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Richard Bowers Announced as New Greenbelt Chief of Police

The City of Greenbelt is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Richard (Rick) Bowers as chief of police. Chief Bowers brings over 25 years of law enforcement experience to Greenbelt. He started his career as an officer in Ocean City before moving to Takoma Park, where he has worked his way up the ranks from sergeant to acting chief over the past 23 years. The Takoma Park Police Department consists of 70 full-time employees and has a \$9.9 million budget.

City Manager Nicole Ard stated, "It is incredible to have found a leader of Chief Bowers' caliber who offers a unique energy, as

well as the experience in strategic planning, community engagement, employee development and crime reduction technology."

Bowers comes from a police agency that has embraced its community's diversity and actively works to build its trust. Bowers has a reputation for ethical behavior which he instills in his officers and motivates them to follow suit. Bowers' success in recruitment and retention of employees will be essential for the succession planning in Greenbelt. He is excited to join the Greenbelt team. "It is an honor to be selected as the chief of police

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New Greenbelt Police Chief, Richard (Rick) Bowers

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Artículos del News Review en Español

Eche un vistazo a la versión en español de algunos artículos seleccionados, traducidos, en las últimas semanas, por Carolina Napp-Avelli y Ana Fernández-Napp dos residentes de Greenbelt. Publicaremos uno o dos artículos por semana en <http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com/news-stories/>. Háganos saber lo que piensa al email: editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

News Review Articles in Spanish

Take a look at the Spanish-language version of selected News Review articles at <http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com/news-stories/>, translated, for the last few weeks, by Greenbelt residents Carolina Napp-Avelli and Ana Fernandez-Napp. We will be posting one or two Spanish language articles each week. Let us know what you think. Email: editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Food Pantry Serves Franklin Park's Displaced Fire Victims

by Lesley Kash

Help-by-Phone local food pantry volunteers delivered groceries on August 3 for victims of the recent Franklin Park fire. They took them to the bustling temporary relief center on Springhill Lane. Each of eight families who lost their homes to the fire and are awaiting their replacement apartments will be able to stock their new kitchens with a full complement of groceries.

Help-by-Phone volunteers Ron Dobson and Lesley Kash packed the dozens of bags of groceries in Help-by-Phone's food pantry in the Trinity Moravian Church on Good Luck Road. Dobson, who works a shift in the pantry every week, normally just packs for one family at a time, so this was a workout.

"We are happy to help people in need," he said, as he hauled down and sliced open cartons of donated cereal, tuna, soup, apple-sauce and you-name-it.



Help-by-Phone food pantry volunteers Lesley Kash and Ron Dobson pack bags of food for families displaced by the Franklin Park fire.

The relief center set up by Franklin Park's management is elbow-to-elbow with energetic staff and enthusiastic volunteers.

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The GEMZ attend the Entrepreneurship/Business Development workshop and field trip in Washington hosted by Beacon DC. See story on page 12.

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City, GHI Discuss Playground Compliance, Northway Fields

by Kathleen Gallagher

On July 16 the Greenbelt City Council held its annual stakeholder meeting with the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). All councilmembers were present, as were eight of the nine directors of the GHI board, including Steve Skolnik, Stefan Brodd, Ed James, Chuck Hess, Tami Watkins, Linda Seeley, Paul Kapfer and Stephen Holland. City Manager Nicole Ard and GHI General Manager Eldon Ralph were also in attendance.

It is often the case that agenda items for this worksession carry over from year to year for updates. Among these was the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's proposal to replace water pipes for GHI's masonry homes that would then become GHI's responsibility to replace and maintain at a substantial cost. In a 1958 agreement signed by WSSC, the City of Greenbelt and GHI, WSSC took ownership of the water pipes up to

the meter boxes located at the housing units. In more recent years, WSSC's proposals have moved the meter boxes closer to the street. In May of this year, WSSC presented another proposal that GHI is currently taking under consideration.

Right-of-Way

Another longstanding cooperative effort between the city and GHI involves resolution of right-of-way encroachment issues dating back to the origins of GHI homes as federal property. Over the years, GHI staff and city planning staff have made great strides in reducing the number of issues to be resolved. This project has recently slowed down because the planning department has not been fully staffed, but the expectation is that the pace will pick up again in the fall.

Playgrounds

Playgrounds, too, are a usual topic since the city and GHI participate in a playground agree-

ment whereby the city maintains seven GHI-owned playgrounds, while GHI pays 25 percent of

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What Goes On

- Monday, August 13**
5:30 p.m., Youth Advisory Committee, Youth Center Conference Room
- 8 p.m.**, Regular Council Meeting, Municipal Building
- Tuesday, August 14**
7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Public Works Building
- 7 p.m.**, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Police Station
- Wednesday, August 15**
7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board, Community Center

Travis' Trommel Sifter Shifts To Franklin Park Test Mode

by René Sewell-Rayson

At first glance it looks like a Rube Goldberg invention – bicycle tire rims, quarter inch hardware cloth, plywood and some two-by-fours. It turns out it's a trommel sifter. Michael Travis' ingenuity created this low-tech answer to the problem of sifting almost-compost into garden-ready compost.

On Saturday, August 4, a group of hardy souls braved the heat and humidity to test whether this Community Impact Grant-funded project had reached its goal.

This is a three-bin composting system. The idea is that the scraps are collected in the first bin. Then they are transferred

to the second bin which contains the mixture as it reaches the optimal 138°F, temperature which kills the bad bacteria and makes inoculate-organisms that will speed decomposition. Then the almost-compost cures in the final bin. Saturday's work session was to test whether everything was working.

"It's recycling for your vegetable and fruit peels, even your coffee grounds," offered Anne Wallace, a resident of Franklin Park. The three bins are located at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Neighbors bring their food scraps, weigh and record what has been saved from the

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Letters to the Editor

Some Donations Are Still Needed

We just want to say thank you to all the residents, employees and Greenbelt Community for the overwhelming help and support that has been received these past couple of days. The donations that have been given let us know that we can come together as one regardless of what gets thrown our way. Again, Thank you.

Based on the donations that we have been receiving, we wanted to update you all in what we still need. As of today, we do not need any more clothes except the specific boys items below.

Still needed: Laundry Detergent; Fresh Towels/New wash rags; Bed Linens (Twin, Full, Queen sizes - Unisex preferred); Cleaning agents; Kitchen utensils (plates, bowls, forks, knives, spoons, etc.); Giftcards; Non Perishable food/Children's snacks; New combs/brushes; Size 10 & 12 in Boys clothing.

Furniture Donations. Please note, due to lack of space we are requesting that those with furniture to donate send pictures to residentservices@franklinparkliving.com. Once received we will attempt to pair it per household via email.

Thank you so much again from Franklin Park! We are truly grateful and appreciative during this time. If you have any further questions please contact us at 301-474-1602.

Franklin Park
Resident Services

Step Club Thanks The Cristacos Family

The Greenbelt Step Club (GBSC) writes to publicly thank Marie and George Cristacos, the owners of Roosevelt Center, whose generous contribution, patience and courtesy allowed the GBSC to relocate its premises and continue its mission of providing a location where 12-step recovery groups can conduct their meetings in the City of Greenbelt.

In February 1990, the GBSC was founded in the basement of the Domino's Pizza building at 155 Centerway. The GBSC operated at that location continuously until the spring of 2013, when the property owners elected to pursue other uses for the premises.

Through the consideration and generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Cristacos, together with the substantial efforts of several skilled and unpaid professionals and the contributions of many volunteers who donated numerous hours,

the GBSC was able to continue its mission at its new location at 143 Centerway. This past June 2018, the GBSC celebrated three years of continuous operation at this new location and should be able to continue operating at this location for many years into the future.

All 12-step programs rely upon the principle of anonymity as the foundation for their programs (thereby reminding members to place principles before personalities) and therefore the GBSC does not have a precise count of the people who attend meetings at the GBSC during any given period. However, several accurate gauges suggest that the total attendance at 12-step meetings held at the GBSC during the past year was about 15,000 persons who find that participating in their preferred 12-step program provides a useful tool for living a happy and useful life. The website for the GBSC includes a description of the various 12-step fellowships that hold meetings at the GBSC and the dates and times of those meetings.

The GBSC thanks Mrs. and Mr. Cristacos for recognizing the positive influence of 12-step organizations and their willingness to support the GBSC by providing a location where the Club can continue its mission for many years in the future.

Greenbelt Step Club

ICE and Council Vote

I attended the recent city council work session on immigration on which you reported in your August 2 issue. I applaud the council's movement toward resolving police policy on non-criminal ICE warrants; however, I believe it is in the best interest of Greenbelt to have council vote publicly as a legislative body rather than remand this policy through administrative channels. It is important, given the rise of authoritarian populism nationally and internationally, that small cities such as ours exercise our civil liberties with resolve and conviction. This is common sense for our times.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions has threatened federal safety spending for communities that do not comply with his interpretation of federal immigration law (see New York Times, May 22, 2017). For Greenbelt's current budget, that amounts to \$8,000. The Courts have also ruled that this threat oversteps the Executive Branch's authority. Were the federal government to somehow

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City Notes

The grand opening of the newly installed playground outside the Community Center was celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Animal Control picked up a sick raccoon, relocated a snapping turtle to the Lake and removed carcasses of two animals. Five cats and one dog were surrendered; one dog and two kittens were adopted.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability/Environmental crews collected 32.03 tons of refuse and 12.72 tons of recyclable materials.

The Community Center has a new installation in the lobby display case featuring the Labor Day Festival.

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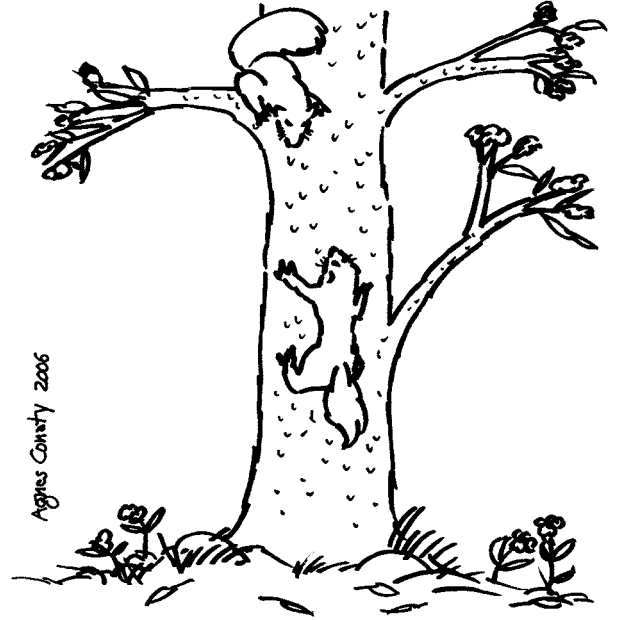
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(2018) (94 mins)
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Grin Belt



"The weatherman says it's an upper level low but I think it's the rain dance you did last week."

From Greenbelt News Review, May 18, 2006

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On Screen

A Nuanced, Delicate Soufflé

Joining "Eighth Grade" at Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, August 10, is debut writer/director Ofir Graizer's tender, melancholy love story, *The Cakemaker*. It depicts the grieving German baker Thomas (Tim Kalkhoff) seeking closure in Jerusalem where his lover, Oren (Roy Miller), has been killed in an auto accident. Thomas discovers that Oren was married to Anat (Sarah Adler), who owns a kosher restaurant. Without revealing their shared grief, Thomas succeeds as a pastry chef in Anat's employ. Regarded with suspicion at first, Thomas is nevertheless invited to Shabbat dinner.

There is considerable delicacy and restraint in the treatment of gay love, German-Israeli cultural interaction and how different people grieve differently.

Running Time 1 hour, 44 minutes
Not Rated

In Hebrew, German and English with English subtitles.

- Jim Link

Community Events

Greenbelt Middle Hosts MyHopeFest

Hope Center D.C., Inc. is excited to announce its 2nd annual MyHopeFest, a family day for the surrounding Greenbelt community on Saturday, August 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Greenbelt Middle School.

This year's festival will feature live entertainment, a health fair, an array of food and beverages, and a full Kids Zone. There will also be free backpacks, complete with essential back-to-school items, for school-age children. All friends and family are invited to join the fun.

Charitable donations toward backpack contributions can be made online at myhopefest.com. All donors will have their names or companies displayed on a promotional board at the event. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information, contact Sergio Chavez at 571-245-6013 or email myhopefest@gmail.com.

Red Cross Blood Drive Cancelled For August

The August blood drive has been cancelled by the American Red Cross. The next drive is scheduled for Friday, September 7 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 201.

No Shots? No School

Parents who received a letter from their child's school stating that the child is missing required immunizations should know that students who do not have required immunizations will be excluded from school.

Appointment times with pediatricians for immunizations may not be available in time for school. However, there are free immunization clinics at sites throughout the county this summer.

Visit pgcps.org/immunizations for more information on requirements, free clinics and more.

Registration Opens For Public Schools

Prince George's County public school offices are now open for registration for the upcoming academic year. Early registration of children, especially kindergarten-aged children (those who will be five years old by September 1, 2018), is important for staffing purposes.

Because of ongoing construction at Greenbelt Elementary, registration there is by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling the school at 301-513-5911. Registration and other office business will take place at a temporary office that has been set up at Greenbelt Middle School at 6301 Breezewood Drive.

Registering parents/legal guardians will need a current mortgage statement/settlement papers or deed/GHI Mutual Ownership Contract for proof of residency, the child's original birth certificate, valid identification, immunization records and two pieces of mail (less than 30 days old) with the current address. If the child is transferring from another PGCPs school, parents or guardians should obtain a transfer document from the previous school as part of the registration process.

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 August 13 are as follows:

Monday, August 13: Hamburger, baked beans, sliced carrots, wheat hamburger bun, applesauce, orange juice.

Tuesday, August 14: Krabby cake, green beans, hot spiced fruit, carrot raisin salad, wheat hamburger bun.

Wednesday, August 15: Glazed ham, oven roasted potatoes, spinach, biscuit, fresh fruit, orange juice.

Thursday, August 16: Creamy paprika chicken, rice pilaf, ratatouille, wheat roll, sliced pears, apple juice.

Friday, August 17: Bruschetta beef, garlic rotini, Brussels sprouts, garlic breadstick, pineapple tidbits, grape juice.

Saturday Star Party Looks at Planets

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, August 11 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees may expect to see Jupiter, Saturn and Mars, and perhaps more. Mars is still about as close as it ever gets to Earth. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 9 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.



Coming Events At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, August 18 and Sunday, August 19, Coffee with a Park Ranger and a Campground Host. Come say hello at the Ranger Station and have a cup on us. Meet at the Ranger Station near the campground between 8 and 9 a.m.

Saturday, August 18, Volunteer Trail Crew. Join the volunteer corps to improve the park through stewardship projects. This is a great opportunity to get outdoors and pay it forward while working on a trail maintenance project. Meet at the Ranger Station at 9 a.m. (three hours).

Ribbons Awarded For Best Photos

Have you taken any awesome photos that you would like to share with your neighbors? The Labor Day Festival Photo Show is coming soon. Both adults and children (under 12) are invited to enter up to two photographs per person. Categories include Greenbelt Memories, Families, Children, Wildlife, Pets and more.

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

Bring ready-to-hang photos and completed registration forms to the Community Center, Room 114 between 5 and 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 30 or Friday, August 31. Judging is done on Friday night and winning ribbons will be on display starting Saturday at 1 p.m.

There is no charge to enter. For more information, contact Keith and Janet Zevallos at 301-982-0850, email laborday_photoshow@yahoo.com or go online at greenbeltlaborday.com.



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GHI Notes

Thursday, August 9, 7 p.m., New Member Social, Board Room

Friday, August 10, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, August 14, 7 p.m., Long Range Planning Committee Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, August 15, 7 p.m., Bicycle Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby; 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, August 16, 7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, August 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

American Legion Hosts Crab Feast

American Legion Post 136 will host a crab feast on Sunday, August 12 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Legion Hall. In addition to all-you-can-eat (on the premises, no carryout) steamed Maryland blue crabs, the menu includes pit-cooked beef, hot dogs, coleslaw, baked beans, corn on the cob and watermelon. Only 150 tickets will be sold. Call 301-345-0136 for ticket information. Children 10 years and younger are admitted free.

Get Crabs and Bull At Fire Department

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department is planning for its annual Crab Feast and Bull Roast. The event will be held at the firehouse located at 125 Crescent Road on Saturday, September 29 from 2 to 5 p.m.; doors will open at 1 p.m. This event typically sells out in advance so those interested in attending should visit engine35.com for more information and ticket sales.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Golden Age Club

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Community Center, Room 201. August 15 will be a potluck lunch; bring a dish to share.

All Greenbelters 60 and over are invited to join. Guests are always welcome.

Participants Sought For Labor Day Parade

Make plans now to participate in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. Community, school and government groups, local businesses, political incumbents and candidates and informal groups formed solely for the parade are invited to submit a parade application, available at greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/parade-participants/.

Create a float, put together a performance, show off an antique or otherwise unique vehicle, or simply march together displaying signs advertising your group. You may even win a prize. All parade participants must pre-register no later than August 24 by emailing a completed parade application to GreenbeltLaborDayParade@verizon.net.

The 2018 parade will occur Monday, September 3 from 10 a.m. to noon. The parade route is along Crescent Road from Greenhill Road to Southway. Participants are asked to line up in the staging area along Crescent Road between Lastner Lane and Greenhill Road between 8 and 9:30 a.m. More detailed information is available from the parade participant webpage listed above.

Mamas and Papas Meet Every Friday

Every Friday, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Mamas & Papas Friday Parent Meetup occurs at the New Deal Café. The meetup is an informal social gathering of new parents, expecting parents and caregivers for children ranging from birth to toddler. Discussions include helpful sleeping techniques, teething, how to get rest and local resources. Infants and toddlers are always welcomed.

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Obituaries

Mary McKinley

On Thursday August 2, 2018, longtime Greenbelt resident Mary McKinley died. She was born in Asheville, N.C., and worked at Union Wallpaper Co. She was also a seamstress and homemaker. She enjoyed and spoke often about the many trips and activities that kept her busy with the Golden Age and Homemakers Clubs. She was a volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program in Greenbelt.

Mrs. McKinley was the wife of the late William G. McKinley Sr.; mother of Bill G., Jr. (Dottie) and John D., Sr. (Pat); grandmother of Katie (Rob) Norris, Jay (Rachel) McKinley, Sean McKinley, Kenny (Judy) Sien, Mike Sien and Richard (Eileen) Sien; and great-grandmother of nine. She was preceded in death



PHOTO COURTESY OF MCKINLEY FAMILY

Mary McKinley

by her parents, Ernest and Elizabeth Dale, and sister Betty Sabin.

A service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home on Wednesday, August 8 followed by interment at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery.



We were saddened to learn of the death this week of long-time resident Mary McKinley, who was active in the Golden Age and Homemakers Clubs and as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Many thanks to Carolina Napp-Avelli and Ana Fernandez-Napp for translating selected articles from this paper into Spanish. We look forward to continuing and expanding our Spanish language coverage of the news in Greenbelt.

Congratulations to Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) football players who are featured in Friday Night Lights: PG13 website series. The show's season premieres on September 10.

Congratulations to Dem Raider Boyz, ERHS's competitive male step dance team, who danced in The Duels on Wednesday, August 8. The Duels is the second round of competition for World of Dance.

High fives to Toby Liska who set off last weekend to be a freshman at Assumption College

in Worcester, Mass. Toby will be playing football and setting out on the long road to becoming a surgeon. He is the grandson of News Review staffer Cathie Meetre and her husband Rick and the son of Sarah and Joe Liska, formerly of Empire Place. Toby's first school was St. Hugh's.

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

Obituaries

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

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

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Encourages Public Speaking

by Kim Keyes

According to the Mayo Clinic, fear of public speaking is a common form of anxiety. The Greenbelt chapter of Toastmasters is trying to combat this common fear by gently encouraging people to publicly speak in a supportive environment.

Meeting on the first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Greenbelt Community Church, Toastmasters encourages people to practice their public speaking skills so they will feel confident enough to publicly speak in other environments, such as a business luncheon or onstage at a public festival.

According to Wikipedia, Toastmasters grew from a single club in Santa Ana, California, founded in 1924. The main purpose of the club was to improve the speaking skills of young men. Toastmasters remained a male-only organization until 1973, when women were first admitted. Today, Toastmasters serves over 352,000 members in 141 countries through its 16,400 member clubs.

According to the Greenbelt club secretary, David Alexander, the chapter was formed from two smaller struggling clubs. Marilyn Mack, who has since moved to Tennessee, was instrumental in merging the clubs and shifting the meetings to the current location at the Greenbelt Community Church. Alexander originally attended the meetings as a club coach and only later formally joined the chapter.

At first the meetings were held in a separate building behind the church but the club soon began to outgrow its space; it now meets in the basement of the main church building.

The August 1 meeting started with opening words by Sergeant at Arms Kalie Duong. President

Mary Jo Shapiro offered welcome comments and asked the visitors to introduce themselves and



PHOTO BY KIM KEYES

Mary Jo Shapiro, in her speech, Learning to Lead, spoke about how her current position as Toastmasters president marks the first time she had ever been elected to a leadership position.

why they came. Miriam Goldfarb was the appointed toastmaster of the evening and her job was to make sure that the meeting ran smoothly and stayed on track. Alexander was the grammarian of the meeting and announced the Word of the Day. He instructed those present to snap their fingers every time a speaker uttered the word. He also served as the AH Counter, counting the number of awkward pauses any speaker made. Patricia Daukantas was the timekeeper whose job was to prevent the speakers from running over time.

The first portion of the meeting was dedicated to prepared speeches made by four members. Gwen Vaccaro gave the first speech, which was titled On My Path, the Icebreaker. Vaccaro

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PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD

A dragonfly at the lake

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ

Never put a period where a comma should be . . .

Whoever you are and wherever you are on your Spiritual journey, you are welcome HERE.

Join us for this Sunday's message at 10:15 "A Providential Pit(Stop)" with Rev. Lisa Weaver

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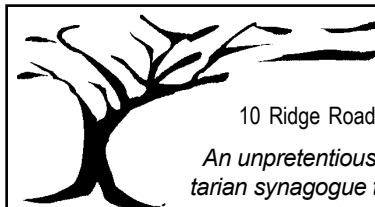


August 12 10 a.m.

"Notes from the Other Side"

PBUUC's Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT); with Paul Wester, Worship Associate

DARTT members and friends will call and respond to their experiences of being 'other'. We are encouraging Paint Branchers to join the resistance to the Charlottesville II Rally in downtown Washington, DC as our 'Traveling Reverberations' following the service.



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Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, August 9, 7 to 10 p.m. Open Mic with James & Martha. For singers, songwriters, wordsmiths and spectators.

Friday, August 10, 2:30 to 4 p.m. Music Makers Jam Session is for all levels of musicians. Bring an instrument and join in.

8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Geraldine will be playing acoustic blends of old time, American folk, bluegrass and alternative country. They will be joined by Rock Creek Revival, which bring musical influences from bluegrass and country.

Saturday, August 11, 1 to 3 p.m. Poetry Open Mic is an opportunity to share your poetry, or listen to the spoken word of other poets. Come by and sign in and the host will lead the way.

8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Ursula Ricks Project is a sultry soul and blues band with lead vocals by Ursula Ricks.

Sunday, August 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Deaf Brunch Group Meeting will be socializing using sign language. Newcomers welcome.

7 to 9 p.m. The Dixie Cannonballs Reunion Show will be at the Café for an evening of bluegrass and honkytonk.

Tuesday, August 14, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Casanovela will be playing loud folk, shoegaze rockabilly and folk punk. Opening bands will be Geraldine and J.B. Dunn.

Wednesday, August 15, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Basset Hound Boys plays 50's rockabilly with Sun Records artists such as Elvis, Carl Perkins, Eddie Cochran, Gene Vincent and Roy Orbison.

Thursday, August 16, 7 to 10 p.m. Open Mic at the Café, hosted by Joe Harris. Bring your voice, an instrument, a poem, or just come enjoy.

Friday, August 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Mamas and Papas Parenting Group.

2:30 to 4 p.m. Music Makers Jam Session is for all levels of musicians. Bring an instrument and join in.

8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Soulified Village will be bringing the funk, rock, pop, R & B, neo-soul and gospel.

Saturday, August 18, 1 to 3 p.m. Poetry Open Mic at the Café is for poets and poetry lovers. Take the stage or just listen and support. Newcomers welcome.

8:30 to 11:30 p.m. The Good-Fellas, a Beatles tribute band, will play classic hits, the early gems and obscure B-sides.

Sunday August 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Deaf Brunch Group Meeting will be socializing using sign language. Newcomers welcome.

6 to 8 p.m. Fez Tones Hafa is an evening of live Middle Eastern music and dance. Musicians will play exotic instruments such as qanun, oud, darbuka and riq. Performances by the region's belly dancers.

SHL Recreation Center Displays Student Art Work

by Amanda Larson

This art display at the Spring Hill Lake Recreation Center was created by Springhill Lake Elementary School students who took part in the after-school art classes provided by Greenbelt Recreation, with support from the Prince George's County Arts and

Humanities Council. The banners represent some of the many countries represented by the diverse student population at the school: Mexico (metalworking), Peru (weaving), Kenya/Tanzania (beading) and Nigeria (indigo adire dyeing).



PHOTO BY AMANDA LARSEN

Banners at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center represent artwork from the local school's diverse population.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, Monday, August 13, 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

- Zero Waste Week Proclamation
- Candice Covin, Disaster Program Manager, American Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Presentation

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

- Public Safety Advisory Committee Report #2018-01 (Greenbelt Cellular Phone Connectivity and Reliability)

LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, "Parks and Recreation" of the Greenbelt City Code in Order to Revise Section 12-17, "Membership" for the Purpose of Changing the Size of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board
 - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Repeal Resolution 2026 and to Establish Admission Fees and Pass Rates for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, Effective September 4, 2018
 - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- Solar Photovoltaic Energy System to Offset Municipal Electricity Consumption (Solar Farm)
 - 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Forest Preserve Advisory Board #2018-02 (Recommendation that the City of Greenbelt create a science fund for studying the Forest Preserve)
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station at Roosevelt Center
- Petition from Composting Advocacy Group on CB-13-2018
- Award of Purchase – Police Vehicles
- Award of Purchase – Public Works Vehicles & Community Development Vehicle
- Greenbrook Estates Landscaping
- Submission of FY 2020 Community Parks & Playground Application
- Economic Development Policy
- General Orders for City Police and Federal Immigration Enforcement
- *- Greenbelt Archive Project License Agreement 2018
- *- Advisory Planning Board Resolution for Departure #18-004-DSDS
- *- Approval of CAD Support Agreement with Tyler Technologies
- *- Release of Funds to Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad
- *- Resignation from Advisory Groups
- Council Activities
- Council Reports

MEETINGS-Scheduling of future meetings

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

Fall Recreation Programs Starting Soon!

Check out our Fall 2018 Activity Guide for more details! Explore our Activity Guide for lots of options for all ages and interests. We offer seasonal special events and varied recreation facilities and classes to provide opportunities for community celebrations, a chance to learn something new or improve your skills in an activity you enjoy, all while socializing and staying active!

Please visit our website, stop by a recreation center, or give us a call for more information.

Greenbelt Recreation
www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation 301-397-2200

MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 13-17

Monday, August 13 at 5:30pm **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Youth Center, 99 Centerway. *On the Agenda: Youth Forum dates, Voter Registration Event at ERHS, Youth Higher Learning Prep, Chairperson nominations, Committee Initiated Discussion*

Monday, August 13 at 8:00pm **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Greenbelt Municipal Access, Comcast 71, Verizon 21, Verizon HD 996, and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipalvtv*

Tuesday, August 14 at 7:00pm **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES** at Public Works Building, 555 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Urban Forest Master Plan (final discussion)*

Tuesday, August 14 at 7:00pm **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Greenbelt Station Trail safety and security, PSAC Elections, and follow up on PSAC letter to City Council on Cell Tower.*

Wednesday, August 15 at 7:30pm **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Briefing on August 1, 2018 City Council work session on Royal Farms Gas Station Convenience Store/Urgent Care Center Zoning Text Amendment Proposal, Update on Prince George's County Zoning Re-write Legislation*

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

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on:

Advisory Committee 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, and Youth Advisory Committee.

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

A Greener Labor Day Festival

Greenbelters recycle more than half of our waste material. Let's keep improving! One great way to educate and encourage the practice of recycling is to raise awareness during the Labor Day Festival.

Greenbelt Public Works, the Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability's Zero Waste Circle (Green ACES-ZWC), and the Green Team, are striving to make the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival as green as possible. Trash and recycling bins will be placed in sets side by side. Some compost bins will be available. Food vendors will provide mostly recyclable/compostable dinnerware. Volunteers will encourage people to put their refuse in the correct bin and will be available for questions.

If your waste is recyclable—and most will be—please discard it into a recycling bin, not the trash can. And put only recyclables in the recycling bins. Wherever available, put organic material in the compost bin.

Did you know that we are charged \$59/ton to landfill, while we are charged only \$25/ton for recyclables? If we save money on trash collection by recycling, we can use the savings for other city programs and activities.

Volunteers Needed to Encourage Recycling and Composting

Public Works, and Green ACES are seeking volunteers to stand near sets of recycling, trash, and compost bins to cheerfully encourage and help people "recycle the recyclables," "compost the compostables," and "trash the trash."

Training will be provided at the Public Works building on Thursday, August 23 and Wednesday, August 29, at 7:30 PM. For students or any other volunteer we will be glad to sign community service hours and/or provide recommendations as appropriate. To register for the training please contact: Jason Martin, Greenbelt Environmental Coordinator, at jmartin@greenbeltmd.gov

To sign up to Volunteer at the Festival please go to our SignUp Genius:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4CABA929A2FD0-greening3

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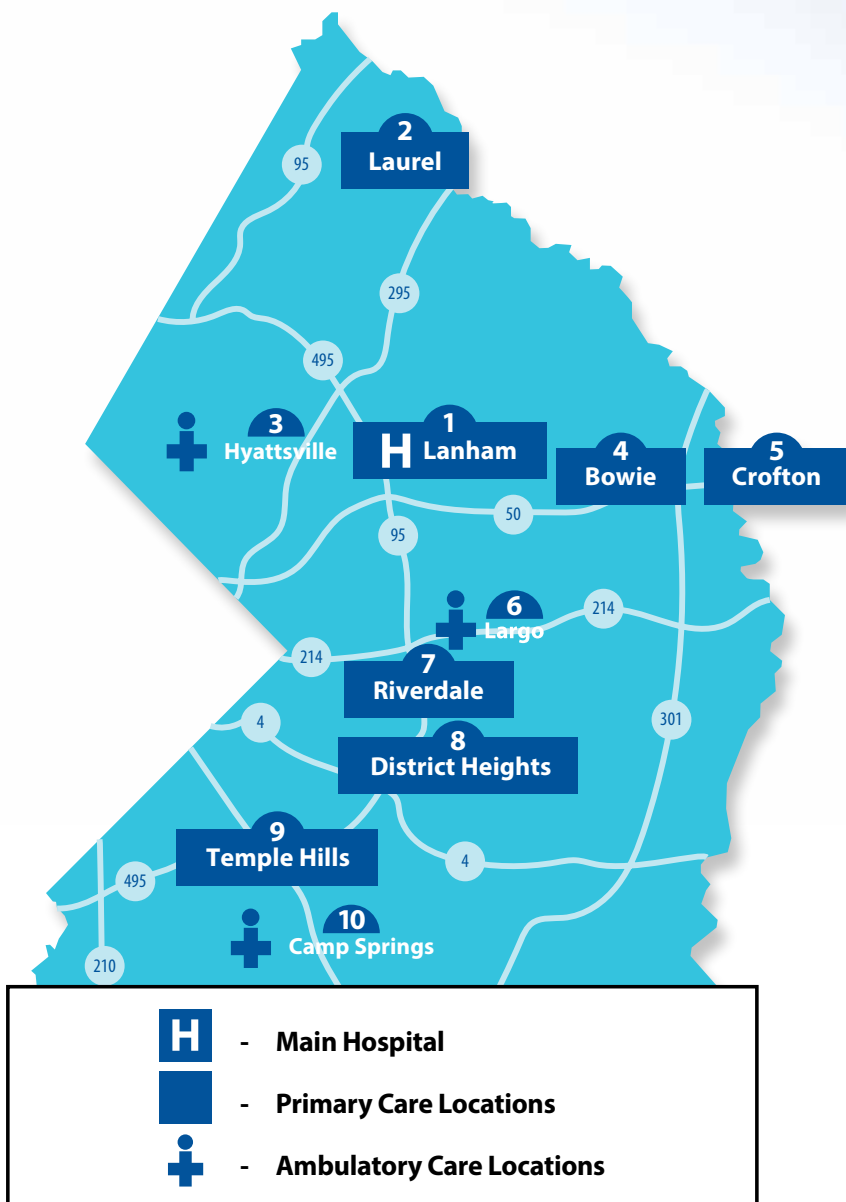
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- + Rehabilitation Program **1 4 10**
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While busy sorting and organizing the many donations, they greet donors with appreciation, ready to make friends, chat and say goodbye with a hug. Six people appeared at a moment's notice and filled two vehicles with the groceries.



Janet Johnson manages the relief effort for those displaced by the fire.

PHOTO BY LESLEY KASH



Franklin Park staff and team members pose with volunteers who helped sort the many donations to displaced residents.

PHOTO BY LIL DAN CELDRAN

"Thank you so much for the food!" said Janet Johnson of Franklin Park's Accounts Payable department, who has volunteered to manage the relief effort. Her concern for the residents clearly extends beyond this disaster.

Johnson's ongoing concern for Franklin Park residents was noticeable when she said, "If you could send me the phone number for the food bank we will give it to our residents who are going through a rough patch."

CMC Chorale Offers Workshop On Singing Beethoven's Ninth

by Dorrie Bates

The Central Maryland Chorale (CMC), a local non-audition community chorus to which several Greenbelters belong, will be offering a workshop, Learning and Singing Beethoven's Ninth Symphony on Saturday, August 25 at the Laurel Presbyterian Church, 7610 Old Sandy Spring Road, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The workshop will be led by Monica Otal, educator and voice coach, who has performed with the Washington Opera, the Baltimore Opera and the Wolf Trap Opera. Otal is also CMC's artistic director.

The Ninth Symphony in D minor, with its well-known final movement based on the Ode to Joy, is regarded as one of Beethoven's greatest works. In addition to presenting some history and context to the symphony, Otal will provide some guidelines on German diction and pronunciation. After warming up their voices, attendees will join together for a run-through of the final movement.

The workshop will also serve as an introduction to CMC and its upcoming season. Concerts in 2018-2019 include two performances presented in conjunction

with the Montgomery Philharmonic and a pops concert. The Beethoven symphony will be featured in CMC's winter concert.

The chorale will sing Brahms's German Requiem in the spring.

CMC members come from throughout the Metro region. 2018 marks its 50th year of performing.

Singers of all levels are welcome to the workshop. There is no advance registration required but there is a small fee. For more information about the workshop or the CMC go to centralmaryland-chorale.org or call 240-478-7952.



Greenbelters get ready for their next season of singing: Ed Neuschler, Monica McAbee, Eric Yore, Girale Wilson and Lynn Demos at the piano.

PHOTO BY DORRIE BATES



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HEAVENLY WELL

Coming to Greenbelt in 4 weeks.
Check next week's News Review
for more information.

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landfills and then add an equal amount of woodchips provided by the Department of Public Works. The three bins are designed to turn table scraps into earth-rich nutrients. This food scrap hot-composting pilot is honchoed by Greenbelt's Zero Waste Circle.

The final step is to test whether the end product is garden-ready. A tester will place a small amount into a plastic baggie. Then in a week the tester will open the bag and smell it. If it smells earthy and sweet then the process worked, but if it smells ammonia-like, then it's back to the drawing board to tweak the process. But the smell test isn't the only way to see if the mixture has become usable compost. The Earth Squad, a group of middle schoolers/quality control agents as part of CHEARS (Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society, a Greenbelt non-profit organization), will perform germination tests. They'll plant radish seeds in cups containing the compost and compare it to some control samples from other sources. The final product will be offered to community gardening groups like CHEARS' Three Sisters Gardens. Saturday's three-hour work session yielded about 300 pounds of compost.

Neighbors are invited to come out and join the human-powered bucket brigade, help turn the trommel sifter and learn more about hot composting. Work sessions will meet at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center for the



From left, Lesley Frank and Michael Travis operate the Trommel Sifter in earnest.

next two Saturdays, August 11 and 18 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Halley at halyecycle66@gmail.com.

- Photos by
René Sewell-Raysor



Hot composting bins contain compost through the stages of composting.



**PRELIMINARY AGENDA
GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, August 16, 2018
GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

GHI Special Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.00 p.m.

- Approve Motion to Hold an Executive Session meeting on August 16, 2018

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

- Approve minutes of the Executive Session meeting held on July 19, 2018
- Consider the terms and conditions of the following contracts in the negotiation stage:
 - Proposed contract for installation of a Solar PVES for the Administration Building -2nd reading
 - Selection of an Audit Firm for the 2018 External Audit - 2nd reading
 - Contract for Underground Drainage System Repairs at 56A-B Crescent Rd.
- Member financial matters
- Member complaint matter

GHI Open Session – begins at 7.45 p.m.

- Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on August 2, 2018
- Approve Minutes of the Special Open Session Meeting Held on July 19, 2018
- Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting Held on July 19, 2018
- Finance Committee's Recommendations re: Parameters for GHI's Replacement Reserves' Plan
- Review the Audit Committee's Recommendations in its 2017-18 Annual Report
- Review Board's Revised Strategic Plan
- Review the ARC's "Forever Homes" Advertisement Proposal
- Item of Information:
 - GHI Offices will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2018



To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
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spoke of her life, describing a childhood with frequent family moves; she pulled out a map and pointed out the various places she had lived. At one point she used a series of written Post-It Notes as a visual aid when she described her various roles over the years, including daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, nurse and spa owner. When she said the word "sagacity" those present snapped their fingers.

Yang Song gave the second speech, Here I Am. He described his childhood in China and what his hometown was like, including being very cold in the winter. He moved to the U.S. for graduate studies in Rochester, N.Y., where he got both his master's and Ph.D. He studied for a second master's degree at the University of Maryland, where he realized that he was not cut out for a career in physics, and has stayed in the metro area since.

Shapiro gave the third speech, Learning to Lead. She related how her current stint as president of the Greenbelt Toastmasters chapter is the first office she has ever formally held. She discussed her leadership style, which took a while for her to understand.

Justine Desmarais gave the final speech Remember to Breathe. She spoke about her anxiety regarding public speaking and how she's an introvert by nature. She described the time as a student when she was asked to read a paragraph in class but was so nervous that she literally couldn't speak. She too, used "sagacity" in her speech.

After the prepared speeches it was time for Table Talk. In

this section, Goldfarb pulled up questions at random and invited anyone, even guests, to give a one- or two-minute speech answering each question. The questions asked included: What do you admire about your parents? If you could work as an assistant for anyone you want, who would it be? Would you rather visit the big city or the countryside? and What's your favorite quotation? During Table Talk one of the participants used "sagacity," prompting more finger snapping.

At that point it was time for the four evaluators to speak. Each evaluator was assigned one of the prepared speeches given earlier and took notes while the speaker spoke. The evaluator offered constructive criticism including helpful hints and advice for the speaker to incorporate into the speech.

Alexander returned to the podium, reporting that the Word of the Day, sagacity, was uttered three times. He then reported the number of awkward pauses he heard during both the prepared speeches and Table Talk. Daukantas announced that all of the speakers had stuck within their allotted time frame.

The meeting concluded after the general evaluator gave an evaluation of the overall meeting, reporting that it was conducted well with no slow part or having the meeting run overtime.

More information on the Greenbelt Toastmasters can be found at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.



Yang Song spoke about his earlier life in China in his speech, Here I am.

PHOTO BY KIM KEYES

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the costs for playground improvements undertaken by the city. In response to questions from GHI, Brian Townsend, assistant director of the Public Works Department, talked about compliance of the playgrounds with the accepted standards for public playgrounds, the inspection schedules, and the training of staff to undertake playground inspections. The city agreed to make playground inspection reports available to GHI for its playgrounds on a quarterly basis.

Northway Fields

Among new topics on the agenda was a request from GHI that the city allow GHI contractors to deposit leaves, wood chips and tree trunks at Northway Fields as they used to be permitted to do. While GHI employees

are still allowed to bring leaves to Northway, it is costing GHI a good deal of money to arrange for disposal of materials that Greenbelt residents in other parts of town would be allowed to bring to Northway.

Townsend said any resident who gets a permit, including any resident of GHI, is allowed to bring yard waste to Northway. Not even contractors working for the city are allowed to use Northway any longer, however, for the simple reason that the location is running out of space. Discussion then ensued about ways the city and GHI might work together to find creative new uses for the material or, as Councilmember Edward Putens suggested, to explore possible interest by large landscaping companies that use a

GATe Attends Conference, Begins Plans for the Future

by Konrad Herling

Recently, Greenbelt Access Television, Inc.'s (GATe) board of directors attended a conference of the Alliance for Community Media (ACM). ACM is a national organization that promotes civic engagement through community media. The conference, held in Baltimore, featured discussions regarding fund-raising, various legal issues, common concerns and challenges, and an inspiring keynote address by Amy Goodman, whose Democracy Now program airs on GATe channels 19 (Verizon) and 77 (Xfinity).

Station Manager Phoebe McFarb agreed to explore arranging for Democracy Now to be more regularly scheduled on the GATe channels.

Also attending the conference were access directors from Hyattsville and Bowie, which inspired

possible mutual efforts to benefit all three communities. GATe's treasurer, Frank Gervasi, has learned much from visiting Laurel's public access studio and has urged that GATe visit the other area community access stations and the County's Community Television in Largo as well.

Aside from meeting with other ACM members, observing and inquiring about the wide array of equipment that allows greater possibilities in covering community activities and interests, GATe vice president, Ray Raysor proposed establishing several committees that board members would chair: administration, to serve as liaison between the board and staff; finances, which

would explore fund-raising including grants; production, to consider community interests and to attract greater membership to take GATe's classes and actually produce community programming; and the existing Utopia Film Festival Committee. The board will take this up at a future meeting.

GATe, after 22 years of benefiting from experienced directors Kjel Forsting and Malia Murray, is exploring how it can not only continue to provide classes in film-making, editing, script-writing, etc., but expand its



Phoebe McFarb, GATe's station manager

PHOTO BY LIAM MCCONLOGUE

programming to tap more into community issues and concerns. The board is exploring meeting with the County's Community Television to secure advice as to how to best achieve that goal.

In the meantime, McFarb continues to write and produce a regular newsletter to inform membership and the public and to teach new members the ins and outs of television production. She is assisted by Alan Haley who handles phone calls and reviews, going through the equipment with public access users before it goes out "on the road," as well as helping with public presentations. George Kochell, who recently received an award of appreciation for his work with GAVA/GATe over 20 years, continues to teach youngsters and teens the art of animation.

GATe will provide more frequent updates on its activities in the Greenbelt News Review and newsletters to its 48 members. For those interested in individual productions that would be shared over the air or in covering news stories as part of a group, call GATe at 301-507-6581.

Konrad Herling is on the board of directors for GATe.



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Electronically, that is.
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At the Library

Ready 2 Read Storytime

Rock Around the World. Saturday, August 11, 10:30 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Learn about different musical cultures in this special themed storytime. This storytime will focus on French language materials.

Readers Theater

Dooby, Dooby, Moo. Saturday, August 11, 2 p.m., ages 6 to 14. Take center stage and participate in this special short play about a group of farm animals that compete in a talent show. No registration required.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Monday, August 13, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Volunteer and work together to make the library a better place for teens by talking about books, music and movies and suggesting what you would like to see in the collection. Registration required; contact the branch either in person or by calling 301-345-5800. TAB meets weekly on Monday afternoons.

Senior Computer Club

Facebook Q&A. Monday, August 13, 1:30 p.m. View a short presentation on the basics of Facebook, then stay for a Q&A-style discussion. Come with questions about privacy, your newsfeed or even creating a Facebook business page. Registration is required; space is limited to six participants.

Story Explorers

The Music of Birds. Tuesday, August 14, 3 p.m., ages 5 to 12 (Elementary). Come listen to a librarian read favorite stories aloud and do related activities and games about the music of birds.

Weekly Storytimes

Tuesday, August 14, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Wednesday, August 15, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, August 16, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

English Conversation Club

Tuesday, August 14, 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.

Used Book Sale at Labor Day Festival

Benefiting Greenbelt Elementary School PTA

Book donation drop-off at Co-op Supermarket August 1st - 30th, 2018

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Roosevelt Center, 112 Centerway,
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Police Blotter

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

Robbery

July 25, 11:29 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 29-year-old nonresident and two 18-year-old residents were arrested and charged with robbery, fourth degree burglary, first degree assault, and possession of a dangerous weapon. A 17-year-old Greenbelt youth was also arrested for the same offenses by officers who responded to a report of the robbery of a food delivery person. The delivery person was in his vehicle when the four people surrounded it. One of them broke out the driver's window, displayed a knife and announced a robbery. The delivery person then sprayed one of them with pepper spray, at which time all four fled into a nearby vacant apartment, where they were located and positively identified. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System. The three adults were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

July 29, 12:46 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Two men approached a person sitting on the front patio of a residence, and one displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. They fled on foot after they obtained money.

July 30, 10:39 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A man approached another person who was walking into an apartment building and grabbed him from behind, displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. He found no money in the person's wallet. He then demanded the person's car keys, went to the car and rummaged through it. Nothing appeared to have been taken. He then fled on foot. He is described as being black, 20 to 30 years old, with a medium beard, hair in shoulder-length braids, wearing a white shirt and red shorts with a flower print. He carried a duffel-type bag.

July 31, 4:54 a.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A person about to enter his vehicle was approached from behind by a man who displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After he got money, he grabbed the man's cell phone and threw it to the ground, which broke it. He is described as being black, 20 to 30 years old, five feet four inches tall with a medium beard and hair in long braids, wearing a black shirt and shorts.

July 31, 9:35 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A man approached a person getting out of his vehicle and asked where he could purchase drugs. He then displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. The person gave him his wallet. The man rifled through it and then threw it back at the person without taking anything. He then fled on foot.

July 31, 9:40 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A person walking to an apartment building noticed a man walking in front of him. After the walker went into

the building the man approached him from behind, displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. He fled after taking money and a cell phone. He is described as being black, five feet seven inches tall, 150 pounds, with hair in long braids, wearing blue shorts or swim trunks and a gray shirt with blue stripes.

August 1, 5:45 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. After two people had just used the ATM machine, a vehicle described as a U-Haul truck pulled up and two men got out and approached the ATM users. One of the men from the truck pushed one of the ATM users against a vehicle and demanded money. After they got money from one person, one of the men gained access to an ATM user's vehicle and drove it away. It is described as a white 4-door 2015 Chrysler 300 with Md. tags 9CS8333.

Reckless Endangerment

July 31, 10:54 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. Officers responded to a report of the sound of several gunshots. Investigation revealed that one round broke out a bedroom window. No one was injured.

Assault

July 29, 10:20 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court. Officers responded to a report of a cutting during a verbal dispute. One man kicked the other man and then cut him with a knife. The injured person was treated on location for a minor cut to his finger.

July 31, 9:45 a.m., Buddy Attick Park. A person saw a special needs adult slap her young child. Then the person making the complaint and the woman slapped each other. There were no apparent injuries and the investigation is ongoing.

Theft

July 7, 7:43 a.m., 8200 block Miner Street. Kitchen cabinetry and a refrigerator wall panel were taken from two homes under construction.

July 27, 7400 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended purse was taken from the counter at Party City.

July 28, 12:35 p.m. 7500 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended cell phone was taken from a shopping cart at Dollar Tree.

July 28, 7:40 p.m., 100 block Centerway. An unattended bicycle was taken from in front of Solar Nails. It is described as a scooter-type bicycle with pink wheels. A witness reportedly saw three youngsters take it and flee.

August 1, 12:06 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A 13-year-old nonresident youth was arrested for theft after he was stopped by officers as he operated a golf cart that had been stolen from the Gates of Cipriano apartment complex. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Trespass

July 27, 9:02 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 17-year-old nonresident youth was arrested

for first degree assault, second degree assault and trespass. A 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for obstruction and resisting arrest after officers responded to a report of a person trespassing at Beltway Plaza. Both youths were released to parents pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Burglary

July 26, 1:30 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Shoes, money and a bicycle were taken from a residence.

July 27, 8:30 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. The sliding glass door to a residence undergoing renovation was broken. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Vandalism

July 29, 4:47 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A bedroom window of a residence was broken out.

Vehicle Crime

One stolen vehicle was recovered. A 2017 BMW X5 SUV reported stolen to the Los Angeles Police Department was recovered in the 7500 block Mandan Road.

Six thefts and five attempted thefts were reported. Power tools were taken after windows were broken in the 6100 block Breezewood Court and 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, and in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane they were taken after tampering with a door lock.

Five vehicles in the 7800 block Mandan Road were broken into on July 29 after windows were broken. Nothing appeared to have been taken from four of them, but a cell phone and money were taken from the fifth. On July 31 another vehicle was rummaged through, this time in the 7500 block Mandan Road, but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Four tires and rims on one vehicle were taken in the 7200 block Hanover Parkway and a cell phone was taken from a possibly unlocked vehicle in the 5500 block Cherrywood Lane.

Two acts of vandalism were reported. A tire was punctured in the 7400 block Greenbelt Road.

A man in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway told officers that another man in the parking lot was throwing rocks at his vehicle and one dented the driver's side door.



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Help Create a Greener, More Sustainable Labor Day Fest

by John Lippert

Greenbelters recycle more than half of their waste material. Let's keep improving. One great way to educate and encourage the practice of recycling is to raise awareness during the Labor Day Festival.

Greenbelt Public Works, the Green Team's Zero Waste Circle and the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) are striving to make the Labor Day Festival as green as possible. Trash and recycling bins will be grouped together in pairs, side by side. Some compost bins may be available if there are enough volunteers. Volunteers will encourage people to put their refuse in the correct bin and will be available for questions. Fun environmental games will be held at the Public Works booth.

If your waste is recyclable – and much will be – discard it into a recycling bin, not the trash can. Put only recyclables in the recycling bins. And put organic material in a compost bin if available.

Did you know that the city is charged \$59 per ton to landfill and only \$25 per ton for recyclables? Money saved on trash collection by recycling can be used for other city programs and activities.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to stand near sets of recycling, trash and compost bins to cheerfully encourage and help people to recycle the recyclables, compost the compostables and trash the (hopefully very little) trash.

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for the City of Greenbelt. The police department has an exceptional reputation and I am excited to join the staff. I am looking forward to working with city residents to build lasting partnerships." Bowers' credentials include graduation from the highly selective FBI National Academy, as well as Northwestern University School of Staff and Command. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Southern New Hampshire University and a master's degree in management from University of Maryland University College. He is a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Associations Maryland Chapter, the International Chiefs of Police Association, Maryland Chiefs of Police Association and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 35.

Bowers was selected from 53 applicants who applied for the position through the management and executive recruitment firm Springsted/Waters. Seventeen semi-finalists were narrowed to six finalists who participated in a two-and-a-half day assessment center interacting with council and members of the public and police department, as well as

five interview panels consisting of regional police chiefs, a citizen panel, a panel of staff from throughout the city government, including a representative of the Fraternal Order of Police and a non-sworn police employee, Greenbelt police command staff and the city manager and assistant city manager.

Bowers replaces a chief who retired after serving for over 40 years. Major Tom Kemp served as acting chief following that retirement. "I want to thank Tom for his service. Tom and the entire Police Department staff (sworn and non-sworn), as well as the Fraternal Order of Police leadership deserve thanks for their hard work, creativity and dedication to our community. The Greenbelt Police Department is moving in a positive direction," said Ard.

Bowers will start work the week of August 27. A swearing-in ceremony will be held on Monday, August 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.

This article is from a press release issued by the City of Greenbelt on Tuesday, August 7.

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successfully extend such tactics, there are larger amounts of money at stake – \$1.09 million in federal housing grants, for instance. It is understandable that council members are uneasy about this possibility. But, as historian Tim Snyder has written, complying in advance with bullies does not ensure civic safety and liberty; rather, it is only the full exercise of civil rights that offers us real protection in the long run.

I would urge members of our city council to vote publicly for this policy. While this may be uncomfortable at times, defending the rights of both documented and undocumented residents may require some discomfort both now and in the future.

Millicent Allenby

ICE Policy Document

This is to thank Kathleen Gallagher for her August 2 article covering the two hours of discussion at the July 18 city council work session about the city's policy on ICE detainer requests. It is reassuring that the city's police department apparently plans to create a General Order for police officers to follow. As Ms. Gallagher described, several members of the public at the work session stressed the importance of publishing and disseminating a city ICE policy. Publication of a city policy would increase the chance that all members of the Greenbelt community would understand it and would no longer live in fear of their city government and their police officers. Hopefully very soon, the city council will act on and publish its policy statement, so the policy will no longer be in doubt.

Jeff Harrison

Another Mountain Lion Sighting?

Perhaps the possible sighting of a mountain lion in Greenbelt Park last week really was a coyote; but then again maybe not. I am reluctant to spread more fear concerning the sighting, but during the last week of May, I also saw what I thought was a mountain lion in my backyard in Old Greenbelt. I was so startled, and too busy with other things to deal with the thought, that I did nothing. Today, I went to report what I saw to a park ranger.

Rarely do wild creatures hold still long enough for us to get a perfect picture view of them. We make determinations, correctly or not, by what we see of their shape, size, color, movement and sound. Proximity to known habitat is becoming less of an identifying factor as wild creature

populations are adapting to modern day habitats.

I am not a studied wildlife person, but during the past 30 years or so, I have sought out quiet spaces in wilderness areas during my vacation time. I have found myself face-to-face with moose, wolves, coyotes, deer, foxes; I have petted whales, dodged sea turtles and, yes, was within a few feet of a mountain lion checking me out at the edge of my parking lights on a mountain top at Lake Tahoe while I was looking at the stars. Not that I want you to think I am brave or anything like that, because the sighting a small worm snake in my yard sends me screaming into my house!

So why get concerned about a mountain lion? Because they are cats. They can leap into trees. They hunt for fun as well as food. Who hasn't had their pet cat bring them a mouse as a gift? Coyotes look and walk like dogs. They have bushy tails and long ears, and are a bit red in their brown color. They are very well suited to live in the suburbs, and in parks out West, they come right up to you begging for food.

The News Review reported that mountain lions have confirmed sightings in Western Maryland. It is an easy bicycle ride along the canal towpath beside the Potomac River from there to Rock Creek Park; the Paint Branch park and into Greenbelt. There are railroad tracks to the Agricultural farm and north, as well as woodland connections to the Patuxent Park and onward.

It is not a far stretch of the imagination that wilderness creatures can easily get to Greenbelt and find it a nice place to live.

Our Greenbelt wooded areas with their diversity of trees, plants, cute animals and song birds, could also provide shelter for some wild critters posing a potential threat to pets and small children. While walking my small dog every morning, I have seen many kinds of creatures moving about within a two-block section of Ridge Road, including foxes and a coyote.

What I saw in May was a creature moving away from me into the woods. It was maybe in the range of knee to waist high. It had short light brown hair on its back, short ears, no bushy tail and walked like a cat. Was it a mountain lion? Not enough information to be certain, but I thought it was. It only matters

because if there is a mountain lion living in Greenbelt, we need to be very careful of our supervision of our children and pets. My dog still will not go out alone on our deck. My neighbor tells me the family cat has been timid about leaving the house for weeks.

Carol Beigel

Where Have All The Cougars Gone?

Last week's article on the unconfirmed sighting of a mountain lion in Greenbelt Park cited a park ranger as having said that even in western Maryland where mountain lion sightings have been confirmed, they are rare. That allegation pinned my BS-meter – I've lived in Maryland for decades, and have heard of no such confirmed sightings, something that I am certain to have remembered. So, I went on line to see what I could find.

First, in February this year the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removed the eastern cougar from the endangered species list after a five-year study (fws.gov/northeast/ecougar/index.html). The reason? They are extinct. Apparently, there have been no confirmed sightings of eastern cougars since about the mid-20th century. This agrees with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/pages/plants_wildlife/mammals.aspx that includes the eastern cougar among the species of mammals that can no longer be found in the wild in the state. I spoke with a friend who lives in Garrett County who said that he has heard of occasional sightings, but none confirmed. Finally, I went to the website of Cumberland Times-News and searched for articles on cougar sightings. The only relevant article that I could find was written by the outdoors editor Michael Sawyers. He says that he hears occasional reports of cougar sightings that

he finds credible, but that follow-up by DNR has never found hard evidence. The sort of evidence that DNR would find convincing include tracks, scat or prey carcasses.

There's debunking of a reported sighting at daggerpress.com/2018/06/10/evidence-mountain-lion-fallston-maryland/.

There was one confirmed case in 2011 of a cougar that travelled from South Dakota all the way to Connecticut before it was killed in a collision with a car. In this case, naturalists were able to trace its path by the hard evidence that it left all the way from South Dakota. It's difficult for even a stealthy cougar to make its way from the west without leaving a trail.

In short, you can rest easy. Not only are there no cougars in Greenbelt Park or in Maryland, but there are no cougars in the entire northeast U.S.

Marc Manheimer

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Training will be provided at the Public Works building on Thursday, August 23 and Wednesday, August 29 at 7:30 p.m. Students or other volunteers can earn community service hours and receive recommendations as appropriate. To register for the training, contact Jason Martin, Greenbelt environmental coordinator, at jmartin@greenbeltmd.gov.

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GEMZ Program Hosts First Entrepreneurship Program

by Adeola Ariyo Enikanoselu

The GEMZ, a mentoring and leadership program for girls between the ages of 11 and 18, hosted its first GEMZ STE(A)M and Entrepreneurship Camp on July 19 to 21. It was a full three days of activities that included sessions and workshops on voice-

ingredients and the need to connect youth to age-appropriate volunteer opportunities in the D.C. metro area.

The last day included a hands-on software coding/programming class where the girls were taught how to code and build a personal



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Elonna Collins, Janet Etti-Williams and Jane Oyekan work on creating unique fragrances.

over technology, introduction to TV production facilitated by the Greenbelt Access Television, and personal branding. On the second day, the girls participated in an all-day entrepreneurship workshop facilitated by BEACON DC at WeWorks in Washington's Navy Yard neighborhood, where they were taught how to come up with a business idea by providing a solution to a pressing problem, conduct market research, create a business plan and minimum viable proposition, and the art of pitching.

The girls brainstormed problems they would like to address including the lack of clean water in low income neighborhoods, enhancing mental health awareness, decreasing suicide rates among teens, create hygiene and body products with no harmful

or business webpage from scratch using html and java. The girls also participated in a science lab where they created unique personal fragrances. The day wrapped up with educating the girls on the importance of personal branding and how to stay safe online and on social media platforms.

The camp was possible due to The GEMZ founder Adeola Ariyo Enikanoselu's vision, The GEMZ volunteer staff and team, Greenbelt Community Foundation, City of Greenbelt, New Wave Foundation, BEACON DC and Walmart.

For more information on The GEMZ visit makemeagem.org or send an email to info@makemeagem.org. The GEMZ' social media pages (Facebook and Instagram) are @thegemzinc.



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A fox takes a stroll in Greenbelt's North Woods.

Dan Kennedy's Greenbelt Art On Display at New Deal Café

by Melissa Sites

A gas station or a court of Greenbelt town houses might not seem the most likely subjects for great paintings, but Dan Kennedy's beautiful art work, currently on display at the New Deal Café, might change your mind.

Two paintings hanging in the front room at the café depict the current Sunoco gas station on Crescent Road and Kennedy has captured the gas station as a study of architecture and urban machinery, contrasted against the fully-grown mature oaks so treasured by city residents. In another painting, seen from a different angle, just the yellow Sunoco sign and the crosswalks are visible. This allows the industrial image of the gas station to give way to the natural beauty of the autumn foliage.

To see something in a new light means to gain fresh understanding. Artists develop the skill of seeing the world we inhabit in fresh, new ways. Kennedy's retrospective offers the residents of Greenbelt a great gift through his painting career, portraying familiar environs with clarity and precision.

Plein-Air

Kennedy is well known in Greenbelt for his facility with the plein-air technique, an outdoors, on-site oil and acrylic painting method pioneered by the 19th-century French Impressionists with the goal of capturing light and shadows precisely in the moment. This technique gives Kennedy's paintings reality and immediacy and invites the viewer to contemplate how the artist carefully constructs a realist painting to include fine detail while artistically recreating the scene as a beautiful, pleasant image. This technique allows Kennedy to paint the houses and courts of Greenbelt while elevating these locales to works of art.

Almost all of Kennedy's works are landscapes, but in addition to two restful and bucolic portraits of covered bridges, the retrospective features a beautiful full-length portrait of a lady, Alicia De Jesus Dela Varga, who leans restlessly against a vanity. The lines of her limbs and

lavender gown are confident and flowing while her face is sparingly sketched. Kennedy has also worked on murals and sculpture.



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Dan Kennedy's painting of the Sunoco gas station on Crescent Road is among his works on display in the New Deal Café.

Longtime Local Artist

Kennedy was inspired to take up plein-air painting by painter Eric Sloan and went on to practice and teach the technique here in Greenbelt. Because Kennedy has been painting here in Greenbelt since 1969, his friends, neighbors and community members wanted to book a retrospective show at the New Deal. Kennedy's paintings are on display around Greenbelt, including a large-scale work in the GHI offices, but the works in the retrospective are not for sale. One of his paintings hung at Greenbelt Elementary School for many years. Another hangs at the Community Center.

Painting is a Constant

Born in Johnstown, Pa., Kennedy graduated from Green Park Union High School. Kim Kennedy, the artist's daughter, reported that he has been painting since 9 years of age. He was married to Thelma (née Mahl) for 60 years, and raised four children in Greenbelt. His daughter notes, "I'd come home in the summer from the swimming pool, and my dad would be sitting out in the yard with his chair and his easel." Kennedy worked at the headquarters for the Commu-

nication Workers of America in Washington D.C., but always kept up his painting. Artist Mike McMullin, who had a studio across the hall from Kennedy in the Community Center, assisted him in painting a well-loved mural of a train station around 1999, which is now gone from its College Park site.

The show and reception were sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts. The New Deal is concurrently presenting a show by Michael Burroughs (MFA, Boston University), a Prince George's County native who teaches at Suitland and creates collage works that find natural beauty in an urban setting.

At the reception, Greenbelt Community Foundation representative Linda Thompson presented FONDCA with a grant award of \$1,530 to help the arts non-profit continue to find new artists and display their work. Violin soloist Allison Graham provided music for the reception.



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Several of Dan Kennedy's paintings line the walls of the New Deal Café.



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One of Dan Kennedy's large oil paintings hangs in the GHI offices.



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