracurricular activities. Among other things she was a member of the Model United Nations Club where she role-played as an ambassador for many countries in U.N. sessions at school and statewide conferences. She served as a camp counselor at Wheaton Ice Arena, assisted with the Special Olympics state bowling competition and was a volunteer for Terps against Hunger.

Siddiqui is a computer whiz whose accolades were winning the JP Morgan and Chase Social Outreach Challenge by creating the game Multi Culti which aimed to teach children about different types of clothing around the world. She also submitted a paper to the International Conference on Advanced Technology and Science.

Siddiqui's generosity and compassion were recognized by Michelle McGee, her English teacher. McGee stated, "While I have always seen her kindness, a memory of Fatima that most

stands out came this year during a grade check session. When she noticed one of my students was really upset she took the young woman aside and showed her how to do the math to figure out her grade. She then gave her a pep talk to help her overcome her frustration with her progress."

To donate, apply, or request more info about the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund, call 301-474-7874 or visit the website at davidcraigmsf@blogspot.com.



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Sarah Flores



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Fatima Siddiqui



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meticulous and inquisitive – a real student leader. He is the co-captain of the school's robotics team, section leader in the school band and a patrol guard. In all of those leadership roles, he is responsible for modeling appropriate behavior, problem solving and effective communication. Recently he joined the band at his church.

**Greenbelt Elementary School:**  
**Chianugo Okeke and Beatrice Marcavitch**

Chianugo is an ambitious and capable student, with a friendly personality. He notices when other students are struggling and reaches out to assist them in any way he can. Chianugo has consistently been on the honor roll and participated in extracurricular activities such as Safety Patrol.

Beatrice is a delightful student who displays a positive attitude. She represented the school as the Generating Outstanding Leadership Development student for the 2017-2018 school year. She works on community service projects such as the canned food drive and is an active member of the Greenbelt Girl Scouts. She participated in a production of The Wizard of Oz at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

**Turning Point Academy:**  
**Olubusayo Okeshola and Eunice Oladokun**

Olubusayo (Busayo) is an eighth grader with an inquiring mind and a strong work ethic. Busayo took the initiative to call a classmate who was absent to provide instructional notes and the assignment, enabling the absentee to return on task. He is an active member of the Boys Mentoring Group, has perfect attendance and is an honor roll student, recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society.

Eunice is polite, respectful, articulate, always aiming for excellence. She gets along well with her peers and avails herself as a peer tutor. She demonstrates strong leadership skills and is a member of the Student Government Association. Eunice reads to the younger students and helps organize fundraisers and other volunteer activities. She was recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society.

**Dora Kennedy French**  
**Immersion School:**  
**Alexina Costen**

With a limited number of Greenbelt students, Dora Kennedy French Immersion School selected only one student, Alexina Costen.

Alexina is a straight A student, a leader with her peers and works well with all of her teachers. She has been a part of the Environmental Students Working Always Together team. She volunteers with Wetlands in Maryland and maintains the gardens at school. Alexina also plays violin in the school orchestra, speaks fluent French and has learned Russian.

**Greenbelt Middle School:**  
**Morelle Meegan Konchou and Mecca Lartigue**

Meegan is an excellent student, has good work habits and is very respectful to adults and other students. She is interested in social issues within her community and is talented in the arts. She organized and got administrative approval for a student walkout to mark the 19th anniversary of the Columbine High School tragedy.

Mecca is diligent when it comes to her work; she is or-

ganized and rigorous when it comes to her academics, making honor roll each quarter. She also participates in numerous extracurricular activities including the orchestra (violin) and the chamber orchestra. Mecca was one of the organizers of the Columbine High School anniversary walkout.

**Eleanor Roosevelt High School:**  
**Julia Sharapi and Selim Boukabara**

Julia is an honor roll student and participates in a wide variety of extracurricular activities including teaching and performing at the Greenbelt Youth Circus Court and tutoring fellow students in Italian.

Julia excelled in the Capstone Program, receiving high honors for her individual research paper and presentation which was a study of the physical and mental effects of leisure time.

Selim is a senior student in ERHS's Science and Technology Program. He received first place in chemistry at the school's Science Fair and went on to receive second place at the regional level. He has also earned awards for first place in the First in Math competition and third place in the area of Computer Science for the Congressional App Challenge. Like the other award winners, Selim also participated in numerous extracurricular activities including volunteering at a local hospital and serving as a member of the Youth Advisory Committee for the city. At ERHS, he is the founder and president of the UNICEF Club, treasurer of the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and secretary of the Muslim Student Association.

**Maryland Delegate's Award:**  
**Shahanaaz Soumah**

Delegate Healey presented one of her Maryland State Delegate Awards to Shahanaaz Soumah from ERHS. As a cheerleader at both ERHS and her previous high school, passion and energy are part of Shahanaaz's repertoire. She rarely raises her voice or changes her tone but her words are insightful compassion. Patrick Gleason, her English teacher, says: "When I think of teaching Shahanaaz, I think of teaching The Great Gatsby. In that novel, my favorite quote fits Shahanaaz, who is one of the most remarkable students I have taught. Nick describes Gatsby's smile as 'one of those rare smiles with a quality of eternal reassurance in it, that you may come across four or five times in life.' In Shahanaaz, I've come across one."



The new Indian Creek Trail, to be dedicated Saturday, June 2, at 10 a.m.

# Kerstin Hendrickson Honored By Scandinavian Association

by Jan Morrow

On May 21, Greenbelter Kerstin Hendrickson was honored by the American Scandinavian Association of the National Capital by being awarded the Henry Hanson Service Award. Hendrickson plays the Swedish national instrument, the nyckelharpa or key fiddle. She and Greenbelt resident Stefan Brodd have led the Swedish Song Group and the processions of the Santa Lucia at Christmastime for over 25 years. The Song Group performs traditional Swedish songs in concert and at times with the Washington Spelmanslag (musicians). They also perform at the Swedish Embassy, the Ambassador's residence and the Swedish church.

Brodd is the organist for the Swedish church services. His full-time job is organist at the First Trinity Lutheran Church in Washington, D.C.



Stefan Brodd and Kerstin Hendrickson accept the Henry Hanson Service Award.

PHOTO BY JAN MORROW

## At the Library

Weekly Ready 2 Read Storytimes: Tuesday, June 5, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Wednesday, June 6, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, June 7, 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.

### Teen Advisory Board

Monday, June 4, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Volunteers work together to make the library a better place for teens by talking about books, music and movies and suggesting what to include in the collection. Registration required; contact the branch either in person or by calling 301-345-5800. (TAB will meet weekly on Monday afternoons.)

### English Conversation Club

Tuesday, June 5, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. (The club meets weekly on Tuesday evenings.)



PRELIMINARY AGENDA  
**GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Thursday, June 7, 2018**  
GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

**GHI Special Open Session Meeting – begins at 7:00 p.m.**

- Approve the Agenda for the GHI Executive Session Meeting

**GHI Executive Session – begins after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting adjourns**

- Approve Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting Held on April 19, 2018
- Approve Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting Held on May 3, 2018
- Approve Minutes of the Formal Hearing Held on April 30, 2018
- Request by a Prospective Member for an Exception to GHI's Membership Selection Criteria Policy
- Member Financial Matters.
- Consider the Terms and Conditions of the Following Contracts in the Negotiation Stage:
  - Contract for Arboricultural Services - 1st reading
  - Contract for 2018 Underground Utility Repairs and Drainage Improvements - 1st reading
- Request from Bank that GHI Consider Purchasing the Membership Interest in a GHI Unit
- Member Complaint Matter
- Item of Information: Rental Permits Granted to Two members

**GDC Executive Session**

- Approve Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting Held on March 15, 2018
- Approve Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting Held on April 4, 2018

**GDC Open Session – begins at 7:45 p.m.**

- Approve Minutes of the Open Session Meeting Held on March 15, 2018
- Approve Minutes of the Open Session Meeting Held on April 4, 2018
- Establish Date for the 2018 Stockholders' Meeting
- President's Report on GDC Operations for the Year 2017/18

**GHI Open Session – begins after the GDC Open Session Meeting adjourns**

- Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on June 7, 2018
- Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting Held on April 19, 2018
- Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session meeting on April 19, 2018
- Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting Held on May 3, 2018
- Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session meeting on May 3, 2018
- Proposed Change of 401-K Provider
- Proposed Joint –Use Agreement with Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources, GHI and the City of Greenbelt re: Two GHI – owned Playgrounds
- Companion Animal Committee's Recommendation re: Rodenticide Policy and Regulation
- ARC's Recommendation re Installation of a Patio Door at 133 Greenhill Rd
- Attorney's Recommendation re: Procedures for Handling a Member Complaint Against Staff
- Finance Committee's Recommendations re: Parameters for Members Selecting HIP Optional Items



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## Iftar in Greenbelt



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Lauren Schreiber and Mayor Emmett Jordan enjoy the community Iftar on May 26.



PHOTO BY MUHAMMAD ODA

Community members attend the Iftar at Greenbelt Community Church United Church of Christ.



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## USBG Tour: Medicinal And Poisonous Plants

This U.S. Botanic Garden program on Monday, June 4 from 1 to 2 p.m. is led by Beth Burrous, biochemist and USBG volunteer docent. Many important medicines are derived from plants, but too much of a good thing can be dangerous. During a walking tour of the conservatory, Burrous will point out poisonous and medicinal plants. She will discuss famous, interesting and sometimes fatal cases of poisoning by plants, as well as plants used to make life-saving medicines.

This tour is free; no pre-registration is required.



# Artful Afternoon Features Beech Tree Puppets and Birds

by Nicole DeWald

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program welcomes visitors of all ages to an Artful Afternoon on Sunday, June 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. The event is free and takes place at the Community Center.

At 3 p.m., enjoy a free performance by Greenbelt's own Beech Tree Puppets: Rainbow Crow Brings Daylight. Crow has been revered by many cultures throughout the ages. This adaptation weaves two Native American creation tales from the Lenape and Inuit tribes. Follow Crow on his journey to the Sky Spirit as he saves the animals and then travels to the Land of the Light. The show features gorgeous sets, shadow puppets, rod puppets and marionettes and much singing. (Puppeteers Ingrid Cowan Hass and Ole Hass are also accomplished classical vocalists.)

Come early for a free Birds Gone Wild collaborative art workshop with Artist-in-residence Rachel Cross from 1 to 3 p.m. Find out about some of the birds living right in your own backyard. Participants will help paint two bird photo stand-ins for display and photo opportunities at future Greenbelt events. Painting clothes are recommended.

Also from 1 to 3 p.m., visit the art gallery for a closing reception with artist Anna Fine Foer. See her Globally Positioned Sheep and other detailed collages exploring scientific and social themes.

From 1 to 4 p.m., meet the

Community Center's eight artists in residence at an open house and sale. Find beautiful and affordable paintings, prints, ceramics, fiber arts, funky jewelry, assemblages and more. Share conversation with thoughtful artists such as Nikki Brooks, whose current work explores women of color's "strength in spirituality."

See the Greenbelt Museum's current exhibit The Knowing Hands that Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus. Straus is best known locally as the creator of the iconic Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center and the impressive bas reliefs on the façade of the Community Center. Tour the Museum's nearby historic home at 10-B Crescent Road for a nominal admission fee between 1 and 5 p.m.

For more information, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts) and [greenbeltmuseum.org](http://greenbeltmuseum.org) or call 301-397-2208. Greenbelt arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.



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"Guardian of the Less nown" by Nikki Brooks, one of the eight artists in residence who will have work for sale at the open house.



## GREENBELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPRINGS TO LIFE MURAL Dedication Ceremony on Saturday, June 2 at noon.

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custody of the alien for up to 48 hours to allow Department of Homeland Security to assume custody for removal purposes.”

The police learn of ICE detainees through the routine computer checks officers run on any individual. If the computer alerts the officer to a detainee, police contact ICE to see if they want to come pick up the individual in question. About half the time, ICE declines. Otherwise, city police will hold the individual until ICE arrives. However, they will not detain an individual for more than eight hours.

Kemp told the News Review that the last time police had researched the issue, the city had encountered 12 detainees between 2010 and 2015. Kemp does not recall the department receiving any detainees since December 2015. Of those 12 detainees, ICE took custody of the individuals six times.

### Detainer vs. Warrant

Kemp noted that a detainer is administratively issued and does not rise to the level of a judicial warrant.

Byrd argued that city police should not be involved in enforcing immigration laws, which is a federal responsibility. He called for making a clear distinction between detainees, which are administratively issued, and judicial warrants issued by a court. Several other councilmembers, including Leta Mach and Judith Davis, expressed some degree of

discomfort with releasing individuals to ICE without requiring a judicial warrant.

No one present objected to the police assisting other law enforcement agencies with regard to judicial warrants.

### Fear

A major concern of Byrd and several audience members is that city police cooperation with ICE may lessen residents' willingness to contact police, hence decreasing overall public safety.

Councilmember Edward Putens noted that he has a lot of friends in Greenbelt West who compliment Kemp and his officers for the way in which the police interact with all residents.

### Policy vs. Ordinance

Byrd and Julio Murillo, representing CASA de Maryland, said that an ordinance, rather than a policy statement or resolution, should be used to state the city's policy on handing over individuals under a detainer.

None of Byrd's council colleagues appeared to support his motion. Mayor Emmett Jordan said that his responsibility as a councilmember was to look after the best interests of the city as a whole. Given the current attempts by the Justice Department to penalize sanctuary cities that do not cooperate with ICE, he said that Greenbelt is better off with a practice that gets the same point across rather than adopting a law or policy that would have no further effect but could hurt the city.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts, who had seconded Byrd's motion to permit its debate, said that he thought that the city has pretty much the right policy regarding detainees. He would not support asking the city manager to draft an ordinance.

Mach noted that the important thing is the city's practice in handling these requests. Most of what she had heard sounds reasonable although she would want to have a little more detail about holding persons with a detainer rather than a judicial warrant.

The agenda item ended with an odd bureaucratic dance. Roberts encouraged Byrd to withdraw his motion, explaining that if, as appeared likely, he was outvoted, under council's standing rules he could not bring the topic up again.

Putens called the question, which is a motion to cut off debate. Even though Byrd had indicated his intent to withdraw the motion prior to the vote under the rules, Puten's motion was voted on and approved after which Byrd withdrew his motion.

In a separate agenda item, Byrd moved that the city send a letter to the city's congressional delegation opposing the recent proposal from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to raise the minimum rent charged to residents of subsidized apartments from \$50 to \$150. Davis's motion to hold the letter until there is a specific HUD ruling passed by a 6 to 1 vote with Byrd opposed.

## Memorial Day in Greenbelt



Greenbelters attend the Memorial Day service in Roosevelt Center on the morning of May 28.

- Photos by Helen Sydavar



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Washington, Forestville and Upper Marlboro.

It is also possible to register to vote or change information, including party affiliation, at an early voting center when going to vote, after the regular deadline has passed. Election officials advise, however, that it is much faster and easier to do so by regular means by the deadline date.

### Absentee Voting

Voters wishing to vote absentee must first submit an application to receive an absentee ballot from the Prince George's County Board of Elections. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19 to receive the ballot by mail or fax or by Friday, June 22 in order to apply to download the ballot from the state website. All qualified voters are eligible to vote absentee. No reason or explanation for wanting to vote absentee is required.

There are several ways to apply for an absentee ballot. Those who have a Maryland driver's license or an identification card issued by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration may apply for a ballot online. Another option is to print out an application form online and return it to the county board of elections in Largo by mail, fax or email (scanned as an attachment). The voter may also call the county board of elections and ask for a form to be mailed or go to the board office and fill one out. In applying for the ballot, the voter will designate a preference for receiving the ballot back either by mail or by email.

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by election day, June 26. It may not be emailed or faxed. Nor can it be taken to an early voting center or polling place.

Voters who cannot go to the board of elections office themselves may designate someone to take their completed application form to the county board and pick up the ballot for them. Doing so requires completion of a Designation of Agent form, which is available online or from the county board of elections office. The ballot itself will contain detailed instructions for completing and returning it.

If the ballot is hand-delivered, it must be received at the local board office by 8 p.m. on election day, Tuesday, June 26. If the ballot is mailed, it must be postmarked no later than June 26, and it must be received at the local board office no later than 10 a.m. on June 6, 2018.

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)  
 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Assault**

May 17, 10:10 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A woman went to a parking lot, where a man was supposed to meet her to purchase a dog. When he arrived, he put the dog in his vehicle, pushed the woman up against her vehicle and then threw money at her. He then fled.

The money was less than he agreed to pay. The woman was not injured.

May 20, 1:26 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. Two men were disrespectful to one of two women shopping in the apparel store DTLR. One of the women then said something to the men before they, the women, left the store. As the women were walking to their vehicle, the men assaulted them and fled. One of the women refused treatment for a bloodied nose.

**DWI/DUI**

May 17, 5:05 p.m., Crescent Road near Lastner Lane. A 43-year-old resident was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by alcohol and other traffic-related offenses during investigation of a traffic accident. She was released on citations pending trial.

**Theft**

May 16, 3:45 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A package was removed from the front stoop of a residence.

May 23, 4:10 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

**Burglary**

May 19, 7:45 a.m., 7500 block

Mandan Road. A 31-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with fourth degree burglary after he was found passed out in the living room of a residence. The resident said she had no idea who the man was or why he was in her dwelling. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

May 21, 10:45 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A 26-year-old resident was arrested and charged with fourth degree burglary after a maintenance worker found him in a vacant apartment. He fled but was located in the basement of the apartment building and arrested. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

May 22, 9:59 p.m., 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway. Two blue Schwinn mountain bikes were taken from a fenced bike storage area.

May 23, 6:50 p.m., 37 Court Ridge Road. A tan Takara bicycle was taken from an open garage.

**Vandalism**

May 22, 9:40 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A rock was used to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

**Vehicle Crime**

Three stolen vehicles were recovered. A 2016 Volvo XC70 stolen May 19 from the 7800 block Emily's Way was recovered May 22 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 600 block 3rd Street S.E.

A 2017 Nissan Maxima reported stolen to Allentown, Pa.

police was recovered on May 17 in the 6200 block Springhill Drive and a 2001 Ford Econoline van reported stolen to the Howard County police was located in the 7500 block Greenbrook Drive on May 21.

An attempted theft occurred on May 23 when officers responded to a report of a tampering in progress in the 6400 block Ivy Lane. A witness reported several people getting out of a vehicle and tampering with two vehicles in the parking lot. Upon arrival, officers observed the suspects fleeing the area at a high rate of speed in a vehicle described as a burgundy Ford F-250 pickup truck with Calif. tags. Lug nuts had been removed from the wheels on one parked vehicle and a sunroof had been broken out on the second.

Four thefts of items were reported. Four tires and rims were taken from each of two vehicles, one in the 7800 block Hanover Parkway and the other in the 6400 block Ivy Lane. Money and two cigarette lighters were taken from a locked vehicle in the 7200 block Hanover Parkway. A stereo unit was removed after a rear window was broken in the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive.

**Vandalism**

Two acts of vandalism were reported. A man in the 200 block Lakeside Drive observed two women at his vehicle, one sitting on the hood and the other vandalizing one of the registration plates. They then fled.

A headlamp was broken in the 6100 block Breezewood Court.

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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# City Council Potpourri

by Diane Oberg

At its May 14 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council -

- Learned of an incident in Greenbelt East where contractors were observed taking soil samples in what they said was the county right-of-way, for which they had a permit. In fact, there is no county right-of-way in Greenbelt. A stop work order has been issued. Council considered a request from Councilmember Colin Byrd to send letters to various officials and agencies requesting information. The motion failed.

- Unanimously approved a letter requested by Reverend Ray Raysor supporting a center for independent living in Prince George's County.

- Witnessed the swearing in of new Police Officer Michael W. Thomas, Jr.

- Received red poppy boutonnieres from the Greenbelt American Legion in remembrance of all who died in combat while in the U.S. armed forces.

- Heard a legislative wrap-up from State Delegates Tawanna Gaines and Anne Healey for the 2018 legislative session. Delegate Alonzo Washington and Senator Paul Pinsky were unable to attend. The prepared remarks from all four legislators are available in the May 14 council meeting packet in the agenda center of the city's website.

- Heard Mayor Emmett Jordan present proclamations designating May as Bicycle Month, May 19 as National Kids to Parks Day, May 14 to 21 as Infrastructure Week, May 20 to 26 as Public Works Week and May 14 to 21 as National Police Week. He urged citizens to express their appreciation to city police officers by showing them respect by obeying the law and supporting them in the performance of their duties.

- Reappointed Lola Skolnik to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB).

- Accepted the PRAB's report number 18 to 1 recommending that council support a possible test first option in which the county would first test different areas of Greenbelt for West Nile or Zika virus or other mosquito-borne diseases. If the tests are positive, then spraying would automatically be done within a one-mile radius of where the disease was found. If that option is not available, PRAB supports spraying against mosquitos and mosquito-borne diseases in the interest of public health. It is likely this issue will be discussed at a future council meeting.

- Heard a report from City Manager Nicole Ard regarding the damage to the theater marquee. She said that a filmmaker had caused the damage and will pay the repair costs, estimated to be \$750 to \$1,000.

**Petitions**

- The Global Climate Action Network requested that discussion of county bill CB-04 Fair Elections Fund Bill be included in the agenda for the June 4 city council meeting.

- Susan Stewart asked council to write to County Councilmember Todd Turner to support county legislation to implement public funding for county council elections. Different levels of support would be provided to candidates for county executive, at-large councilmember and district councilmembers.

- George Boyce noted that his dog has been labeled, for reasons that he disagrees with, as a dangerous dog. He called the city's animal control ordinance poorly written with no mechanism for re-assessing such animals. He further said that the city is acting in clear violation of some portions of the county's animal control ordinance.

- Justin Baker and others asked that council address the issue of loitering and public camping.

- Bill Orleans requested more council involvement in evictions from Green Ridge House.

# Ukulele Spring Recital



PHOTO BY MICHAEL G. STEWART

Students of Rachel Cross hold their spring ukulele recital at the Community Center on Thursday, May 24. For more information, contact Rachel at [rachelcrossmusic@gmail.com](mailto:rachelcrossmusic@gmail.com).

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# A Guided Tour of Recycling At Buddy Attick Park

by Luisa Robles

The city has a recycling center at Buddy Attick Park, next to the lake. Do you know what kinds of materials can be recycled there?

As you enter the recycling site, there is a line of 95-gallon blue rolling carts on the left where all commingled recycling can be put. These are the same items you would put in your home's blue bin (follow the yes/no guidelines at [greenbeltmd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/560](http://greenbeltmd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/560)). Remember, all recyclable materials must be loose in the bins, not in plastic bags. No plastic bags should be put in these bins. Close the lid when done. The city collects these items and takes them to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) owned by Prince George's County and managed by the Maryland Environmental Service (MES).

To the right at the drop-off location is a shed for automotive oil, oil filters and antifreeze. These materials are picked up by MES and recycled appropriately ([menv.com/pages/recycling/usedoil.html](http://menv.com/pages/recycling/usedoil.html)). Pour the oil and antifreeze carefully to avoid spills and remember to close the lids on the receptacles. Then put the empty containers in the trash to the right of the shed.

To the right and back there is a semicircle of green and yellow dumpsters for paper. Flattened cardboard boxes can be put in some of the containers, but these dumpsters are mainly for paper: newspaper, office paper, glossy inserts, magazines, etc. Close the lids when done. These bins get picked up by Hanna Paper Recycling ([hannapaper.com/](http://hannapaper.com/)). The paper gets recycled within North America.

The cute shed all the way in the back is for used clothing recycling. Turnkey Enterprises ([turnkey-enterprises.com](http://turnkey-enterprises.com)) accepts all clothing, no matter what state it is in, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes and stuffed toys. All donations have to be in plastic bags properly tied. Don't donate cut-up pieces of fabric (fabric scraps or rags), toys or household goods.

On the left beyond the blue rolling carts is the TerraCycle station ([terracycle.com/en-US/brigades](http://terracycle.com/en-US/brigades)). The bins are inside Public Works right now, but they will soon be out in the station. TerraCycle takes non-recyclable pre-consumer and post-consumer waste and turns it into a raw material to be used in new products. The city is participating in six campaigns or brigades:

1. Brita Brigade ([terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/brita-brigade](http://terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/brita-brigade)). Program-accepted waste: Brita

dispensers, Brita Bottles, Brita Bottle Filters, Brita Standard Filters, Brita Stream Filters, Brita Longlast Filters, Brita filter packaging, Brita faucet filtration systems, and Brita pitchers.

2. PUR Brigade ([terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/pur-brigade](http://terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/pur-brigade)). Program-accepted waste: PUR pitchers, all types of PUR filters, PUR faucet mounts and adapters, PUR packaging film, and PUR dispensers.

3. Clif Bar ([terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/clifbar](http://terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/clifbar)). Program-accepted waste: Foil-lined energy bar wrappers; foil-lined granola bar wrappers; foil-lined meal replacement bar wrappers; foil-lined protein bar wrappers; foil-lined diet bar wrappers; Clif Bar and Co. wrappers from Clif Bars, Luna Bars, MOJO, Builders, Crunch, Clif Kid Z-Bar, Kits Organic, Clif Kid Z-Fruit, Shot Bloks, Shot Gels, and Shot Drinks; pouches from Clif Organic Energy Food.

4. GoGo Squeeze ([terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/gogo-squeez-tm-brigade](http://terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/gogo-squeez-tm-brigade)). Program-accepted waste: Healthy snack plastic pouches and caps.

5. Snack Bags ([terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/haincelestial](http://terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/haincelestial)). Program-accepted waste: Family-size snack bags, individual snack bags and multipack snack bags.

6. Oral Recycling ([terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/colgate](http://terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/colgate)). Program-accepted waste: Toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrushes, toothpaste cartons, toothbrush outer packaging, and floss containers. Note: Electric toothbrushes, battery toothbrushes and their parts are not recyclable through the program.

Help by putting the proper recyclables in the appropriate receptacles and closing those receptacles when done. No other materials are accepted at the recycling center.

Call Sustainability Coordinator Luisa Robles at 240-542-2153 or email at [lrobles@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:lrobles@greenbeltmd.gov) with questions. The city thanks you for recycling.



## This Weekend At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, June 2, National Trails Day. Discover Greenbelt Park by walking one of four trails or by volunteering. Volunteers can participate in a trail maintenance project or remove invasive plants in the park. Volunteer registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the trail projects will begin at 9 a.m. The invasive plant removal program will begin at 11 a.m. All volunteers need to pre-register via link at [nps.gov/gree](http://nps.gov/gree).

Saturday, June 2, Outdoor Stewardship Volunteer Event. Join the invasive plant team as they monitor and repel the growing threat of invasive plants and insects in Greenbelt Park. Obtain valuable information that not only helps the park but can help protect vulnerable species in the region. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 11 a.m. The event lasts until 2 p.m.

Sunday, June 3, Campfire Program: White-tailed Deer. What is the difference between a horn and an antler? What do deer eat? Campground guests and the public are welcome under the stars for a traditional NPS campfire program featuring the white-tailed deer. Meet at Campfire Circle at 8 p.m.

## Hospital Holds Stroke Support Meeting

Doctors Community Hospital will hold its monthly stroke education meeting on Wednesday, June 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive, Bowie.

This free session will show stroke survivors and caregivers how to manage the physical and emotional challenges caused by strokes. Participants may share experiences and offer comfort and empowerment to others. A team of professionals will provide information about stroke prevention and management. To register call 301-552-8114.

## Veterans Forum For County Executive

The American Legion Post 136 will host a Veterans Forum on June 7 at 6:30 p.m. for all candidates running for county executive, sponsored by the Prince George's County Commission for Veterans.

The format will consist of opening and closing statements from the candidates, with questions from the audience presented through the moderator. Betty Brown, a retired member of the D.C. National Guard and commander of Maryland Disabled American Veterans, will moderate.

The purpose of the forum is to provide an opportunity for the veteran population of Prince George's County to learn about the candidates and conduct a question-and-answer session to address the needs and concerns of county veterans.

This forum is a free event with open seating. For more information, contact Brad Jewitt at 240-472-9848 or [bjewitt@msn.com](mailto:bjewitt@msn.com).

## Dynamic Governance Joins Peace Month

The Center for Dynamic Community Governance, as part of its second Sunday free offerings to the community, invites people to join the annual Peace Month gathering on Sunday, June 10 from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Youth Center conference room. The organization will share basic dynamic community governance skills: transparent communication, consent-based decision-making and circle processing to further community building. Presented by John Buck, co-author of *We the People, Consenting to a Deeper Democracy* – now in its 2nd edition – and *Company-wide Agility with Beyond Budgeting, Open Space & Sociocracy*, this offering will focus on facilitation to encourage diverse and divergent voices in a spirit of peace and goodwill.

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# Of Bathrooms and Beverages: Seeing the Big World Blind

by Denna Lambert

For many young adults in the D.C. metropolitan area, international travel is considered a rite of passage. For some academic fields of study, it is often a prerequisite for college graduation. Being an Arkansan and moving beyond the territory of sweet tea seemed like a huge accomplishment in and of itself. On my friends' social media pages I routinely see posts about their family vacations and excursions to the beach, the Poconos or some far-off land. Like most, I had a severe case of FOMO or Fear of Missing Out. This year, I celebrated my 37th year and set a goal of traveling internationally. I wanted to take on one more adventure before transitioning into parenthood, which could make care-free travel more difficult. It's even more of a daunting task if I tell you that I was traveling alone as a blind single woman. I didn't really have any expectations of what it would be like even without factoring in my lack of sight. I just assumed that it was scary for anyone but it must be surmountable because on a weekly basis I receive a handful of offers for international travel from different companies. Someone out there is going on these trips.



The author visits a site in Dubrovnik, Croatia, featured in Game of Thrones.

Like any good millennial, I went to the internet to find out what all travelers should know. What surprised me was that my internet and social media searches pointed me back to local resources and neighbors who were experts in traveling. A simple post to a Greenbelt Facebook community page netted me personalized transportation options from Greenbelt to the airport, local information on passports, currency exchange locations in Greenbelt and other nuggets that enhanced my confidence. Or at least I could get there and buy something.

One of the challenges related to vision loss is losing access to visual information. I asked myself before going, could I experience this trip in the same way as a sighted person? Would I gain the same value from it? At this point, the trip was booked, bags packed and it was too late to back out.

In many aspects of my life, access to visual information has become so much more spontaneous through a visual interpreting service called Aira. With the touch of a button on my smartphone, I can call up an Aira agent who has access to my phone's camera. They describe what they see. But there are limits. One of the company's policies is that they will not describe restrooms out of concern for the privacy of other individuals.

While it's a nuisance, I personally agree with this policy.

### Iceland and Beyond

After missing a connection in Iceland and having to work some magic to book a flight to get me to my final destination (Athens), I was sitting in Lithuania at 2 a.m. with a desperate need to find a restroom. Thankfully, I was able to use Aira to help me navigate a totally foreign environment and find the ladies room. Once I entered those doors, however, I was on my own. Part of traveling is just experiencing the journey. I ventured into a restroom that felt so different than those in the U.S. My trip helped me realize that there are infinite variations to what we call a restroom in other countries. In Iceland, the faucet is connected to the hand dryer. It took me nearly five minutes to figure out how to get water without also activating the hand dryer. In Lithuania I found that instead of a sensor or a handle on the left or right of the toilet basin, the flushing mechanism was a pedal on the floor. How did I figure this out? It was a very awkward series of gestures with the other women in the "WC" or the Water Closet as is known in the United Kingdom. Not only was there a language barrier, but I had taken some things for granted. In many countries, for example, a white cane is not a symbol associated with blindness, but just a foreign object. But one of the deepest and most meaningful lessons I learned was that I was truly privileged to have the right and ability to navigate freely and independently as a blind woman.

I booked my trip with a company called Traveleyes. They match blind travelers with sighted

travelers. Both are there to experience the various amenities of the trip, but unlike many other companies, the sighted travelers are not our caretakers, but to help convey visual information. As we trekked through Greece, Croatia and Italy, I could hear the curiosity and excitement in my guides' voices as they described the Parthenon or the vast mountain ranges of Greece and Croatia. On one afternoon, I could recall my own childhood nursery songs by hearing children singing songs in a village daycare in a language I could not understand but could recognize musically.

And I learned that what I think I have ordered from a menu may not be what I had expected. One afternoon, having completed a long day of visiting old churches and viewing beautiful frescos, our group stopped at a local diner for a drink. I ordered lemonade and was really anticipating the sweet taste I was quite familiar with back home. I quickly realized that English words often have multiple meanings. In Croatia, lemonade is essentially fresh, squeezed lemons added to water. While I did not receive what I had hoped, I gained a memory of everyone erupting into laughter at seeing my cheeks contract from the tart liquid.

So I experienced the normal challenges associated with international travel by experiencing the value of the Euro compared with the U.S. dollar or having to go through extra scrutiny when re-entering the U.S. through customs in Germany. But I also experienced the finer nuances of sounds, aromas, tastes and the joys of hearing new stories told by others from foreign lands.



The author visits the Temple of Apollo in Delphi, Greece.

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